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The question of obtaining the vote for women has been much discussed and agitated in 1906.

Premier and Woman Suffrage.—

The Prime Minister, receiving a deputation on May 20, 1906, of women representing suffrage and other societies, said he "could assure them, sincerely, from the bottom of his heart, of his profound sympathy with the object they had in view." "They could not shut their eyes to the fact that no party in the State, and no Government that ever had been formed, was united entirely upon this question. United in general sympathy, of course, they all were with the wants and necessities of women workers, but not united as to the expediency of taking the great political step that that deputation advocated. It would never do for him to make any definite statement or pledge on the subject in those circumstances. (Hisses.) They had only to be patient for a little ('No?'), and to do nothing to hinder the flowing tide by any indiscreet action, because this country was very easily stirred. It had been suggested that this matter might be incorporated in the Bill introduced against plurality of voting. He was afraid the rules of parliamentary procedure would not allow it, and it would tend to mix up the two reforms."

The Council of the Liberal Federation has passed a unanimous resolution in favour of women's suffrage, and both the Women's Liberal Federation and the Women's Liberal Association are in favour of it. Out of 395 parliamentary candidates in 1906, 249 declared themselves in its favour. The Independent Labour Party is in favour of a Women's Enfranchisement Bill.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, of which Mrs. Fawcett is President (25, Victoria Street, S.W.), seeks to "obtain the parliamentary franchise for women on the same terms as it is or may be granted to men." Secretary, Miss Edith Palliser.

The Bill this Society endorsed was talked out in 1905. Its terms were—

"In all Acts relating to the qualifications and registration of voters or persons entitled or claiming to be registered and to vote in the election of Members of Parliament, wherever words occur which import the masculine gender the same shall be held to include women for all purposes connected with and having reference to the right to be registered as voters and to vote in such election, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding."

It was estimated that this would add **one million women to the electorate.**

Woman's Suffrage in New Zealand.—New Zealand has woman's suffrage. In December 1905, out of 212,876 qualified women, 174,615 went to the poll.

A lady writing from New Zealand says: "**I would vote to-morrow for female franchise to be erased from our statute book.** . . . While it has certainly not improved politics, it has by no means improved the social status of woman. Very much the contrary. The gallant chivalry of old has departed to give room to the numerous social disabilities we are enduring through the

incoming of the vote. Whatever gain we may have had through legislation—and there is every reason to believe that that same gain would have been ours irrespective of our vote—has been more than counterbalanced by our loss socially, which has really made us largely the losers by the franchise—a loss many women in New Zealand are bitterly regretting to-day. This new order of things, while it does reflect upon our manhood, yet is the natural outcome of woman leaving her natural sphere of life and dabbling in public affairs."

Victoria is now the only State in the Australian Commonwealth which has not enfranchised women.

Here are some expressions of opinion on the subject of woman's suffrage:—

John Stuart Mill: "The political suffrage which men are everywhere demanding as the sole means by which their other rights can be secured to them, we, for the same reason, and in the name of the same principles, demand for women too. We take our stand, therefore, on natural justice, and to appeal to that is to invoke a mighty power."

The late Lord Salisbury: "I earnestly hope that the day is not far distant when women also will bear their share in voting for members of Parliament and in determining the policy of the country. I can conceive no argument by which they are excluded. It is obvious that they are abundantly as well fitted as many who now possess the suffrage."

Mr. John Morley, M.P.: "Politicians of both parties welcome the active aid of women in their political contests. They are all glad that women should help them in organisation, canvassing, and other of the least attractive details of electioneering. It is absurd, then, to pretend either that women are incapable of political interests and capacity, or that the power of voting on their own account must be injurious to their womanhood."

Mrs. Henry Fawcett, LL.D.: "I advocate the extension of the franchise to women because I wish to strengthen true womanliness in woman, and because I want to see the womanly and domestic side of things weigh more and count for more in all public concerns. It is told in Nehemiah that when the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt after the captivity, women as well as men shared in the work. Our country now wants the hearts and brains of its daughter, as well as the hearts and brains of its sons, for the solution of many perplexing and difficult problems."

Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P.: "We have been told that to encourage women to take an active part in politics is degrading to the sex. I should think myself grossly inconsistent and most ungrateful if I supported that argument in this House, for I have myself taken the chair at Primrose League meetings, and urged to the best of my ability the women of this country to take a share in politics, and to do their best in their various localities to support the principles which I believe to be sound in the interests of the country. After that, to come down to the House, and say I have asked these women to do that which degrades them, appears to me to be most absurd."

