The Future of the Women’s Movement

Helena SWANWICK (1864 - 1939)

"There may seem to be a disappointing lack of prophesy in a book avowedly dealing with the future; but since I believe the women’s movement to be a seeking for knowledge and good, to show what is reasonable and good in the movement is to show what will persist and triumph. Through all our faults and mistakes, we women are aiming at better understanding and cooperation with men, and a better adaptation to one another of conditions and persons. We are having to hammer out for ourselves the right principles of government. We can take them ready-made from no man. Doubtless we shall flounder considerably, as men have done — and do. But there is little fear that in the long-run the best minds of men and women will not have a common principle." (From the Introduction)

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