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**A P P E A L**  
OF  
**ONE HALF THE HUMAN RACE,  
W O M E N,**  
AGAINST  
**THE PRETENSIONS OF THE OTHER HALF,  
M E N,**

TO RETAIN THEM IN POLITICAL, AND THENCE  
IN CIVIL AND DOMESTIC, SLAVERY;  
IN REPLY TO A PARAGRAPH OF MR. MILL'S CELE-  
BRATED "ARTICLE ON GOVERNMENT."

By **WILLIAM THOMPSON,**  
AUTHOR OF "AN INQUIRY INTO THE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH."

"One thing is pretty clear, that all those individuals whose interests  
"are indisputably included in those of other individuals may be struck  
"off from political rights without inconvenience. In this light may be  
"viewed all children up to a certain age, whose interests are involved in  
"those of their parents. In this light also women may be regarded, the  
"interest of almost all of whom is involved either in that of their fathers,  
"or in that of their husbands."—*Encyclopædia Britannica: Supplement:*  
*Article on 'Government,' page 500.*

"'Tis all stern duty on the female side;  
On man's, mere sensual gust and surly pride."

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# INTRODUCTORY LETTER

TO

MRS. WHEELER.

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The pleasures that men now obtain from women are limited, by their exclusions, to those of mere sensual appetite and of domination . . . . . xii

Though an equality of political rights, followed as it necessarily



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## ERRATA AND ADDENDA.

Page 1, line 6, for *human* read *political* rights.

Page 45, line 28. To this place transfer from pages 51 and 52 the paragraph respecting contrariety of interest, beginning with "The father," and ending with "individual happiness."

Page 88, line 2. After the words "Protection indeed!" add, "Of security of person or personal protection she is by the law expressly deprived. To all the ordinary assaults of her husband, to the compulsion and restraints of her husband on her actions and powers of locomotion, she is delivered up.—Of property and the ordinary means of acquiring it, she is deprived; of security of person she is unblushingly deprived also.—The law affords her protection! —She is out of the pale of the law.—The law excludes her from protection against the vices and violences of her husband; from that equal protection which one man enjoys against another man.—Instead of greater protection, which justice would give her in consequence of her physical weakness and the domestic facilities of oppression, the law gives her less protection, gives her none except against extreme abuses."

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