

"The only qualifications that should govern the right to vote are intelligence and obedience to law."

"The things that concern us are the things about which we have a right to be concerned. So long as society comes into the house and lays its hands upon the woman's children, so long is government woman's business."

"The deepest of all reasons for woman's franchise is the child."—Josephine Preston Peabody.

MISS ADDAMS AND EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

In Miss Jane Addams' remarkable book "A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil," which deals with the White Slave Traffic and its remedy is recognized the importance of woman's enfranchisement, in its bearing upon the mitigation of this terrible evil; and Miss Addams is convinced that equal suffrage rights will mean the beginning of the end of commercialized trade in bodies and souls of women.

She writes: "Women with political power would not brook that men should live upon the wages of captured victims, should openly hire youths to ruin and debase young girls, should be permitted to transmit poison to unborn children. * * * Those women who are already possessed of political power have in many ways registered their conscience in regard to it. The Norwegian women, for instance, have guaranteed to every illegitimate child the right of inheritance to its father's name and property by a law which also provides for the care of its mother. * * * The age of consent is eighteen years in all the States in which women have the ballot although in only eight of the others is it so high * * * Certainly enfranchised women would offer some protection to the white slaves themselves who are tolerated and segregated, but who, because their very existence is illegal, may be ar-

rested whenever any police captain chooses, may be brought before a magistrate, fined and imprisoned. * * * These things constantly happen everywhere save in Scandinavian countries, where juries of women sit upon such cases and offer the protection of their presence to the prisoners. * * * Every movement therefore, which tends to increase woman's share in civic responsibility undoubtedly forecasts the time when a social control will be extended over men similar to the historic one so long established over women."

WHERE WOMEN VOTE.

California has a law which enables a county to try a lazy father for failing to provide for his family. Upon conviction he may be put to work on the public roads at \$1.50 a day and his earnings are turned over to his family.

The most popular toast at a banquet held recently in Los Angeles, California, was that of Judge Dillon, "Our Mothers, Wives and Sisters—at last our political equals."

Washington passed a law less than a year ago making the treating system in intoxicants an indictable offence. Opponents of the new law made a test case, appealing to the Court on the ground that the law was invalid. The Courts, however, decided in favor of the law as it stands.

THE WOMAN'S REASON— BECAUSE.

Because women must obey the laws just as men do; they should vote equally with men.

Because women pay taxes just as men do, thus supporting the government; they should vote equally with men.

Because women suffer from bad government just as men do; they should vote equally with men.

Because mothers want to make their children's surroundings better; they should vote equally with men.