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EDINBURGH NATIONAL SOCIETY for WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

25 Great King Street,
EDINBURGH, 23rd January, 1906.

Dear Madam,

The women graduates of each Scottish University are on the register of the General Council of that University which is the register of Parliamentary voters for the University Candidates. The voting is done by letter and voting papers should be sent to every member of the Council. These have been applied for by the women graduates and refused. A provisional committee of women graduates has taken up the matter and has resolved to challenge the election.

We, the Edinburgh National Society for Women's Suffrage, feel that this is an important work with which we ought to identify ourselves : and we are supplying funds to make possible all legal steps which must be taken immediately.

A meeting of the women graduates of the four Scottish Universities has been called for Saturday next the 27th inst, when the provisional committee will dissolve, and a more representative committee will be formed.

As further and possibly very considerable funds will be required to make this challenge effective, I am writing to the Secretaries of all the /

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the Women's Suffrage Societies within the Union, to beg for funds to further this step, and we would venture to suggest that each individual member of each Society should be asked to give a special donation towards the work.

This is the first contested Election in the Scottish Universities since women became graduates, and all the Acts which regulate the Election for a Scottish University are different from those which regulate any other Parliamentary Election, so that the case is different from any in which a woman has hitherto made claim to be a Parliamentary voter.

Therefore it would be a great pity to let slip this opportunity which has many possibilities of furthering the end we all have ultimately in view.

I should very much like to be able to express at the meeting on Saturday the sympathy which we and all other Women's Suffrage Societies feel in this action.

I shall therefore be very much obliged if you will kindly let me know by that date if we can count on your sympathy and financial support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Jessie C. Methuen

Hon: Sec: