

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

MANCHESTER NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, DECEMBER 3rd, 1873.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In presenting their Sixth Annual Report, your Committee are able to congratulate the Society on a distinct advance in the Parliamentary position of the question of women's suffrage, and in the strength of the movement throughout the country.

The Women's Disabilities Removal Bill, introduced by Mr. Jacob Bright, Mr. Eastwick, and Dr. Lyon Playfair, was read a first time on February 7th, and the second reading was fixed for April 30th. On that day the debate was as usual opened by Mr. Jacob Bright, who moved the second reading of the Bill in a speech of great power and persuasiveness. Mr. Eastwick seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. Serjeant Sherlock, the Right Hon. Lord John Manners, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Heron, the Right Hon. J. W. Henley, and Sir John Trelawney. The speakers in opposition were Mr. Bouverie, Mr. Scourfield, Mr. Leatham, the Right Hon. H. A. Bruce, Mr. Beresford Hope, Earl Percy, Mr. Goldney, Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen, Mr. Newdegate, and Mr. Greene. On a division the Bill was rejected by 222 votes to 155—majority 67. The vote was the largest that has yet been given on the measure, the increase in the numbers over last year being wholly in favour of the Bill. The number of opponents was exactly the same as in 1872, while the votes for the Bill were 12 more than in the previous year, and the hostile majority is consequently reduced from 79 to 67.

The full strength of the opposition appears to be measured by the remarkable persistency of the number of votes given against it at 220 or 222, which has been maintained for four successive years, while the votes in favour have increased during that period from 94 to 155. Including tellers and pairs, the total number of opponents has diminished since last year. The figures are as follows:—

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Of members connected with the Government who took part in the division, Mr. Stansfeld and Mr. Hibbert supported the Bill, and Mr. Bruce, Mr. Cardwell, Mr. Childers, Mr. Grant Duff, Mr. Glyn, Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mr. Lowe, Sir Henry Storks, and Mr. Winterbotham voted against it. Of the leaders of the Conservative party, Mr. Disraeli, Sir Chas. Adderley, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Ward Hunt, Lord John Manners,

and Sir Stafford Northcote, voted for the Bill, and Mr. Gathorne Hardy against it.

The minority of 155 in favour of the Bill contains 109 Liberals and 46 Conservatives. Last year there voted for the Bill 105 Liberals and 38 Conservatives. The Bill has therefore gained additional support on both sides of the House. The majority consisted of 116 Liberals and 106 Conservatives. The 222 last year contained 114 Liberals and 108 Conservatives. Eighteen of those who voted this year in favour of the measure were new adherents, of these 11 are Liberals and 7 Conservatives. Of these 18 four had formerly voted against the Bill, and four have been returned to Parliament since the division of last year, three to replace former supporters from Aberdeen, Cork, and Preston, and one returned in place of an opponent, for Forfarshire.

Four constituencies, Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, and Manchester, have each given their full vote of three for the Bill. Two constituencies, Buckinghamshire and Liverpool, have each given two out of their three votes for the Bill.

Twenty-four constituencies have given their full vote of two each for the Bill, namely—

Bedfordshire	Devon East	Penryn & Falmouth
Belfast	Essex East	Preston
Bolton	Edinburgh	Salford
Brighton	Finsbury	Sheffield
Carmarthen co.	South Hants	Shrewsbury
Chelsea	Kerry	Wenlock
Cornwall East	Leicester	Wexford co.
Derby	Macclesfield	Worcester
Seventy constitue	encies have given	their full vote of one
each for the measure		

Aberdeen East	Bandon	Calne
Aberdeen West	Berwickshire	Cardigan co.
Aberdeen city	Brecknockshire	Cardigan dist
Andover	Bridport	Carlow
Ashton-u-Lyne	Burnley	Cheltenham
Ayrshire, South	Caithness	Chichester

Cirencester	Glasgow and Aber-	Newport, Isle of
Clonmel	deen Universities	Wight
Cockermouth	Gravesend	Paisley
Devizes	Greenock	Perth
Dewsbury	Haddington dist.	Portarlington
Dudley	Hartlepool	Rochdale
Dumbarton	Haverfordwest	Stalybridge
Dundalk	Hawick	Stirling .
Drogheda	Helston	Stockton
Edinburghshire	Hertford	Swansea
Edinburgh and St.	Horsham	Tewkesbury
Andrew's Uni-	Invernesshire	Tynemouth
versities	Kidderminster	Wakefield
Elgin and Nairn	Kilkenny city	Wallingford
Ennis	Knaresborough	Walsall
Fife	Leith	Warrington
Forfarshire	Linlithgow	Wexford
Frome	Malmesbury	Wick
Gateshead		Wilton

Forty constituencies have each given one vote to the Bill, their other vote being neutral on the last division:—

Bradford	Lancashire N. E.	Queen's co.
Cork co.	Leicester North	Reading
Cork city	Leicester South	Rutland
Devon North	Limerick city	Scarborough
Devon South	Lincoln	Somerset Mid
Dover	Londonderry co.	Southampton
Dublin co.	Marylebone	Staffordshire North
Essex West	Mayo	Stoke-on-Trent
Hants North	Meath	Suffolk East
Hants South	Merthyr Tydvil	Tamworth
Hereford	Newark	Tipperary
Huntingdonshire	Newcastle-u-Lyme	Waterford
Kent Mid	Notts South	Wigan
King's co.		

Forty-nine constituencies have given one vote for and one against the Bill, being forty-eight votes on each side:

Bedford	Hackney	Southwark
Bristol	Ipswich	Stroud
Bury St. Ed.	Londonderry co.	Sunderland
Carlisle	Newcastle-on-Tyne	Surrey East
Chester	Northampton N.	Surrey West
Colchester	Northampton S.	Sussex
Coventry	Northampton	Tiverton
Dublin city	Northumberland S.	Tyrone
Dundee	Nottingham	Warwick city
Durham city	Oldham	Westminster
Durham North	Plymouth	Weymouth
Durham South	Queen's County	Wilts North
Exeter	Reading	Wolverhampton
Glamorgan	Roscommon	Worcester East
Gloucester East	Salisbury	Worcester West
Grantham	Somerset West	York
Halifay		

We see that 98 constituencies give full and clear votes for the Bill, and 40 give clear, though not full, votes for it, so that 138 constituencies are clearly ranged on the side of the Bill.

Counting tellers and pairs in the three divisions of 1871, 1872, and 1873, there were—

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	1871.	1872.	1873.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1871.	1872.	1873.			
English members	102	112	121	 166	191	180	 197	160	165			
Welsh	6	4	3	 7	9	11	 17	17	13			
Scotch	25	25	26	 13	14	15	 22	21	19			
Irish	18	22	22	 34	28	33	 53	55	50			

Your Committee regret to record the loss by death of two of their Parliamentary supporters, namely, Col. French, who sat for Roscommon, and Mr. Robertson for Berwickshire. Mr. Robertson was raised to the Peerage a few days before his death, and the seat thus vacated was filled by Mr. Miller, who is understood to be favourable to the claim. The views of the successor to the seat of Roscommon are not known.

Sixteen Members who voted against the Bill have been removed from the House of Commons since the division in April last, five by death, the others from various causes. Of the

seats thus vacated, seven, namely:—Greenwich, Dundee, Richmond, Gloucester, Dover, Bath, and Hull, have been filled by the following Members who have declared themselves favourable to Women's Suffrage: Mr. Yeaman, Mr. Dundas, Mr. Wait, Lord Grey de Wilton, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Boord, and Col. Pease. As these Members supply the places of others who voted against the Bill, the gain is equal to 14 votes in a division. The views of the gentlemen who have been elected for other places vacated by opponents are doubtful or unknown. No Member who voted for the Bill has been replaced by an avowed opponent. The net result of the Parliamentary changes that have taken place since the division in April last, is largely in favour of the measure.

A Bill was introduced in the House of Commons last Session by Mr. Trevelyan, member for the Border Burghs, for the extension of the household franchise qualification to counties "and otherwise to amend the laws relating to the representation of the people." The professed object of this Bill was to give votes to agricultural labourers. Mr. Jacob Bright placed on the notice paper of the House of Commons an amendment in committee on this Bill, the effect of which would be to give the franchise in counties to women householders as well as to agricultural labourer householders.

As the Bill did not get into Committee, Mr. Jacob Bright's amendment was not considered, but its being placed on the notice paper proves that the Parliamentary supporters of the removal of the electoral disabilities of women do not intend to allow the question of the extension of the franchise in any direction to be discussed apart from the claims of women to representative government. Should the supporters of the County Franchise Bill in its original form reject the proposed amendment, they will have to employ in resisting the claims of one set of householders in counties to the electoral franchise, the arguments which they will have to refute in urging the claims of another set.

The speeches of Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Bright, and Mr. Forster seem to indicate an intention on the part of the Government

to support the claim urged by Mr. Trevelyan, although the demand for that measure has been neither so long continued nor so pressing as that for Mr. Jacob Bright's Bill. But the re-opening of the question of electoral reform offers an opportunity which may serve for the settlement of the question of the representation of women. The right of women to the municipal franchise was established by an amendment on a Bill which dealt with the conditions of the municipal franchise generally. It may be that the right of women to the Parliamentary franchise may be established by similar means, should Parliament attempt to revise the Reform Act of 1867 by extending the application of the principle of household suffrage beyond its present limits.

During the Session of 1873 there were presented to the House of Commons 919 petitions, signed by 329,206 persons, in favour of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill. This is the largest number of petitioners for any one object during the Session. No petitions were presented against the Bill. There is no other measure supported by numerous petitions against which counter petitions have not been presented. We are therefore justified in believing that the absence of petitions against Mr. Jacob Bright's Bill indicates the absence of any strong feeling of opposition to the measure throughout the country, and in urging this consideration on the Legislature as a reason for speedily satisfying the demand for it, which these petitions prove. Twenty-three of the petitions were from municipal corporations, under their corporate seal—namely, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Wrexham, Hartlepool, Batley, Scarborough, Wigtown, Glastonbury, Leicester, Middlesburgh, Dover, Hanley, Plymouth, Neath, Dumfries, Rochdale, Bath, Dunbar, Aberdeen, Stranraer, Manchester, Selkirk, Dumbarton. The Local Boards of West Hartlepool, Crewe, Inderwell, Ilkeston, Bradford, Manchester, Blaenavon, Wellingborough, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Dresden, and Ruskington, also petitioned in favour of the measure. These bodies have practical experience in the working of Women's Suffrage in their own elections, and are therefore entitled to speak with authority in the matter.

The petitions sent through the agency of the Manchester Society and its friends, were 208 in number, with 120,556 signatures. The petitions from Manchester and Salford received 68,878 signatures. In 1872 the total numbers were 142 petitions with 79,030, and in 1871, 120 with 45,251 signatures. Directly Parliament opened, last session, Mr. Jacob Bright presented a petition for the Bill from 10,000 women of Manchester, and Mr. Cawley presented another from 10,000 women of Salford. Your Committee would strongly urge upon all their friends the necessity for renewed and increased petitioning, in order to strengthen the hands of their Parliamentary supporters.

In the beginning of the year, your Committee prepared Memorials to Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Disraeli, which were signed by upwards of 11,000 women in all parts of the country. It was not sought to obtain a large number of signatures in any one locality, but to obtain signatures from a large number of places, in order to make the demonstration truly national. Your Committee acknowledge with thanks the valuable cooperation of the Central and other Committees in this object.

The Memorials were as follow:-

To the Right Hon. WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE, M.P., First Lord of Her Majesty's Treasury.

The Memorial of the undersigned Women, from various districts of the United Kingdom —

Respectfully sheweth—
That the basis of representation in this country being a household or property qualification, as well for imperial as for local government, it is anomalous and unjust that the franchise annexed to such qualification should when the same is possessed by a woman become lapsed or suspended as regards imperial government, while no such disability exists in relation to local government.

That the imperial vote is of much more importance to women than the local vote, not only because the burdens of imperial taxation are heavier than those imposed by local authority, but also because in local government both sexes are treated absolutely alike, being dealt with as rate-payers, and not as men and women; while the imperial parliament deals with them in a different manner. It makes one set of laws for men and another for women, and thus in various important particulars women obtain much less than justice under legal and social arrangements.

That your Memorialists have noticed the result of the extension of the franchise in legislation with regard to other portions of the people, and have observed that the middle classes and the working classes have been consulted more assiduously and that their interests have been better cared for than was the case before they became possessed of electoral power, and your Memorialists believe that the same results would follow in regard to women after the removal of the disability which now precludes them from voting in the election of Members of Parliament.

Your Memorialists hold that the legal inequalities from which women suffer are greater and more grievous than those which were borne by other classes of the community before these obtained political power. Women have to complain of want of the means of education; want of liberty to engage in honourable and lucrative professions; want of opportunities of earning the means of subsistence; want of security for the possession of their property—their tenure being forfeited by marriage; want of right to the guardianship of their children—the rights of mothers being, according to the ruling of the judges, nil, even after the death of the father; want of sufficient protection to their persons from violence and illtreatment. These and other grievances and hardships, directly arising out of the existing state of the law, afford instances of the misgovernment which has been exercised towards women; and your Memorialists represent that the only security for good government, either for women or men, is that the governed shall be consulted in electing the Government and making the laws.

That the returns which have been made respecting the exercise of the municipal franchise prove that the number of men and women who vote in municipal elections bears a just proportion to the number of each on the register. Therefore there is every reason to believe that the same rule would hold good in Parliamentary elections, and that the existing disability imposes an injurious restriction on large numbers of duly qualified women, who, but for this legal bar, would as freely and peaceably exercise their electoral rights in Parliamentary as they now

do in municipal elections.

That the personal intervention of women in public elections is a practice sanctioned by ancient law, by immemorial usage, and by recent legislation in regard to municipal and school board elections, and that the alteration lately made in the manner of conducting such elections takes away any excuse for the withholding of electoral rights from women which could be founded on the neglect of the Legislature to ensure such conditions of peace and order as would enable them to record their votes with security.

That the sanction given by the Administration of which you are the head to the principle that women ought to share in the government of the country, by supporting the extension of the municipal franchise, and by granting both the franchise in the election of, and the right of sitting at, School Boards to women, leads them to hope that the same Administration will support the proposal to remove the last remaining electoral disability of women—the only electoral disability imposed by British law on any class of citizens not under legal incapacity to exercise other civil rights.

Wherefore your Memorialists pray that you, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, will give your support to the Bill now before the House of Commons, entitled, "A Bill to Remove the Electoral Disabilities of Women."

To the Right Hon. BENJAMIN DISRAELI, M.P.

The Memorial of the undersigned Women of various districts in the United Kingdom—

Respectfully sheweth—
That the basis of representation in this country being a household or property qualification as well for imperial as for local government, it is anomalous and unjust that the franchise annexed to such qualification should, when the same is possessed by a woman, become lapsed or suspended as regards imperial government, while no such disability exists in relation to local government.

That the aforesaid disability, by depriving a considerable portion of the property, the industry, and the intelligence of the country of all direct representation, is injurious both to the persons excluded and to the nation

That the Representation of the People Act, 1867, has been described by yourself and others of high authority, as an Act by which the Legislature gave, and intended to give the franchise to every householder rated to the relief of the poor. But this description cannot now be

termed accurate, inasmuch as by the ruling of the judges in the Court of Common Pleas in 1868, about one-seventh of the householders in every borough were adjudged to be out of the pale of representation, although they paid rates equally with the rest, and were subjected to the personal obligations imposed by the ratepaying clauses, for which the vote conferred by other clauses of the Act was confessedly offered as an equivalent.

That in virtue of this decision large numbers of householders and ratepayers in every district were excluded from the franchise. In Bath there were 1,408, being one-quarter of the ratepayers of the city; in Birmingham, about 6,000; in Bradford, 3,436; in Manchester, upwards of 9,000; in Nottingham, 2,031; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the purples of the city of the city; in Birmingham, about 6,000; in Bradford, 3,436; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,328; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,486; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,486; in York, 1,191, and a proportion of the city; in Salford, 3,486; in York, 1,191, and 3,486; in York, 1,191, a

tionate number in other places.

