

agitated surface, but what lies beneath is a mystery to them. And yet, we live in strangely stirring times. Any one looking out on the world today must be conscious of a tremendous upheaval from beneath the surface and the resultant rapid movement, change and transformation going on under our very eyes—and perhaps one of the most marked changes is expressed in the expanding growing consciousness of the woman of today.

This so-called woman's movement is an interesting study and most surely foreshadows vitally important changes in the welfare of our wonderful world. As a preliminary we already begin to see that our nations need the ideas and individuality of their womanhood expressed in the government of a country, just as much as they need to be expressed in the government of a home. Manhood does not and never can express womanhood in politics or anything else and a true democracy demands that both be expressed.

For some time women have been coming to the forefront in the various fields of social, economic and moral reform, and in science, literature, Art and modern religious movements women are demonstrating an individuality and ideality to say nothing of a usefulness without which we should be at an inestimable loss. Then why keep them out of politics? Their work in the world today shows that they have a social interest and public spirit (despite the bugbear of their sex) which cannot be suppressed, and an energy which, if not used, must surely be misapplied. It is significant that in recent labor strikes and agitations women are playing an ever increasing part. Look at the actions of the women of Cornwall and Cumberland, in our own Island, and it is unnecessary to mention the English militant suffragettes. In all parts of the world, everywhere we turn, we may see the bursting forth of a long pent-up flood

of woman power ever striving to find a larger channel of expression. Let us not hold up our hands in holy horror at militancy but thank God for the woman who strikes. It is better to strike today than remain a social, political and patriotic nonentity. Surely better even to throw stones than remain inert while great wrongs remain unrighted. These are but signs that women are beginning to realize that they are called upon to play their part in a larger world. To remain unmoved is to betray ignorance, apathy or indifference—with awakening must come thought expressed in action.

Where do you stand on this question of woman's suffrage? Are you one of the many amiable sympathizers—whose name is legion—who give their blessing to the cause and nothing more? At this juncture we need the help of all our friends. We don't ask you to throw stones, but we do ask your co-operation in making Woman's Suffrage a real live issue in British Columbia. If you cannot give yourself to active campaign work, you can help those who are striving to carry on this forward movement on constitutional lines, by contributing to the funds of the Political Equality League. Our Provincial organizing expenses amount to about \$500. And the work of our League in Victoria alone will demand \$150 per month to be effectively carried on.

There is surely no more glorious work nor one of more vital importance to our race to which we can contribute than to the emancipation and awakening of women to their heritage of responsibility and privilege in the larger world of today.

MALE AND FEMALE MILITANCY.

It is reported from England that certain suffragettes, at a concerted time, dropped envelopes containing acids or