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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

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ANNUAL REPORT.

Much in accordance with the anticipations of your Committee, no further progress was made in Parliament this Session. On the opening day of the Session, a Conference of Members of Parliament favourable to Women's Suffrage was held in Committee Room 13 of the House of Commons, to decide on the policy of the Session. Mr. George Wyndham, M.P., presided. After some discussion, in which Mr. Faithfull Begg, Mr. William Johnston and Mr. Atherley-Jones stated their views of the importance of some Parliamentary action being taken, it was decided to ballot for a day, and to proceed by Bill or Resolution according to the result.

The following ladies, representing the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, were present:—Lady Frances Balfour, Mrs. Fawcett, Miss Blackburn (Central and East of England Society for Women's Suffrage), Mrs. Russell Cooke, Mrs. Broadley-Reid (Central and Western Society), Miss Roper (North of England Society), Mrs. Arthur Francis (Bristol and West of England Society), Miss J. McLea (Cheltenham), Mrs. Enfield Dowson (Nottingham and District), Mrs. Gray Heald (Leeds), Miss Louisa Stevenson and Miss S. E. S. Mair (Edinburgh), Mrs. Charles Baxter and Miss Edith Palliser (Secretaries of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies).

Mr. Joseph T. Firbank (M.P. for Hull, East), was the most successful of those who ballotted for a Women's Suffrage

Bill; he however, only obtained twenty-sixth place, and no hope was therefore entertained of the Bill being reached this Session. Our Parliamentary leaders purposed to withdraw the Bill and substitute a Resolution, but were prevented from taking this action by the presence of two other Bills on the Order Book dealing with the same subject, set down by Mr. Ernest Spencer (M.P. for West Bromwich) and Sir Charles Dilke, Bt., (M.P. for Gloucester, Forest of Dean).

It is a matter of regret to your Committee that Mr. Ernest Spencer should not have acted in conjunction with the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, because his Bill was one to which they could have given their hearty support.

Mr. Firbank kept his Bill down for March 9th, when it stood third on the Orders of the day. The Bills which preceded it, however, occupied the whole time of the House.

The Bill was next set down for June 15th, when it had second place, but when that date was reached, nine measures, which had made progress before Whitsuntide, had precedence, and, consequently, the Bill was not reached.

The text of the Bill was the same as that introduced by Mr. Faithfull Begg last Session,* and was backed by Mr. J. T. Firbank, Mr. Faithfull Begg, Mr. George Wyndham, Sir John Maclure, Bt., Mr. Griffith Boscawen, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Jebb, Mr. Courtney, Mr. McLaren, Sir James Rankin, Bt., Mr. Atherley-Jones, Mr. Justin McCarthy, Sir William Arrol and Sir Albert Rollit.

Your Committee are now glad to be able to state that the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, of which preliminary mention was made in last year's Report, is now fully established.

The arrangement has led to changes in the names of some of the old societies, in order that the title should the better indicate the geographical area undertaken by the Societies respectively. Thus the Central Committee, at 20, Great College Street, has become the Central and Eastern Society; the Central National Society, at 39, Victoria Street, has become the Central and Western Society; and the Manchester Society has become the North of England Society.

The Executive of the Union will pursue the policy of promoting a Bill in the House of Commons, until such time as the Government of the day will make the question a part of one of their own measures, in accordance with the policy announced by the Executive of the National Union in November of last year.

Although the Women's Suffrage Bill was not debated in Parliament, your Committee have satisfaction in recording that the question has not been without public discussion. At the Meeting of the National Liberal Federation at Derby, a Resolution in favour of Women's Suffrage was carried by a majority of 58, thus re-affirming, on the part of the Liberal Party, the Resolution passed at the Parliamentary Reform Conference at Leeds in 1883.

Your Committee have also pleasure in stating that the scheme for local work which aims at more widely extending the influence of this Society and the interest in its work, to which a brief allusion was made in our last Annual Report, has now passed beyond the initial stage, and made most satisfactory progress: and they are glad to be able to announce that it has been adopted by nearly all the Societies represented on the National Union.

^{*(1)} This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Act, 1897.

⁽²⁾ On and after the passing of this Act every woman who is the inhabitant occupier, as owner or tenant, of any dwelling-house, tenement or building within the borough or county where such occupation exists, shall be entitled to be registered as a voter in the list of voters for such borough or county in which she is so qualified as aforesaid, and, when registered, to vote for a member or members to serve in Parliament.

Provided always that such woman is not subject to any legal incapacity which would disqualify a male voter.

The necessity for this work arose from the importance of gaining a foothold in every constituency within your Society's area, and from the desirability of keeping in touch with the countless friends, who, from time to time, had shown some active sympathy (such as signing petitions, distributing tickets for meetings, &c.), but who were constantly lost sight of from their not being subscribers.

Such undertakings would clearly throw a great additional burden of work on the office, which it could not effectually carry out, even were the necessary funds available. Some kind of local machinery was, therefore, required, which should be simple and easily set in motion.

The plan adopted is for your Committee to appoint a Local Hon. Secretary in each constituency, who shall work directly under the central office and be responsible for a complete record of all friends of the cause living in her constituency, and for the distribution of literature and information as to local work. To enable her to keep an exact and reliable list of supporters, all friends who are not already members (i.e., subscribers) are asked to become associates, by signing their names and addresses in a book kept specially for the purpose by the Local Hon. Secretary.

The rules for associates are extremely simple. They are as follows:—

- (1) Any person who has attained the age of 18 years, and who is in favour of any extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to women, may become an associate of the Central and East of England Society for Women's Suffrage.
- (2) No money contribution is required from any associate, but annual subscriptions or donations being necessary for the carrying on of the work, may be sent, if desired, to the Secretary of the Suffrage Society, 20, Great College Street, Westminster.
- (3) Any associates changing their address should inform

the Local Hon. Secretary of the change. If they remove into a different constituency, the Local Hon. Secretary will forward their name and address to the Local Hon. Secretary of the new constituency.

Though the main object of the local associates' scheme has been to unite all friends with your Society, whether they could give pecuniary help or not, yet, in the present low state of the exchequer, and particularly in view of the very small steady income (in the shape of annual subscriptions) on which your Committee can rely, it has been a source of great satisfaction to find that the scheme, from a financial point of view, yields satisfactory results.

In the last twelve months £45 9s. has been spent in the work of organisation, while £28 of fresh annual subscriptions have been already obtained directly through the work of the scheme. Seven hundred and sixty-seven supporters have been enrolled in the three constituencies where work has been carried on. In these constituencies we had formerly considerably less than fifty members. Drawing room meetings in furtherance of the scheme have been held by Mrs. Sterling, 18, Sheffield Terrace, Kensington, Mrs. Scott, 18, Church Row, Hampstead, Mrs. Annan Bryce, 35, Bryanston Square, Mrs. Murray Macdonald, 15, Thurlow Road, Hampstead, and by Mrs. Russell Scott, Lyndhurst Gardens, Hampstead. The speakers at these meetings have been Mr. Faithfull Begg, M.P., Mr. Brynmôr Jones, Q.C., M.P., Sir W. Wedderburn, Bt., M.P., Mr. Murray Macdonald, M.L.S.B., Miss Davenport-Hill, Miss Florence Davenport-Hill, Hon. John Wallop, Mr. Fletcher, L.C.C., Mrs. Arthur Francis, Lady Cecilia Roberts, Mr. C. E. Maurice, Mrs. Percy Boulnois and the Rev. Henry Rawlings, M.A.

Your Committee would like to call attention to the fact that they have been enabled to start this scheme solely through the kind generosity of a few members of your Society, and that the results obtained represent the work of one paid worker, supported by a voluntary organiser, with most efficient volunteer help. With more funds available the results would have been far greater, and your Committee hope, therefore, that contributions will be sent in to this fund which is carrying out work of the utmost value to your Society.

They would here like to call to your recollection that last year's balance sheet, although showing a balance in hand of £55 18s. 1d., also showed that accounts were at the time due and unpaid amounting to £95 8s. 5d. Therefore, instead of there being a balance of £55 18s., there was in reality a deficit of £39 198. 5d., with which your Committee had to begin the year's work. The Committee wish to point out with the greatest gratitude that Mrs. Fawcett came forward and lectured twice, giving the proceeds of these lectures, amounting to £48 7s. 2d., to your Society's funds. In addition, there were other donations from members and friends amounting to £60 12s. 6d. With this timely help your society has been able to free itself from debt, and to show this year a genuine balance of £38 16s. 3d. They would also like to call special attention to the fact that the recurrence of such help cannot be relied upon in the future.

Other Meetings to further the objects of your Society have been held in different parts of the country, and were addressed by Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Arthur Francis, and Miss Edith Palliser.

At the invitation of the Political Committee of the Junior Constitutional Club, Mrs. Fawcett gave an address at that Club, in November last, on Women's Suffrage.