"The Awakening of Women" by Frances Swiney

"Be not ashamed, women, your privilege encloses rest, and is the exist of the rest."

"You are the gates of the body, and you are the gates of the soul" Walt Whitman

p. 21. "Life is exalted in proportion to its organic and functional complexity. Woman's organism is more complex, and her totality of function larger, than those of any other thing inhabiting our earth. Therefore her position in the scale of life is the most exalted, the sovereign one."

Prof. Drummond

p. 22 "A man when tired with long walking instinctively bends forward ... unconsciously reverting to the support given by the forelegs of the quadruped: the woman's impulse, ... is to throw herself on the ground & to straighten the spine, instead of to curve it."

Havelock Ellis

p. 24 "The white matter of the brain, which has no thought function, is almost identical in weight in the two sexes: the specific gravity of the grey or thought matter, is decidedly higher in the male than in the female On the other hand, in the equally noble emotional capacity, the woman is superior to the man." Sir Jas. Crichton-Browne

p. 24 "Not only the positive size of the brain, but also its relative size (in relation to the body) must be considered when the relative and not the positive weight of the female brain is considered, we find (according to several investigations) that it is not less, but even slightly greater, than that of man Woman possesses more crown and middle brain, the man more forehead and thinking brain."

Prof. Ludwig Büchner

p. 25 Among savage peoples the superior intelligence and ready wit of the women are notable features

in every traveller's records. We see the same proclivity among the lower classes of civilized nations, where the women are invariably found to be the readiest speakers, & to conduct all business arrangements with the greatest intelligence and common sense F.S.

p. 32 From the earliest time it has been considered a greater disgrace for a woman to be a drunkard and a glutton than for a man to indulge in gastronomic excesses. F.S.

p. 50. "The society in which the female sex is systematically downtrodden or enslaved, pursues a suicidal course, and that the secret of human progress lies in the freest recognition of the rights of the individual woman Treated as serfs, as mere instruments for the gratification of passion, denied education & the right of choosing their consorts, women exact a terrible

penalty from the ensuing generation of men. . . . In polygamous countries every woman finds a home and a master. But this advantage, if it be one, is but a small set-off to the soul-deadening effect of a system which degrades not one class of women, but the whole sex & which reacts with fatal effect upon their enslavers."

J. F. Nisbett

p. 54. "The social evils in Greece and Rome were at their height at the period of the greatest culture. The development of the intellect had achieved nothing towards the amelioration of the common lot of humanity: it had not loosened a single fetter. . . . It had not touched the moral sense of man, without which any true betterment of the race was futile. F.S."

p. 55. What high moral aspirations etc. . . . could be the hereditary foundation of character in the son of the courtesan? What gifts of continence, self-discipline and purity could the owner of a thousand sexual slaves bequeath to his offspring F.S.

p. 62 "Woman has been put through a marvellous discipline during the long nights of history, to teach her the virtues of unselfishness, tenderness, patience, compassion & love, so that she might become the teacher of the world
Prof. Drummond.

p. 62 "Morally the general superiority of women over men is I think unquestionable."
Prof Lecky

p. 62 According to the opinion of Letourneau, all the leading virtues of social life, such as modesty, chastity, unselfishness, love and faithfulness, germinated first in the heart of primitive woman. F.S.

p.69. "The real religion of the world comes from women much more than from men - from mothers most of all, who carry the key of our souls in their bosoms.... I have been ready to believe that we have even now a new revelation, and the name of its Messiah is Woman!" Wendell Holmes.

p.76 "In the daily routine of her household etc... woman as a rule displays quite as much decision of character, promptitude of resource, and stability of aim as any man in his profession & trade - F.S.

