

Men's League for Women's Suffrage.

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THE SITUATION.

MR. ASQUITH'S statement is entirely unsatisfactory. He undertakes to give full facilities for a Suffrage Bill, provided it is open to free amendment, *in the next parliament*. So far as it goes, it is, of course, a confession of defeat: he knows that he must ultimately be beaten, but instead of climbing down gracefully and at once he insults the movement by putting off the hour of his final overthrow to some time not next session, but next Parliament.

This is far too "dim and speculative" for us. As we pointed out last month, an immense body of opinion, not only among Suffragists, but also among the leading city councils, has demanded that the Bill shall receive the earliest possible opportunity of passing into law, and shall not be postponed to suit the convenience of the Government. We may trust the members of the Conciliation Committee to emphasize this in the House.

Meanwhile as a League our business is with the electors. We have to obtain the defeat of all Mr. Asquith's nominees save those who gave efficient help to Lord Lytton's Committee. We publish below a classified list of satisfactory Liberals, and invite members of the League to do their utmost against all the other retiring members or new candidates. There is great difficulty in getting halls, but the best work is done in the streets, and volunteers are urgently asked to put their services at the disposal of the League during these last few days.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Brailsford on the immediate success of his adoption as a candidate in South Salford. Our enemy Mr. Hilaire Belloc has withdrawn, and as his successor gave satisfactory pledges Mr. Brailsford and his supporters, the North of England Society, decided that their object was thus attained without striking a blow. This is an object lesson for Mr. Asquith, and the party caucus.

Meanwhile our Chairman, Mr. Herbert Jacobs, has accepted the invitation of the National Union to oppose Mr. Joseph Martin in East St. Pancras, who held the seat in January by a majority of 600 odd. The address of Mr. Jacobs' committee room is given on p. 58. Though his candidature is not under the auspices of the League, no doubt individual members will desire to give their help, especially in the closing days of the fight. The local Liberals are desperately perturbed by the prospect of losing the seat by a split vote, and their perturbation expresses itself in the form of determined interruptions, which the advocates of our cause are fully prepared to face.

HOXTON CAMPAIGN.

THE League is working against Dr. Addison, a Liberal anti-Suffragist, in Hoxton. Workers are urgently required on Thursday and Friday. Call at 9, Hoxton Street, and inquire for Mr. John Simpson. Travel to Shoreditch Station on the North London Railway.

THE HOME OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

APART from individual cases of brutality on the part of the police, it was clear that the responsibility for the behaviour of the force on the occasion of the W.S.P.U. deputations lay with the Home Office. Large numbers of Men's Leaguers' men were present to take careful note and to make inquiries, with the result that a complete case was made out: it was obvious that the police had been instructed to avoid making arrests, to refuse to clear the Square, and with the aid of the numerous roughs of all classes who were sure to assemble, to harass women singly or in couples till they gave way in sheer exhaustion.

The evidence was duly laid before Mr. H. G. Chancellor, who put down on the paper for Thursday, November 24th, a strongly worded question to Mr. Churchill. His answer, which was naturally evasive, completely established the main point, namely the responsibility of the Home Office.

As to his own action in declining to proffer evidence except in those cases where actual violence was used, we may well leave the issue to the magistrate, *The Times*, and Mr. Muskett, who are clearly more angry with the Home Office than with the W.S.P.U. Though it is no part of our own policy to take part in the deputations, no one can fail to sympathize with the indignation of those men who, like Capt. Gonne, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Franklin became the immediate objects of police attention.

THE WAR CHEST.

LAST month the appeal for funds made to our members at two meetings held at Eustace Miles's met with generous response. More than £50 was subscribed, and this enabled us to carry on effective campaign in Walthamstow at the bye-election, and later to send Mr. John Simpson down to Bangor for a fortnight's organizing. Now with a General Election upon us more money is wanted, if the Men's League is to do its work in the fight.