That your Memorialists gratefully recognise the services you have rendered to the cause of just and constitutional representation by speaking in the House of Commons, in 1866, in favour of giving votes to women having the property qualification, and by voting in favour of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill. This support has greatly encouraged their efforts, and strengthened their hands in pressing their claim on public attention and on the consideration of the House of

Your Memorialists pray that you will further aid the cause of just representation by giving to the Bill to remove the electoral disabilities of women the weight of your advocacy when next it shall be brought before the House of Commons, and your support as leader of the Conservative party in influencing votes in its favour. They respectfully suggest that by taking such a course you would assist in completing, in a truly constitutional manner, that great and beneficent measure of reform based on household suffrage, with which your name must ever be associated in the annals of the country.

The Memorial to Mr. Gladstone was forwarded by Mr. Jacob Bright, M.P. Mr. Gore Langton, M.P., kindly undertook the presentation of the Memorial to Mr. Disraeli, who appointed an interview for the purpose of receiving it. The right honourable gentleman subsequently returned the following reply.

"Dear Gore Langton,—I was much honoured by receiving from your hands the Memorial signed by 11,000 women of England, among them some illustrious names, thanking me for my services in attempting to abolish the anomaly that the Parliamentary franchise attached to a household or property qualification, when possessed by a woman, should not be exercised, though in all matters of local government, when similarly qualified, she exercises that right. As I believe this anomaly to be injurious to the best interests of the country, I trust to see it removed by the wisdom of Parliament.—Yours sincerely, "B. DISRAELI."

Your Committee began their labours last year with the organisation of a series of district meetings in Manchester and Salford, held in the Town Halls of Salford, Broughton, Ard-

wick, Chorlton, and Hulme. Meetings have been also held in Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Bradford, Dewsbury, Halifax, Huddersfield, Hull, Hanley, Longton, and Newcastle-under-Lyme. These meetings have been crowded and enthusiastic, and petitions have been carried usually at all of them, without a dissentient voice.

When the season became too far advanced for ordinary public meetings, your committee determined to institute a series of summer and autumn lectures at places of fashionable resort, and they have pleasure in reporting that the experiment has been attended with a gratifying measure of success. Miss Becker has lectured in seventeen places, namely: Blackpool, Lytham, Morecambe, Windermere, Ambleside, Keswick, Matlock Bridge, Buxton, Chester, Carnarvon, Bangor, Rhyl, Llandudno, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Redcar, Scarborough, and Southport. Mrs. Algernon Kingsford lectured at Oswestry. By means of these lectures the subject has been brought under the special notice of many hundreds of persons, collected from all parts of the country. The lecture was in every case received with eager attention, and although no formal vote or expression of assent to the views advanced was asked, the manifestations of approval were such as to make it clear that the sense of the meeting was distinctly in favour of the principle. The contributions which have been given for the special purpose of the lectures, together with the receipts, have sufficed to cover all expenses, so that the cost has not trenched on the general funds of the society; while the support which has been gained for the principle cannot fail to find expression, sooner or later, in the subscription list and in increased efforts in promoting the cause.

Your committee have pleasure in reporting that the sale of the Women's Suffrage Journal has increased by 1,500 copies monthly since the corresponding period of last year. They ask their friends to aid in its further circulation, as an effective method of spreading information and promoting the advance of the movement.

Your Committee desire here to place on record their deep sense of the loss which the friends of women's suffrage, and

the country at large, have sustained in the sudden and premature death of their first Parliamentary champion, Mr. John Stuart Mill. They also note with regret the death of Mr. Chisholm Anstey, whose industrious researches into Parliamentary history, and able arguments on behalf of the ancient right of women to the franchise, have served so important a part in sustaining the claim on constitutional and historical grounds.

In concluding their report your Committee congratulate their friends on the greatly increased strength and activity which has been manifested in various parts of the country, in connection with this and kindred societies for the enfranchisement of women. They trust that they may receive a continuance of the support through which the work of the past has been accomplished, and that new and increased subscriptions during the coming year may enable them to afford adequate support to their Parliamentary leaders in their labours next session. From the present position of questions relating to the representation of the people, there is reason to hope that if a vigorous, determined, and united effort now be made to press the subject on the consideration of the Legislature, the next great measure dealing with Parliamentary reform may either be preceded by, or may include, provisions for the removal of the electoral disabilities of women.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Of the Society, held in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Manchester, December 3rd, 1873.

THOMAS THOMASSON, Esq., in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Report of the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer read the Statement of Accounts.

Resolution I.—Moved by Dr. Pankhurst, seconded by Rev. T. Gasquoine, supported by Mr. Charley, M.P.:

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 Dr. J. Watts, seconded by Miss Becker:

That the cordial thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby rendered to Mr. Jacob Bright, Mr. Eastwick, Dr. Lyon Playfair, Mr. Sergeant Sherlock, the Right Hon. Lord John Manners, Mr. Fawcett, Sir J. Trelawney, and the Right Hon. J. W. Henley, for introducing and supporting the Women's Disabilities Bill, also to the Members of the House of Commons who voted or paired in its favour in the division on the second reading of the measure on April 30, 1873, and this meeting respectfully requests Mr. Jacob Bright and his coadjutors to take steps for the re-introduction of the Bill at an early period of the forthcoming session.

Resolution III.—Moved by J. Crook, Esq., seconded by Miss Wilson:

That the following persons be the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:—Jacob Bright, Esq., M.P., Mrs. Jacob Bright, Miss Becker, Mrs. Butler, Thomas Chorlton, Esq., Rev. B. Glover, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. R. R. Moore, Dr. Pankhurst, Rev. S. A. Steinthal, Mrs. Sutcliffe, Thos. Thomasson, Esq., Mrs. J. P. Thomasson, Miss Alice Wilson.

Resolution IV.—Moved by Rev. S. A. Steinthal, seconded by Rev. B. Glover:

That the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Mayor of Manchester for allowing the Society the use of the Town Hall, and to Thomas Thomasson, Esq., for presiding on the present occasion.

ALFRED STEINTHAL wi

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THE MANCHESTER NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

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Audited and found correct,

LOUIS BORCHARDT, M.D.

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Birch, Mr. W., junr			•••				•••		2	2	0	
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Briggs, Miss M. J									1	1	13000	
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PETITIONS IN FAVOUR OF WOMEN SUFFRAGE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT DURING THE SESSION OF 1873.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

February 11.

The Earl of Kimberley presented a petition from inhabitants of Sandwich, &c., for removal of electoral disabilities of women.

February 17.

The Marquis of RIPON presented a petition from Huddersfield in favour of the removal of the electoral disabilities of women.

February 24.

Petitions in favour of the removal of the electoral disabilities of women were presented by the Marquis of Ripon, from the inhabitants of Boston, Lincolnshire; by Lord Roseberry (2), from inhabitants and chairman of a public meeting at Dalkeith; also by Lord Monson, from Lincoln, Lanark, and Canterbury, with similar prayers.

March 3.

The Marquis of LONDONDERRY presented a petition of the inhabitants of Highbury, Islington, and Holloway, praying for a measure to remove the electoral disabilities of women. The noble Lord did not agree with the prayer of the petition.

March 6.

Lord Monson presented a petition from Great Grimsby in favour of removal of the electoral disabilities of women; and the Earl of Ellesmere, from Chorlton-on-Medlock, with a similar prayer.

March 10.

Lord ROMILLY presented a petition from Haverfordwest in favour of removing the electoral disabilities of women.

March 13.

Petitions were also presented by the Duke of Bedford, from a meeting at Bedford, praying for the removal of electoral disabilities of women; also by Lord Leigh, from Birmingham. with similar prayer.

March 17.

Petitions were presented by Lord Skelmersdale from Leicester, in favour of the Bill to Remove the Electoral Disabilities of Women.

March 24.

Petitions were presented by Lord Derby from Bolton, Salford, and King's Lynn, in favour of removal of the electoral disabilities affecting women.

March 25.

Lord DE TABLEY presented petitions in favour of removing the electoral disabilities of women, from a meeting at Lyme Regis, Dorset, and Yeovil, Somerset.



HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The petitions marked ¶ have the addresses of some or all of the petitioners affixed.

The petitions marked \$ are signed officially.

WOMEN'S DISABILITIES BILL.—IN FAVOUR.

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3	Feb	7.	Inh	abitants of NEATH, in public meeting as-	
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				man (Mr. Dillwyn)	
3	_		-	Poole, in public meeting assembled; George	1
				Curtis, chairman (Mr. Arthur Guest)	
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				in public meeting assembled; E.	
5	_		_	Needham, chairman (Mr. Rylands)	1
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8		10.		Women of Leek (Sir Ed. Buller)	402
				- (Sin Ed Pallan)	325
5				CHELSEA (Sir Henry Hoare)	2,300
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				Brown, chairman (Mr. Knatchbull-	
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				$\operatorname{man}\left(Mr.\ Pim\right)$	Seal 1
	-		_	WESTMINSTER (Mr. William Smith)	2,914
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				assembled; A. W. Bartlett, chairman	1
_	- 1	1	_	Women of MANCHESTER (Mr. Jacob Bright)	10,131
1 -	-		_	MACCLESFIELD (Mr. Chadwick)	174
1 -	_		_	HONDON (Mr. Eastwick)	1,671
-	-		_	POOLE (Mr. Arthur Guest)	62
b –	-		_	WITNEY, in public meeting assembled;	02
				Will. Verney, chairman (Mr. Henley)	1
5-	-	-	-	SANDWICH, in public meeting assembled;	1
				G. Cottew, chairman (Mr. Knatchbull-	
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5-			GREENOCK, in public meeting assembled;			assembled; Robert Whitworth, chair-	
~			James Morton, president (Mr. Greek)	1	4	man (Sir Thomas Bazley)	1
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~			Charley)			HELSEA (Str Charles Inlke)	2,579
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5-	7	8	BROUGHTON, in public meeting assembled;	1	\$ - T	intosh)	1
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		Young Men's Mutual Improvement			the chairman (Sir Robert Anstruther)	1
		Association; George M. Sutherland,		5-	Members of a Meeting of Women and others	
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9-		— Bolton and Neighbourhood (Colonel Gray)	1,010		Dublin $(Mr. Pim)$	1
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-		Women of Bolton (Mr. Hick) ELIZABETH LONG and others (Mr. Leigh)	41		(Admiral Erskine)	1
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¶_		MATILDA DUTHIE and others (Mr. Leith)	15	\$-	- Blackley, in public meeting assembled;	
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"	— DUNBOYNE (Mr. Pim)	22	- — MERRION ($Mr. Pim$) 110 — MULLINGAR ($Mr. Pim$) 40	
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	- Roscommon (Mr. Pim)	50	- Mary Hatton, 17, Henry Street, Dublin (Mr. Pim) 1	
1 —	— MAYNOOTH (Mr. Pim)	1	- CAROLINE MILLER, Liverpool (Mr. Rathbone) 1	
_	Corporation of Rochdale (Mr. Bayley-Potter)	Seal 1	F— Inhabitants of Dunse, in public meeting as-	
_	Inhabitants of LIVERPOOL (Mr. Rathbone)	201	sembled; John Newbiggin, chairman	
9-	(Mr. Torr)	201	(Mr. Robertson) 1	
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1-	Women inhabitants of MANCHESTER (Mr. Jacob	386	bled; Daniel Thomson, chairman (Sir	
T _		ADDRESS SALVES S	Thomas Colebrooke) 1	
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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Public Meeting in connection with this Society was held in the Rooms, No. 5 St Andrew Square, on February 25, 1874. There was a crowded attendance, composed almost entirely of ladies. The gentlemen present included—the Lord Provost, M.P.; Mr Duncan M'Laren, M.P.; Professor Kelland, Dr Donaldson, Royal High School; Mr Fothergill of Keswick, Councillor Wellstood, Mr George Hope (late of Fentonbarns), Mr R. A. Macfie: and amongst the ladies were—Mrs M'Laren (Newington House), the President; Miss Agnes M'Laren, Miss Wigham, Mrs M'Queen of Braxfield, Mrs Wellstood, Mrs Macfie, Miss Taylour, Miss Stevenson, Mrs Robertson, Miss Craig, Miss Hunter, &c. &c.

On the motion of Professor Kelland,

Mrs M'LAREN, President of the Society, took the chair. After a few preliminary remarks, and reading a note of apology on behalf of Professor and Mrs Masson, regretting unavoidable absence, she said—Our agitation has arrived at a point where we think we can anticipate the early crowning of our efforts with success. Very large and important meetings are being held in the principal towns in England. Last night, there was one in the large Free Trade Hall in Manchester. I think there never was an agitation which has proved more calculated to throw light upon a variety of social questions than the one in whose interests we are here met together. It has thrown a flood of light upon the position of women. It has opened our eyes to a number of questions that concern the wellbeing of both men and women; for whatever affects the one affects the other, for good or evil. We have been led to see many deficiencies in our social and political system, owing to the status of women being lower than that of men. Duties that are most obviously fit for women have been withheld from them. There is a large amount of light especting their capacity for work in this city. One black cloud till hovers over our University, which must sooner or later be

dispelled; but whenever this may take place, "memory will lie heavy on the atmosphere around;" for the fact that the women who sought to learn the healing art within her walls, with an ability so unexpected, that I am not sure whether it did not prove adverse to their success, and being refused, were forced to seek instruction elsewhere, will remain a dark spot on the historic page of that noble institution. It is to Parliament that the women of this country must now appeal for the right to enter our universities; and I need hardly say to an intelligent audience like the present, how much much more readily their claims would be listened to could they urge them through the means of the suffrage. It would seem as though light did not logically attend upon high culture; for I read with surprise the other day that in Boston, in the United States, which is the centre of literary refinement in that great country—a country, too, where women-teachers prevail in their schools—two ladies had been appointed to sit at the School Board, and the men who were elected along with them had refused to allow them the position to which they had been raised by the electors. We may conclude, also, that light and logic do not necessarily attend upon wealth. I saw in the Manchester Examiner yesterday that the School Board there were in want of four officers to act as visitors among the children's parents, and the committee recommended that one of them should be a woman. The lady member of the Board, as a matter of justice, proposed that two of the four visitors should be of the gentler sex. But Alderman Lamb, who, I fear, is only a lamb in name—(laughter)—"scented mischief in the air," and moved an amendment that all four should be men. This was carried by a majority of one-Canon Toole, Canon Whitelegge, and the Rev. J. Munn voting with the majority. I have no doubt these clergymen regularly employ ladies to visit the poor of their congregations. But they had some undefined notion that because a Board was to appoint these ladies to such work, it would put them quite out of their sphere. If I were a Scotch lady I might prove what I am going to say-but English people are not expected to "prove all things" quite so much. I have an intuition that if women had the same political status that men have, these worthy canons would also have had an intuition that these ladies might have performed the task with propriety, of hunting up little children to go to school, even though appointed by a Board. Within the last month we have witnessed a great change in our political relations. The Conservatives are now in power, and I am sorry to say that we have to choose another power, and I am sorry to say that the manner. Manchester has proved that there was no foundation in the objection that the leader to carry on our cause in Lamana state and the carry of our cause in Lamana in the objection that the unseated my brother, Jacob Bright, and although I am his sister, scenes and the rabble at the polling booths would be such that I trust you will pardon me when I say, that a nobler man did no lady would venture to go through them in order to record her not sit in the House of Commons. (Applause.) He bore the not sit in the House of Commons. (Applause our leader one of particular the polling booths at the recent election was brunt of the battle in the heat of the day. He was our leader when it required moral courage to lead, and having carried our when it required moral courage to lead, and having carried our of voting if she heat of some of perfect quietness, and such that the most fastidious lady could not have hesitated to go forward and exercise the privilege when it required moral courage to lead, and having curving the region of ridicule of voting, if she had been entitled to do so. Then it had been

and false arguments, he has now handed the leadership over to another, who may perhaps win the laurels he so much deserved to wear. The standard on which Justice is inscribed may, from force of circumstances, pass from one hand to another, but it is not permitted to fall to the ground. Having been disappointed in obtaining help from the Liberal Ministry, we have now, owing to the great changes which have taken place, to look to the Conservatives to join those Liberals who have stood fast by us in our movement; and as the Premier is with us, we have more hope of gaining our cause this session. (Applause.) I am sorry Mr Gladstone, whose high moral nature led him to confess from the Treasury bench how unjust the laws were towards women, had not the courage to confess that they ought to have the franchise on the same conditions under which it is given to men. (Hear, hear.) Whether man's intellect be higher than woman's, I am not here to dispute. Some say the spiritual nature of woman is higher than that of man, but it will only be when the fetters which law and custom have wound round her shall be broken, that it will be known to what excellence she can rise, or what really are the faculties with which God has endowed her. ("Hear, hear," and applause.)

