



Mormon women consistently say they believe in political or religious equality with men, or how can they know anything about the responsibility resting upon them as voters, when the exercise of the franchise is not or cannot be disconnected from their religion. The entire matter is this in a nutshell, a good Mormon woman *must do as she is told and ask no questions*, and on election day the ticket is given her by her husband or the teacher or Bishop of the ward in which she lives and she votes it. Ask ninety-nine out of every hundred women what ticket they voted, and the answer will be the same, "the one that was given me." We could give hundreds of illustrations in support of this assertion, did our space permit. If a Mormon woman should venture to vote any but the Church ticket, she would be cut off from the Church, turned over to the buffetings of Satan, and in addition be subjected to every species of persecution which the malice of the priesthood could invent. When Mormon women vote it is simply duplicating the male vote over and over again, for they all vote the same ticket--the one given them.

Consequently, we defy any truthful or disinterested observer to say that the ballot in the hands of the women of Utah has accomplished any result of *any kind*, except to retard the day of Utah's deliverance from priestly bondage and to rivet their own fetters more securely. The law says they shall be given the ballot, and implies that they shall exercise their judgement in using it. But it has brought no increased respect or power for women, it has only been another brand of shame for their brows. And it seems incredible that any sane person should insist that woman suffrage, as it is exercised in Utah, is a benefit to any one except the despotic priesthood, who use it to neutralize the votes of the Gentiles in the Territory, and to secure to themselves a still larger measure of the power that they abuse in so many ways.

And yet, in spite of all these facts we do not advocate the repeal of what has proved itself a most unjust law, nor ask for the disfranchisement of the women of this Territory as *women*. We do, however, advocate that the privilege of the ballot be denied to any woman or man who lives in, or advocates the practice of polygamy. It cannot be gainsayed that Female suffrage in Utah is an outrage upon the rights of others, and upon the first principles of republican institutions, yet we do not desire to have the women deprived of the privilege unless the same be done with their partners in crime. We take the position that *all* law-breakers should be considered as such, irrespective of sex, and not be invested with the rights of loyal citizens, in which position we think we ought to be sustained by every law-abiding man and woman in the country, and especially by YOU, whose lives are devoted to the elevation of our sex.

Very Cordially Yours,

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By of the Society.

(Will all the Woman Suffrage organs and papers that are in favor of the Suffrage movement please copy the above letter.)