In London we shall do our best to carry out the Anti-Government policy of the League, by attacking seats held by Liberals who gave no support to the Conciliation Bill, and in particular Hoxton. In this constituency the Liberal candidate is Dr. Addison, an anti-suffragist who won the seat last time by a small majority. Our Chairman, Mr. Herbert Jacobs, is opposing Mr. Martin, another Anti-Suffrage Liberal, in East St. Pancras, and is standing under the auspices of the National Union of Suffrage Societies.

Money is wanted for the hire of halls, the printing of bills, the engaging of committee rooms, &c., in Hoxton and N. Islington, and the more money we get the more seats held by the Government can be attacked.

At a members' meeting held at Eustace Miles's on Monday, November 21st, over £45 was raised on the spot—see list of donations below—but many of our members were unable to be present, and it is those absentees whom we now call upon for help. Now is the time beyond all others when every man who believes in Women's Suffrage must come out strong. It is not

enough to send an annual subscription. In the face of the wonderful courage and self-sacrifice the women have displayed, the questions for every man are:—

What are you doing?
How much have you given?
And we want money *at once*.

On behalf of the Committee

J. M. MITCHELL.
JOHN MANSON.
JOSEPH CLAYTON.
GOLDFINCH BATE.

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN NOVEMBER.

ELECTION FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
H. R. Levinsohn...	0	10	6	A. J. Webbe ...	5	0	0
Dr. F. A. Bather...	1	0	0	Wm. A. Jewson ...	0	10	0
Herbert Jacobs ...	1	10	0	Anonymous ...	5	0	0
S. Lorisgnol ...	1	0	0	Rev. F. M. Green ...	1	1	0
G. A. Smith ...	0	10	0	J. S. Davies ...	1	0	0
N. J. Parley ...	1	0	0	J. A. Price ...	1	1	0
Th. Gugenheim ...	1	0	0	Dr. C. V. Drysdale ...	3	13	0
Goldfinch Bate ...	1	1	0	Anonymous ...	2	0	0
Capt. C. M. Gonne ...	1	0	0	E. Duval ...	0	10	0
Wyndham E. Hart ...	5	10	0	Victor Prout ...	0	10	6
H. F. Whiteman ...	1	1	0	Joseph Clayton ...	0	10	0
R. F. Cholmeley ...	2	2	0	John Manson ...	1	10	0
T. M. Budgett ...	10	0	0	J. Malcolm Mitchell ...	6	10	0

DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND.

Alma Roper ...	0	2	6	W. E. G. Atkinson ...	3	0	0
Mrs. Beatrice B. Thomson	1	1	0				

SOUTH SALFORD.

Mr. Brailsford's proposed candidature against Mr. Hilaire Belloc, who thinks that our movement is "grossly immoral," has had a dramatic and immediate triumph. Mr. Belloc has retired in favour of another candidate, Mr. Charles Russell. The following official statement is issued:—

"On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Russell approached the South Salford Women's Suffrage Election Committee and expressed a desire to meet them and lay his views before them. After some discussion the Committee consented to consider the question of the possibility of Mr. Brailsford's withdrawal should Mr. Russell be willing to send out with his election address a letter pledging himself, should he be elected, to support the Conciliation Bill or any other bill giving votes to women on equal terms with men, and to press for facilities for it early next session. This Mr. Russell consented to do, and the following letter was drawn up by Mr. Russell and approved by the Committee:—

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH SALFORD.

GENTLEMEN.—I understand that the South Salford Women's Suffrage Association wish to hear from me my views as to the Women's Suffrage question.

1. I am in favour of Women's Suffrage.
2. I am prepared to vote for the Conciliation Bill or any other bill giving votes to women on equal terms with men.
3. I will use my best endeavour to bring about the early consideration of these questions in the first session of the new Parliament, and I should have been pleased to mention the matter in my address had I known any considerable number of residents in the constituency had the matter at heart.

I am, your obedient servant,
(Signed) CHARLES RUSSELL.

"Mr. Russell also promised to make a statement to the same effect at his first public meeting in the Central Mission Hall on Thursday night.

"The Committee communicated with Mr. Brailsford, and as he accepted the terms the candidature has been withdrawn."

MR. JACOBS AND EAST ST. PANCRAS.

Committee Rooms, 106, Camden Road
(opposite N. London Station).

THE National Union having adopted Mr. Jacobs as candidate against the Hon. Joseph Martin in E. St. Pancras, a large force of Suffragists, women and men, has been working vigorously for more than a week. Numerous open-air meetings have been held, and a systematic canvass is being conducted. Naturally it is uphill work. The Conservatives have their own work to do, and Mr. Martin's supporters are divided between indignation at the blasphemy of placing a rival candidate in the field, and an increasing certainty that their candidate will be defeated.

Mr. Martin has put votes for women on the same terms as men in his election address, but he made a special point of writing from abroad to *The Times* to protest against the Conciliation Bill.

QUESTIONING CANDIDATES.

A MOST important duty is that of putting questions to candidates at their meetings. This should be done as far as possible by local electors, who should send their cards to the chairmen, and put their questions at question time.

The following are the questions that members are asked to put:

1. Will you vote for the Conciliation Bill?
2. Will you ballot for it so as to secure for it a favourable place next session?

Members are asked specially to keep an eye on the meetings announced, and to go of their own accord, without waiting for notification from head quarters, where the work is now very heavy.

BATTERSEA.

AN open-air meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon at Prince's Road, Winders Road, Battersea (cars run from Embankment), at 3 o'clock. Our speakers will be Messrs. Manson, Simpson, and Mitchell. Mr. John Burns is *not* one of the outgoing ministers, who have helped the Conciliation Committee.

THE LEAGUE'S POLICY.

"THE WHITE LIST."

THE policy adopted on September 23rd is to "oppose all Government candidates, except those sitting Liberal members who rendered effective service to the Conciliation Committee." We therefore subjoin a classified list of such members which has been communicated to us. Of Liberal Cabinet Ministers, the only real helpers were Mr. Birrell, Sir Edward Grey, and Mr. Runciman.

I.—THE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE.

Chairman: The Earl of Lytton.

Liberal Members of Parliament: Percy Alden, Sir T. Barclay, A. W. Barton, G. T. Bentham, Thomas Burt, Noel Buxton, H. G. Chancellor, Sir F. Channing, A. Cameron Corbett, Sir Wm. Crossley, Sir W. Howell Davies, J. A. Dawes, Ellis J. Griffith, J. D. Hope, Sir D. Brynmor Jones, Sir G. Kemp, J. McCallum, C. A. McCurdy, Sir Chas. McLaren, Walter S. McLaren, Sir A. Mond, M. Muspratt, C. E. Price, Walter F. Roch, A. H. Scott, Sir A. Spicer, G. Toulmin, Sir George White, J. H. Whitehouse, Aneurin Williams.

Unionist Members of Parliament: G. A. Arbuthnot, H. T. Barrie, Sir Wm. Bull, Captain Craig, H. S. Foster, C. S. Goldman, E. A. Goulding, J. S. Harwood-Banner, F. Leverton Harris, J. Henniker-Heaton, Lord Lewisham, H. Mallaby Deeley, W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, Basil Peto, Sir J. S. Randles, J. F. Remnant, Sir John Rolleston.

Nationalist Members of Parliament: Sir T. G. Esmonde, T. M. Kettle, J. C. Lardner, Dr. Lynch, Hugh A. Law, J. P. Nannetti.

Labour Members of Parliament: J. Keir Hardie, John Hodge, J. O'Grady, F. W. Jowett, D. J. Shackleton, Philip Snowden.

Hon. Sec.: H. N. Brailsford, 32, Well Walk, N.W.

II.—VOTED RIGHT IN BOTH DIVISIONS.

The names in italics are Liberals.