Resignation & faith must be differentiated

p.77 "Women's power is for rule, not for battle and her intellect is not for invention or creation, but for sweet ordering, arrangement and decision." Ruskin

p.87 If in the near future the Parliamentary Franchise is granted to women, it will behove

them to rise to the greatness of the occasion and the full realization of their mutual responsibilities. So valuable and potent a boon would soon turn to dead sea fruit & become a snare of the Evil One rather than a gift of the gods, if knowledge of the various needs of the community & of the duties of political emancipation did not go hand in hand with the newly-acquired liberty. F.S.

p.88 It would be disastrous... if the destinies of the nation rested in the hands of indifferent ill-educated voters of both sexes. F.S.

p.88 "A self-poised royal soul, brave, wise, and tender,
No longer blind and dumb
A human being of an unknown splendour
Is she who is to come"

p.90. We find among the higher mammals the lioness is as formidable, if not more so, than the lion; the tigress more feared than the tiger

the female ape is, as a rule, found to be more imitative & intelligent than the male, showing that in a more or less degree the female in the brute creation still holds an equal position with the male. — F.S.

p.91 Speaking of Teutonic races, Tacitus said, "They hold that there is something divine in woman"

p.97 Day by day science more plainly demonstrates that various hideous diseases are fatal heritages of past impurity F.S.

p.101 If a woman with a past is considered an unsuitable companion for the hearth & home not less so should the man with a past be shunned & avoided.

p.102 It cannot be that, in England, for the simple possession of the political vote, the woman question should absorb the thoughts & attention of so many able minds: there must be

in the logical nature of things an ulterior motive an underlying force, that is the foundation for one of the most notable features of the end of the nineteenth century F.S.

p.119 From the earliest ages the woman who has had the most lasting influence for good over man has not been the wife but the mother. In motherhood the relationship itself instinctively has demanded respect from the son: in wifedom the individual herself could only inspire it in the husband F.S.

p.120 The bird mother prepares the nest... queen of the air remains a willing prisoner. Among quadrupeds the mother suckles her cubs for months — giving up her life willingly in their defence F.S.

p.121 Incontestably in all its stages, the strongest the most constant of the affective sentiments is the love of the mother for her child F.S.

p.126 Maternity. pure love. Drummond

p.129 "Men are what their mothers make them." Emerson.

p.139 "Silence is frequently a duty when suffering is only personal; but it is an error and a fault when the suffering is that of millions" Maggini

p.142 If the immoral woman is socially ostracized, the like fate should befall the immoral man. F.S.

p.144 The least children can demand of their parents is the birthright of being well-born; as they come into the world not of their own choice, they should, in justice, be well equipped to encounter its battles. F.S.

p.152 Selfobliteration is not self-sacrifice. Self-sacrifice presupposes a self to sacrifice.

p.153 "I am the poet of the woman the same as the man and I say it is as great to be a woman as to be a man and I say there is nothing greater than the mother of men" Walt-Whitman

p.156. It is certain therefore that if the woman's movement, so pronounced a feature in the present day, is to result in lasting good, its effects will first be apparent in the development of the highest good of the family, the home-circle in which every woman's heart is bound. F.S.

p.157 Units compose the sovereign people. It behoves the mothers of the race to render these units individually strong healthy capable citizens. F.S.

p.158 During winter of 1896 Prof Drummond examined 700 letters of Boys Brigade stating influences which deterred them from evil. Not one mentioned his minister; about 12 mentioned employers; hundreds said mother.

p. 158-159 Luther, Wesley, Wellington, Carlyle,
J. F. Kennedy, Hugo J. Quincy Adams, Lincoln
Prof Huxley all owed much to their mothers

p. 163 "It is inevitable that the removal of any
external pressure of necessity to marry for
the sake of a home & support, will have a
tendency to elevate the standard of marriage
first among women & then among men" anon.

p. 163 No transitory triumphs of intellectual
achievement on the part of women will
counterbalance the neglect of positive
duties - unobtrusive unattainable
duties of family circle. . . . The hearth
must ever be the touchstone of women's
magnetic power if it is to be of lasting
benefit to mankind either socially or
morally.

p. 164-5 I Corinthians VII 34. Now when one
considers the abnormally sensual and

perverted estimation accorded to
sensual relations in the ancient faith;
how the heathen civilisations each
made marriage the chief aim of a
woman's existence, and her only hope
of obtaining a shadow of authority;
and how in the social, civic, and
political life no sphere of action was
recognised for single women, unless
they belonged to the *Hetairai*, or devoted
themselves as vestals* and virgins to the
temples of the gods, this distinction and
precedence given to single women in the
gospel dispensation must give rise in all
thoughtful minds to most serious & profound
reflections. F.S.