Miss Wigham read the Report of the Executive Committee

and the Statement of Accounts.

Mr Duncan M'LAREN, M.P., moved the adoption of the report. He congratulated the members of the Society on its success, as shewn by the steady increase of its supporters, both in and out of Parliament, since the question was first introduced. It was true, he said, that during the late general election some of their distinguished leaders of the cause in Parliament had lost their seats; but they might hope that, though they did not get men so good in all respects, the cause was so just that even though the new men were not so distinguished, they would be able and willing to carry forward the measure. (Hear, hear.) They were aware that the present Prime Minister, Mr Disraeli, many years ago distinctly declared himself in favour of the principle which they (the Society) advocated; and if as a Minister he felt at liberty to give effect to the opinions he expressed as a private member, that would give it a great impetus, if, indeed, it were not the means of carrying the measure at once. (Hear, hear.) Mr M'Laren then touched on some of the objections which had been advanced to women exercising the franchise. He held that the extremely quiet manner in which the elections of the school board and of the members of Parliament had passed over, amply

objected that the admission of ladies to the franchise would be a Conservative measure—that it would strengthen the Tory party in the country and in Parliament. He (Mr M'Laren) did not see how any man could either prove or disprove that opinion. It was a matter that admitted of debate. But if it were the settlement of a question of justice, he did not see what they had to do with party considerations at all. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He held it was a right and proper measure; and they had no right to do an injustice by depriving the whole female householders of the country of the power of voting, lest it should have a particular effect—a strengthening effect on one political party, and an injurious effect on another party. (Hear.) It was said, for example, by many, that the passing of the Ballot Act would strengthen the Liberal party; that it would keep down coercion on the part of the landlords; that, in fact, the effect of it would be to give much greater influence to the Liberal party. For his own part he (Mr M'Laren) never believed that. (Hear, hear.) And the result of the first Parliamentary election by ballot had blown to the wind all these theories, because it proved that the Ballot Act had strengthened the Conservative party if it had done anything. (Hear, hear.) And it might be the same in the case of the measure, if once passed, for the enfranchisement of women. (Hear, hear.) He held, however, that justice ought to prevail, no matter what might be the consequences to any party. (Applause.) Mr M'Laren concluded by again moving the adoption of the report.

Dr Donaldson seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Lord Provost moved that the following Memorial be forwarded:—

"To the Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli, M.P., First Lord of the Treasury.

"The Memorial of Inhabitants of Edinburgh, in Public Meeting assembled

"Showeth,—That in grateful remembrance of the fact that you were the first Member of the House of Commons to declare within its walls your assent to the justice of the claim of women to representation, and remembering that under your leadership the House of Commons recognised household suffrage to be in accordance with the constitution of this country, we beg to remind you that this principle was not carried out in its integrity in the Reform Bill of 1868, as the franchise was only conferred upon those householders who were men.

"As it did not include women who are householders or owners of property in their own right, we venture to hope that you who were a pioneer in the cause of women's suffrage, will take the earliest opportunity of remedying this injustice, now that you are again leader of the

"We feel that it would be a fitting and graceful conclusion to our agitation that you should bring your powerful aid to crown it with

"And also that this meeting resolve to petition both Houses of Parliament to pass a measure extending the suffrage to women ratepayers on the same conditions as it is extended to men."

The Lord Provost then remarked that the country must congratulate the ladies at the prospect of bringing this movement to a happy conclusion, for the House of Commons must soon grant this act of justice to women. He proceeded to point out that women, with the same qualifications as men, could be got for about half the money to act as clerks in connection with the Post Office telegraphs, and to this cause was due, he was ashamed to say it, a large amount of reduction in the expenditure!! Those female clerks who were employed in the Post Office were so efficient and so imbued with the esprit de corps, that the service was never better performed than at present. He had been told on authority, that in the telegraph service there had never, on the part of one of the women, been one single breach of secrecy in regard to telegrams. (A laugh.) He hoped they would not look upon that as a joke. It was a fact that out of two thousand female clerks, there had never been one complaint. (Applause.) He went on to remark that there were about five thousand women in Edinburgh who occupied houses in their own right, and had no votes. He asked in vain for a valid reason why they should not have the privilege which their occupancy of houses and payment of taxes entitled them to. He congratulated them on having a Minister in the country who, whatever his politics were, was pledged to endeavour to carry this movement out, and from the great weight and power which he must necessarily have in Parliament, they might reasonably expect their efforts to be crowned speedily with success.

Mrs Stephen Wellstood seconded the motion. She said the memorial to the Prime Minister would, she was sure, commend itself to all the friends of the movement for obtaining female franchise, and she could not but feel very hopeful that its forcible, just, and temperate tone, would appeal convincingly to the heart and understanding of that eminent statesman who has so long declared himself a warm friend and advocate of the measure therein set forth. Their claim seemed to her such a simple and just one, that they could not but marvel that it was not at once conceded. They merely asked that all women who pay an equal amount of rent and taxes with men should share with them in the election of municipal and parliamentary representatives. If women have no part in the formation of the laws, surely they ought to have a voice in the selection of those to whom this power is entrusted, especially when so many of these laws relate to women, their persons, their property, their time, and their labour. (Applause.) The agitation for removing the electoral disabilities of women has been a long and earnest one, but when success shall have crowned the efforts put forth, those who have worked the hardest will reap the fullest reward, and enjoy the greatest amount of happiness and satisfaction. (Hear, hear.) Women themselves have been impelled by a strong feeling of justice and righteousness in the cause to come forward and plead their own question. They do not desire the franchise

merely for the sake of possessing a right to vote. They are actuated by nobler and clearer motives. They believe that their voice in the legislature would be an important element; that upon many questions their knowledge and instinctive penetration would be of great service. In finance, sanitary, and educational measures, religious and moral reforms, their opinions would be useful, weighty, and intelligent. Are there not many women, by their education, position, and natural eleverness, far more capable than some men of judging of the merits or demerits of opposing candidates? These men may be drunkards, idle, vicious—bad husbands and fathers, bad brothers, bad members of societyhelping on no reforms, but drags upon them. They, nevertheless, possess a right to vote. Their near neighbour may be respectable, sober, and industrious, training up sons to be useful citizens and good helpers to their country. She may pay a much larger amount of rent and taxes; but then, being "only a woman," she is little considered, because she has no vote to make her of importance. Is not this unjust? Then, too, women are classed together with lunatics, imbeciles, idiots, infants, and felons. The sooner this classification is dissolved the better, and they looked to all true men and women to do all in their power, and not to rest until both sexes have an equal share in elective prerogative. (Applause.) In conclusion, she would repeat a sentiment which she had recently met with from the pen of the late Joseph Mazzini, that friend of all true liberty. In an autograph book he thus wrote, "Women's emancipation must now be the watchword of all those who believe in the oneness of God's children." (Applause.)

The motion was passed.

Miss Burton moved—"That this meeting warmly thank our members of Parliament for the support they have already given us, and for their promises of future support." She reminded the meeting that they had also those friends to thank whom the sudden tide of affairs had excluded from the present House of Commons, particularly their great champion, Jacob Bright. She had every confidence that those friends would be as watchful out of the House as they had proved themselves in it, to give their valuable aid as opportunity might offer. But coming nearer home, they had much reason to be thankful for the assistance they had got; in particular, she must say, from their tried friend and representative, Mr Duncan M'Laren. She expressed her satisfaction that the new member for the city of Edinburgh had come forward so readily on this occasion to their assistance.

The motion was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr George Hope, late of Fentonbarns, a vote of thanks was then passed to Mrs M'Laren for presiding, and the meeting separated.

REPORT.

The conclusion of our financial year finds the country occupied by the almost overwhelming interest of a General Election, the results of which must have a material bearing on the prosperity of many of the measures which have been brought before the late Parliament, and must involve our position for the present in some degree of indefiniteness. But our question has never been one of party; for it has been ably supported by the most advanced Liberals in the House, as well as by leading Conservatives. It may be recollected that before the first motion was introduced by John Stuart Mill, Mr Disraeli had arrived at the logical conclusion, with which his course has been consistent. We quote his words:—"As far as abstract reason is concerned, I should like to see anybody in this House get up and oppose the claim (of the other sex to the suffrage). I say that in a country governed by a woman—where you allow women to form part of the other estate of the realm—peeresses in their own right, for example—where you allow a woman not only to hold land, but to be a lady of the manor, and hold legal rights where a woman, by law, may be a churchwarden and overseer of the poor-I do not see, where she has so much to do with the State and the Church, on what reasons, if you come to right, she has not a right to vote."

But although thus the Woman's Suffrage Question is not one dependent on the general political opinions of Electors, yet we cannot but deeply feel the absence from Parliament of some of our most faithful and tried friends who have ably and fearlessly advocated our cause from year to year. Chief among these is Mr Jacob Bright, to whom our warmest gratitude is due. We trust his absence from the House may be only temporary; and we feel assured we shall still have his aid and influence operating on the country and its representatives, both in and out of Parliament, whether for the present his voice is heard in the House or not. We should also wish gratefully to mention the names of our unfailing friends the late members Messrs Miller and Macfie and Sir A. G. Maitland. We cannot, as yet, estimate our general strength in the new Parliament; but the returns from Scotland shew 31 pledged friends, 17 doubtful, and 12 opponents. We have much satisfaction in recording that the members for our City and University and for Leith, are pledged

supporters, and that our most decided antagonist is excluded from Parliament, namely, the leader of the Opposition, the late member for the Kilmarnock Burghs, the Right Hon. E. P. Bouverie.

And now it is right we should review our last year's operations, and give a little sketch of them to our constituents. These operations have been similar in character to those of previous years. Meetings have been held, addresses given, petitions prepared, committees formed and stimulated, and efforts made in every direction to enlighten public opinion as to the justice and expediency of our cause. Members of our Committee have travelled throughout Scotland, and have laboured earnestly and faithfully; 91 public meetings have been held; and 188 petitions, signed by 34,967 persons, have been prepared for Parliament;

and there are in Scotland 62 allied Committees.

Our past year commenced with a very successful and interesting Annual Meeting in Queen Street Hall, on the 27th of January 1873. This year, instead of having one large public meeting, we have adopted the plan of ward meetings, eight of which have been held in different parts of the city. These have been presided over by the Magistrates or Town Councillors of the various districts, and have had the effect of diffusing interest and information, and in many cases local sub-committees have been formed to aid in the canvas for signatures to petitions, &c. We are very anxious to have well-signed petitions ready to support the next parliamentary action on this question. An extension of Household Suffrage to the Counties has been proposed, and Mr Gladstone has admitted that petitions in favour of that measure have been so important, that these claims of the agricultural population must receive attention. Now the petitions referred to on that matter were signed by 1,889; while those for women's suffrage had last year alone 329,206 signatures. The former measure was only brought to notice last year, while Women's Suffrage has been eight years before the House. The one would require a very large alteration in the distribution of seats, while the extension of the suffrage to women requires only the explicit consent of Parliament that all householders should be placed on the electoral roll, as women are already registered as rate-payers; so we would submit, that in any extension of the suffrage, the claims of women rank first.

Although hitherto the *Bill* has been rejected in the House, the *principle* of extending the electoral right to women is rapidly gaining ground. The Education Act for Scotland came into force during last year, entitling women to vote for members of the School Board. The elections proved not only that women were able and willing to vote, but that they encountered no practical difficulties in exercising this right; and it is of significant importance, that these elections shewed the popular confidence in the fitness of women to fill places of trust, for no fewer than eighteen women were elected as members of School

Boards in Scotland, and in eight instances they were placed at the head of the poll, while one woman was chosen to preside over the School Board of which she is a member.

Another concession to the principle of the eligibility of women as citizens, has lately been witnessed in the conferring of the freedom of the city, by the vote of the Town Council, and with the popular sanction, on the Baroness Burdett Coutts. She is the first woman who has been thus enrolled as a citizen of Edinburgh, and we hope it will not be long before full citizen rights will be extended to others.

As in previous years, we have to make record of loss to our cause by the removal of those who have stood firm in its defence. Chief among those of whom death has deprived us, is John Stuart Mill, whose appreciation of the right of women to share in the popular representation, and of the value to the nation of the co-operation of women in legislative and responsible positions, excites the gratitude of all who are interested in the development and advancement of women.

Standing as we now do between the old Parliament and the new, it is natural we should take a backward glance over the

parliamentary progress of our question.

In 1866 Mr John Stuart Mill presented a petition signed by 1500 women of England and Scotland. In 1867 the same member brought forward the first motion for the enfranchisement of women, and presented petitions in its support signed by 13,457 names of men and women. This motion was pressed to a division, and eighty-one members, including tellers and pairs, voted for it. In 1868, 50,000 signatures were attached to the petitions, praying that the new Reform Bill, on its own principles, should include women in the extended representation of the country. Of these signatures 14,000 were from Scotland. In 1867 Women's Suffrage Societies began to be organised throughout the country, and public meetings were held, and ladies themselves came forward to plead the justice of the cause. London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Manchester, Bristol, and Birmingham, were early prominent in such organizations, and their efforts have met with much sympathy and support from the general community. In 1869, 126,475 signatures appealed to Parliament, and of these 19,000 were from Scotland.

In that year the municipal franchise was extended to women in England. This measure of justice was gained mainly by the tact and perseverance of our Parliamentary leader, Mr Jacob Bright. In 1870, petitions, signed by 134,566 names, of which 24,805 were from Scotland, were sent up in support of Mr Bright's Bill, which was carried on the second reading by a vote of 124, but was afterwards rejected on a motion to go into Committee, only 119 voting for it. In that year Mr Forster's Education Bill entitled women to vote in the election of the School Boards, and not only so, but to be themselves eligible for election on

these boards.

TREASURER'S

STATEMENT

FOR

YEAR

ENDING

In 1871, when Mr Jacob Bright, in a telling speech, moved the second reading of his Bill, 151 members voted for it—209 against it. The petitions were signed by 186,976. In 1872 the division shewed a still larger number in favour of the Bill, when 163 voted for it. The petitions in support were signed by 350,093, including 44,749 from Scotland. In that year the passing of the Ballot Act, and the extension of the Education Act to Scotland, were each important measures, and by their coming into operation, as we have already shewn, examples and proofs of the good sense of our demand are furnished.

Last year, when Mr Jacob Bright moved the second reading of the Bill, in an admirable speech, he was supported by Mr Eastwick, Mr Sergeant Sherlock, Lord John Manners, Mr Fawcett, Right Hon. J. W. Henley, and other influential members of Parliament. The speeches in opposition were, as usual, neither forcible nor dignified in character. The division shewed 170 members, of all political opinions, voting in favour of the Bill. Twenty-seven of the thirty-one friendly Scotch members were included in this vote, while only thirteen were included in the 222 against it. There were 949 petitions sent to support it,

It is of course to us matter of regret that the late Parliament had not the honour of carrying this measure of justice, but with such evidences of rapid progress as we have detailed, we have no ground for discouragement. The educational influence of our movement is manifest, and we look forward with confidence in the hope that it will not be long before women will have conferred on them the electoral right and privilege, and that in exercising it they will always bear in mind that it is to be used as an instrumentality for the promotion of that Righteousness which alone exalteth a Nation, and of that impartial Justice which can alone secure the confidence and prosperity of the People.

Note.—Just as we are going to press, we are informed that Mr Forsyth, Q.C., Conservative member for Marylebone, has kindly consented to lead the Women's Suffrage Question in the House of Commons.

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Birmingham Society for Women's Suffrage.

In presenting their Fifth Annual Report your committee congratulate the Society on the increased strength of the movement throughout the country. Large and important meetings have been held in all the principal towns in England, and during the last session of Parliament 919 petitions in favour of the "Bill for the Removal of the Disabilities of Women" were presented to the House of Commons. These were signed by 329,206 persons—the largest number of petitioners for any one object during the session-9,000 signatures were sent from Birmingham. Our question has never been one of party, and as the claims of Women householders to the franchise have been ably supported by leading Conservatives as well as by advanced Liberals, the changes occasioned by the General Election do not dishearten us,—at the same time we deeply regret the absence from Parliament of Mr. Jacob Bright, Mr. Eastwick, and many other friends who fearlessly advocated our cause when it was unpopular. For four successive years Mr. Jacob Bright had charge of the Bill and the support obtained for it in the House was largely owing to the ability and earnestness of his advocacy. Last year the number who voted against the Bill was 222—155 voted in favour of it. This is a gain of 12 votes as compared with the division in the previous year. We gratefully recognize the promptitude with which Mr. Forsyth, Q.C. the member for Marylebone, has reintroduced the Bill. Our thanks are also given to the Right Hon. James Stansfeld, Right Hon. Russell Gurney, and Sir Robert Anstruther, who have placed their names on the back of it.

