

public life. This is a man's dream of the future, not a woman's.

Lord Brougham, distinguished statesman, orator, author, and Lord Chancellor of England, summed up the whole truth by declaring:

"There must be a total reconstruction of the law, before women can have justice."

It is said of this man that he will be best remembered as "a law reformer," and on the subject of laws as they concern and affect women, I could quote no man whose knowledge was deeper, or more extensive, whose opinion could be more valuable.

It does not need the keen intellect of a Lord Brougham to see the utter injustice of existing laws today.

Why Women Want the Power to Vote.

I have tried in some measure to show you something of this side of the question. Now I want to show WHY women want this power to vote—WHY they demand the right as citizens to exert their influence and authority not only with regard to laws directly affecting themselves, but as affecting children, and all other essential matters.

The time has indeed come when we need new laws for the safeguarding of children.

Listen to what H. G. Wells says. Wells is a great English socialist. He is studying these sad problems and trying to solve them, and to remedy some terrible national evils.

"One million seven hundred thousand children, practically uneducated, are today in America growing up darkened, massed and dangerous to the American future."

The North American Review says:

"It is, we fear, a fact as terrifying as the indictment is terrible. If the evil were segregated, demand might be made upon local pride and communal sentiment with reasonable expectation of responsive remedy; but, sad to say, this is not the case."

In Massachusetts there are "little naked boys packing cloth in vats, in a bath of chemicals that bleaches their little bodies like the bodies of lepers."

In the South there are "six times as many children at work as there were twenty years ago. Each year more little ones are brought