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*To the  
Women Electors of Great Britain & Ireland.*

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*A Message from the Prime Minister.*

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10 Downing Street, Whitehall,  
25th February, 1918

I AM delighted to send a message to the new women electors just enfranchised by the Reform Act. I have no doubt that they will rise to their new responsibilities in political life as successfully as they have risen to their responsibilities in the war. People sometimes think that voting is a thing that anybody can do without much difficulty; on the contrary, it is one of the most fateful acts in the citizen's life. On the way he or she casts the vote at times of election, directly depends the character and policy of the national government. If we are to have good government in this country, it will be because the voters have studied and thought about political problems, and have thereby equipped themselves with the knowledge and understanding necessary to ensure

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that sound principles are predominant in the conduct of their national affairs.

There are many subjects upon which it is essential that the opinions of women should be brought directly to bear. I need only mention education, public health, housing, and the manifold problems connected with the welfare of infants and children, and I trust that women will make their influence felt on these matters without delay.

f | I need hardly say how much I welcome the passage of the Reform Act. I believe that responsible women voters can bring into public life a point of view and a spirit which will be of incalculable value to the progress of democracy in these islands.

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE.