

P R E F A C E .

To some, the title of my work may seem intentionally aggravating. It is certainly not my design to begin by offending those whom I wish to convince. But I think it right to them and others, to use a title which shall unequivocally express the purpose of the book. The term "Woman Suffrage" indicates no opinion. Woman Suffrage Advocates, hoping to find their views supported, might have some excuse for complaining that the title was ambiguous, if not deceptive. A title should, as far as possible, declare the nature of the book's contents. My title shows plainly that I oppose Woman Suffrage. I do not attempt to sail under false colours. I have then a right to expect that my opponents will read the book before they attack it, or the author. Honest conscientious criticism, however severe, will be welcome. Even abuse from thorough-paced Woman Suffrage Advocates (proving that the abusers could not reply in any other way) will thus directly support the author's views and arguments.

It is very natural to impute selfish motives to social, theological, political opponents; and generally to all who dare to differ from us. Therefore, in spite of the proverb: "*Qui s'excuse, s'accuse,*" I anticipate the charge that I oppose Woman Suffrage, from unworthy personal motives. I grant that some men have been, and are still actuated by selfish motives, in circumscribing women's work. I can understand the principle causing men to object to female interference with male monopoly in professions

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