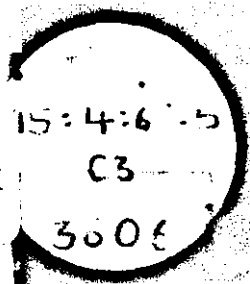
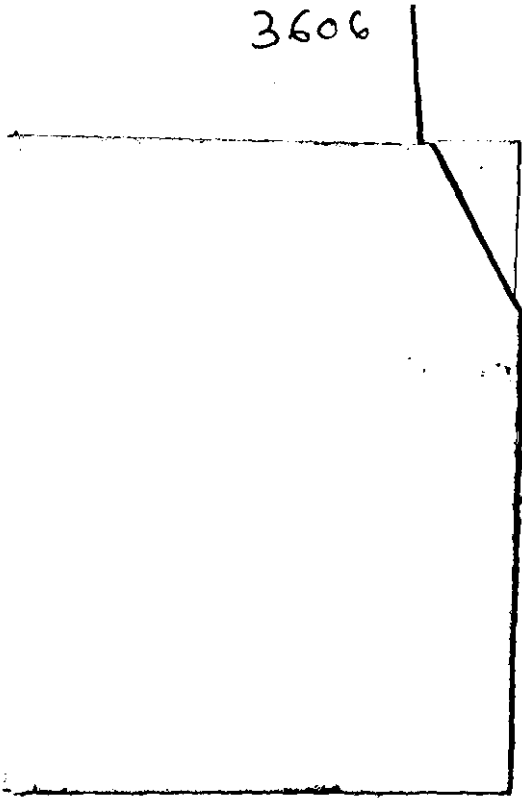


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10 DOWNING STREET,
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MADAM,

I recently found that I had had the honour to receive, possibly from yourself, your tract on the *Frauen-Emancipation*. The German type is somewhat trying to my failing eye-sight, but I could not resist at once reading it. And, having read it, I cannot resist offering you more than a merely formal acknowledgment. And this is not merely because my mind inclines strongly to agree in your foundation-arguments: but because, apart from mere concurrence in this or that special remark, it seems to me by far the most comprehensive, luminous and penetrating work on this question that I have yet met with. My great grief is this, speaking for my own country only: that, while the subject is alike vast and profound, it is commonly treated in the slightest and most superficial, as well as sometimes in

the most passionate manner. In such a region it is far better, as between opposite risks, to postpone a right measure than to commit ourselves to a wrong one. To save us from this danger what we want is *thorough* treatment, and you have given it the most thorough treatment which I have yet seen applied to it. You have opened up many new thoughts in my own mind, but I cannot follow them out. I only wish the treatise had been open to my countrymen and countrywomen in their own tongue.

I remain, Madam,

With high consideration,

Your faithful servant,

W. E. GLADSTONE.

P.S.—For this as well as for other subjects, I deeply regret the death of J. S. Mill: he had perhaps the most *open* mind of his generation.

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TRANSLATOR'S
PREFACE TO THE ENGLISH EDITION.

IN order to avoid the possibility of misconception on the part of English readers of the following essay, it seems well to point out that, although written principally with a view to considering the movement in its effects upon Germany and Austro-Hungary, the authoress has carefully studied and taken into account the conditions existing in other countries of Europe. Whilst, however, acknowledging most fully the benefit accruing to the women of Great Britain from increased facilities for self-support, it is against their claim to *equal political and social rights with men* that Frau Crepaz would earnestly protest, convinced that therein lies much danger to the welfare of humanity.

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The recognition accorded to her views by England's Prime Minister is some indication that they are not without supporters in this country.

ELLIS WRIGHT.

LONDON, *January* 1893.