

'as !" and it is understood that he applied for the papers. All the same, one has never heard of an unmarried or widowed mother carrying her objection to vaccination into court. It is to man's credit that he resists what he considers a definite wrong even to the extent of going to prison.

Representation.

It is true in the letter that woman has no *direct* representation in Parliament ; but this very evidently does not matter, since the laws made by Parliament as it is are so notoriously favourable to women. The whole claim for direct representation of women is based upon a complete disregard of the plain ethics of representative government. Parliament is an assemblage of representatives of the Estates of the realm, estate meaning a distinct economic status or *way of getting a living*. The various estates required separate representation because at no time were their interests homogeneous or harmonious. The modern propertyless workmen requires direct representation because the interests of employer and servant, as of landlord and tenant, are diametrically opposed, as the interests of the buyer and the seller always are.

But there is no necessary antagonism of interests between husband and wife or between father and daughter. Women are the first to share in the good fortune of their menfolk. Indeed, they have not only the largest share, but sometimes the whole benefit, the old man himself continuing to live very much as before. To do the women justice, they fully recognise this, and with both positive and negative encouragement they goad on their mankind to get money for them. To the husband a bigger business may mean only additional work and worry. To the wife and daughters it means a bigger house, more servants, richer furs, more costly entertainments, more jewellery, the first or the second motor-car, and all these along with much less anxiety than they experienced when they were poor. These are the only ways in which the average woman can fulfil her ambition, whereas a man has always at least his business or profession.

In these autumn days the trains swarm with women returning from holidaying to John, who has had his nose at the grindstone all the time of their absence. In the theatres women are always the majority, sometimes ten to one. I have before me a picture of a queue at the pit door of one of the London theatres. One can count twenty-four women, their ages ranging up to three-score-and-ten ; but there is only one man in the queue and a second one crossing apparently to speak to him.

At dances, garden and bridge parties, and every kind of mere amusement women are so much in the majority that the securing of male partners, or at least a few men to redeem the gathering from insipidity, is quite a problem with hostesses. The men of course are at work.

A legal acquaintance whose natural inclination was to be very generous nevertheless gained the reputation among his brethren of being very keen for fees, and on his death it was found that his wife had been lavish and had hounded him on to get money for her extravagances.

How many cases could be found to parallel that ! Men rather admire