Abraham, William (Dublin Harbour).
Abraham, William (Rhondda).
Attenborough, W. A.
Baker, Joseph A.
Barlow, Sir John E.
Barnes, G. N.
Bentinck, Lord H. Cavendish.
Bethell, Sir J. H.
Boland, John Pius.
Bottomley, Horatio.
Bowerman, C. W.
Boynton, James.
Brotherton, E. A.
Buxton, C. R.
Carr-Gomm, H. W.
Cawley, Sir Frederick.
Cecil, Lord Hugh.
Chapple, Dr. William Allen.
Clough, William.
Clynes, J. R.
Collins, Sir Wm. J.
Crawshaw-Williams, Eliot.
Davies, E. William.
Davies, M. Vaughan.
Denman, Hon. R. D.
Devlin, Joseph.
Dickinson, W. H.
Duncan, C.
Dunn, A. Edward.
Edwards, Enoch.
Ellis, Rt. Hon. John Edward.
Elverston, H.
Falconer, J.
Fenwick, Charles.
Ferens, T. R.
Gill, A. H.
Glanville, H. J.
Glover, Thomas.
Greene, W. R.
Gulland, J. W.
Gwynn, Stephen Lucius.
Hancock, J. G.
Harcourt, Robert V.
Harvey, A. G. C.
Harvey, T. E.
Harwood, George.
Hazleton, Richard.
Healy, Timothy.
Helme, Norval Watson.
Henderson, Arthur.
Higham, John Sharp.
Hindle, F. G.
Hope, Harry.
Howard, Hon. Geoffrey.
Hudson, Walter.
Hughes, S. L.
Jackson, Sir John A.
Johnson, W.
Jones, Edgar.
Joyce, Michael.
Keating, M.
King, J.
Knight, Capt. E. A.
Lawson, Hon. Harry W. L.
Leach, Charles.
Lough, Rt. Hon. Thomas.
Luttrell, Hugh Fownes.
Macneill, John Gordon Swift.
Markham, Arthur B.
McLaren, F. W. S.
Meagher, Michael.
Meehan, Francis E.
Millar, J. D.
Montagu, Hon. E. S.
Morrison, Capt. J. A.
Newton, Harry Kotttingham.
Nuttall, Harry.
Ogden, Fred.
O'Malley, William.
Palmer, Godfrey Mark.
Parker, James.
Pearson, Weetman H.
Pickersgill, Edward Hare.
Pointer, Joseph.
Ponsonby, Arthur A.
Radford, G. H.
Raffan, Peter Wilson.
Rawson, Col. R. H.
Redmond, William.
Rendall, Athelstan.
Roberts, Charles H.
Roberts, S.
Robertson, Sir G. S.
Robertson, J. M.
Roe, Sir Thomas.
Rowntree, Arnold.
Rutherford, Watson.
Sanders, Robert A.
Scanlan, Thomas.
Schwann, Sir C. E.
Sherwell, Arthur J.
Short, Edward.
Strauss, A.
Sutherland, J. E.
Sutton, John E.
Taylor, John W.
Taylor, Theodore C.
Thomas, D. A.
Thomas, J. H.
Thorne, G. E.
Twist, Henry.
Vivian, Henry.
Walrond, Hon. Lionel.
Walters, John Tudor.
Walton, Sir Joseph.
Wardle, George J.
Waterlow, D. S.
White, Sir Luke.
White, Patrick.
Whittaker, Rt. Hon. Sir T. P.
Whyte, Alexander F.
Wiles, Thomas.
Williams, J.
Williams, P.
Wing, Thomas.
Wood, John.
Yoxall, Sir James.

Tellers: Mr. Shackleton and Sir J. Rolleston.

III.—VOTED AGAINST GRAND COMMITTEE.