* "It was with the utmost difficulty
that ancient Rome could support the
institution of six vestals, but the primitive

Church was filled with a great number of persons of either sex, who had devoted themselves to the profession of perpetual chastity." Gibbon Decline & Fall of Roman Empire

p. 165 "Take up the tangled skeins of other lives - Soiled, broken, and forlorn - and weave them With thine own, with threads of love, Into a golden web, meet for the Throne of God"

p. 167 All over France in the reformatory system, female influence is brought to bear upon children under twelve years of age with the most favourable results. F.S.

p. 168. Harriet Martineau & Miss Boucherett led the movement for the employment of women in industrial capacities, for which they had already qualified by technical training... Miss Blackwell, Miss Garrett, Miss Jex-Blake overcame prejudice of the medical profession. Miss Twining, Miss Elliot & Miss Agnes Jones

laboured for election of Lady Guardians.

Miss Nightingale & others in nursing.

p. 169 Probably be acknowledged that it is in the vocation of teacher that the single woman's work will be judged. F.S.

p. 187 No female prisoner should be in any circumstances under the supervision or authority of men: for nothing brutalises a woman more than being deprived of all sympathetic association with other women. F.S.

p. 199 "All the social fabrics of the world are built around women. If women now sit on thrones, if the most beautiful painting in the world is of a mother and her child, if the image of a woman crowns the dome of the American Capitol, if in allegory & metaphor, and painting and sculpture, the highest ideals are

women, it is because they have a right to be there. By all their drudgery & patience by all their suffering & kindness, they have earned their right to be there"

Prof. Otis Mason.

p.200 "The beneficent Earth-Mother, the resplendent Queen of the Air, the Sustainer of Life, the Protector of Manhood, the living Source of Fire, the Personification of Love, the Ideal of Beauty, the exquisite embodiment of the Soul, the Preserver of Water-springs, the Guardian Health, the Fountain of Wisdom, the Tamer of Wild Beasts, the Weaver of Life's Threads, the Patroness of the Arts & Sciences, were but the realized forms of women, who had worked, suffered, & died before the eyes of men. Primitive man, in his simple faith, peopled the heavens above him with female divinities

benign helpful spirits, to whom he owed the greatest blessings of hearth and field.

F.S.

p.202 To a woman crooning over her infant may be assuredly traced the first notes of harmony, of music, of song.

... Among the tribes who were mostly vegetarians, she was undoubtedly the promoter of agriculture: first gathering wild herbs & fruits; then advancing a step in storing some.

"There is abundant proof among the three typical divisions of humanity still living in savagery - the American Indian, the Negroid races, and the Malayo-Polynesians - that women were the builders & owners of the first caches granaries, & storehouses of provision"

Prof. Mason, in

"Woman's Share in Primitive Culture"

p.203 All primitive civilisations ^{have} had to rely on one principal alimentary plant for their support. "Mexico - maize: Peru - potato: India China Malay - Rice: The Rest of Asia & Europe - corn barley & rye."
- - - As man became omnivorous
.. culinary needs inspired invention
Rude earthen pots & pans appeared.

"In Fiji and Tonga all pottery is made by the women" Lubbock
The artistic faculty of women then became displayed.

p.204 The basketry of savage tribes excites admiration. F.S.

p.205 It appears incontrovertibly that women were the first members of the 'noble profession'. The 'wise women' preceded the 'medicine man'.

p.206 Women were the first skin dressers.

p.208 Among Hottentots, Zulus, Kaffirs, women now build, dig, plant, mould & fire pottery.

p.209 In Terra del Fuego she builds.

--- Among North American Indians, squaw do everything except hunting & making war instruments.

p.210 The American Indian disdain to aid a woman even in the construction of a canoe.

All hard work of field and home is the lot of Tibetan woman.

Among hill tribes of Assam she carries heaviest loads, tills rice fields &c.

p.211 Among Burmese women do all buying selling & weaving of cotton & silk.

