

NATIONAL MEN'S
LEAGUE FOR
WOMAN SUFFRAGE

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There are many men who inwardly feel the justice of equal suffrage, but who are not ready to acknowledge it publicly, unless backed by numbers. There are other men who are not even ready to give the subject consideration until they see that a large number of men are willing to be counted in favor of it. The man who is so prejudiced that he will not consider it at all will pass away with this generation if not sooner.

The usefulness of the Men's Leagues politically to women constitutes one of the unanswerable arguments for woman suffrage. Legislators are mainly responsible to voters, and voters only. In the majority of States in this country, earnest, determined women are besieging the Legislatures,

endeavoring to bring about the submission of a woman suffrage amendment to the people. How long and burdensome is this effort on the part of non-voters, everyone knows. If a well-organized minority of men voters demand equal suffrage legislation from the Legislatures they will get it. After that, it is only a question of propaganda, and the Men's Leagues come in again on the first proposition of moral support.

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