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# REPORT

OF THE

Bristol and West of England Society

FOR

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE,

1878.

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*OBJECT.—To obtain for Women Householders  
and Ratepayers the right of Voting for  
Members of Parliament.*

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## REPORT, 1878.

It is under a deep and sorrowful sense of their own as well as of a great public loss that the Committee this year present their report to the members of this Society. The Lady Anna Gore Langton, the President of this Society, died on the 3rd of February, and in her death the Committee have to deplore the loss of a true and earnest counsellor, a courageous advocate as well as friend. To use the words spoken in her own parish church of Newton, "Her indefatigable energy in doing what she believed to be her duty, her kindness of word and manner to the humblest of her sisters, her love of truth and straightforward dealing, her warmth of affection as wife and mother, her constancy of friendship, were matters which were well known to everyone." A meeting held at Clifton a little more than a year ago was the last one over which her health permitted her to preside. Whenever she was asked why she supported the enfranchisement of women her invariable answer was, "I feel the demand is *just*, and that is why I am its advocate." Her name and generous help is associated with almost every work of the time having for its object the improvement of the faculties and position of women, and it is in common with the workers engaged in these kindred aims that this Society has suffered the irreparable loss which it is the painful duty of your Committee to record. Your Committee have already passed a resolution, and have forwarded it to her ladyship's bereaved family.

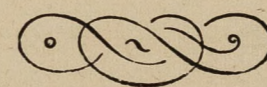
Since the last report was issued a large and influential

public meeting has been held by the friends of this Society at Hereford, and another public meeting has been held at Marlborough. At Sidcot, Westbury and Weston-super-Mare, ladies have kindly given their drawing-rooms for the discussion of the question, and very interesting meetings have taken place. A large public meeting was held at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, on the 23rd January, under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Caldicott. This meeting was addressed by Mr. Courtney, M.P., in a speech of great power and ability, also by Mrs. Bright Clark and other ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Lewis Fry, the newly elected member for Bristol, was unable to be present, but sent a letter announcing his intention to support the question in Parliament. On the following day a conference was held under the presidency of Mr. W. Killigrew Wait, M.P., and was attended by delegates from Scotland, Ireland, and from various branches of the Suffrage Society in England. Valuable papers were contributed by Professor Masson, the Rev. J. B. Spring, Miss Le Geyt, Miss Becker, Mrs. Sheldon Amos, Mr. A. W. Bennett and Mrs. Hallett, after the reading of which discussions followed on the various points raised. The Committee desire to cordially acknowledge the services rendered to the Society by the writers of these papers, and at the same time to express their sense of the great importance of such conferences, affording as they do the means of an interchange of thought and idea, as well as an opportunity for social intercourse between distant workers engaged in the same cause.

During the past session 84 petitions, signed by 15,781 persons, were forwarded by the friends of this Branch of the Society to members for presentation to Parliament. Besides these 20 petitions were sent from Bath and its neighbourhood, making a total of 104 petitions, signed by 18,288 persons, from the West of England.

The Bill was introduced last year into the House of

Commons by Mr. Courtney, M.P. The discussion took place upon the motion for second reading on the 19th June, and the speeches in its support were among the finest which have been delivered. The speakers and speeches upon the opposition side were almost the same as we have been accustomed to hear in past sessions. On a division there were—For the Bill, 140 votes; against it, 219; majority against the Bill, 79. In the previous session of 1876 the majority against the Bill was 87. Mr. Courtney has announced this session that instead of bringing forward the Bill again in this Parliament he will proceed by resolution, the discussion of which will take place on the 7th March. Your Committee trust that efforts will be used by their friends in each constituency in the district to secure the attendance and support of members in the House of Commons on that date.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN THE

OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY, 16 PARK STREET,

FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 1879.

Mrs. COLMAN in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Report of the Executive Committee, and ALAN GREENWELL, Esq., M.A. (Treasurer), the Statement of Accounts.

RESOLUTION I.—*Moved by Mrs. COLMAN, seconded by Mr. COX,*

“That the Report and Statement of Accounts just read be adopted and printed for circulation, under the direction of the Executive Committee.”