--- Before law & in religion women in Burmah are equal with the men.

p.212 Eskimo builds his own hut.

p.214 Women began the social state - man
subsequently, with more leisure, perfected.

p.215 No giant female architect, artists,
scientists &c for domestic cares
have limited & curtailed woman's
expansion intellectually.

p.221 Looking back on woman's history in
the past, the apparently insurmountable
obstacles she had to overcome, the injustices
she had to bear, the iniquities with which
she had to contend, the indignities she
had to suffer, & comparing her previous
condition with her present recognized
position in civilized nations, one is
struck by the phoenix-like vigour of
her nature. Her spirit has ever risen
undaunted above the vilest oppression,
the grossest tyranny, and the
severest severest discipline. Propelled

by a noble discontent of things
present, she has ever striven
undismayed to accelerate the advent
of a better state in the future, and
yearned for the coming of a new era
when righteousness and justice
should prevail.

p.222 "Woman, deeply thoughtful and
moral, alone can heal the sores of
the present time: alone can take up
anew the education of men, and bring
back the taste for the beautiful and
the good." ——— Renan

Part VII Harriet Martineau, Mary Wollstonecraft,
Mary Somerville, E. B. Browning, Maria Evans
(George Eliot), Adelaide Proctor, Jane
Austen, Charlotte Brontë, Mrs. Olyphant,
Mrs. Jaskell, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Braddon, Sarah
Fraud, Edna Lyall, Mrs. Humphry Ward,

Oliver Schreiner;

D^{rs} Elizabeth Blackwell, D^r Sarah Anderson

D^{rs} Sophia Jex-Blake, D^r Edith Peckey.

M^{rs} Josephine Butler, M^{rs} Rawcote

Lady Henry Somerset, Miss Willard

Miss Weston &c.

Songstresses & Actresses

p. 233 Women's disabilities in
England are now purely legal.

p. 234. "There are two & we might say only
two, great problems of modern social
life, they are the problem of woman &
the problem of labour. Interwoven
in a remarkable & hardly yet
appreciated manner, they are the
ground tone of modern thought, and
disguised under many and varied
forms they are the chief factors in
modern social & political changes"

Karl Pearson

p. 236 The Pharmaceutical Society of Great
Britain, makes to its credit, no distinction
between men & women students; both
can obtain equally the necessary degrees.

p. 247 "The slavishness begetten in
woman by the régime of man is
what we have most to fight against."
Grant Allen

p. 260 onwards Women in various
Continental Countries.

Better off in France than Germany.

Women's Suffrage

a good summary of the Pro & Con
of this question is in Herbert Samuel's
'Liberation' pp. 246-253.

Life of Gladstone
&

McCortop History of Queen Victoria

Justin McCarthy "Short History of Our Own Time"

p. 297 "Nothing can well be more certain than the fact that the Hyde Park riot, as it was called, convinced Her Majesty's Ministers of the necessity of an immediate adoption of the reform principle. The Government took the Hyde Park riot with portentous gravity. Mr Beales (President of Reform League) and some of his colleagues waited upon the Home Secretary next day" --- and he "agreed to almost anything they could suggest."

p. 306 Reform question (1867) was settled. Mr Lowe said "We must now at least educate our new masters."

J. Ruskin Of Queens' Gardens.

"Among all the principal figures in Shakespeare's plays, there is only one weak woman - Ophelia. . . . there ~~are~~ are three wicked women among the principal figures (Lady Macbeth, Regan, and Goneril) they are felt at once to be frightful exceptions to the ordinary laws of life: fatal in their influence also, in proportion to the power for good which they have abandoned!"

Ruskin also takes Scott & shows there are more heroines in his works than heroes. He takes also the testimony of the Greeks, and Dante & Chaucer. Regarding the favorable evidence of Shakespeare - no mean judge of human character, Ruskin says . . . "Such in broad light is Shakespeare's

testimony to the position and character of women in human life. He represents them as infallibly faithful & wise counsellors - incorruptibly just and pure examples - strong always to sanctify, even when they cannot save."

After indicating that rights of women cannot be separated from rights of man he says "And not less wrong - perhaps even more foolishly wrong (for I will anticipate thus far what I hope to prove) is the idea that woman is only the shadow & attendant image of her lord, owing him a thoughtless and servile obedience, and supported altogether in her weakness by the pre-eminence of his fortitude."

"Queen Victoria's Letters" Morning Leader
Oct. 16. 1907.
Her Uncle Leopold

"assisted her with good advice from the very earliest, keeping steadily in view the object, in which he certainly succeeded that she should be no one's tool."

It was the queen, ^{who} also ultimately prevented John Russell from offering Cobden a place in the Ministry.

Hazell's Annual. 1902

p. 724. " Full suffrage was granted to women in Western Australia in 1900.

