

WOMANLY WISDOM.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Although the "South" went solid against giving the right of suffrage to women when the subject was voted upon in the United States Senate lately, we do not feel that the people of the "South" are solidly against it.

Doubtless there is less favorable sentiment towards the extension of the right of voting to women in the South than in the North, but we know that there are some women and some men and even editors who favor the idea. If southern women would give the subject thoughtful attention we think they would feel that the need of their voting is even greater than that of their northern sisters.

We think the women who own, manage, and pay taxes on property must often wish they could help determine how the money which they pay into the public treasury should be expended. That there are more widows here in proportion to population than in the northern states is we think a fact. No southern man who lived through the war fails to give the women great praise for their wonderful endurance and bravery. Their tender nursing, their courage and long suffering gave the men new life and hope. How much more courage would it take to deposit a vote in the ballot box than to watch over the dying amidst scenes of the most terrible suffering?

One of the most common arguments against woman's voting is that it will unsex them, make them unwomanly, &c. Although this cause like all others suffers about as much from its friends as its enemies and some of its advocates are "loud" and coarse (they would be anyway) some of the sweetest, most motherly and "homey" women can be found among the ranks of the leaders of this movement. No women appreciate the sacredness of wifehood and motherhood more than these same advocates of "women's rights". Their homes are models in every way and the virtue of hospitality is theirs. Their boys and girls are brought up to realize the responsibilities of life.

We do not believe that all women should vote, neither do we believe that all men should. A certain amount of education should be required of every man and woman, and foreigners should be obliged to live in this country much longer than is now required before becoming naturalized citizens. North and South both suffer from the votes of their ignorant population.

Although the general feeling through the South is that women should be dependent upon their male relatives, the fact still remains that some of them, finding such relatives poor dependence, are starting out for themselves. We met one bright "smart" woman not long ago who is an honor to the ranks of southern women. Rather than live at home on a small pittance and the honor of belonging to one of the "first families" she started in business for herself, was making money and investing it in real estate. She employed several other women and though she doubtless meets with opposition she cheerily keeps to work. She said that she was often asked if she was a northern woman, as people thought she must be, she had so much

energy. There is energy and endurance and ambition among southern women, but it needs awakening. Perhaps what we have written, though it is so disconnected, may help some woman to think, and if she would write to us on the subject we would be pleased to receive any communication, be it for or against our theme.

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