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have a legal right to a share of the family income. Women will not always be content to be junior partners in the home."

In her talk from the platform she went a little further. "If we are fighting for democracy," she said, "let us see that it is true democracy and not democracy in the state and autocracy within the home." Married women, she insisted, should have the greatest possible opportunity of expressing themselves, and they cannot do that without full freedom.

Domestic Help and Sex Education

"And what about the domestic help problem?" I asked.

"There is still a certain stigma attached to domestic work," she replied. "But actually domestic work is often much more pleasant and less demanding than office or factory work. There should, of course, be training-schools so that domestic workers can be sure that their status is recognised and that they are guaranteed reasonable conditions of work. And of course help in the home should be subsidised by the State. If there were any other commodity that the State wanted—potatoes, say, or sugar—there would be little difficulty in subsidising it. Babies are a commodity that the world wants at present, so we should subsidise those things that will make for more babies—and certainly domestic help is one."

Though I didn't much like having babies lumped in the same sack as potatoes, I had suffered enough from time to time from an absence of domestic help to appreciate her point.

"Do you believe in sex education in schools?" I asked, remembering a recent discussion on this somewhat controversial topic.

"Certainly," came the reply. "Every child should be taught elementary hygiene and anatomy and physiology, and there is no reason why references to sex in these subjects should be cut out."

Birth Control Was Taboo

But I came up against a stone wall with one question. Believing that Dr. Summerskill had been closely associated with Birth Control Clinics in Britain, I asked her whether she could tell me something about them, whether she was satisfied with them, and whether there was public opposition to them.

"I am a guest in this country," she answered, "and I might offend a section of the community with my answer. That would not be polite."

That, I thought, was carrying politeness too far, but then I have never been in Parliament. I came away feeling that Dr. Summerskill is a very able woman and in some respects a very remarkable one. I felt that she might also become a very notable woman if she does not slip into the way of play-acting and if she does not continue too easily to be popular and successful. She is buoyant and energetic. Life for her is fun. It is a challenge that she accepts gladly. And she is still young enough to add a cubit or so to her already considerable mental stature. —S.S.

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