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To The Editor,  
The Manchester Guardian.

Dear Sir,

I was as pleased to-day, as I always was nearly fifty years ago, to read a letter from Professor Lyon Blease on the Suffragette Movement, its tactics and the re-action to them of the members of the government of the day. We were not always so happy in our supporters, some of whom were as emotionally inaccurate in our support as our opponents were in opposition.

Myself a nearly militant protester and prisoner, and also the only one of the first central group who was also a critic of some later aspects of the movement, I found then and still find that the chief impediment to understanding and assessment lies in the emotional acceptance of a double standard, conscious or unconscious. The fervid supporter tends to ladle out exaggerated praise, and the disgusted opponent makes use of the epithets "unwomanly" and "unsexed" without recognising the state of mind that they reveal.

Today we find that this struggle for citizen rights for half the population is recognised in many quarters as a human endeavour as rational as well as resolute to remove a stupid sex-discrimination which was harmful to the race. With such sections of the public are the same standards of conduct naturally applied to men and to women. But there are evidently still

the others, logical descendants of the government forces who forget the previous forty years of trifling and insult and the use of police and prison, violence and forcible feeding, and remember only that these were women who threw stones at shop windows, burnt letters, and boxes and later mansions, called thousands to Parliament square and paraded through London with banners demanding....Be