

paternal government we shall not be afraid of the consequences of extending the suffrage to women. It is as yet rather difficult to tabulate the results of the woman-vote in countries where woman has been enfranchised, but one clear gain seems to have been made in Australia where, we are told, the vote of women has driven out of public life men who were notorious for their evil-living. If no other gain were made, that in itself would constitute a long step forward in human evolution.

The results of the recent elections in Denver, Colorado, where the women voters returned Judge Lindsey of the Juvenile Court to the position he has made famous, against the influence of both political parties, also show how the vote of women will be likely to affect political life in time to come.

But even though the enfranchisement of woman is too recent in any country to afford us a large mass of favorable statistics, on general principles I believe the effect of woman's suffrage will be good. It takes a man and a woman together to manage well a home and a family. And the home is the State in miniature. The State is not a mere police-institution. It embraces more and more of the interests of life. It passes and enforces laws which touch the life of all alike—men, women and children. It increases its functions every decade and requires the experience and wisdom of all parties concerned if it is to perform properly its growing responsibilities. We have found out that the rich cannot or will not legislate satisfactorily for the poorer classes. Why should we find it hard to believe that men cannot legislate satisfactorily for women?

For these two reasons, then, I believe in women's suffrage. In the first place she has an abstract