Adam, Major W. (C.)
Anderson, A. (L.)
Armitage, R. (L.)
Ashley, W. W. (C.)
Balfour, Rt. Hon. A. J. (C.)
Balfour, Robert (L.)
Baring, Capt. Hon. G. (C.)
Benn, I. H. (C.)
Bird, A. (C.)
Birrell, Rt. Hon. A. (L.)
Black, Arthur W. (L.)
Boyle, W. L. (L.U.)
Bridgeman, W. Clive (C.)
Brigg, Sir John (L.)
Burgoyne, A. H. (C.)
Burns, Rt. Hon. J. (L.)
Buxton, Rt. Hon. S. (L.)
Byles, W. P. (L.)
Calley, Col. T. C. P. (L.U.)
Cameron, Robert (L.)
Carlile, E. Hildred (C.)
Cave, George (C.)
Channing, Sir F. A. (L.)
Clive, Percy A. (L.U.)
Collins, J. P. (L.)
Collins, Stephen (L.)
Cooper, R. A. (C.)
Craig, Norman (C.)
Duncannon, Viscount (C.)
Esslemont, G. B. (L.)
Fell, Arthur (C.)
Fitzroy, Hon. E. A. (C.)
Fletcher, J. S. (C.)
Forster, H. W. (C.)
Foster, H. S. (C.)
France, G. A. (L.)
Furness, S. (L.)
Gastrell, Major W. H. (C.)
Gelder, Sir W. (L.)
Gibbons, F. W. (L.)
Goldsmith, F. (C.)
Greig, Col. J. W. (L.)
Grey, Rt. Hon. Sir E. (L.)
Gwynn, S. L. (N.)
Haldane, Rt. Hon. (L.)
Hall, D. B. (C.)
Hall, E. Marshall (C.)
Hammersley, A. (C.)
Harvey, W. E. (Lab.)
Haslam, Lewis (L.)
Haworth, A. (L.)
Hayward, E. (L.)
Henderson, J. M. (L.)
Hillier, Dr. (C.)
Horne, Silvester (L.)
Hume-Williams, W. E. (C.)
Hunter, Sir C. (C.)
Illingworth, Percy (L.)
Isaacs, Sir R. (L.)
Jackson, Sir J. A. (C.)
Jones, Haydn (L.)
Knott, James (C.)
Law, A. B. (C.)
Lewis, J. H. (L.)
Llewelyn, Venables (C.)
Low, Sir F. (U.)
Lyttelton, Rt. Hon. A. (U.)
Macdonald, J. (L.)
Macdonald, J. R. (Lab.)
Macnamara, Dr. (Lab.)
Marks, Croydon (L.)
Menzies, Sir W. (L.)
M'Kean, J. (N.)
Monro, R. (L.)
Morgan, G. Hay (L.)
Morrison-Bell, Major (C.)
Murray, Capt. A. C. (L.)
Newdigate, F. A. (C.)
Newman, J. (C.)
Nicholson, C. (L.)
Nicholson, W. G. (C.)
Nield, Herbert (C.)
Ord-Powlett, Hon. W. G. A. (U.)
Paget, Almerie H. (C.)
Peel, Capt. (C.)
Phillips, Sir Owen (L.)
Pollard, Sir G. (L.)
Pollock, E. M. (C.)
Rainy, Roland (C.)
Randles, Sir J. (C.)
Rankin, Sir J. (C.)
Ratcliff, Major (L.U.)
Rea, Walter R. (L.)
Roberts, Sir J. H. (L.)
Robinson, S. (L.)
Runciman, Rt. Hon. W. (L.)
Salter, A. C. (C.)
Samuel J. (L.)
Sanderson, L. (C.)
Sandys, G. J. (C.)
Sassoon, Sir E. A. (C.)
Sedden, J. (Lab.)
Simon, Sir J. A. (L.)
Smith, H. B. Lees (L.)
Stanier, Beville (C.)
Stavely-Hill, H. (C.)
Summers, J. W. (L.)
Terrell, G. (C.)
Terrell, H. (C.)
Thomas, Sir A. (L.)
Thompson, Robert (C.)
Trevelyan, C. P. (L.)
Ure, Rt. Hon. A. (L.)
Verney, F. W. (L.)
Walker, H. de R. (L.)
Walsh, Stephen (Lab.)
Wason, Rt. Hon. E. (L.)
Watt, H. A. (L.)
Wedgwood, Josiah (L.)
White, Major G. D. (C.)
White, J. Dundas (L.)
Wilson, W. T. (Lab.)
Wood, T. M'Kinnon (L.)
Worthington Evans, L. W. (C.)
Wortley, Rt. Hon. C. B. Stuart (C.)
Wyndham, G. (C.)