This year your Committee have with great regret to record the loss of many old and valued supporters of the Women's Suffrage movement. By the death of the Rt. Hon. C. P. Villiers (Wolverhampton), Mr. George Dixon (Birmingham, Edgbaston), Sir Frank Lockwood (York) and Mr. Abel Smith (Herts, E.) your Committee have lost constant and steady supporters in Parliament of measures for the enfranchisement of women. The Rt. Hon. C. P. Villiers voted for the measure from

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Among their supporters outside Parliament, your Committee have further to record the loss of an old and valued friend in Sir James Stansfeld. Sir James Stansfeld voted with Mr. John Stuart Mill in 1867, and backed Bills for the enfranchisement of women through a long series of years.

The following resolution was forwarded to Lady Stansfeld by your Committee:

Resolution—

"That this Committee is very sensible of the steadfast, self-sacrificing support given throughout his life by Sir James Stansfeld to further the claim of women to political enfranchisement. They desire to express their sympathy to Lady Stansfeld in this heavy loss."

Our Society has also met with the loss of an old member and former supporter in the House of Commons in Baron Dimsdale, of Essendon, Herts.

The following Resolution was forwarded by this Committee to Baron Dimsdale's family:—

"That this Committee remember with gratitude the steady support and many services rendered to the cause of Women's Suffrage by Baron Dimsdale, both in and out of Parliament, through a long series of years. They deeply deplore the loss they have sustained by his death, and they desire to tender their sincere sympathy to the members of his family."

Your Committee have satisfaction in recording that at the bye-elections which have taken place since our last Annual Report was presented, ten of the successful candidates are known to be friends of Women's Suffrage. These are:—

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Mr. Mendl (Plymouth), Mr. Wynford Philipps (Pembroke), an old supporter, Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice (Wiltshire, Cricklade), President of the Bristol Women's Suffrage Society, Captain Oliver Young (Berkshire, Wokingham), Mr. Steadman (Stepney), Mr. A. H. Morton (Deptford), Mr. Joseph Walton (Yorkshire, Barnsley), Mr. MacArthur (Liverpool, Exchange), Mr. Moss (Denbigh, E.), and Alderman Duckworth (Lancashire, Middleton).

Your Committee look forward with every hope to the prospects of an active and vigorous campaign of work in the autumn throughout the country. No efforts will be spared to increase interest and spread the knowledge of the aims of this Society by means of the Local Scheme, and by work at election times, when the claims of duly qualified women to the Parliamentary franchise can be most effectually brought before the electorate of this country. They feel, however, that success in carrying on such work will greatly depend on the amount of the funds at the disposal of your Society. They would, therefore, earnestly beg that all who look forward to the advancement of the claims of women to political enfranchisement will contribute to the funds of your Society.

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13, Victoria Street, Westminster, London, 6th fuly, 1898.

Central and East of England Society for Women's Suffrage.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Westminster Town Hall, on July 15th.

THE LADY FRANCES BALFOUR IN THE CHAIR.

RESOLUTION I.

"That this Meeting adopts the Report and Financial Statement, and directs that they be printed and circulated."

Moved from the Chair.

Seconded by Mrs. Sterling.

RESOLUTION II.

"That the Executive Committee for the ensuing year consist of the following persons, with power to add to their number:—

"Miss Gray Allen; Sir William Arrol, M.P.; Mr. L. Atherley-Jones, M.P.; Mrs. Ashford; The Lady Frances Balfour; Miss Helen Blackburn; Mrs. Percy Boulnois; Colonel Cotton-Jodrell, M.P.; Miss Courtenay; The Right Hon. Leonard Courtney, M.P.; Miss Emily Davies; Mrs. Henry Fawcett; Mr. J. T. Firbank, M.P.; Miss I. O. Ford; Mrs. Arthur Francis; Louisa, Lady Goldsmid; Mrs. Ashworth Hallett; Mrs. Haslam; Miss

Mabel Holland; Hon. Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton; Miss Mordan; Clara, Lady Rayleigh; T. W. Russell, Esq., M.P.; Mr. Ernest Spencer, M.P.; Mrs. Stephen Spring-Rice; Mrs. Sterling; Miss Vernon; Sir William Wedderburn, Bt., M.P., and Mr. George Wyndham, M.P."

Moved by Mr. Cecil Walsh.

Seconded by Mrs. Newton Robinson.

RESOLUTION III.

"That the experience of this Session having strongly exemplified the difficulty of attaining to any legislation for the enfranchisement of women by a private member's Bill, this meeting is of opinion that, in the light of the second reading of last Session, the time has now come to urge the Government to provide for the inclusion of duly qualified women on the Parliamentary Register in the next measure they introduce dealing with electoral questions."

