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WHAT DR. PARKHURST OVERLOOKED.

Dr. Parkhurst complacently tells the advocates woman suffrage that "votes do not settle everything. The settling is all done before the balloting gins. Votes simply register what has been set- d previously."

This argument is not likely to send many suf- gists scampering back to their kitchens. omen know as well as Dr. Parkhurst that votes e not settle everything, but they also know that en have shed rivers of blood to gain the ballot and have fought out the issue on a hundred fields battle. If mankind has found the right to vote rth dying for, thousands of women will con- nue to assume that it is still worth asking for.

Dr. Parkhurst misses the whole point of the ent-day woman-suffrage movement when he ores its economic aspects. The suffragist cause was merely an academic question until a great y of women wage-earners had been recruited. en it became part of a struggle for existence, d the rapid increase in strength during the last years is due more than anything else to the owing economic independence of women.

Hundreds of thousands of women now support emselves. They have learned a great deal by erience, and they laugh when Dr. Parkhurst or ybody else tells them that "woman will get all e wants if she is woman in her way of getting They know better. They know that they do get equal pay with men for doing men's work. ey know that the treatment accorded to them not so just as that accorded to men. They w they are discriminated against in various ys, and that instead of profiting economically m the fact of being women they are at a dis- dvantage.

Now they have begun to trace their economic bilities back to their political disabilities and to remove the one by removing the other. y may be wrong. The New York school-teach- s, for example, who insist that they would re- ve better pay an ld vote, as policem vote, may be w yet convinced t Should the suffrag victory will be k and who bel ter advantage llot. If Dr. Pa l-suffrage prop men that votin the matter of es

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