An interesting Conference, called by the National Society for Women's Suffrage, was held at Birmingham, on the 22nd of January, 1874. It was attended by delegates from London, Edinburgh, Manchester, Bristol, and elsewhere; and a me morial for presentation to Mr. Gladstone was adopted. A public meeting took place in the Town Hall at night under the presidency of the Mayor, Joseph Chamberlain, Esq. Full reports of these successful meetings are given in the Morning News, of January 23rd, 1874.

Your Committee wish to express their deep sense of the loss sustained by the friends of Women's Suffrage, in the death of Mr. John Stuart Mill, whose life-long advocacy of their cause entitled him to the lasting gratitude of all women. The death of Mrs. R. B. Feast, our first secretary, has also deprived us of a valued friend, to whose untiring energy and zeal the organization of the Women's Suffrage Society in Birmingham was entirely due.

The educational influence of our movement cannot be denied, it has long passed out of the region of ridicule, and the results of the School Board Elections conclusively prove that women are both able and willing to vote, and that the possession of the franchise is no small stimulus to the acquirement of intelligence in the exercise of it. Your Committee believe that the active co-operation of all who are friendly to the cause would soon bring it to a successful termination-but until this is attained—the working expenses of the Society must necessarily increase in proportion to its success; it will be seen by the balance sheet that we are largely in debt to the Treasurer. The services of an occasional Secretary, and the Office opened at Broad Street Corner, have seriously added to our current expenditure, and unless we can also increase our subscriptions our work will be crippled by constant pecuniary difficulty. We desire to organize meetings in the surrounding towns, but in order to do this, we require the constant work of a paid Secretary, and should have to engage an organizing Agent. We feel that our work has been often neglected for want of some one whose whole time could be devoted to it, and we therefore appeal to all our friends for funds, that we may be able to strengthen our position and return to our work with renewed energy.

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Your Committee have, this year, to record the first General Election which has taken place since the introduction of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill into Parliament, 1870.

Your Committee may congratulate their friends on a considerable increase in the number of supporters of the Bill of the new House of Commons, as compared with the former Parliament. At the same time they have to regret the absence from it of Mr Jacob Bright, and of many other consistent upporters.

On the opening of last session, Mr Forsyth, Q.c. accepted the charge of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill. With him are associated the names of the Rt. Hon. James Stansfeld, the Rt. Hon. Russell Gurney (Recorder of London,) and I'r Robert Anstruther—two Liberal and two Conservative Members.

Mr Forsyth introduced his Bill on the 19th March, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining a favourable day for the meetings have been held during the year at the following places second reading, the Bill was withdrawn on the 16th July.

the day when the Bill was withdrawn, the Times newspaper Llanelly, Haverfordwest, Tenby, Cardiff, Devonport, Truro, each day recorded a long list of Petitions presented in favour Penzance and Liskeard. of the removal of the Electoral Disabilities of Women. appears that the Petitioners for this measure exceeded those for any other introduced to the House of Commons. There were presented during the session 1404 Petitions with 430,343 signatures. Of these 129 Petitions, signed by 28,224 persons, were sent through the friends of the West of England Society.

for the removal of the Electoral Disabilities of Women.

Your Committee have to report that seventeen other n the West of England, all but one of these being Parliamentary oroughs. Bishops Hull (near Taunton,) Coventry, Droitwich, From the opening of the last Parliamentary Session to Exeter, Westbury, Dorchester, Weymouth, Newport, Swansea,

Your Committee have to deplore the great loss they have stained during the past year in the sudden death of the iscountess Amberley, President of the Society. Lady mberley was one of the first advocates of the enfranchiseent of women, and when this Society was still in its fancy, she felt it her duty to appeal publicly for sympathy and pport on behalf of a question which, she considered, to be one The last Annual Meeting was held in the Victoria Rooms, of great national importance. Your Committee can only

Clifton, on the 2nd of February, and was presided over by the express the deep sorrow which all must feel, that one whose Rev J. W. Caldicott. It was one of the largest meetings le gave promise of so much value and usefulness, should have ever held in that room. Unusual interest was manifested in been thus early removed. Your Committee have also to regret this meeting, owing to its taking place at the time of the loss of the Rev Canon Kingsley, who was one of the Vice-General Election and on the eve of declaration of the poll at residents of the Society. Mr Kingsley was always ready, in Bristol. The supporters of the question were assured at the his writings and in public speaking, to advance the Claims of meetings that, whatever might be the result of the election. Women both educationally and politically. His article entitled Bristol had secured an undivided vote in the House of Commons Women and Politics," reprinted from Macmillan's Magazine, s been of great value to the Society.

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The Women's Disabilities Bill was read for the first time this session on the 8th February, and is set down for second reading on Wednesday the 7th of April. Your Committee earnestly hope that their friends will use every endeavour, by influencing their Members and by Petitions to Parliament, to secure the passing of the Bill during the present session. You Committee on their part pledge themselves to spare no effortill their object is attained.



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Annual Subscribers of any amount will be enrolled as Members, and entitled to receive papers or tracts of the Society on application.

Annual Subscribers of 5/ or upwards shall be invited to become Members of the Council. Subscriptions due in January.

The Council meets once a year.

The Committee is empowered to add to its number by a unanimous vote. Five members shall form a quorum.

Any one desiring to join the Society, will kindly sign his or her name.

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NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

HELD AT

THE WESTMINSTER PALACE HOTEL.

July 6th, 1874.

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Antional Society for Women's Suffrage,

Presented to the General Meeting, July 6th, 1874.

In presenting their Annual Report your Committee feel that they have reason to congratulate the Society on the advance of the movement. The Bill to remove the Electoral Disabilities of Women not having been voted on this year, only an approximate estimate of our strength in the House of Commons can be made, but the large number of new Members of Parliament who are understood to be favourable to the measure, and the interest in the question shown by the public during the recent elections, justify the statement that our position is better than it has ever yet been.

During the General Election candidates to Parliament were generally questioned by their constituents on the course they would take with regard to this measure, and many, either at that time or subsequently, gave a distinct promise to support it. The result of the elections has been that 161 members who have previously voted for the Bill in the House of Commons have been returned, and also 72 members who have newly declared themselves in its favour. Of these 31 are Scotch, 40 Irish, and 162 English members.

Among those gentlemen who have supported this measure are 15 members of the present Government, including the First Lord of the Treasury, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Postmaster General, the President of the Board of Trade, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and the Lord Advocate for Scotland. 117 former opponents of the Bill have not been re-elected; your Committee have, however, to regret the loss of the services in the House of Commons of 77 of the former supporters of the Bill, either from having retired from Parliament, from being defeated in the elections, or other causes. Among these they have especially to regret the loss of Mr. Jacob Bright and of Mr. Eastwick, the mover and seconder of the Bill, who have, during four years, conducted it through five divisions in the House of

Commons, each year with steadily increasing support. They take this opportunity of recording their deep sense of the devoted exertions of these gentlemen on behalf of the measure.

On the meeting of the new Parliament, Mr. W. Forsyth, Q.C., M.P., undertook to bring forward a Bill to remove the Electoral Disabilities of Women. He was supported by Sir R. Anstruther, M.P., the Right Honourable Russell Gurney, M.P., and the Right Honourable J. Stansfield, M.P. Thus two Conservative and two Liberal Members gave their names to the Bill. Mr. Forsyth added a proviso to the Bill, and it now runs as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the authority

of the same, as follows:

"1. That in all Acts relating to the qualification and registration of voters or persons entitled or claiming to be registered and to vote in the Election of Members of Parliament, wherever words occur which import the masculine gender, the same shall be held to include females for all purposes connected with and having reference to the right to be registered as voters, and to vote in such election, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Provided that no married woman shall be entitled to vote in

such election." A deputation from your Committee waited on Mr. Forsyth with reference to this addition, and he agreed to modify it as follows:-"Provided that nothing contained in this Act shall entitle any woman under coverture to be registered to vote at such election." Your Committee, seeing that the proviso merely stated in plain terms what was understood to be the actual effect of the Bill as originally introduced, were of opinion that the addition of the proviso as amended formed no sufficient reason for withholding their support from the Bill.

The Bill was read for the first time on March 21st, and was set down for second reading on Tuesday, June 23rd; but this day, in common with other Tuesdays, has since been set apart for Government business. Owing to this postponement no division has yet taken place this year.

On April 23rd Mr. Chaplin, M.P. for Mid-Lincolnshire, gave notice of his intention to oppose the Bill.

The supporters of the enfranchisement of women have to regret during the past year the loss of several warm friends to the move-

ment, among these, your Committee would especially notice the death of Mr. Gore Langton, M.P., who had given the measure his earnest support both in the House of Commons and elsewhere; of Sir Joseph Cowen, M.P., who had also voted six times for the Bill; of Lord Marjoribanks, who, whilst he was in the House of Commons, was its consistent supporter; of Mrs. Robert Feast, who, as Miss Johnson, had been one of the earliest workers in the movement; and of Miss Mary Dowling, who was last year appointed secretary to your Committee, and whose short tenure of office gave reason to all connected with it to regret her loss.

Last of all, we have just received the intelligence of the death of a lady whose gifts and goodness added honour to the cause of which she was so enthusiastic a supporter, the late Viscountess Amberley, President of the West of England Branch of our Society.

Since our last Report, the number of Public Meetings and Lectures, which have been held in the United Kingdom, through the efforts of the various societies, have been above 200; of this number we may mention as the most important the meetings in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester; in Birmingham, Leeds, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Belfast, Bedford, Bristol, Cork, Derry, Exeter, Gloucester, Limerick, Waterford, and York. The Meetings more especially held through the efforts of your Committee and its Friends were 41 in number, namely,

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Resolutions have been adopted at all these Meetings in support of the Bill.

Numerous Petitions have been sent to Parliament in support of the Bill. Up to June 23rd, 1,270 Petitions (186 of which were signed officially) containing 389,412 signatures were presented. Of these 227 Petitions, containing 128,000 signatures, have been sent in, more especially by the friends and members of your Committee.

359 Petitions, containing more than 58,000 signatures, were sent from Scotland; and 176 Petitions, with over 15,000 signatures, from Incland

There have been three Petitions against the Bill, from the Town Councils of Elgin, Linlithgow, and Dundee; but, on the other hand, 26 Town Councils have petitioned for the measure, 14 of these being Scotch.

Although not strictly in connection with the work of your Committee, the fact of the presentation to Parliament of Memorials to Mr. Disraeli and Mr. Gladstone, signed by 18,000 women, deserves special mention. A Memorial, signed by 10,000 women of Scotland, has also been sent to Mr. Disraeli.

Your Committee have distributed during the past year the following pamphlets, among others:—

"Speech of Professor Fawcett, M.P., April 30th, 1873."

"Speech of Jacob Bright, Esq., M.P., April 30th, 1873."

"Ought Women to Learn the Alphabet?" by T. W. Higginson.

"Right of Women to Exercise the Elective Franchise," by Mrs. H. D. Pochin, (reprint.)

"Woman's Political and Social Rights," by John Scott, (presented by the author.)

"Opinions of the Press," (leaflet.)

"Opinions of Women," (leaflet.)

"Household Suffrage for Women," (leaflet.)

Your Committee felt the necessity of having larger offices in a more central position, and have therefore removed to 294, Regent Street, (Langham Place.)

Your Committee wish to point out the great extent of the work accomplished, as compared with the amount subscribed for its accomplishment. That so much has been possible is owing to the persevering and efficient help given by the many zealous friends of the movement, and your Committee confidently trust that this help will be continued during the coming year; at the same time they must urgently remind you of the vital importance of an ample fund with which to carry on and to extend operations. And they once more appeal to those who are interested in the movement to further it by inducing their friends to become contributors to the funds of the Society. Your Committee heartily thank those who have so liberally aided them, but further efforts are needed, and they wish earnestly to impress upon their friends the necessity of increased exertions, not only in this, but in all ways, to carry this movement to a triumphant close.

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H. HAY HILL,

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Of the Central Committee, held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Monday, July 6th, 1874, at 3 P.M.

Mr. W. FORSYTH, Q.C., M.P., in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Report of the Executive Committee, and Statement of Accounts.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

RESOLUTION I.—Moved by the Rt. Hon. J. Stansfeld, M.P., seconded by Miss Frances Power Cobbe, supported by Lord Talbot de Malahide and Jacob Bright, Esq. :—

"That this Meeting adopt the Report and Financial Statement just read, and direct that they be circulated."

RESOLUTION II.—Moved by Mrs. McLaren, seconded by Miss Isabella Tod:—

"That the Executive Committee for the ensuing year consist of the following persons and of delegates, the same being members of Local Committees, appointed by Local Associations to represent them."

RESOLUTION III.—Moved by Miss Caroline A. Biggs, seconded by Miss Sturge, and supported by Miss Becker:—

"That this Meeting offer cordial thanks to Mr. Forsyth, Sir Robert Anstruther, Mr. Stansfeld, and Mr. Russell Gurney, for introducing a measure to remove the Electoral Disabilities of Women, and pledge themselves to support their further efforts by every means in their power."

RESOLUTION IV.—Moved by Miss Reeves, seconded by Miss Lilias Ashworth:—

"That the thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr. Forsyth for presiding on this occasion."

* For List of Executive Committee, see pages 11-13.

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Bankers,—London and Westminster Bank, 217, Strand.

Secretary,—Miss Helen Blackburn.

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OF THE

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1873—1874.

THE Report which your Committee have to present of their work during the past year differs materially from that of former years. The School Board elections of November, 1873, with other circumstances, caused the delay of the annual meeting a month beyond the usual date, and no public meetings were arranged by your Committee before Christmas.

The first important event of the new year was the assembling of a Conference at Birmingham, on January 22nd, at which representatives of all the leading societies were present. Your Committee prepared a draft Memorial to Mr. Gladstone, who was then Prime Minister, which, with a few verbal alterations, was approved by the other committees, and adopted at the Conference. The following is the text of the Memorial:—

To the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone, M.P., First Lord of Her Majesty's Treasury.

The Memorial of Members and Friends of the National Society for Women's Suffrage in Conference assembled at Birmingham, January 22, 1874.

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That your memorialists earnestly desire to urge on the attention of Her Majesty's Government the justice and expediency of abolishing the disability which precludes women, otherwise legally qualified, from voting in the election of Members of Parliament.

They submit that the disability is anomalous, inasmuch as it exists only in respect to the Parliamentary franchise. The electoral rights of women have been from time immemorial equal and similar to those of men in parochial and other ancient franchises, and in the year 1869 a measure was passed, with the sanction of the Administration of which

you are the head, restoring and confirming the rights of women ratepayers to the exercise of the municipal franchise.

The electoral disability is further anomalous because by the law and constitution of this realm women are not disabled from the exercise of political power. Writs returning members to serve in the House of Commons, signed by women as electors or returning officers, are now in existence, and the validity of such returns has never been disputed. Women who were heirs to peerages and other dignities exercised judicial jurisdiction and enjoyed other privileges appertaining to such offices and lordships without disability of sex. The highest political function known to the constitution may be exercised by a woman. The principle that women may have political power is coeval with the British constitution. On the other hand, the practice of women taking part in voting at popular elections is equally ancient in date, and has been restored and extended by the action of the present Parliament. Your Memorialists therefore submit that to bring existing principle and practice into harmony by removing the disability which prevents women who vote in local elections from voting in the election of Members of Parliament, would be a step in the natural process of development by which institutions, while retaining the strength and authority derived from the traditions of the past, and preserving the continuity of the national life, continually undergo such modifications as are needed in order to adapt them to the exigencies of the age and the changed conditions of modern life.

