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3. Claremont-Rd,

Windsor -

Sept. 4th 1910.

Dear Miss Cameron,

I enclose the two
short reports of the
at Homes here - from
the Windsor and Etou
Express - the local "rag" -

May I have the
remainder of the
1000 Conciliation Bill

leaflets soon please -
You sent me an
instalment of about
90 last Monday.

Sincerely yours

Frederic R. Gibb.

VII. and Queen Victoria.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.—The third monthly "At Home" of the Windsor and Eton Branch of the London Society for Women's Suffrage took place on Monday, July 25th, in the Grove-road School-room at 8 o'clock. The room was well filled with interested listeners. Miss Harriet Cockle, of the London Society, gave an account of the Conciliation Suffrage Bill, which has passed its second reading in the House of Commons by a majority of 109. She said that it might be called the "Bread-winners' Bill," as it was those women it would enfranchise, that is to say, those who already have the municipal and county franchise. It was not exactly what the Suffrage Societies had been asking for, but they all agreed to accept it as a good beginning. In accepting it they knew what they were doing, as by simply looking at the register they could tell what sort of women would be enfranchised. She then spoke of the reasons why women desired the franchise so strongly—namely, that it would give them a status which they lacked at present, and which each class of men had lacked until they had gained the vote. In speaking of the Anti-Suffrage alarmists, she reminded her hearers that when the Reform Bill of 1832 passed, Lord Eldon, then Lord Chancellor, wept upon the shoulder of King William IV.; in fact, they mingled their tears, so sure were they that this extension of the franchise had destroyed England's glory for ever.—An informal talk and discussion followed. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Miss Hodgskin, and seconded by Mrs. R. Wood. The Hon. Secretary (Mrs. W. Gibb), who was in the chair, announced that the next meeting would be on the last Monday in August, at the same time and in the same place.

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on behalf of the Waifs' and Strays' Society.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.—The fourth monthly "At Home" of the Windsor and Eton branch was held on Monday evening last, at the Grove-road Schoolroom. Miss Margaret Hodge, an Australian lady, was the speaker for the evening, but, unfortunately, she was called away to the Continent; therefore the Hon. Secretary filled up the gap by a reading and discussion on Lady Maclaren's "Women's Charter." As the night was very stormy, the attendance was comparatively small, but the audience was deeply interested in the "Charter," which embraces suggestions for alterations in the laws concerning women in the matter of coverture, right of maintenance, earnings, the wife as partner, marriage contracts, assaults on wives, divorce, children, domicile, marriage service, inheritance, testamentary power, education of girls, immorality, measures for improving the condition of married women of the working classes, Factory Acts and economics, and political rights. Most of the clauses met with the enthusiastic approval of the audience; but to some of them exception was taken, and the Hon. Secretary was asked to forward several suggestions and criticisms to Lady Maclaren, who invites such comment. Tea was served by Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Clements, and a quantity of flowers in the Society's colours—scarlet, white and green—were supplied by Miss Wright to decorate the tables.

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