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Always your
affectionately
M. J. Fawcett

Dear Edmund.

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I think all the women who
have worked for the suffrage
think marriage ought not to
be a disqualification. In argu-
ment the enfranchisement
of married women is indis-
tinctly bound up as you say
with the enfranchisement
of single women - but in practice

the two things are not indissolubly
bound up; and we have much
more chance of getting the franchise
for single women than for
women whether single or married.
Single women and widows have
for several years exercised
municipal & school board
suffrages without the question
of their extension (married
women being so much as

raised. We find in practice that
where there are ten men who
favour single women having
votes there is only one who
is in favour of married women
having it: this is what makes
the women's suffrage work
as a body rather deep back
the claim on the part of married
women. Half a loaf is better
than no bread and one getting

the half loaf will strengthen our
constitutions so much that
we shall soon, I think, be able
to get the other half.

Agnes sends her love. She &
I are going to Bristol together
on Monday to the Women's Indus-
trial Exhibition. Her room there
is nearly done and I am to write
an article upon the Exhibition.
I hope you are working away steadily
notwithstanding women's rights.