RESOLUTION II.—*Moved by Mrs. BEDDOE, seconded by Mrs. HALLETT,*

“That the following persons be the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number:—Mrs. M. Baker, Mr. J. Bartlett, Mrs. Beddoe, Mrs. Colman, Mr. E. W. Cox, Eliza W. Dunbar, M.D., W. Davis, B.A., LL.D., Mrs. Grenfell, J. G. Grenfell, B.A., T. G. P. Hallett, M.A., Mrs. H. F. Lawes, Mrs. Linton, Dr. Kennedy, Rev. A. C. Macpherson, M.A., Miss M. Price, Miss Priestman, Rev. J. B. Spring, Miss M. Priestman, Miss Pass, Mr. J. G. Thornton, Miss

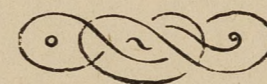
Tribe, Mr. F. N. Tribe, Mrs. Walter Sturge, Mrs. C. Thomas, Miss Lillie Thomas, Mr. P. Watson; *Chairman of Committee*, Rev. U. R. Thomas; *Hon. Secretaries*, Mrs. L. Ashworth Hallett, Miss Sturge; *Treasurer*, Alan Greenwell, Esq., M.A.

RESOLUTION III.—*Moved by Miss PRICE, seconded by Mr. F. N. TRIBE,*

“That Petitions to both Houses of Parliament, based on the foregoing Resolution, be adopted and signed by the Chairman on behalf of this Meeting.

RESOLUTION IV.—*Moved by Rev. U. R. THOMAS, seconded by Mr. J. G. THORNTON,*

“That the best thanks of the Meeting be given to Mrs. COLMAN for presiding on the present occasion.”



## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

FOR THE YEAR 1878.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Mr. and Mrs. Andrews...	0 2 0	Mrs. Carslake...	1 0 0
Mr. Andrews ...	0 2 6	Mrs. J. H. B. Carslake...	1 0 0
Miss Anthony...	0 5 0	Mrs. Helen Bright Clark	1 1 0
Anonymous ...	0 5 0	Do. (don.)	5 0 0
Mrs. Atkinson ...	0 5 0	Mrs. J. H. Clark ...	0 10 0
Mrs. Austin ...	0 5 0	Mrs. Coates ...	1 1 0
		Mrs. W. Colfox ...	0 10 0
Mr. W. M. Baker (don.)	10 0 0	Mrs. Colman ...	0 5 0
Mrs. W. M. Baker...	2 2 0	Mr. J. Cory ...	1 0 0
Mr. Henry Baker ...	0 5 0	Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Collier	1 0 0
Mrs. Baker, Cueltenham	0 5 0	Mr. W. Cottrell ...	0 2 6
Miss Baker ...	0 10 0	Miss Courtauld ...	1 1 0
Mr. J. Bartlett ...	0 10 6	Mrs. Crawshay ...	1 0 0
Rev. E. S. & Mrs. Bayliffe	0 2 6	Mrs. Cross (don.) ...	20 0 0
Mrs. Beddoe ...	0 10 0	Rev. J. Crole ...	0 1 0
Miss Beddoe ...	0 3 0		
Mrs. Belben ...	0 5 0	Mr. J. L. Daniell ...	0 10 0
Mr. George Bessell...	0 5 0	Mrs. Davies ...	0 2 6
Mr. J. Bill ...	0 10 0	Mr. Howel Davis ...	0 5 0
Mrs. Binns ...	1 0 0	Mr. Daykins ...	0 5 0
Mrs. Bishop ...	0 2 0	Eliza W. Dunbar, M.D.	1 0 0
Mrs. Bond ...	0 2 6	Mr. T. W. Dunn, M.A.	1 1 0
Mrs. Boucher ...	0 2 6	Mrs. Dymond... ..	0 5 0
Lady Bowring... ..	1 0 0		
Mr. Thomas Brewin ...	0 5 0	Mrs. Elliott (Joseph) ...	0 5 0
Mr. W. Brewin ...	0 5 0	Miss Estlin ...	5 0 0
Mrs. J. W. Browne ...	1 0 0	Mrs. P. C. Evans ...	0 10 0
Rev. T. E. Browne ...	1 0 0	Mrs. Sparke Evans ...	1 1 0
Miss Bryant ..	0 2 6	Do. (don.)	1 1 0
Miss R. Bubb ...	0 5 0		
Mrs. Budgett ...	0 5 0	A Friend ...	0 5 0
		Mrs. H. Fardon ...	0 2 6
Rev. Dr. Caldicott...	0 5 0	Mrs. Field ...	0 2 6
Miss Calmady... ..	0 5 0	Miss Fitzherbert ...	0 5 0
Mrs. R. L. Carpenter ...	1 0 0	Mr. W. H. Frank ...	0 5 0
Mrs. W. L. Carpenter ...	0 5 0		

