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WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

THE question of the ballot for woman (the white woman especially) is one of the burning questions of today. The white women have made up their minds to have the ballot, and throughout the length and breadth of the country they are working to that end. White women in the drawing rooms, surrounded by wealth, with thousands at their disposals, have joined hands with the white women of the shop, factory, mill and the humble homes, and side by side are making their fight for enfranchisement.

In the great Suffrage Parade in Washington Saturday, 16th inst., white women and children from every State in the Union were in line. They held a mammoth mass meeting, they sang patriotic songs, they took their children by their hands and led them to the Nation's Capitol and there gave the congressmen their petitions, demanding an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving them the ballot. At their mass meeting, in seven minutes they raised \$3000, and the Woman's Congressional Union, with headquarters in Washington has raised \$35,000, for the cause of

suffrage, in the face of bitter opposition both feminine and masculine.

While the white women are fighting for the ballot and storming Congress, demanding the same, the Negro man standing silently and unconcernedly by as the ballot is being forced from his hands. The white women are organizing even in the South, even in Virginia, even in Richmond, and were they not afraid that suffrage for women, would include Negro women, the South would enfranchise her women just as the West has done.

Everybody, except the Negro, realizes the potency and necessity of the ballot, and gives his means and talent to help his cause; but the Negro is dumb, inert, too blind to read the signs of the times.

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Roll of "Colored Female Voters Registered at First Precinct in Madison Ward Richmond City, Virginia.					
BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS FOR SAID					
Date of Registration.	Number.	NAME.	Date of Birth.	Age. Years.	Occupation.
Sept. 8 th 1920	1	Wines, Blanche H.	1890	30	Domestic
" 10 "	2	Westray, Hazel D.	1888	31	None
" 11 "	3	DeWitt, Rosa G.	1896	43	Teacher
" 14 "	8	Walker, Maggie L.	1890	50	Pres. St. Lukes Hosp.
" 15 "	4	Williams, Mary E.	1902	28	Health Supervisor
" 15 "	5	Wynn, Selia A.	1880	40	Ward
" " "	6	Walker, Mattie N. J.	1890	30	Stenographer
" 18 "	7	Williams, Selia L.	1885	35	"
" " "	8	Winston, Susie C.	1868	52	None
" 28 "	9	Whiting, Anselia G.	1894	26	"
" 30 "	10	White, Sarah C.	1896	44	Book-keeper
" " "	11	White, Rosa J.	1885	35	None
" " "	12	Whitley, Lena J.	1892	27	"
" " "	13	Williams, Hester D.	1898	42	Nurse
" " "	14	West, Cyntia	1889	33	None
" 22 "	15	Wright, Susie L.	1895	45	"
" " "	16	White, Aelia V.	1888	32	Clerk
" " "	17	Widom, Mary E.	1882	38	None
" " "	18	Woodson, Harriett	1883	37	Seamstress
" " "	19	White, Annie C.	1899	41	Prisoner
" 23 "	20	Williams, Sarah	1896	44	Nurse
" " "	21	Watson, Mattie	1882	38	None
" 24 "	22	Ward, Sarah	1896	44	"
" 25 "	23	Whitehead, Gertrude	1892	28	Waitress
" " "	24	Woodson, Suey J.	1893	43	Teacher
" " "	25	Ward, Cornele	1891	29	Teacher
" " "	26	Ward, Cornelia	1898	22	"
" " "	27	Walbarron, Gertrude	1892	27	"
" 29 "	28	Williams, Mary J.	1894	45	Seamstress
" " "	29	Whittle, Bessie L.	1897	43	Teacher
" 30 "	30	Williams, Jessie	1882	38	"
" Oct. 1 st "	31	Williams, Lottie	1885	35	Seamstress
" " "	32	Walker, Estelle	1886	34	"

Citation: Richmond City Election Records, 1920, "Colored Female Voters," Madison Ward, First Precinct, Library of Virginia.