

men to vote. There should be no class legislation, but all classes must be allowed the right to vote or there can be no true representation of the people. When did woman surrender to man the right to represent her? No such surrender was ever made. Man arrogantly assumed the function of lawmaker, and now claims it as a right. George William Curtis forcibly said: "There is no audacity so insolent, no tyranny so wanton, no inhumanity so revolting as the spirit which says to any human being, or to a class of human beings, 'you shall be developed just as far as we choose, and as fast as we choose, and your mental and moral life shall be subject to our pleasure,' and this is what men have always said to women." If men are to represent women, women have at least the right to help to choose the men who are to represent them.

17. "*Women as a sex have no wrongs which male legislators cannot be expected to redress.*" The question is not whether male legislatures are qualified to redress wrongs or not. Women do not ask the right to vote merely to redress their wrongs. They ask the franchise because they believe themselves to be important elements in the national life of the country in which they live. They seek to vote and claim the right to be elected to positions on school boards, municipal councils, and even in legislatures, parliaments and congresses, in order that they may elevate the tone of public morals, and aid in securing laws for the protection of their brothers, sisters, sons and daughters. They do not wish to vote only for women, or on questions relating to women. They know that "unconsciousness of sex is essential to the best work of either sex." They wish to stand side by side with men in working out the grandest destiny of the race. It may not be out of place to say, however, that male legislatures never can represent women fully. No legislature composed of one class or sex ever has or ever can represent another class or sex. Again, until women are allowed to vote no legislature of any kind can possibly represent them. Representation necessitates voluntary choice on the part of those represented. Unless a Parliament is elected by women as well as men it cannot claim to represent women in any accurate sense.