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Dear Sir

In most of the Australian colonies ^{all} adult men & women are enfranchised & consequently they have ceased to keep any separate registers of ~~the~~ the men & the women - We cannot therefore get any reliable figures as to the proportion of each who go to the poll. I have heard Mr. Pember Reeves (wife of the Agent General for New Zealand) state that in the first election after their enfranchisement ~~was~~ a higher percentage of women voted than men & that the effect of this was that the men voted more ~~than~~ the next following election than they had done before. As she was in the Colony at the time she probably had access to more figures than are now obtainable. I have heard that women ^{have} voted well in Australia (both for the Federal Parlt. & for the State elections) but as you see precise figures are not obtainable. I enclose a pamphlet containing further particulars.

Yr. faithfully

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(Print Hon. Secretary)

Miss Palliser is
away with influenza so
I reply to your letter.