IV.—THESE WENT WRONG ON THE GRAND COMMITTEE QUESTION, BUT AFTERWARDS SIGNED A MEMORIAL ASKING FOR FULL FACILITIES THIS YEAR.

Anderson, A. M.
Baring, Capt. The Hon. C. V.
Burgoyne, A. H.
Calley, Col. T. C. P.
Carlile, E. H.
Cooper, R. A.
Craig, Norman, K.C.
Fell, A.
Forster, H. W.
Greig, Col. W.
Hall, A. Marshall.
Hammersley, A. St. G.
Middlebrook, Wm.
Horne, C. Silvester.
Hunter, Sir Charles.
McKean, John.
Morrison-Bell, Major C.
Newman, J. R.
Pollard, Sir G. H.
Pollock, Ernest.
Rankin, Sir James.
Thompson, R.
Verney, F. W.
Walsh, Stephen.
Wason, Rt. Hon. Eugene.
Watt, Henry P.
White, Major G. D.
Wortley, Rt. Hon. C. B. S.
Yerburgh, R.

V.—THESE PAIRED FOR THE BILL AND SIGNED A MEMORIAL ASKING FOR FULL FACILITIES THIS YEAR.

<i>Ainsworth, J. S.</i>	Kennedy, Vincent.
<i>Atherley-Jones, L.</i>	Kerr-Smiley, P.
Beale, W., K.C.	<i>Lincoln, J. T.</i>
Brace, W.	Roche, A.
Castlereagh, Lord.	Scott-Dickson, C.
Cawley, H. T.	Sheehan, D. D.
Chambers, James, K.C.	Stanley, A.
Clancy, John.	Wadsworth, John.
Delaney, W.	<i>Weir, James G.</i>
Ffrench, Peter.	Wilkie, A.
Field, William.	<i>Williams, Llewellyn.</i>
Foster, William.	<i>Wilson, Hon. Guy</i>
Haddock, G.	Wilson, Thomas F.
Hall, F.	

CARNARVON BOROUGHES CAMPAIGN.

Upon the conclusion of the Walthamstow fight, the Committee dispatched the Parliamentary organizer, Mr. John Simpson, to stir up matters in Mr. Lloyd George's constituency, where Mr. Brailsford had already made a preliminary attack. Within a few days, a League, some thirty strong, was in existence, including prominent men like Principal Harris of the Normal College, and Prof. T. Hudson-Williams of the University of North Wales. Unfortunately the breakdown of the Veto Conference diverted attention, and the remarkable loyalty which Mr. George enjoys rendered the work difficult. Still a good beginning has been made even in that Liberal stronghold, and even Mr. George will find, as Mr. Birrell says, that the time is past for "shuffling and delay."

TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEMONSTRATION

This demonstration by the League on the eve of the re-assembling of Parliament was considering the time of year a pronounced success. We had four platforms, at which the following spoke:—

I. Herbert Jacobs (chair), Mrs. Despard, Sir William Chance, Bart., J. M. Mitchell; II. Joseph Clayton (chair), Reginald H. Pott, Miss Marjorie Corbett, Th. Gugenheim; III. John Manson (chair), Miss Abadam, R. F. Cholmeley, Dr. F. A. Bather; IV. E. Duval (chair), Dr. C. V. Drysdale, Miss Kathleen Jarvis Cyril Yaldwyn.

