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WCTU was associated with the women's suffrage movements throughout the world.

In **New Zealand** WCTU alone achieved the **woman's vote** in 1893, the first country in the world.

In 1894, South Australian members obtained 8268 (3/4) of the 11600 signatures on a petition regarding the enfranchisement of women which was presented to parliament. This ultimately gave all women in that state the right to vote, being the second place in the world to do so.

South Australia was the first state to allow women a seat in Parliament. Two of the first four women justices appointed were members of the WCTU and one of these was the first woman to appear on the bench of a Law Court in the British Empire.

Women's suffrage was successful in Western Australia (1899), NSW (1902), Tasmania (1903), Queensland (1905) with Victoria last in 1908.

U.S.A. (1920) and England (1928) were amongst the last. WCTU was at the forefront of this action in world history.