

grant political emancipation to those whom they had formerly supported in order to obtain their political influence. This state of affairs continued until the Great War occupied people's minds to the exclusion of all else, and in 1918 about six million women were enfranchised. Now a woman voter must be thirty years of age (a man need only be twenty-one) and entitled to be registered as a local government elector in respect of the occupation of premises of a yearly value of not less than £5, or of a dwelling house, or she must be the wife of a husband entitled to be so registered. So much for the franchise. Now let us consider for a moment the education of women in England. Since 1870 elementary education has been compulsory, but the principle of the schools has not been co-education. Later, higher institutions of learning, subject to inspection by the universities were established in all the large cities. At both Oxford and Cambridge women's colleges have been organized in direct connection with the universities though at neither may a woman obtain a degree, even should she succeed in all her qualifications. But all the other leading universities in that country do confer degrees on women in all the usual subjects on practically the same terms as on men. Women may practice medicine (they have their own school of medicine in London, founded in 1870), and the artistic professions; they may also teach, but the Temple and Gray's Inn refuse absolutely to open their doors to them.\* Women may also engage in industry. They not only may, but even before 1914 over two million of them did, and since then of course this figure has increased tremendously. Both before and during the war women received much less remuneration for their labors than did men for the same work; the only case where a parity was maintained being in the Lancashire textile industry. But this condition was by no means peculiar to England. During the war, however, so many causes other than economic affected the determination of

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\*Since the above was written four women have been admitted to Middle Temple Hall.