Preface.

than it probably ever will again. In a lecture-"A Protest against Woman's Demand for the Privileges of both Sexes" (delivered at the Architectural Gallery, Conduit Street, 4th July, and published in The Victoria Magazine, Aug., 1870)-I said: "European and British Women are naturally influenced by the revolt of women in America, where the mania is at its height, while in Britain, the disease has not culminated." My prophecy has been amply fulfilled. The division in the Woman Suffrage Camp is traced in these pages. And for the last ten years, the Movement for the Political Enfranchisemen of Woman, has dwindled down to a purely selfish, petty, peddling Spinster and Widow Suffrage Bill, which if final, insults Women generally, and especially Married Therefore my illustrations and quotations Women. generally date from the time when the battle was consistently fought for Woman Suffrage, as a principle; not as an accident.

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