



Correspondents to the MARYLAND SUFFRAGE NEWS are requested to address all communications for the Letter Box to Mrs. B. J. Byrne, Elliott City, Md.; to use one side of paper only, to leave space for heading, write legibly, and have letter in such condition that it can be forwarded immediately to the printer.—Ed.

Dear Suffrage News:

I am deeply interested in suffrage for women. I should like to work for it, but I am poor. I have a home and children and a good husband. My time is so occupied that I have little time for other work. As I cannot help with either money or time, what can I do to show my interest in this great cause? I mean to show it in a substantial manner—in a way that will have results? I am aware that in the fight women are making to have their share in making the laws under which we must live a mere "well-wisher" or an "interested on-looker" is only a little better than nothing. N. M.

Answer:

It is pleasant to hear from one who frankly admits her limitations and yet is not entirely willing to be bound by them. It so often happens we could do so much more than we do, if we only understood the value of time. No doubt N. M.'s daily duties keep her busy, her management of her household on a limited income calls for both mental and physical activity. But, dear N. M., how about your leisure? When you are tired and feel you must get away from the domestic grind for an hour or two, what do you do? Run next door and have a gossip with your neighbor about the affairs of your other neighbors, join a card club and pass six hours a week at the card table? Loll in a tearoom, or just remain in your library and read a novel?

All of us have duties that we must perform if we wish to do our part as good women, but it is a lamentable fact that too many of the so-called "good" women waste their leisure.

If you would make a bargain with yourself that your leisure time—no matter how short it is—say a half-hour a day, or even two hours a week, should be devoted to suffrage work, you would be amazed at the result. You could get that

next-door neighbor to come in and have a chat over the contents of the latest issue of the SUFFRAGE NEWS. You could form a club that could discuss suffrage; you could get your children and your husband to write to you their ideas on the question and have a time appointed for the discussion of these ideas.

This "writing club" could be extended to your friends, then to your neighbors. At first it would be slow, but such ideas do grow, and when on a solid footing you will be surprised at the results. Then your leisure could be given to writing letters or occupying the time in suffrage work suggested by some experienced suffrage worker who knows the value of the old adage, "Every little helps."

I suggest that if you are in earnest and wish to do some substantial work for suffrage, you apply to Mrs. D. R. Hooker. If there is a new idea, a valuable suggestion, an idle hour you can use profitably, you may be perfectly certain she can tell you all about it. L. L. BYRNE.

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"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and sets up its own conclusions in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

Inquiry:

I am very anxious to get, if possible, the official count of the vote on equal suffrage in the seven States where it was voted on in November. If you have these statistics, will you kindly publish them?

Answer:

The following table will indicate the number of votes received for and against equal suffrage in the campaign States, together with the percentage favorable to the measure:

	For.	Against.	Major-ity.	Favor-able.	Per Cent.
Nevada.....	10,618	7,197	3,421	69	
Montana.....	41,302	37,588	3,714	52	
Nebraska.....	90,782	99,006	8,254	48	
North Dakota..	40,309	49,348	9,139	45	
South Dakota..	39,695	51,519	11,914	43	
Ohio.....	335,850	518,295	182,905	39	
Missouri.....	182,257	322,463	140,206	36	

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Have you helped to bring this to pass? We cannot be too earnest in our appeal to each and every suffragist to help out a little in raising the amount necessary to defray our printing expenses for the coming year.

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