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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

That your balanced and thoughted writings on the suffrage question have a powerful mission, I am persuaded, much as it would seem that our women in the country are drunk with desire for public activity and wearied to death with what they are pleased to call men's cruel stunting of woman's forces.

My noble sainted mother led me early to look upon life from the viewpoint of the home. Present social movements think of life from the point de vue of the community. A woman with as much erudition as Dr. Montessori, for instance, looks forward with actual glee to the time when "communal kitchens" and "children's specialists" do the work of the home. A few days ago I received from Sweden a copy of the suffragists' official organ: "Suffrage for women" ("Rösträtt för kvinnor"). A translation of of Olive Schreiner's "woman and labor was reviewed bya virulent suffragist, though skilful writer, Elin Wägner. Imagine a cultured woman saying the following (transl. her):"

> "And still more, woman's great and vital duty, child-bearing, no longer demands her undivided strength from the years of youth far up in to middle life."

Those the women who are to mould the convictions of the women of today? I thought of my own beautiful little group of children and my own lovely wife's unspeakably devoted and fine care of her children and her home, with neither the hope, nor the desire to arrive at a time when that solicitude should cease! In fact, Miss Tarbell, we think with a gripping sadness of the time when there will be no more arrivals of eternal souls to nurture and train for time and eternity. But the suffragist pantingly yearns for the liberation from the thraldom of home-cares, like as your own article in the L.H.J. cites the utterance of Miss Anthony. The question is not whether women are to have a part in public affairs. Gifted women have always had that, especially the great home women; but where the emphasis is to be placed, home or community, "that is the question".

Dr. Shaw has been here lately and made quite a few converts. It takes a woman only "fifteen minutes to vote:" Such her very plausible plea! But with all her skilful argumentation, <u>the</u> point which she and her kin fail to analyze comprehensively is this: Shall we add another gigantic factor of home-socialization, or rather communizing of the home, or should woman's efforts centre more than ever on the home, as the real place of social rejuvenation, and make home morally, physically, intellectually, esthetically and Christianly the great and creative social unit of regeneration?

May I ask, what truly scientific writings on the "anti" side would you commend, aside from your own superb and treachant contributions ? In this era of Malthus and suffrage and <u>radical</u> socialism , arguments are needed.-

With cordial esteem and gratefulness
Sincerely Yours

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