The resolution, calling on the Government for immediate facilities for the Bill, was passed almost unanimously by a crowd numbering some 3,000 people.

RED HILL MARKET HALL.

A good attendance was secured at the joint demonstration in support of the Conciliation Bill which was held at the above hall on Nov. 11th under the united auspices of the Men's League, the Reigate and Redhill N.U.W.S.S., and the Redhill W.S.P.U. The chair was taken by Mr. H. Jacobs, who with Mr. Malcolm Mitchell represented the Men's League, while the National Union was represented by Miss E. Ford and Sir Wm. Chance (a new member of our Executive Committee), and the W.S.P.U. by Miss Margesson.

Dr. Drysdale made an appeal for the formation of a Surrey Men's League for Women's Suffrage, and invited sympathizers to communicate with him at Whitesands, Reigate.

COMMITTEE.

MR. REGINALD H. POTT has been unanimously co-opted a member of the Executive Committee. Owing to an oversight, for which we beg to apologize, we omitted to state in last month's issue that our friend Mr. H. G. Chancellor, M.P., has found it

impossible under our new policy to remain a member of the Committee, though he has no desire to withdraw from the League, which, of course, does not compel a pledge from members individually. He is, however, ready at all times to give us the fullest help in the House: he voted against the Government on the adjournment motion on the 18th, and asked the important question detailed elsewhere in this number.

BRANCH NEWS.

BIRMINGHAM.

We regret to announce that our President, Dr. Langley Browne, has resigned as he is going to take an active part in the West Bromwich Branch of the Men's League, which he is forming and the policies of the two Leagues do not entirely concur.

Dr. Kirby, our Chairman of Committee, is also resigning, his place being taken by Dr. H. McCombie. At our recent annual meeting it was decided that a donation of not less than one shilling should replace the annual subscription of the same sum. After much discussion it was resolved that the policy of the League in future should be to oppose any Government that would not offer facilities for passing a Bill for Women's Enfranchisement.

Dr. Kirby has headed a deputation to Sir Francis Lowe, member for Edgbaston, and further deputations are to be arranged shortly anent the Conciliation Bill. Several of our members have recently spoken for the W.S.P.U. weekly meetings, and Dr. Kirby has been honoured by an invitation from Miss Christabel Pankhurst to speak at the Queen's Hall.

H. RYLAND.

SUSSEX MEN'S LEAGUE.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the Trafalgar Square demonstration a mass meeting of all the societies was held on the Brighton Level. There were four platforms of which one was occupied exclusively by the Men's League, represented by Messrs. Anthony de Fontblanque, Adrien Brunel, H. Milner Black, and the Rev. E. J. B. Kirtlan. Other League speakers were Messrs. J. E. Francis, Frank Rutter, and V. Duval (also of the M.P.U.), Sir Eustace Piers, Bart., and the Rev. Congreve Pridgeon. The resolution was carried at all the platforms.

MANCHESTER.

LORD CROMER'S much-vaunted Anti-Suffrage meeting held at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, at the end of last month (October) was a splendid success—for the cause of "Votes for Women." Never in recent years has a political meeting in the city been so widely "boomed." All the devices of advertising; all the stratagems of press "puffs"; and the expenditure of a vast amount of money were requisitioned in order to fill the meeting and to show Manchester's disapproval of women's enfranchisement. But all in vain. Women were excluded by order; men excluded themselves of their own free will, and the electorate of Manchester steadfastly refused to express that disapproval. The hall, according to *The Times* and to the Manchester press, was only half filled. Nor was I the only Suffragist present. For of the small number of men in the meeting a goodly proportion had the privilege, during the speeches and when the resolution was put, of showing that the principles which hold good in Moslem Egypt are not the principles that should obtain in Christian England. In a word the meeting was a farce, and a costly one at that. Manchester, despite Lord Cromer, stands where she did; and the birthplace of the Suffrage movement is still an impregnable Suffrage stronghold.

W. BENTLY CAPPER.

21, Oxford Road, Manchester.