Moved by Mr. J. S. FLETCHER, L.C.C. Seconded by Mrs. FAWCETT.

In speaking to the Second Resolution, the Hon. J. A. Cockburn (Agent-General for South Australia), after a few preliminary remarks, said:—

All are now agreed as to the justice of Women's Suffrage. The only question is, how will it work in practice? An ounce of experience is worth a ton of theory, and, as until a few weeks ago I was a member of a Parliament elected by the votes of both men and women, I will give you my pennyweight of experience on the subject. Formerly, the women of South Australia were, in common with criminals, lunatics and minors, debarred from the exercise of the franchise. Now they are placed on an absolute equality

with their brothers, husbands and sons, and have exercised the franchise during the last four years with the approval of the entire community. They have voted at general elections for both Houses of Parliament, and have just taken an equal share in deciding one of the most important and political issues—the question of Australian Federation.

The fact that women are entitled to vote is now viewed with general satisfaction, and no one would advocate a return to the old system. The opposition—for opposition of some kind there always is to every reform—has completely disappeared. Last mail, one of our intimate friends, who was against the reform, wrote to my wife to say how much she regretted not having registered on the roll in time to record her vote in favour of the new federal constitution. Former opponents, you will often find, eventually become your warmest supporters. Once overcome the vis inertiae of existing conditions, and those who were once hostile will come forward to congratulate you, and will even, in some cases, declare that they have all along been quietly on your side.

What as to the result of the emancipation of women? The influence of women has, we have found, quietly pervaded the realm of politics. All the great forces of nature are gentle in their operation. The change that has taken place is a very great one; it is nothing less than doubling the power of the franchise; yet this peaceful revolution has been effected without the slightest disturbance. As a rule families vote together. Not that the women vote under the dictation of the men of the family. I think that the common sense and good judgment of the women have influenced the opinion of their husbands as often as the other way. But as a rule the husbands and wives vote together.

One result of the women's vote has been that greater attention has been paid to subjects of social, sanitary, domestic and industrial legislation. We have observed that the cause of temperance has received an accession of strength, for women are naturally anxious that as few snares as possible should be set for the feet of those who are near and dear to them. Anything that affects the general health of the community now receives great attention. The influence of women in politics has thus been in the direction of moral and physical soundness for the whole of the people. A greater stress has also been laid on questions of inheritance; for our laws in this respect are not yet quite fair to women. Industrial questions such as factory legislation have received increased attention. Nothing sudden has been done, but we have been able to trace the influence for good of women throughout the political atmosphere.

A few words as to the manner in which the reform was carried into effect :-- Thirteen years ago the matter was first brought forward in Parliament. A resolution in favour of the franchise was moved by Dr. Stirling, a professor in our university, and so convincing were his arguments that never since then has a single voice been raised against the absolute justice of the claim. The resolution was carried unanimously. I voted in the affirmative on that occasion, and have similarly voted in every division on the subject that has taken place since, and I am proud to say I was the minister in charge of the Bill when it became law. The next session, after the passing of the resolution, a Bill was introduced, but it did not gain the absolute majority required before an amendment of the constitution can become law. For several succeeding years Bills were brought in by private members, but it is very difficult for a private member to get a Bill of this importance through both Houses of Parliament. Somebody always wants to adjourn the debate for further information on the subject and so the session passes by.

In 1893 the Bill was brought in as a Government measure by the Kingston Government, and the following year our efforts were crowned with success, and since then Women's Suffrage has become established as the law of the land. New Zealand passed the measure some years before. The rest of Australia will not be far behind us. The women of Victoria do not like to feel that they have not got what the women of South Australia possess. Every influence is being brought to bear in that Colony, and a measure has twice been carried through the House of Assembly. New South Wales is also viewing the reform with favour, and the day is not far distant when all the Australian Colonies will have joined hands in this respect.

When first proposed in South Australia, there were certain limitations to the measure. No married woman was to have a vote. But we thought it was unfair to offer a woman any advantage by becoming a widow. A second limitation was that the voter must be over 25 years of age; but we thought it cruel to require a declaration of age, and we felt that what was needed was a wide measure of justice for the whole sex. In South Australia the Electoral Act has become blind to the question of sex, and the conditions of registration and voting are the same for all adults. The refining influence of women has made itself felt in this sphere as in every other: they have elevated the whole realm of politics without themselves losing a jot of their innate purity. "No poorer they but richer we," by their addition to the Electoral Roll.

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