They also submit that the old laws regulating the qualifications of electors do not limit the franchise to male persons: that the laws under which women exercised the parochial franchise were couched in the same general terms as those regulating the Parliamentary suffrage, and that while the latter were not expressly limited to men, the former were not expressly extended to women. There is, therefore, a strong presumption that the exclusion of women from the Parliamentary suffrage was an infringement on their ancient constitutional rights, rendered possible in a barbarous age by the comparative weakness and smallness of the numbers of persons affected by it, and continued until the exclusion had become customary. The franchise of women in local elections has been from time to time under judicial consideration, and their right to take part in such elections has been repeatedly confirmed by the judges. During the arguments in these cases, the question of their right to vote in the election of Members of Parliament was frequently mooted, and conflicting opinions thereon incidentally expressed by various judges, but the matter was never judicially decided, and no authoritative judgment was ever given against the right until the year 1868, after the passing of two modern Acts of Parliament in 1832 and 1867, the former of which, for the first time in English history, in terms limited the franchise created by it to every "male person," and the latter to every "man" qualified under its provisions. Your Memorialists submit that had the question of the right of women to vote in the election of Members of Parliament been raised in the law courts under the old statutes, which contain no reference to sex, and before the passing of the limiting Acts of 1862 and 1867, that the precedents which had determined the right in their favour in the construction of the law as to local government must have been held to apply to the case of qualified freeholders or others who claimed the right as regards Parliamentary government.

They submit also, that even after these limiting Acts, women had reasonable grounds for claiming the suffrage under the existing law. There is an Act of Parliament which declares that "in all Acts, words importing the masculine gender shall be deemed and taken to include females, . . . unless the contrary is expressly provided." The Act of 1867 contained clauses imposing personal liabilities and pecuniary burdens on certain classes of ratepayers. In these clauses, as in the enfranchising clauses, and throughout the Act, words importing the masculine gender were alone used. No provision was made that these words should not include females. Accordingly, in enforcing the Act, the extra liabilities and burdens were imposed on women ratepayers, to many of whom they caused grievous hardship. There was, therefore, reason to expect that the enfranchising clauses would bear the same interpretation, inasmuch as they were confessedly offered as an equivalent for the increased liabilities. But when the women who had been subjected to the liabilities claimed their votes, they found that words importing the masculine gender were held to include women in the clauses imposing burdens, and to exclude them in the clauses conferring privileges, in one and the same Act of Parliament.

This kind of injustice was shown in a marked manner in the case of certain women ratepayers of Bridgewater, who, in a Memorial addressed to you in 1871, set forth the grievance of most heavy and unjust taxation which was levied on them, in common with the other householders. of that disfranchised borough, for the payment of a prolonged commission respecting political bribery. The Memorialists felt it to be unjust and oppressive, inasmuch as not exercising the franchise, nor being in any way directly or indirectly concerned in the malpractices which led to the commission, they were nevertheless required to pay not less than three shillings in the pound, according to their rental. To that Memorial you caused a reply to be sent through Mr. Secretary Bruce, stating that "it was not in the power of the Secretary of State to exempt women owning or occupying property from the local and imperial taxation to which that property is liable." While fully admitting this, your Memorialists beg to represent that it is in the power of the Legislature to secure to women the vote which their property would confer, along with its liability to local and imperial taxation, were it owned or occupied by men.

They submit that this concession has recently been granted in respect to local taxation, and that if justice demands that women should have a voice in controlling the municipal expenditure to which their property contributes, justice yet more urgently demands that they should have a voice in controlling the imperial expenditure to which the same property is liable. The local expenditure of the country amounts to about £30,000,000, the imperial expenditure to about £70,000,000 annually; if, therefore, the matter be regarded as one of taxation only, the latter vote is of more importance than the former. Local government deals with men and women alike, and knows no distinction between male and female ratepayers. But imperial government deals with men and women on different principles, and in such a manner that whenever there is any distinction made in the rights, privileges and protection accorded to them respectively, the difference is always against women and always in favour of men. They believe this state of things is a

natural result of the exclusion of women from representation, and that it will be found impracticable to amend it until women are admitted to a share in controlling the Legislature.

By the deprivation of the Parliamentary vote, women, in the purchase or renting of property, obtain less for their money than men. In a Bill which passed the House of Commons last session, provision was made for the amalgamation in one list of the municipal and Parliamentary register of electors. In that list it appeared that the same house, the same rent, and the same taxes, conferred on a man the double vote in municipal and Parliamentary government, and on a woman the single vote only, and that the less honourable and important one. When the occupation of a house is transferred from a man to a woman, say to the widow of the former owner, that home loses the privilege of representation in the imperial government, though its relations with the taxgatherer continue unaltered. There have been various societies formed with a view to enable persons to acquire portions of landed or real property, partly for the sake of the vote attached to such property. Should a woman purchase or inherit such an estate, the vote, which has been one important consideration in determining the value, would be lost, through her legal disability to exercise it.

The deprivation of the vote is a serious disadvantage to women in the competition for farms. A case is recorded of one estate in Suffolk from which seven widows have been ejected, who, if they had possessed votes, would have been continued as tenants. A sudden ejection often means ruin to a family who have sunk capital in the land, and it is only too probable that no day passes without the occurrence of some such calamity to some unhappy widow, who, but for the electoral disability, might have retained the home and the occupation by which she could have

brought up her family in comfort and independence.

Besides this definite manner in which the electoral disability injures women farmers, it has a more or less directly injurious influence on all self-dependent women who maintain themselves and their families by other than domestic labour. A disability, the basis of which is the presumed mental or moral incapacity of the subject of it to form a rational judgment on matters within the ordinary ken of human intelligence, carries with it a stigma of inferiority calculated to cause impediment to the entrance on or successful prosecution of any pursuit demanding recognised ability and energy. This presumed incapacity is probably the origin of the general neglect of the education of women, which is only now beginning to be acknowledged, and the absence of political power in the neglected class renders it difficult if not impossible to obtain an adequate share for girls in the application of educational funds and endowments. So long as women are specifically excluded from control over their Parliamentary representatives, so long will their interests be postponed to the claims of those who have votes to give; and while Parliament shall continue to declare that the voices of women are unfit to be taken into account in choosing members of the Legislature, the masses of men will continue to act as if their wishes, opinions, and interests were undeserving of serious consideration.

It is now nearly two years since you, in your place in the House of Commons, said that the number of absolutely self-dependent women is increasing from year to year, and that the progressive increase in the number of

such women is a very serious fact, because those women are assuming the burdens that belong to men; and you stated your belief that when they are called upon to assume those burdens, and to undertake the responsibility of providing for their own subsistence, they approach the task under greater difficulties than attach to their more powerful competitors. Your Memorialists therefore ask you to aid women in overcoming these difficulties, by assisting to place them, politically at least, on a level with those whom you designate as "their more powerful competitors."

One of the greatest hindrances in the path of self-dependent women is the opposition shown by members of many trades and professions to women who attempt to engage in them. The medical and academical authorities of the university of Edinburgh have successfully crushed the attempt of a small band of lady students to qualify themselves for the medical profession, and the same spirit of "trades unionism" is rife in the industrial community. A few months ago, the printers of Manchester, learning that a few girls were practising type-setting, and endeavouring to earn a little money thereby, instantly passed a rule ordaining a strike in the shop of any master printer who should allow type set up by women to be sent to his machines to be worked. At the present time, in a manufacturing district in Yorkshire where there are "broad" and "narrow" looms, at the former of which much more money can be earned, the men refuse to allow women to work at the broad looms, though they are quite able to manage them, because the work is considered too remunerative for women. At Nottingham there is a particular machine at which very high wages can be earned, at which women now work, and the men, in order to drive women out of such profitable employment, have insisted on the masters taking no more women on, but as those at present employed leave, supplying their places by men. A master manufacturer reports: "We have machines "which women can manage quite as well or better than men, yet are "they not permitted by a selfish combination of the strong against the "weak." These are only samples of the cases that are constantly occurring of successful attempts to drive women out of remunerative occupations. Your Memorialists submit that women would be more able to resist such attempts if they had the protection of the suffrage; and that men would be less likely to be thus aggressive and oppressive if they had learned to regard women as their political equals.

Besides the restrictions on the industrial liberties of women affected by combinations of men, there are existing and proposed legislative restrictions from which men are exempt, and which exercise a powerful influence on the market for their labour. For the coming session we have the proposal further to limit their hours of paid labour in factories, and to place other restrictions on their labour in shops, also a proposition to place married women on the footing of half-timers. Without here expressing any opinion as to the wisdom of these proposals, we urge that members of the House of Commons would be more capable of dealing with them in a just and appreciative spirit if they were responsible for their votes to the persons whose interests are directly concerned, and whose liberties they are asked to curtail; and, further, that it is a grave question how far it is safe to trust the industrial interests of women as a class to the irresponsible control of the men

who have manifested to individuals and to sections of working women the spirit indicated by the examples we have cited.

In the same speech you spoke of a state of the law in which the balance is generally cast too much against women, and too much in favour of men. Since you directed your attention to this matter, you have not been able either to introduce or to assist others who have introduced measures to ameliorate the state of the law respecting women, and such proposals have been unable to win consideration from Parliament. Your memorialists cannot believe that this neglect has arisen from want of a desire on your part to deal with the grievances under which you have admitted that your countrywomen suffer; they are, therefore, led to the conclusion that you have been unable to take into consideration the affairs of an unrepresented class, owing to the pre-occupation of Parliament with the concerns of those to whom it is directly responsible.

You stated that "the question was to devise a method of enabling women to exercise a sensible influence, without undertaking personal functions, and exposing themselves to personal obligations inconsistent with the fundamental particulars of their condition as women," and that the objection to the personal attendance of women at elections was in your mind an objection of the greatest force. They respectfully submit that the exercise of the municipal franchise involves the personal attendance of women at the polls, and that since your words were uttered changes have been effected which render the process of voting absolutely identical for municipal and Parliamentary elections, and the whole proceeding perfectly decorous and orderly. Experience has proved that women can vote at municipal elections without prejudice to the fundamental particulars of their condition as women, whatever these may be; and this experience shows that they may vote in Parliamentary elections without the smallest personal prejudice or inconvenience. The School Board elections have also shown that women can appeal to large constituencies and go through the ordeal of public meetings, addresses, and questions from electors, to which men must submit who seek the suffrages of a great community, without any sacrifice of womanly dignity, or of the respect and consideration accorded to their position and their sex. They therefore submit that events have obviated the objections you entertained in 1871 to the proposal to give representation to women, and that the course taken by the Administration over which you preside in assenting to the extension of the municipal and School Board franchise to them; in calling them to the public functions of candidates and members of School Boards; and lastly, of securing the passing of a law which renders the process of voting silent and secret, have taken away all reasonable grounds for objecting on the score of practical inconvenience to the admission of women to the exercise of a vote, which they would have to give in precisely the same manner, but not nearly so often, as those votes which they already deliver.

It has been said that there is neither desire nor demand for the measure, and further, that women do not care for and would not use the suffrage if they possessed it. But the demand for the Parliamentary franchise is enormously greater than was the demand for the Municipal franchise, and for the School Board franchise there was no apparent call. Yet these two measures were passed purely on their merits, and it was not

held to be necessary to impose on their promoters, over and above the obligation to make out their case, the condition that a majority of the women of England, or of a particular district, should petition for the proposed boon. Experience proved the wisdom and justice of this course, for although women throughout the country had taken no active part in agitating for the Municipal franchise, no sooner was the privilege accorded than they freely availed themselves of it, and statistics obtained from some of the largest boroughs in the kingdom show that from the first year in which women possessed the suffrage, they have voted in about equal proportion with men to the number of each on the register. The Parliamentary vote is more honourable and important than the Municipal vote; it is, therefore, safe to conclude that women who value and use the latter, will appreciate and exercise the former as soon as it shall be bestowed upon them. Your Memorialists submit that great injustice and injury is done by debarring these women from a voting power which there is such strong presumptive ground for believing that they would freely exercise but for the legal restraint.

Your Memorialists are especially moved to call your attention to the urgency of the claim at the present time, when a Bill extending the application of the principle of household suffrage is about to be proposed to Parliament, which Bill received last year such expressions of approval from members of Her Majesty's Government as to lead to the belief that they are willing to take the proposal into serious consideration. They submit that the claim and the need for representation of women householders is even more pressing than that of agricultural labourers. The grievances under which women suffer are equally great, and the demand for the franchise has been pressed by a much greater number of women, and for a much longer period of time than in the case of county householders now excluded. The number of persons who petitioned last session for the County Franchise Bill and for the Women's Disabilities Bill respectively were, for the former 1,889, and for the latter 329,206. The latter Bill has received most influential support from both sides of the House, and more votes have been recorded in its favour than have been given for any measure not directly supported as a party measure by one or other of the great parties in the State. Under these circumstances your Memorialists earnestly request that you will use your influence as leader of the House of Commons and of the Government to secure the passing of the Bill introduced by Mr. Jacob Bright, either as a substantive enactment, or as an integral portion of the next measure that shall be passed dealing with the question of the representation of the people.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

CAROLINE M. TAYLOR, PRESIDENT.

The receipt of the Memorial was duly acknowledged by Mr. Gladstone.

Your Committee determined to begin their season's work with a grand demonstration in the Free Trade Hall. The date was, after some difficulty, definitively fixed for February 24th, and arrangements for this, and for other meetings, and for the general work of petitions, were proceeding with vigour, when the sudden announcement of the dissolution of Parliament, after it had been summoned to meet for the despatch of business, threw the affairs of your Committee, in common with the political business of the whole country, into surprise and confusion. Your Committee took such steps as time and the extent of their resources permitted to bring the question before the notice of candidates in the various constituencies. They forwarded a copy of the Birmingham Memorial and of the Women's Disabilities Bill to every candidate in England and Wales, and they caused placards explaining the principle to be extensively posted in many large towns.

The general election took place in the first week in February. To their unspeakable regret, your Committee have to record the loss by their able, accomplished, and devoted leader, of his seat in Parliament for this city. It is impossible to overestimate the services rendered by Mr. Jacob Bright to the cause of the enfranchisement of women. In 1869 he introduced in the House of Commons an amendment on the Municipal Corporations Act, conferring on them the municipal franchise, and he urged this claim on the attention of Her Majesty's Government with such consummate tact, ability, and force, that they at once gave the measure their cordial support, and it was carried without opposition through both Houses of Parliament. As was well observed at the time by an eminent statesman, "This was a revolution, this vote meant " the other, and there never was so great a revolution so speedily " accomplished."

In the succeeding year Mr. Jacob Bright introduced the Bill to remove the disabilities of women in Parliamentary elections, and on May 4th, 1870, it was read a second time in the House of Commons, in a house of between 200 and 300, by a considerable majority. Then came a remarkable change; a sort of panic appeared to seize on the official mind, and under that panic machinery was set to work which more than once has been employed to upset just demands; the Government used its influence to crush the Bill, and it was rejected

on going into committee. But next year there was again a change. Mr. Disraeli came down to the House of Commons on a Wednesday in order to vote for the Bill, and Mr. Gladstone, who was present during the debate, withdrew his opposition after hearing the speech of the mover. In the speech in which he did so he congratulated the honourable gentleman on the ability with which he had stated his case, and observed that, while he would not say that the presence of Mr. Jacob Bright consoled him for the loss sustained by the absence of his distinguished relative, he took occasion to rejoice, that in that absence, the name of his family was so worthily represented. The Bill obtained an increasing amount of Parliamentary support during the four successive years in which Mr. Jacob Bright had the charge of it, a result which must be mainly attributed to the earnestness, tact, and political sagacity displayed by him in advocating the claim. Your Committee take this occasion of expressing their earnest hope that Mr. Jacob Bright may be speedily restored to a place in the House of Commons, which he is so eminently worthy to occupy.

Your Committee have also to regret the absence from the new Parliament of Mr. Eastwick, the seconder, and of about 70 supporters of the Bill. Some of their friends did not seek re election, and others have since obtained seats. The total number of supporters now in the House of Commons, so far as their opinions have been declared, is 234; but in the absence of the authoritative test of a division list, it is impossible to arrive at a trustworthy estimate of the strength of the cause in the new Parliament. Against the loss of so many friends may be set the defeat of the leader of the opposition to the measure in the late Parliament, Mr. Bouverie, and of that of 105 members who voted against the Bill.