In New Zealand the parliamentary franchise was conferred on women Sept. 1893, the municipal franchise being already theirs.

In South Australia the Parliamentary vote was extended to women Dec. 1894."

Emancipation of Women
by Adele Crepaz

W. E. Gladstone in letter to authoress

"The subject is alike vast and profound it is commonly treated in the slightest and most superficial manner". "In such a region it is far better, as between opposite risks, to postpone a right measure than to commit ourselves to a wrong one" - "J. S. Mill had perhaps the most open mind of his generation."

p. 3-4 Object of this treatise is to point out that "Those rights which while they hold out to them freedom & independence, turn them from what ensures not only their own happiness & well-being but also from that upon which the welfare of the whole human race is grounded."

p. 5 "So far the emancipation of women has tended to the culture and ennobling of the sex and must serve to keep it from some errors, and from the consciousness of empty, vapid lives."

p. 7 Plato:- "Many women are better calculated for certain things than many men, nor is there any department of government work which is exclusively adapted for woman as women or for man as man: but the gifts of nature being in like manner divided between the sexes, according to nature man and woman share alike in all occupations, only that in all things woman is the weaker part."

p. 15 "The census of 1856 had disclosed the startling fact that two millions of women of Great Britain were obliged to gain their own living

p.17. "Disraeli once said that in a country ruled by a woman, it would be only natural that women should be enfranchised"....

"John Bright favoured the claim of the self-dependent taxpaying matron that is of maiden ladies and widows, pointing out that a married woman is sufficiently represented by her husband."

p.38 "The brain of women among civilized nations... has diminished in size through her having been kept in the background for long centuries"

p.38 (In native tribes the difference between male & female brain is not nearly so much)

p.43 There is a mistake in regarding exceptional women as typical. (see p.68) In some manner

p.45 Newton Shakespeare & Goethe are unit among men.

p.68 Empress Maria Theresa was the mother of sixteen children and was yet enabled, with but short interruptions, to devote her whole mind to the cares of state without detriment to the physical well-being of her offspring.

p.92 "But if through her more extended study, a girl be led away from the interests of domestic life, she will become not merely unpractical ~~and~~ but exacting, and consequently unwilling to marry a man of small means."

p.122 "Withal, a woman's sphere must not be solely restricted to home life: where circumstances allow, she may legitimately take up and interest herself in intellectual pursuits."

p.130 "Let us hold fast to the highest and best that belongs to us women, the vocations of wife and mother, and do our utmost to win others over to our convictions."

"The Rights of Women" by M. Ostrogorski.

p. 25-26 On the eve of the French Revolution

Condorcet wrote: - "Is it not in their character of sensible beings, capable of reason and with moral ideas that men have rights? ^{-(natural rights)} Women, therefore, should have absolutely the same. You will doubtless admit the principle of the English that one is legitimately subject only to those taxes for which one has voted, if not personally, at least through the medium of representatives; and from this principle it follows that every woman is entitled to refuse to pay parliamentary taxes. I see no valid reply to such reasoning, at least on the part of widows or unmarried women. As regards the others, one may say that the exercise of a citizen's rights presupposes that an individual may act according

to his own free will. But then, I reply, that civil laws which establish between men and women an inequality so great as to suppose the latter deprived of the advantage of having a free will would only constitute another injustice."

This page of Condorcet contains all the claims and all the arguments with which the battle of women's political emancipation will be fought in the different countries of the world.

p. 27 at the time of the Revolution a manifesto was issued declaring: - "Women is free born and legally man's equal. The principle of all sovereignty resides essentially in the nation, which is only the union of the women & the man"

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p. 39-40 "Certain documents relating to parliamentary elections of 15th & 16th centuries seem to show that Women took part in the elections, especially in the manor towns. Aylesbury furnishes an example

of this where, under Elizabeth in 1572 the sole elector being a minor, his mother, Dorothy Pakington, lady of the manor, returned two members to Parliament."

"I do not know" said the Chief Justice in 1739 "that it has ever been determined that women had not a right of voting." ~~and so~~

But the Court said they no longer had the right because as Judge Probyn expressed it, "the choice of members of Parliament requires an improved understanding, which women are not supposed to have."

p. 45. Re Act of 1867 - in Manchester 5,000 appealed but test case went against them,
p. 47. on the ground of decorum.

p. 70 USA. Have succeeded in getting vote in some states with legislatures of the states.

