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A warning to make a
stand against Adult-Sup-
prage, in our present strug-
gle to obtain the vote for
women, has just reached me
from South Australia.
A few days since I read with
grateful satisfaction a quota-
tion from a recent article of
yours on our "Question, in which
you lay stress on the large ex-
cess of women over men here,
and how therefore, adult-
supprage for both would put
the balance of power in our
hands. I think this important
fact

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cannot be too strongly urged
 in our appeal to men to
 raise us to their present
 footing - and so relegate to
 us, may hope, a yet distant
 future Adult Suffrage for
 both sexes, which if thrust
 upon the Community now
 might bring the appalling
 results threatening S. Aus-
 tralia.

It seems to me that
 to you most fittingly I may
 offer the enclosed testimony
 to you. The writers are
 my Cousins, intimate friends
 & constant correspondents,
 both earnest & sagacious
 women who have dwelt

more than 50 years in their
adopted Country. The
name of the eldest (I
quote her second) Emily
Clark may be known to
you. She has built up
during 40 years of cautious
labor - of course with the
aid of able colleagues -
the noble organization for
the rescue, protection &
up-bringing of Criminal
& destitute Children of
which England is now co-
pying the important and
successful department
of separate Courts & magis-
trates for young offenders.

Her work crystallized
some 20 years ago in
the "State ^{Children's} Council" ~~the~~
consisting of 12 men &
women in equal num.

-bers - Miss Clark, who was
of course one of the first
members appointed by
the S.A. Government -
~~She~~ has just retired, at
the age of 81, and the ex-
pression of gratitude for
her services conveys the pub-
lic appreciation of her calm
practical wisdom - Subse-
quent to the passage I quote
from her letter, she remarks
that progress involves expe-
rience, and ^{she} is glad this
should be made on small
numbers. She hopes their
experience may be benefi-
cial to us.

I trust dear Mr. Fawcett
you will not think I am intru-
ding wastefully on your valuable
time, but if I have done so I can
only ask your forgiveness -
Affectionately yours
J. Davenport - Till

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Extract from the letter of a lady who has grown up in South Australia, takes a deep liberal interest in her country, and was an earnest worker for the establishment of female suffrage in that State.

" South Australia
Nov 7th/06

..... Don't-misunderstand me. I don't object to the Labor party if they are worthy men, but too many of our politicians are barefaced liars besides being ignorant & self-seeking. If a man

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can talk & has no other quali-
fication the Trades Hall
get hold of him & the Mem-
bers of the Trades' Unions
are made to vote for him
or leave the Union; thus
the right of private judgment
is a thing of the past, and we
are fast falling under the
heels of a handful of bla-
tant agitators. Women's
Suffrage^x has doubled the
power of the Major, and so
far has proved a Curse to
South Australia. We have

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x Adult Suffrage I believe in S.A.

just worked ourselves
 nearly to death over an elec-
 tion all to no purpose, not
 one of our men got in.

Mr Price, our Premier,
 wishes to abolish the Upper
 House so he depowered Par-
 liament because the Legis-
 lative Assembly stood up
 for its rights. If he succeeds,
 and I fear he will, our
 Government will be like
 a motor without a brake, and
 we who find the money (all
 whose means exceed £150
 per annum) will have little
 or no voice in the spending

of the taxes. " M/159
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A sister of this lady
wrote: - "Nov 6th 1906

" You will have heard
before now of the result of
our election. We are abso-
lutely at the mercy of the Sa-
low party & I am afraid
their first work will be to
sweep away the Legislative
Council, and this I believe is very
much owing to the Women's
Vote. The ordinary man
makes his wife vote as he
pleases, and the women who
know better will not vote at all.