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THOSE OF MY COUNTRYWOMEN
WHO THINK FOR THEMSELVES
THIS LITTLE BOOK IS DEDICATED
MOLLY ELLIOT SEAWELL

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I

ONE fact concerning the woman-suffrage movement is plain to all who have watched that movement: this is, the superficial and inadequate manner in which the matter has been discussed in general. The suffragists, in their spoken and published utterances, reveal that, while they propose a stupendous governmental change, they have little knowledge of the fundamentals of government, the evolution of representation, the history of politics, or the genesis, scope, and meaning of suffrage. In their treatment of the subject, they hopelessly confuse political, philanthropic, socialistic, and economic questions; nor do they seem able to discriminate between objects of national and those of state or municipal regulation. Women, sud-