Comparing the new Parliament with the old, so far as the sentiments of members have been declared, we find that in the late Parliament there were at the time of the dissolution 227 members who had voted or declared themselves in favour of the Bill, and 328 against it—majority against, if they had all voted, of 101. The actual numbers last division were for the Bill, 155; against, 222; majority, 67. In the new Parliament

there are about 234 friends of the Bill, and about 230 supposed to be opponents, the hostile majority is therefore apparently reduced to a nullity. There are about 50 members who are neutral, that is, who were in the late Parliament, but who never voted on the question, and about 140 new members whose views are not known. There is here ample margin for turning our present large and powerful minority of declared supporters, which includes the Prime Minister and many of the most influential members of the House of Commons, into a majority, and your committee earnestly exhort all their friends to aid them in the efforts necessary to promote this consummation.

Deprived of the services of their late leader, the promoters of the measure sought to place it in the hands of some member of eminence and ability, under whose auspices it might command a favourable hearing in the new Parliament. Your Committee have pleasure in recording the acceptance of this task by Mr. Forsyth, Q.C., member for Marylebone. With him are associated the names of the Right Hon. James Stansfeld; the Right Hon. the Recorder of London, Mr. Russell Gurney; and Sir Robert Anstruther. These four names of men, each eminent in his own way, whose opinions differ so widely on matters of party politics, should be a sufficient guarantee to all thinking persons that the measure they introduce is moderate, reasonable, and just, and that it is one in which men of all shades of opinion in general politics may heartily concur in supporting.

Mr. Forsyth introduced his Bill on March 19th, but, owing to the short and exceptional character of the session, he was unable to obtain a favourable day for the second reading, and the Bill was withdrawn, by the concurrence of all interested in the matter, on the 16th July.

The lengthened period during which the Bill remained on the order book of the House of Commons, as compared with former sessions, necessitated a corresponding prolongation of the work of petitioning. In former years the Bill has usually been disposed of about the end of April, and the bulk of the petitions have been presented by the first week of May. But this year a constant stream of petitions was kept up until nearly the end of July. During the whole of this period the columns of the *Times* recorded daily a long list of petitions for the Women's Disabilities Bill, a result which was owing to the energies and resources of the various societies and of individual friends of the cause. There were presented during the past session no fewer than 1,404 petitions, with 430,343 signatures, in favour of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill. Of these, 203 petitions were from public meetings or municipal corporations, signed officially or under seal. The petitions last year numbered 919, with 329,206 signatures, showing an increase of 101,137 over the petitioners in 1873. The petitioners for women's suffrage greatly exceed those for any other object. Of the total number, 344 petitions, with 128,552 signatures, were presented through the agency of the Manchester Society and its friends.

In the spring, your Committee prepared Memorials to Mr. Disraeli and Mr. Gladstone, praying them to give their support to the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill, which Memorials were signed by upwards of 18,000 women of the United Kingdom. The list was headed by Florence Nightingale, followed by Harriet Martineau, Mary Carpenter, Lady Anna Gore Langton, Miss Thackeray, Frances Power Cobbe, Mrs. Fawcett, Dr. Garrett Anderson, Miss Anna Swanwick, and many other ladies eminent for intellectual attainments and social position. The Prime Minister, in acknowledging the receipt of the Memorial, said that he felt much honoured by such an offering, and we trust that he will bear in mind the strong claim which a request urged by so many of England's most illustrious daughters, and supported by thousands of their humbler sisters, has upon his favourable consideration.

Mr. Gladstone addressed the following letter to Miss Becker, in reply to the Memorial:—

"21, Carlton House Terrace, July 14, 1874.

"Madam,—I have the honour to acknowledge the memorial, signed by names of so much distinction and by so large an aggregate, with reference to the legal disadvantages and disabilities of women.

"I do not recede from any statement that I have made in

Parliament during former years on this important question; and I am glad that in one or more instances abusive provisions have recently been removed from the statute book. But I confine myself to this general statement, and reserve any more particular declaration with respect to any proposed mode of procedure for whatever I may deem a suitable occasion and for my place in Parliament.—I have the honour to be, madam, your most obedient, humble servant,

"W. E. GLADSTONE. (Signed)

"I hope that the circumstances which have recently occurred in my family will sufficiently excuse my delay in acknowledging the receipt of the memorial."

The following is the text of the Memorials:-

To the Right Honourable Benjamin Disraeli, M.P., First Lord of Her Majesty's Treasury.

- We, the undersigned women of Great Britain and Ireland, desire to offer you our earnest thanks for the favourable reply you were pleased to give to our memorial of last year, and for your votes in the House of Commons in favour of the Bill to Remove the Electoral Disabilities of
- We invoke your aid to secure the boon of representative and constitutional government. We have a grateful remembrance of the fact that you were the first member of the House of Commons to declare within its walls your assent to the justice of the claim of women to representation, and we hold that it would be a fitting and graceful conclusion that you, who were a pioneer of our cause, should bring, as we believe that you have power to bring, such aid as would crown it with success.

We therefore respectfully and earnestly entreat that you will, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, give your support to the measure proposed in the House of Commons for removing the Electoral Disabilities of Women.

To the Right Honourable WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE, M.P.

We, the undersigned women of Great Britain and Ireland, respectfully urge on your attention the claim of women who are householders, ratepayers, and owners of property to the exercise of the electoral franchise annexed

by law to the qualifications which they possess. We are mindful of the circumstance that you have in your place in Parliament stated that there are various important particulars in which women obtain much less than justice under social arrangements, and that since those words were uttered attempts have been made to amend the law in some of these particulars, which attempts have failed, either through neglect or opposition. In the same speech you stated that there was a presumptive ground for some change in the law, and that in many cases, such as in the competition for farms, women suffer in a very definite manner for want of the qualification to vote. You stated

also that if it should be found possible to arrange a safe and welladjusted alteration of the law as to political power, the man who should attain that object, and should see his purpose carried onward to its consequences in a more just arrangement of the provisions of other laws bearing upon the condition and welfare of women, would be a real benefactor to his country.

We believe that these conditions are exactly fulfilled by the Bill now before the House of Commons. This Bill is approved and accepted by the most thoughtful and earnest women of the country as a satisfactory solution of the problem how best to bring the special interest and the special knowledge of women to bear in influencing the Legislature, and has been petitioned for, session after session, by many hundreds

of thousands of persons.

The Bill has secured and increased support each year that it has been submitted to Parliament, and has received more votes than have been given for any measure which has not been adopted by one or the other of the great parties in the state. No other proposal for the reform of the representation has been so long before Parliament, or has received such extended support. It appears, therefore, to have an equal if not a prior claim for acceptance to that of any other bill for extending the application of the principle of household suffrage.

We, therefore, earnestly beg that you will give your support to the Bill to Remove the Electoral Disabilities of Women, and exert your influence

in order to secure its passing into law.

The public meetings began with a demonstration in the Free Trade Hall, on February 24th, under the presidency of Mr. Jacob Bright. The large hall was crowded to overflowing with an interested and sympathetic audience. This meeting was immediately succeeded by others in large towns in Yorkshire, and during the period between February 24th and May the 1st twenty-three meetings were held, under the management of your Committee, at the following places :-Sheffield, Huddersfield, York, Nottingham, Northampton, Leicester, Oldham, Stalybridge, Wigan, Blackburn, Llangefni, Amlwch, Holyhead, Aberystwith, Bala, Llangollen, Wrexham, Denbigh, Ruthin, Bangor, Portmadoc, Festiniog, Carnarvon. A lecture was given on September 7th, at Whitby.

During the summer months no meetings can be held with advantage, but your Committee have pleasure in reporting that they have begun the work for this season by a series of successful meetings, at the following places, during the month of October: -Grimsby, Hull, Thirsk, Northallerton, Middlesbrough, Ripon, West Hartlepool, and Darlington. After each of these meetings a systematic canvass for funds and for the enrolment of new members was undertaken, with a very gratifying result. The greater portion of the cost of the meetings was covered by the subscriptions obtained, and a large number of new members were added to the ranks of the society. Your Committee recommend that this plan be continued, and that every meeting held in future shall be followed up after the manner described.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that the number of members of the Society has been nearly doubled during the past year. The sale of the Women's Suffrage Journal continues to increase, and it commands an augmented amount of interest and support.

The Bill to be introduced by Mr. Forsyth next session is the same in terms as that formerly in charge of Mr. Jacob Bright. The following is the text of the Bill:—

"A Bill to Remove the Electoral Disabilities of Women.

"Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

"1. That in all acts relating to the qualification and registration of voters or persons entitled or claiming to be registered and to vote in the election of Members of Parliament, whereever words occur which import the masculine gender, the same shall be held to include females for all purposes connected with and having reference to the right to be registered as voters, and to vote in such election, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding."

In order to give adequate support to the Parliamentary leaders, it is necessary that petitions, public meetings, and other demonstrations of public opinion, should be forthcoming in stronger force than ever. It behaves the friends of the cause to prove that the large numbers of petitions in former years represent not a spasmodic outburst of sentiment destined to subside, but a steady and increasing force of opinion in favour of a great principle. Your Committee appeal to their friends for aid to enable them to do their portion of the work, and they pledge themselves to devote their best energies to the fulfilment of the task entrusted to them.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Of the Society, held in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Manchester, November 13th, 1874.

JACOE BRIGHT, Esq., in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Report of the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer read the Statement of Accounts.

Resolution I.—Moved by William Forsyth, Esq., Q.C., M.P., seconded by Miss Lilias S. Ashworth:

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 Dr. Pankhurst, seconded by Whateley Cooke Taylor, Esq.:

That this meeting hereby record their sense of the inestimable value of the services rendered to the cause in the late Parliament by Mr. Jacob Bright, by introducing and obtaining the sanction of the Legislature to an amendment of the Municipal Corporations Act, giving the municipal franchise to women; by introducing the Women's Disabilities Bill, and by his able, faithful, and consistent advocacy of the measure during four successive sessions; this meeting also hereby express their deep regret that they are at present deprived of his Parliamentary services, and their earnest hope that he may soon be restored to a place in the House of Commons.

Resolution III.—Moved by Miss Caroline A. Biggs, seconded by Miss Beedy, M.A.:

That the cordial thanks of this meeting are hereby rendered to Mr. Forsyth, Q.C., the Right Hon. James Stansfeld, the Right Hon. the Recorder of London, and Sir Robert Anstruther, Bart., for introducing a measure to remove the electoral disabilities of women; and the meeting respectfully request them to take steps for the re-introduction of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill at an early period of the forthcoming session, and pledge themselves to support their action by every means in their power.

Resolution IV.—Moved by Mrs. Scatcherd, seconded by Dr. Edmunds:

That the following persons be the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:—Jacob Bright, Esq., Mrs. Jacob Bright, Miss Becker, Mrs. Butler, Thomas Chorlton, Esq., Mrs. Gell, Rev. B. Glover, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. R. R. Moore, Dr. Pankhurst, Rev. S. A. Steinthal, Mrs. Sutcliffe, Thos. Thomasson, Esq., Mrs. J. P. Thomasson, Miss Alice Wilson.

The Chair was taken by the Rev. S. Alfred Steinthal.

Resolution V.-Moved by Miss Alice Wilson, seconded by Miss Becker:

That the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Mayor of Manchester for allowing the Society the use of the Town Hall, and to Mr. Jacob Bright for presiding on the present occasion.

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MANCHESTER NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

RULES.

I. The object of the Society is, to obtain for Women the right of voting for Members of Parliament on the same conditions as it is, or may be, granted to men.

II. Approval of the object of the Society, and an annual subscription of any amount shall constitute membership.

III. The subscriptions are due on the first day of January for the current year.

IV. An Executive Committee shall be appointed at an Annual General Meeting, which committee shall have power to add to its number.

V. The committee, at its first meeting subsequent to the Annual Meeting, shall appoint a secretary and a treasurer.

VI. A Genera! Meeting of the Society shall be held once a year to receive the report, the statement of accounts, to appoint the committee, and transact any other business which may arise.

VII. A Special General Meeting of the Society may be called at any time by the committee, and, at the written request of twenty-five Members, the secretary shall call a Special Meeting. At such meeting no subjects shall be discussed but those mentioned in the notice summoning the members.

VIII. No General Meeting of the Society shall be called without eight days' public notice of such meeting.

IX. These rules shall not be altered except at a General Meeting; and no rule shall be altered at any meeting unless a month's notice of such proposed alteration has been given to the committee.

MANCHESTER NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

Members of the Society and others are earnestly requested to aid the movement for procuring the passing of the Bill to remove the electoral disabilities of women.

I. By collecting signatures to the petition, forms of which may be obtained from the Secretary.

II. By bringing the question under the notice of Members of Parliament, whenever they appear before their constituents.

III. Should notice of any motion, friendly or hostile, be given in the House of Commons—by writing letters, asking the local Members to support the principle of Women's Suffrage.

IV. In case of an election, by calling on every candidate to declare whether he will, if returned, vote for the Bill to remove the electoral disabilities of women.

V. By trying to procure insertions of facts and arguments bearing on the question, in the local press.

VI. By communicating to the Secretary any information likely to be useful to the Society, and the names of such persons as may be disposed to assist the cause.

VII. Where there are three or four members in the same place, by uniting to form a local committee.

VIII. By endeavouring to increase the number of members. IX. By promoting the circulation of the Women's Suffrage Journal.

X. By extending the organization of the Society through the medium of corresponding members or local committees. All persons willing to render such assistance are earnestly requested to communicate with the Secretary.

Further information will be willingly afforded to all who may desire it.

LYDIA E. BECKER, SECRETARY, 28, Jackson's Row, Albert Square, Manchester.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The petitions marked ¶ have the addresses of some or all of the petitioners a fixed.

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WOMEN'S DISABILITIES BILL.—In FAVOUR.

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=_	WEST WENTS in the county of file, in	
•	public meeting assembled; M. Wilson,	1
	chairman (Sir Robert Anstruther)	35
T-	REIGHTON (Mr. Ashbury)	
4	Woman of MANCHESTER (Mr. Birtey)	1,287 1,050
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"	_ (Mr. Canenaer)	1,225
o	Women of Manchester (Mr. Callender)	1,096 296
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5 —	TEEDS in hilblic incerting assembled;	1
•	Houghton chairman (Mr. Curver)	1
5-	Woman of Hunster in public meeting assem-	
~	bled; Alice Scattlerd, than woman	1
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9-	Inhabitants of SALFORD (Mr. Cawley)	020
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	(Namealleaphle)chairman (Mr. Christie)	1
5-	Decrees in the county of Banii, in public	
	magting aggemined: George G. Groom,	1
	M. A., chairman (Mr. Robert Day)	4,126
9-	MARYLEBONE (Mr. Forsyth)	491
9 — 5 —	BATH (Captain Hayter)	101
5-	T Normingham in hilblic meeting assembled,	1
	Joseph S (filmin, chairman (117, 15000))	
	- BIRKENHEAD, in public meeting assembled;	1
	C. Holland, chairwoman (Mr. Laird)	2,558
9	- Lambeth (Sir James Lawrence)	2,000
\$	T programmenting assembled, will.	. 1
	Lindsay, chairman (Mr. Macgregor)	70
9	- WEST WICKHAM (Sir Charles Henry Mills)	180
	Saint James, Bristol (Mr. Morley)	
5-	Gourock, in public meeting assembled;	1
	David Macrae, chairman (Col. Mure)	133
· ¶ —	WESTMINSTER (Sir Charles Russell)	
3-	BURMANTOFTS, Leeds, in public meeting	
	assembled; Ann Thoyse, chairwoman	1
	(Mr. Tennant)	

