

will again be permitted to take part in political debates, I forward you a letter he addressed to Mr. Theodore Stanton upwards of six years ago upon the above subject; I take the letter from Mr. Stanton's book entitled "The Woman Question in Europe," a work not much read by the public.

The time has come when this subject must be met with firm and unflinching resistance. Men have been too indifferent respecting the aggrandisement of women. There is no end to the inordinate demands of the band of heady women who claim to be but are not really the representatives of their sex. The admission that women are ignorant of politics, and the suggestion that political lectures should be given by women to women, prove that women in general are utterly indifferent about having the right to vote. Mrs. Ashton-Dilke was constrained to admit that all power would be placed in the hands of women if the franchise were extended to both married and single women, and it must be remembered that if the franchise were given to women it could not be taken from them.

I implore our leading men to address themselves to this question when on the platform, and not leave it untouched till it arises in Parliament. Give political power to women and national disintegration will be the result. The increase of crime and drunkenness among my sex for some years past prove that as women's intercourse with worldly affairs extends so will their moral declension become greater.

I am Sir, your obedient servant,

January 4, 1889.

AN ENGLISHWOMAN.

"One Ash, Rochdale, Oct. 21st, 1882.

"Dear Sir,—I have never changed my opinion on the subject of Women's Suffrage. I voted with great doubt and reluctance with Mr. Mill, and more out of sympathy with him than from agreement with him on the subject before us. I have always regretted the vote, and explained the whole matter in a speech against women's suffrage in a subsequent Session of Parliament. I cannot give you the date of the speech, but it is fully reported

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