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Miss Gibson ...	0 10 0	Miss Malin ...	0 10 0
Miss M. Gibson ...	0 5 0	Mrs. May ...	0 10 6
Lady Goldsmid ...	5 0 0	Rev. J. Mackie ...	0 5 0
Mr. Goulder ...	0 1 0	Rev. A. C. Macpherson...	0 10 6
Mrs. Goss ...	0 5 0	Mrs. Miller ...	0 10 0
Mr. Grace ...	0 10 0	Mr. F. Morgan ...	0 10 0
Mr. Alan Greenwell, M.A.	0 10 0		
Mr. Grenfell, B.A. ...	1 0 0	Professor F. W. Newman	5 0 0
Mrs. Grenfell ...	1 0 0	Do. (don.)	1 0 0
Do. (don.) ...	1 0 0	Miss C. E. Newman ...	0 5 0
Rev. J. T. Grey ...	0 10 0	Mrs. Norris ...	1 0 0
Miss Le Geyt ...	0 2 0		
		Miss Pass... ..	0 10 0
Miss Hall ..	0 10 0	Do. (don.) ...	0 10 0
Mr. T. G. P. Hallett ...	20 0 0	Miss Parnall ...	0 5 0
Mrs. Hallett ...	50 0 0	Mrs. Peck ...	0 5 0
Do. ...	40 0 0	Miss Pethick ...	1 1 0
Do. ...	4 10 6	Mrs. Phillips ...	0 5 0
Rev. E. Harris ...	0 10 6	Miss March Phillips ...	0 5 0
Mr. Sholto Vere Hare ...	1 1 0	Mr. Pole ...	0 5 0
Rev. B. Hartnell ...	0 5 0	Misses Priestman ...	5 5 0
Miss Hill ...	1 1 0	Miss Priestman (don.)	1 0 0
Mrs. Higginson ...	0 10 0	Mrs. Price ...	5 0 0
Miss Higginson ...	0 5 0	Miss Price (don.) ...	2 10 0
Miss Hincks ...	0 5 0	The Misses Price ...	5 0 0
Mrs. Holroyd ...	1 0 0	Mr. Alfred Price ...	0 10 0
Mrs. De l'Hoste ...	0 10 0	Mrs. Newall Price...	0 6 6
Mrs. Hunt ...	0 2 6	Miss Shaw Protheroe ...	1 0 0
Mr. W. Hunt ...	1 1 0		
		Mrs. Rendall ...	0 5 0
Mrs. Ilquham ...	0 10 0	Mrs. Reynolds ...	0 5 0
Mrs. Inglis ...	0 3 0	Mrs. Robberds ...	1 0 0
		Do. (don.) ...	5 0 0
Mrs. James (don.) ...	0 10 0	Mr. Rogers ...	0 5 0
Do. " ...	0 10 0	Mrs. Rooker ...	0 5 0
Do. " ...	0 10 0		
Mr. C. H. James ...	1 1 0	Mrs. Sibley (2 years) ...	1 0 0
Mr. Jennings ...	0 5 0	Mrs. Sibree ...	0 5 0
		Mrs. Alfred Shipley ...	0 10 6
Lady Anna Gore Langton	10 0 0	Mr. F. Baron Smith ...	0 2 0
Do. (don.)	20 0 0	Miss Solly ...	3 0 0
Mr. H. F. Lawes, Jun. ...	0 10 0	Do. (don.) ...	1 0 0
Mrs. Lawes (don.) ...	1 0 0	Mr. W. Sommerville ...	4 0 0
Mrs. Layton ...	0 15 0	Rev. J. B. Spring, B.A.	1 1 0
Miss Leonard ...	1 1 0	Mrs. J. B. Spring (don.)	1 0 0
Miss F. E. Leonard ...	0 5 0	Miss Stephens... ..	0 5 0
Mrs. Linton ...	0 10 0	Mrs. J. P. Stephens ...	0 5 0
Mr. D. Lloyd ...	0 5 0	Mrs. A. Stone... ..	0 3 0
Miss Lloyd ...	0 5 0		
Miss Lutley ...	0 2 6	Mrs. Tanner ...	1 1 0
Dr. E. Lynes ...	0 5 0	Mrs. S. Tanner ...	0 5 0



