

Gems from the Anti-Suffrage Paper.

“If women continued their present development it would re-act very disastrously upon them.”

“They knew nothing could stop the development now, which had made such strides in the last fifty years, and was full of much promise to the race and the empire.”

“However, women might have the advantage morally, spiritually, and intellectually, man had the advantage in the last resort because his elemental superiority must prevail.”

Note—Most people think the aim of civilization is to subdue “the brute” in man, and that he might become “a *little* lower than the angels.”

“What Anti-Suffragists objected to was principally the danger to women themselves incurred by forfeiting the care of the stronger sex.”

“When women competed on equal terms with men in the labour market, they relieved men of the obligation of considering, working for, and protecting them.”

“In some things men were and always would be far the superior of women.” The Lecturer forgot to state the converse which is also true.

“Women should be imperialists first and women last.” This savours of a conundrum. Mrs. Lockhart must have been astonished at the amount of applause that greeted so many of her statements. The arguments fitted the Suffrage case so pat. We tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Lockhart in that she was left so entirely unsupported by her own party other than her husband.

Do the Mrs. Lockharts ever hear the Broadford bell ringing at half-past five in the morning? and does it ever occur to them that while they are lying comfortably in bed for another three or four hours on these cold, wet, dismal days, hundreds of poor women are rushing to earn the pittance that keeps body and soul together? Where is the Anti-Suffrage fear of the danger to women themselves at such a time? Where is the men’s obligation of considering, working for, and protecting these poor women? And yet the Mrs. Lockharts will deny these women the power to help themselves. Oh! for a reversal of circumstances or a little imagination.