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H. considers that the agitation for Women's Rights is very dangerous. "A country like Great Britain has now for some ten years or more been turned upside down by the influences which go to make up these disturbances.....a country in the opinion of many.....stands on the edge of an abyss at the verge of social calamity". (H. considers that the native question vastly complicates the problem. "No one can doubt that there is impending a struggle, or at least a keen rivalry between the white and black races of South Africa. To face this position it is necessary that the whites should present a united front, that there should be no falterers, no disunion in our ranks as we meet the common foe"....."It is impossible to grant the franchise to the white women of this country without granting it to the coloured women of the country." (H. then proceeds to suggest that women's disabilities should be removed.) "She should, for example, control her own property, have authority over her children, and receive equal pay for equal work. Then she will not worry about the franchise, which after all was only the means to these ends."