Mar. 20. Inhabitants of FINSBURY (Mr. Torrens)	
5 - TASHTON in the count of I	1,86
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- (Sir Thomas Bazley) Bredbury and Romily (Mr. Cunliffe Brooks)	
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Brooks)	40
- MANCHESTER (M. Coll 7)	49
Women of Salford (Mr. Charley)	1,262
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- CHELSEA (Sir Charles Dilke)	255
BRISTOL (Mr. Kirkman Hodgson)	2,350
LERWICK, in public meeting assembled;	209
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STORNAWAY, Lewis, in public meeting	1
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KIRKWALL, in public meeting assembled;	236
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\$ Mar. 24	assembled; R. B. Wallace, chairman	I LEIUESTER (Mr. Pell)	102
	(Mr. Donald Cameron)	- Westminster (Mr. William Smith)	24
	Women of Holbeck, in public meeting as-	BECKENHAM (Mr. John Talbot)	1,324
8-	women of Hollston, in passage sembled; Dinah Goodall, chairwoman	T — LEICESTER (Mr. Peter Taylor)	56
	sembled; Dillan Goodan, chart	5 LRICESTED in public results	50
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8-	Inhabitants of Peterhead, in public meeting	A. A. Isaacs, chairman (Mr. Peter	
•	assembled: John Anderson, chan	Taylor)	7
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-	BANFF, in public meeting assembled;	" - (Mr Wolton)	201
a-	George Shearer, chairman (Mr. Grant	— BARRHEAD	346
	$D_{\alpha i} f$	NEW DEER, in public meeting assembled.	940
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5-	meeting assembled; Alexander Roger,	TITIAUTUALUS UI VANTERRITRY (Mm Main 1')	1,086
	chairman (Mr. Hordrice)	— Maldon, in public meeting assembled;	55
	- Kennay, in the county of Aberdeen, in	H. Sprague chairman (16, 9, 16, 1)	
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	public meeting assembled,	T - 26 CHEETHAM Manchester (C: 777	91
		T 26. — CHEETHAM, Manchester (Sir Thos. Bazley)	552
5-	- Cuminestown, in public meeting as-	- (Sir Thos. Bazley)	512
	sembled: James Cowie, Chairman	Inhabitants of Sovery (Sir Thos. Bazley)	1,193
	(Mr. Fordyce)	industriality of SOUTHWARK (Colonel Remoteral)	1,449
4_	- Huntley, in public meeting assembled; - Huntley, in public meeting assembled;	THANCE ENTER I WY COLLOW CO.	785
~	James Watt, chairman (Mr. 1014gcc)	one in public meeting assembled.	
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		- CLARE (Mr. O'Conor)	100	Rochdale (Mr. Potter)	00
		- SLIGO (The O'Conor Don)	102	T - Bright Star Lodge of Good Tempiars,	30
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		Don)	102	ROCHDALE (Mr. Potter)	47
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-		- Petersham (Sir Henry Peek)	50	(Mr. Potter)	13
1. —		- PUTNEY (Sir Henry Peek)	3,048	Inhabitants of North Bow and MILE END (Mr.	
1-		- ROCHDALE (Mr. Potter)	0,040	Tutchie)	1,682
-		— STALYBRIDGE and DUKINFIELD Mr. Side-	864	BRIGHTON (General Shute)	1,351
		bottom)	191	" " VOLVERHAMPTON (Mr. Weguelam)	40
T—		- Hunslet (Mr. Tennant)		— BLACKBURN	26
T-		- Hawick (Mr. Trevelyan)	257	— 10. BATHAMPTON (Major Allen)	39
T —		— GLOUCESTER (Mr. Wait)	500	— Weston (Major Allen)	175
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		county of Lancaster (Sir Thos. Bazley)	251	Order of Good Templars, DUNDEE;	
T-		Female Inhabitants of Oxford Ward, MAN-		John Johnston, worthy chief templar,	
"		CHESTER (Sir Thomas Bazley)	511	and another (Sir Robert Anstruther)	0
π		- MANCHESTER (Mr. Birley)	942	Inhabitants of Oxford Ward, MANCHESTER	2
" -		Inhabitants of Dublin (Mr. Maurice Brooks)	406		
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-		- Carstairs (Sir Thomas Colebrooke)	406	Henry Locke, chairman (Mr. Brymer)	1
		- EDINBURGH (Mr. Cowan)	48	- DORCHESTER (Mr. Brymer)	412
1		- Belfast (Mr. Crawford)	1,423	- LEEDS (Mr. Carter)	301
1-		- HACKNEY (Mr. Fawcett)	39	- SHOREHAM (Mr. Stephen Care)	94
1 -		CHARLES GREGORY and others (Mr. Forsyth)	59	remaie Innabitants of Ipswich (Mr. Cobbold)	248
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	John Newton, chairman (Mr. Cowan)	1		40
	RRISTOI. (Mr. Grant Duff)	125	- Inhabitants of SEATON CAREW (Mr. Richardson)	02
	Members of the United Compsall Lodge of		- Members of the Alpha Lodge of Good Tem-	02
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	ANNE KAVANAGH, Kingstown, Dublin (Mr.			24
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-	Inhabitants of Bewdley (Mr. Charles Harrison)		Good Templars, J. A. Dewar, worthy	
5-	Members of the Saint John's Lodge of the		chief templar, and others (Sir George	
	Independent Order of Good Templars		Douglas)	3
	in Dundee: David McKenzie, worthy	,	- Inhabitants of Melrose (Sir George Douglas)	
	chief templar (Mr. Edward Jenkins)	1	- CHIPPENHAM (Mr. Estcourt) 13	
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	(Mr. Macartney)	47	- MALMESBURY (Mr. Estcourt) 13 - CALNE, in the county of Wilts (Lord)4
-	- SAINT JOHN'S WOOD (Mr. M'Laren)	43		20
11 —	- DALBEATTIE (Mr. Maitland)	34		39
1 —	- DALBEATTIE (Mr. Maitland)			54
5	- Invergordon, in public meeting assem-		$- \qquad - \qquad (Mr. Forsyth) \qquad \dots \qquad 12$	28
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	- BLAIRGOWRIE (Sir William Maxwell)	75	— — (Mr. Ion Trant Hamilton) 12	
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"	— Wakefield (Mr. Sanderson) ···	133	/1/ T / 17 17 17.	7
AT	— Cambridge (Mr. Smollett)	65	- CATHERINE ANDREWS, Blackrock (Mr. Ion	1
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-	of Dublin (Mr. Sullivan)	12	Trant Hamilton)	1
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-	- Blackrock, in the county of Dublin (Mr.	110	pendent Order of Good Templars,	
	Sullivan)	THE RESERVE OF THE RE	LEITH; J. Allam, worthy chief tem-	
9-	— PENYDARRAN (Mr. Talbot)	75	plar, and another (Mr. Macgregor)	2
9-	MERTHYR (Mr. Talbot)	50	- NORAH M'DERMOTT, Tulla, in the county of	
1-	Members of the Congregation of Libanus		(Name / Mr. O'S. 11:)	1
n —	Chanel DOWLAIS (Mr. Tallot)	72	- MARTHA KERR, Williamstown, Dublin (Mr.	1
=	Members of the BROUGHTY FERRY Lodge of		0, 6-11;	
2-	Good Templars, in meeting assembled;		O'Sullivan)	1
	Deter Corretal worthy chief templar		- ELIZABETH WALSH, Sandycove, in the county	
	Peter Crystal, worthy chief templar	1	of Dublin (Mr. O'Sullivan)	1
	(Mr. Yeaman)	149	- JANE DOYLE, Roebuck, in the county of Dublin	
	11. Inhabitants of BATHEASTON (Major Bousfield)	55	(Mr. O'Sullivan)	1
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9-	- Hendon (Mr. Coope)	O.Y.	T) 11' /7' \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	1
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11 —	of Dalkeith)	72	Brims Hall; Alexander Corner,	
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-	— GEASHILL and other places, King's County	107	and others (Mr. Edward Jenkins)	
	(Colonel Taylor)	303	- Women of Reference (May Johnson)	3
_	- Blackrock (Colonel Taylor)	000	Inhabitants of Bath (Mr. Kinnaird)	48
_	SARAH MAGUIRE, Westland Row, Dublin	1		191
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	ANNE REDMOND. Kings Town, in the county of		- Assistant Masters of Clifton College, BRISTOL,	
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	(Colonel Taglor)	1	— Members of the Flower of Nithsdale and Life	
	Women of Dublin (Colonel Taylor)	65	Guard Lodge of the Independent	
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-		114	(Mr. Ernest Noel)	0
_	— Blackrock (Colonel Taylor)	26	S Saint Michael's Lodge of Free Templars,	8
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	_ Dublin (Colonel Taylor)	112	master, and others (Mr. Ernest Noel)	14
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	_ Greenwich	427	plars of St. John; James Craig.	
	- STROMNESS, in public meeting assembled;		worthy master, and another (Mr.	
	James Spence, chairman	1	Ernest Noel)	9
	SLIGO and other places $(Mr. O'Conor)$	102	women of SLIGO, and others (Mr. O'Conor)	50
- 8	. — Shigo and other places (Mr. o county (Mr.		- ELLEN DONNELLY, Hacketstown, in the county	30
-	- RATHDOWNEY, in the Queen's County (Mr.	102	of Carlow (Mr. O'Conon)	
	O'Conor)	2	of Carlow (Mr. O'Conor)	1
- 15	. — CHELTENHAM (Sir Michael Hicks Deach)	16	- Inhabitants of CARRICK ON SHANNON (Mr.	
_	Southwick (Sir Percy Burrell) ···	10	O'Conor)	16
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	Robt. Penney, chairman (Sir P. Burrell)	1.	(Mr. O'Sullivan)	80
	- Bradford (Mr. Callender)	227	- Carshalton, in the county of Surrey (Sir	
	- Saint James's Ward, MANCHESTER (Mr.		Henry Peek)	101
_	Callender)	235	- Southampton (Sir Frederick Perkins)	500
	Women of Saint James's Ward, MANCHESTER		- IPSWICH	381
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_	— Pendleton (Mr. Cawley) ··· ···	182	- WESTON-SUPER-MARE (Mr. Richd, Rright)	167
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-	Gummess)	1	¶— Inhabitants of MARYLEBONE and other places	40
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_	Women of Carlow (Sir Arthur Guinness)	53	SOUTHAMPTON (M. Comme)	746
_	— Booterstown (Sir Arthur Guinness)	1	— SOUTHAMPTON (Mr. Gurney) A. TARRY and others (Mr. Hayagte)	308
_	MARY CONNOLLY, Drumcondra, in the county	1		75
	of Dublin (Sir Arthur Guinness)	1	- Cond others (Mr. Williams)	15
	ANNA MOORE, Moore-street, Dublin (Sir		— Members of the Christopher North Lodge of	
	Arthur Guinness)	1	the Independent Order of Good Tem-	
П	Inhabitants of Dalkey, Dublin (Sir Arthur		plars, Paisley (Mr. William Holms)	19
II	Guinness)	64	T - John Dunlop Lodge of the Independent	10
	- Kingstown, in the county of Dublin (Sir		Order of Good Templars Paisley (Mr.	
-	- Kingstown, ill the country of Dublin (200	140	William Holme	40
By Bullion	Arthur Guinness)	130	William Holms)	46
1 —	- Dublin (Sir Arthur Guinness)	103	Hope of Newhaven Lodge of the Independent Order of Cood Theorem	
1-	(Sir Arthur Guinness)	8	dent Order of Good Templars, NEWHA-	
-	— VALENTIA (Mr. Herbert)	-	VEN; Jas. Thompson, worthy chief	- 1
			Templar, and another (Mr. Macgregor)	2

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	another (Mr. Macgregor) 2	1-	- I ENDIETON (WY Charles)	
~	- LIFE BOAT LODGE of the Independent	¶_	Wollien of PENDLETON (Mr. Chamles)	170
2-	Order of Good Templars; Gilbert	¶_	— Salford (Mr. Charley)	433
	Auber, worthy chief templar, and		Members of the Manei Ladge of G. 17	346
	another (Mr. Macaregor)		Members of the Menai Lodge of Good Templars,	
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	C. D. ROBERTSON, St. James's Place, Blackrock	_	- (Mr William Holms)	331
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-	MARY J. FARRELL, Glasthule, in the county of		MARY POLLOCK, Paisley (Mr. William Holms)	1.
	Dublin (M1. O Ciery)		E. WYLIE, Paisley (Mr. William Holms)	1
	MARGARET REYNOLDS, Kingstown, in the county	_	Annabella Cunninghame, Paisley (Mr. Wil-	
	of Dublin ($Mr. O'Clery$)		nam Holms)	1
141	ANNE WHITEHEAD, Dublin (Mr. O'Clery) 1	_	JANET CALDWELL, Paisley (Mr. William Holms)	ī
	ELIZABETH SHERIN, George Street, Dublin	\$-	Inhabitants of LYMINGTON, in the county of	
	(Mr, O'Cleru)		Hants, in public meeting assembled;	
	Women of BLACKROCK (Mr. O'Clery) 56		Henry Dorman, chairman (Colonel	
	WILLIAMSTOWN (Mr. O'Clery) 13		Kennard)	7
	WEXFORD (Mr. O'Clery) 30	-	- LYMINGTON, in the county of Hants (Colonel	1
	Roscommon and other places (Mr. O'Clery) 50		Kennard)	40
-	ROSCOMMON and other places (Mr. o occ. 9)		MIDDIFFON Manahartan (14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 1	40
	- CLARE (M1. O Clery)		— MIDDLETON, Manchester (Mr. Melly)	48
_	- WICKLOW (III). O Clery)		- West Linton and Mountain Cross (Sir	
	Members of the Old Shildon Lodge of the Inde-		George Montgomery)	73
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2 -	MARY A. BARKBY and others (Mr. Pell) 130	11	Wollen of WESTMINSTER (Mr. William Smith)	200
" —	Inhabitants of Tain (Mr. Pender)	" -	inhabitants of Westminster (Mr W Smith)	1,372
T _	— ROCHDALE (Mr. Potter) 1,042		- LEICESTER (Mr. Peter Taylor)	128
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2	RATHMINES, in the county of Dublin (Col.	— 18. 1	ELIZABETH NIXON, Lochnagar Place, Stranraer	011
11 -	Taylor) 48		(MT, Aomen)	1
	- Dublin (Colonel Taylor) 114	- 5	Susan Elder, London Road, Strangaer (Mr.	1
	_ (Colonel Taylor) 136		Agnew)	
	=	_]	ELIZABETH FENWICK, Glenluce (Mr. Agnew)	1
	= (Cotonet Tagtor)	_ 7	ANNIE WALES Mill Book Cottons (1)	1
-	- DLACKROCK (Cocolect Lagrer)		Annie Wales, Mill Bank Cottage, Glenluce	
-	MARY A. FITZSIMON, Richmond, Dublin (Col.	_ 7	(Mr. Agnew)	1
	MARY BRENNAN, Kingstown, in the county of		MARY M'MASTER, 3, Albany Place, London	
_	MARY BRENNAN, Kingstown, in the county of Dublin (Colonel Taylor)		Road, Stranraer (Mr. Agnew)	1
		_ 1	ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, London Road, Strangaer	
- CS	MARIA FALLON, Sandymount, in the county of		(Mr. Agnew)	1
	Dublin (Colonel Taylor)		HARGARET WATT, London Road, Strangaer	
	Inhabitants of Stoubbridge (Mr. Walker) 81		(Mr. Agnew)	1
	- Broadway and other places, in the county	— I	MARGARET M'EWEN, High-street, Leswalt	
	of Worcester (Mr Walker) 24		(Mr. Agnew)	1
=1	- Croydon (Mr. Watney) 67	- A	ANN M'Dowall, London Road, Stranraer	
" —	— Heapham, in the county of Lincoln (Mr. Winn) 8		(Mr. Agnern)	
-	- HEAPHAM, III one country of Emiconi (Elis in the state)		(mr. Agnew)	1

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1	— Bickley and other places (Mr. Forsyth)	446	ELIZA REED and others (Lord George Hamilton)	346
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3-	- THORNHILL, in the county of Dumfries, in		ELIZABETH MASON, Clontarf, Dublin (Mr. Ion	23
	public meeting assembled; T. B.		Trutt Hamilton)	
	Grierson, chairman (Mr. Johnstone)	1,	- MARY KEELY, Blackrock, Dublin (Mr. Ion	1.
9	— MAIDSTONE and YALDING (Sir John Lubbock)	461		-
9-	Women Ratepayers of Maidstone (Sir John		Inhabitants of Dublin (Mr. I. Trant Hamilton)	1
	Lubbock)	140	T - (Mr. Ion Trant Hamilton)	205
9-	Inhabitants of Portobello (Mr. Macgregor)	28	¶— — (Mr. Ion Trant Hamilton)	120
3 —	Members of the Excelsior Club of the Inde-		NEWCASTIF-UPON TYNE (W. II	141
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9 —	- LAMBETH and BATTERSEA (Mr. William		TORQUAY (Sir Lawrence Palk)	100
		1,649	— LINLITHGOW (Mr. Ramsay) Members of the Brother's V.	233
1-	- Lambeth (Mr. William M'Arthur)	936	de brother's Reeper Lodge of	
1-	— STRATFORD (Colonel Makins)	986	Good Templars, ALNWICK (Mr. Ridley)	29
<u> </u>	— (Colonel Makins)	602	Inhabitants of Kettering (Mr. Sackville)	16
9-	— Plumstead and neighbourhood (Mr. Pem-		THRAPSTON and vicinity (Mr. Sackville)	120
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1-	— MILE END and STRATFORD (Mr. Ritchie)	130	HOLLOWAY (Mr. Torrens)	119
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¶ —		1,525	BLACKHEATH (Mr. Board)	204
9 —	W. Sims and others (Mr. Coope)	630		73
9-	W. THORBURN and others (Mr. Cowan)	108	GREENWICH (Mr. Boord)	318
-	G. M. THOMAS, Rose Cottage, Gilmerton (Earl		- Stirling (Mr. Campbell-Bannerman) Leeds (Mr. Carter)	78
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_	ELIZABETH REDPATH, Gilmerton Bank House,		BARNSTAPLE (Mr. Thomas Cave) LINCOLN (Colonel Chaplin)	319
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9-	Inhabitants of Roslin, in the county of Mid		Members of the William of Waynfleet Lodge	
	Lothian (Earl of Dalkeith)	20	of the Independent Order of Good	
9 -	- GILMERTON (Earl of Dalkeith)	147	Templars, WAYNFLEET, in the county	
-	— Croydon (Mr. Errington)	50	of Lincoln (Mr. Chaplin) Inhabitants of London (Mr. Cotton)	25
	- $ (Mr. Errington)$	50		614
-	A. E. Allison and others (Mr. Forsyth)	181	Inhabitants of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Mr.	,483
9 -	Members of the Saint Mary Lodge of Good			0.45
	Templars, CHELTENHAM (Mr. Agg-		/11. T 1 0	,345
	Gardner)	54	- (BIT. Joseph Cowen) 2	,337
5-	Inhabitants of Chippenham, in public meeting		Members of the North London Secular Club;	819
	assembled; W. E. Darby, chairman	1	George Lyon, chairman (Mr. Fawcett)	,
	$(Mr. Goldney) \dots \dots \dots \dots$	1	2 Jon, chairman (mr. Pawcett)	1
		NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.		

