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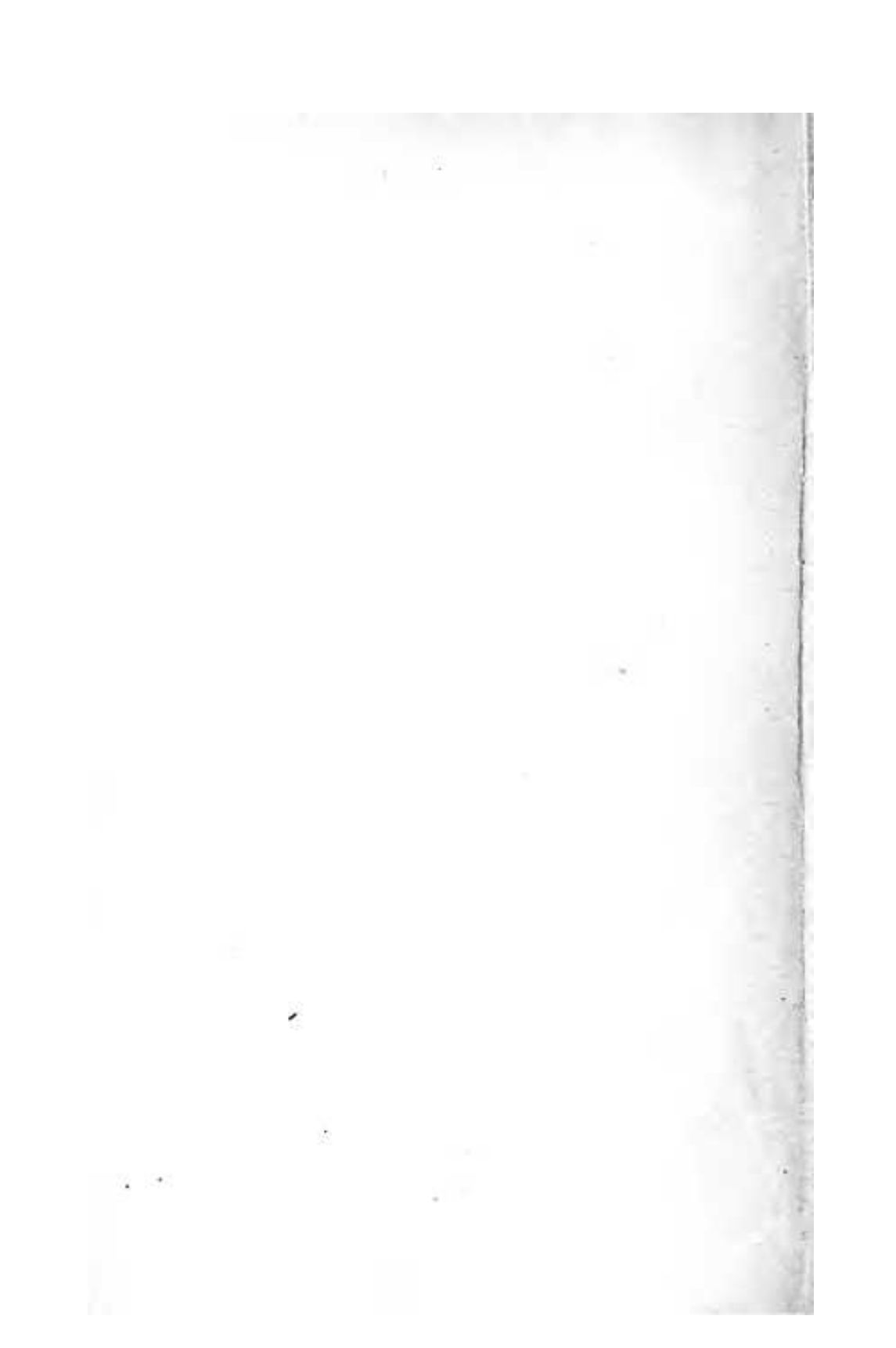
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PREFACE TO THE ENGLISH EDITION

THE increased importance attaching to the Woman's Rights question throughout the civilised world is no longer a matter of opinion. It could not perhaps be more strongly attested than by the circumstances which gave rise to the publication of this monograph.

The Paris Faculté de Droit opened an international competition for the best essay on the subject, and after the examination of all the works submitted to it, the jury awarded the first prize to M. Ostrogorski, the author of the present volume.

The opinion of the jury was expressed as follows:—
" Il est supérieur à tous les autres. . . . Son œuvre porte l'empreinte d'un esprit robuste qui saisit avec justesse les faits et leurs nuances, et dégage avec une sage modération la signification qu'il faut y attacher pour la marche générale des idées réformatrices. Il expose le sujet sans omettre aucun détail, dans une dissertation vigoureuse, exempte de hors d'œuvre. . . . Le plan n'est pas un instant perdu de vue; la méthode est excellente. . . . Le livre récompensé est un livre

distingué, profondément réfléchi, d'une lecture attachante."

Since the publication of the work in Paris it has been carefully revised and brought up to date by the author, who has rewritten the concluding chapter and added two important Appendices for the English edition.

In examining the part assigned to women in the different elective bodies and public offices, the author has thought it would assist the reader to supply him with the necessary information concerning the character and organisation of each institution. In the opinion of the Publishers this lends an additional value to the monograph, and they do not think any apology is needed for leaving this information exactly as it stands, including that which relates to English-speaking countries. If the ordinary English citizen knows the institutions of his own country, he is, as a rule, imperfectly acquainted with Colonial and American institutions.

The volume is believed to be a unique attempt to collect, and to reduce to a system, all the available information on the subject with which it deals.

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