Do you know where you are sending the boys? Do you know what they are going to fight for? You do not know. You will never know from your own experience. You must rely on what you are told by the men who have been there, by the newspapers that tell the truth, or the lie. These men say—a thousand of them are saying—it was on the basis of opinion that the men who have been in the war came. The only men they were sending the men—what they were doing was to vote and never vote for the men to go.

But do you think where you are sending them? Do you think you are sending them to face the same things that you are going through? Do you think you are sending them to face much suffering and endure much pain? You are all the boys. Is your will as wise as soldiers should be? Can they stand those years of suffering and exposure from the women they love? You are voting to send many boys away from the men, boys who are not cowards, boys who are not heroes, boys who will never come back.

Some of the boys you send will never come back. Some you send them home to be maimed, some who are young, and weak, and unwilling, you send to be disfranchised.

Some of the boys you send will never come back. It is a hard thing for a woman to send a man to his death. The only man she can possibly have a right to to send is the man who loves her and whom she loves. There is not one of you, there is not a woman in the world, who would send a man she loved, whether husband or son, to a battle, to war as a conscript. Then do not vote to send that unknown man, whom you do not love, but whom someone else loves and cares for.

You think that by conscription you are going to win the war. Can you win the war by sending those boys who do not want to go? Only the unwilling are conscripts, the willing are volunteers. Many boys are unwilling boys. They are afraid of the homework. Will the girls who voted to send them away be willing and able to look after them when they come back? Some will be willing; some will be able; but how can a girl, whose home is dependent on the parents, or a girl who has no house, and earns only a few shillings a week, look after a man who is blind, a man who is a cripple, a man who is not half fit? A thrifty girl could not do it.

Your women who preach thrift should be thrifty with the bodies of men.

Vote NO on December 20