

(Dictated.)

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My dear Mr. Boyden:-

I am glad to know that the American is going to bring out a paper presenting the Antis' side of the Woman's Suffrage question. You can, I think, get an electrotype of me from my publishers, Messrs. Harper, for use in this paper. But if you use it, or make any reference to me, I will ask you to make it very clear that I am not opposed to woman's suffrage, per se. I only oppose the suffrage for all women; **I**n other words, I am opposed to any extension of the suffrage. And that objection is

entirely on the ground of expediency; for when it comes to the casting of a ballot, I cannot see any inherent unfitness in women. My position, briefly, is this: Universal man suffrage has not yet proved itself a success; it is still in the experimental stage; and while it is in that stage, to add universal woman suffrage, would be to double the perplexities of the Government to a degree that might threaten our national existence, -- for certainly to multiply the present ignorant and unconscientious vote by two, would be gravely alarming. You can see from this statement of my views that I cannot be called an Anti-Woman's Suffragist. On the con-

trary, I believe that if there could be a limited suffrage for men and women, a suffrage limited by a very strict educational qualification (and perhaps even by a property qualification), that we would all be better off. I realize that my position is anomalous, as I seem to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds, but I cannot run the risk of letting you say that I am an Anti-Suffragist, while I am myself saying in a lecture which I am giving, that I believe that the intelligent and responsible woman is just as well qualified to vote as ~~the~~ intelligent and responsible man;-- and that the unintelligent and irresponsible of either sex are a danger to

the Republic.

I fear that this explanation is long rather than clear, and if you want to quote my exact views, I will send you two or three pages from this lecture against woman's suffrage that I am giving, and let you make any extracts that you please.

Very truly yours,

Marquett DeLand -