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We therfore urge you, women of Maryland, to subordinate frivolities and trifles, to sacrifice a part of your leisure and a few of your pastimes, and to substitute in their stead the responsibilities of citizensihp. We implore you to measure up, actually, to the dignity and duties of motherhood. We invite you to investigate the laws under which your children must live; to understand the way in which they are passed and repealed, and to consider what action you would take, if the vote were yours. We advise you to inquire into local conditions which affect the moral, mental and physical well-being of your sons and daughters, and to ascertain for yourselves which of these conditions could be changed or bettered by the women's vote. We maintain that the ballot is greatly needed by the wives and mothers of Maryland, and we urge you to throw aside all party prejudice and to make a fair investigation of existing facts before you deny our claim.

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