June 22.	Inhabitants of Stoke Newington (Mr. Fawcett)	50	T	22 35 1 0 11 777	
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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Edinburgh Branch of the National Society for Women's Suffrage was held in the large hall of the Literary Institute, on the 18th January. There was a large attendance of both ladies and gentlemen. On and near the platform were Mrs Duncan M'Laren, Newington House; Mrs Hume Rothery (daughter of the late Mr Joseph Hume, M.P.); Miss Sturge, Birmingham; Miss Eliza Wigham; Miss Stuart, Markinch; Mrs Wellstood, Miss Sturge, Miss L. Stevenson, Mrs Wigham, Miss Hunter, Miss Craig, Mrs Macqueen, Miss Taylour, Mrs D. O. Hill, Miss Ramsay, Mrs and Miss Hope, of Bordlands; Mrs Samuel Brown, Miss Ella Burton; Mr James Cowan, M.P.; Mr R. A. Macfie, Mr W. Milne, Bailie Marshall, Councillor Wellstood, Mr Thomas Robertson, Mr D. M'Laren, jun., ex-Councillor Bladworth, Mr Inglis, &c.

On the motion of Mrs Nichol, Mrs M'Laren was called to

Mrs M'Laren, on taking the chair, said—The energy and ability women have shewn in advocating their claim to the Suffrage, as well as other questions connected with their welfare, is fast making the phrase, "Woman's sphere," a phrase of the past. Whence have they received the energy and the talent for their work? Not even from the schools, for the Universities are closed against them. It is a God-given power; and it is beginning to be recognised that what God has given must no longer be kept latent, but brought into use.

Changing circumstances are continually throwing fresh light upon this subject. I often remember the words of our Saviour, "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now," for all His words and all His actions towards women, as related in the New Testament, have a wonderful relation to this increasing light. Each century and each generation has much to unlearn as well as to learn. Hitherto men have had the expounding of the Scriptures almost exclusively to themselves, and the condition of the world shews how much more stress has been laid upon the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth verses of the fourteenth chapter of St Paul's Epistle

to the Corinthians than upon the ninth verse of the eleventh of Ecclesiastes, and other passages both in the Old and New Testaments, of even stronger import as to the duties and moral conduct of men. But the apostle, who is always quoted in support of the subjection of women, gladly availed himself of the highest spiritual and intellectual energies of such women as were capable of working with him; and I am sure you will agree with me, that whilst the same apostle's exhortation against much dressing of the hair and the wearing of jewellery is as strong as anything he advised as to the deference women should pay to man's superiority, there has been no great stress laid upon that exhortation. St Paul is quite forgotten when every device is applied to human and manufactured hair for the purpose of adorning or disfiguring the female head; and he is also forgotten when rich men make use of their female relatives to display their own wealth by the quantity of jewellery they give them to wear.

I confess there is much yet to be done to raise in the minds of women a higher standard of what their own position ought to be. From their childhood they are taught to believe they have nothing to do with politics. This has arisen a good deal from the idea of politics being associated with mere party and electioneering proceedings, for in past days the country has generally slumbered quietly on, until the advent of an election, when it has been suddenly awakened by some party-cry, followed too often by tumultuous uproar. This state of things is passing away, and questions full of the deepest interest to us all are coming to the front, in

which men need the help of women.

I had a letter the other day from a young friend of mine, in which he says: "I told our foreman about your meeting; he is much against Women's Suffrage. He says he likes to see a woman when she has done her work, sit down and read her Bible. I told him I thought men needed to read their Bible quite as much as women, and that I also liked to see a woman sit down at times to read the newspaper; for if women were more conversant with the topics of the day, men would not go so much to public-houses and reading-rooms to seek companionship there."

I was much struck lately by a remark of one of our Edinburgh citizens—one of those thrifty and sensible men of whom Scotland may be justly proud—such as form the backbone of every nation. He said he thought it quite a mistake to be always thinking of getting up reading and refreshment rooms for the working-men. He thought it would be much better to form good libraries in different parts of the town, and encourage the men to take the books home to read. "Why not encourage them," he said, "to look for comfort at home?" Many will say this is unreasonable. I heard a very distinguished man say, not long ago, when arguing against a decrease of public-houses, "How can you expect a man who has been working all day, to go and sit in a comfortless house with his wife and perhaps half-a-dozen little children huddled up in one corner of the room?" I reply, Property involves responsibility. It was well said by a noble-minded Scotchman, "Property has its duties as well as its rights." The six little children, whom we can picture in the corner of that miserable home, by the unjust laws of Great Britain, do not legally belong to the mother who bore them. They are exclusively the property of the father; and if fathers were more frequently taught that home was their sphere, perhaps we should see less of this squalid misery, and more library books in

the dwellings of the poor.

I need not tell you that we do not ask for the suffrage as a mere abstract right. Women feel that they ought to have a voice in the representation of their country, that they may have some influence upon laws which closely affect themselves, as well as the country at large. I believe many women, for want of more political knowledge, are not aware that a married woman has no ownership in her children. It is only unmarried women who are in the unhappy position of mothers whom the laws of our country deem the fit and proper mothers to have the sole custody of their children, shewing clearly that these laws tend not to the benefit of either mothers or children, but to give men all power on the one hand, and immunity from evil doing on the other. There is much yet to unlearn as well as to learn. Men have often, with the best intentions, taken upon themselves more than they could well accomplish, forgetting these words spoken by One who could see the end from the beginning, "It is not good for man to be alone," and which have a much wider meaning than has generally been accorded them.

The Report of the Local Government Board, containing a series of investigations recently made on behalf of the Government by one of their Inspectors, Mrs Nassau Senior (the first of her sex so appointed in Great Britain, and appointed by the Right Hon. James Stansfeld, M.P.), amongst many interesting statistics, shews the good results of boarding out pauper children. Mr Mozeley, another Government inspector, reports that in his district the only failures of the boarding-out system have occurred where it has been managed solely by the guardians, and not, as in many places, by joint-committees of guardians and ladies. I am quite sure that if men and women worked together on more Boards and on more Committees, many things would be better done; and in this opinion I am supported by the most enlightened men of this city, as well as by its press.

What do you think was the admission of the Times newspaper within the past year, in a suggestion most unworthy of the leading journal of a Christian country? Why, that the tone of morals was so low at the Epsom Races, that gentlemen ought to encourage ladies to attend them, in order to elevate it. Now, the immorality which prevails on the race-course is of a much more degrading character than that which obtains at Parliamentary elections, so that if ladies are asked to purify the moral atmosphere of the racecourse, it surely becomes the duty of the Times, with its great power, to aid them in their own request to be allowed to assist in purifying the political atmosphere of their country, whether from the platform or through the ballot box.

I repeat again, there is much to unlearn. The best and noblest of our men, from whom we derive so much help, and from whom we learn so much, do not, in their turn, despise the teaching of women. They know that from their own early and close contact with the world, they become apt to see many things as through a glass darkly. Women have mostly been kept in a purer light, and perhaps see some things more clearly than men. I have been told, on good authority, that the eleventh verse of the forty-eighth Psalm ought to be translated, "The Lord gave the word, great was the company of women publishers." I have thought sometimes that the Lord is again giving the word, and calling up a company of women publishers to publish the need of a purer faith and a purer life. This can be done through the ballot-box as well as from the platform. Women have great courage to act upon their convictions. There is one woman at the present moment—delicate, beautiful, obedient to her special call, no words of applause invite her onwards—leaning upon the promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee;" she has entered Paris alone, to face the most deadly enemy that can ever destroy any city. She carries no weapon forged by human hands; she hopes to strike the sin of that great city, and of other continental cities, by the force of Truth alone. When apostles are raised up for special work, there are hearts prepared to receive them; and from high and unexpected quarters Mrs Butler hears the words, "We would hear thee again of this matter."

Such is the call going forth, that I saw in the papers a few days ago, that the Baroness Burdett Coutts, who has expressed herself strongly in favour of the doctrine, which I delight to say is in the main part true, respecting woman's sphere being at home, that she herself, impelled by her earnest sympathy with the brute creation, has been addressing a crowded meeting at Exeter on the subject of cruelty to animals. I am sure it would be a most effective appeal on their behalf. I never heard a speech more gracefully delivered, either as to matter or manner, than the one Lady Burdett Coutts made in Edinburgh, to an equally crowded audience, on the occasion of her receiving the freedom of this beautiful city. We are not all called upon to work on the same questions, but we are all called upon to sympathise with suffering everywhere, and to examine how it is that such suffering exists. There are agonies which the spirit, born to an immortal inheritance, has to bear, far beyond any which these dumb creatures can ever know. We would not ask one effort less for them; those faithful friends deserve our every care; but whether the intenser sufferings to which I have alluded be produced by our laws, or could be mitigated by any alteration in our laws, every intelligent woman is bound to examine for herself.

Is there not cruelty in ejecting a widow, in the bitterness of her loneliness, with her fatherless children, from the farm whose produce was their bread, simply because the law refuses her the vote which her husband could have given at a Parliamentary election, and which she could quite as intelligently have given? Is there

no injustice in our legislators proposing to enfranchise the uneducated labourers on such farms, who have scarcely asked to be enfranchised, and turning a deaf ear to the tens of thousands of petitions which intelligent women have for years been sending to Parliament through much patient toil and self-denial? Are there not sufferings borne daily by women too dreadful to contemplate, because our laws teach such men as are cruelly disposed, that their wives are their own property, to be treated as they choose? A most powerful appeal for equal laws as between men and women I read some little time ago in a newspaper report of a man who had ill-used his wife. He said, "Why punish me; make my wife my equal, and I will treat her as such." That man was born in his wrong sphere. What a help he would have been to us in the House of Commons with such logical views! Were such reasoning acted upon, we should soon have no more discussions on the virtue of the lash.

In Edinburgh and Leith there are 18,000 more women than men. The disproportion between the sexes is great in most places. In the Burgh of Marylebone, in London, represented in Parliament by our friend Mr Forsyth, there are 20,000 more women than men. It would take volumes to tell the misery, the vice, and the suffering involved in words so easily spoken. What a sphere for our rich and good women, if they would, with the great wealth and influence with which they are endowed, come forward and use their gifts for the higher education of women, many of whom are entirely shut out from family life and its duties, and enable them to be instructed for missionaries and medical missionaries, to seek, if they felt the call, openings for themselves in this and other countries, so that they might become lights in the dark places of the earth; and that thus their lives might be made useful, and honourable, and blessed, instead of being too often marked only by broken hopes and an aimless existence.

Miss Wigham then read the Annual Report:—

"The commencement of the year just past, found the country engaged in the bustle of a Parliamentary election, the results of which affected more or less all the important questions of the day, including that of Women's Suffrage. Mr Jacob Bright, and others of the faithful supporters of the cause, were not returned to Parliament, and, consequently, there was a little anxiety as to who should be the leader. But soon, however, this anxiety was removed by Mr Forsyth, Q.C., the Conservative Member for Marylebone, kindly undertaking the leadership of the cause in Parliament. He gave notice of his Bill at a very early period, but the second reading was unavoidably deferred, notwithstanding the efforts of Mr Forsyth to the contrary, and in the short session there was not found an opportunity to proceed with it.

"Mr Forsyth, in communicating this disappointment to the Committee, gave hopes that the Bill would be brought in, under better auspices in the coming session, and promised he would do all he could to promote its success. We feel grateful to Mr Forsyth for his interest and efforts in our cause.

"Although there was thus no division in the House of Commons, the work of sending memorials and petitions by our Committee was not relaxed; on the contrary, it exceeded that of former years. The number of petitions sent from Scotland was 340, and the number of signatures appended to them was upwards of 50,000. From Scotch Town Councils there were fourteen petitions sent; and besides these expressions of interest, a memorial to Mr Disraeli was forwarded, signed by 10,127 of the women of Scotland, praying for his continued support, and reminding him of the fact that he was the first member of the House of Commons who within its walls conceded the right of women to representation.

"After the dissolution, communication was held with all the Scottish candidates for election, and it is believed that, so far as Scotland is concerned, our friends are not fewer than in former years, there being thirty Scotch members known to be supporters of Women's Suffrage. The number of known friends in Parliament is 229. During the year thirty-three public meetings have been held, nearly all of which passed, unanimously, petitions for the representation of Women Householders.

"During the past year vigorous efforts have also been made in England, making the aggregate of the petitions from the United Kingdom to be upwards of 1000, and the number of signatures to be upwards of 300,000, exceeding by 60,000 those of former years. It is satisfactory that in all these efforts Scotland bears her full and fair proportion of the work. In the fact of municipal expression of sentiment, Scotland exceeds,—there being fourteen Scottish Town Councils and only twelve English and Irish, which have petitioned. The number of public meetings held in England and Ireland is very large, and the influence

"Although we have no direct progress to report in Parliamentary action, there are many tokens, that the principle of the recognition of women as allies in the political world is gaining ground. We may refer to the appointment of women to the directorship of various institutions in this country, and to the acknowledged good results wherever

electoral rights have been granted to them.

"As in past years, we have to mourn the loss we have sustained, by the removal by death of tried friends. This year the name of Lady Amberley rises before us prominently, her early and unlooked for death filled many hearts with sorrow besides those of her own immediate circle. Women everywhere lost in her a friend; she stood forth boldly to advocate what she believed to be just and true, and her example will, we trust, survive her. Nearer home we have to mention the name of Miss May M'Combie, of Aberdeen, who, though young in years, bravely by speech and pen, and still more by her gentle life of daily performed duty, and intelligent influence, promoted the cause of womanhood everywhere. When we note the gaps made by the loss of these and other workers, we would call on others to come forth to fill

"We have offered in our Report merely the bare details of our work, which but slightly indicate the amount of effort expended. We have not entered into arguments; we conceive that these are not now needed for our cause, its self-evident and strictly logical justice must be accepted by all candid minds. If politics be the relation of the Government to the governed, and the relations of nations to each other, surely women have a great interest in politics, which they are bound religiously to cultivate and to manifest, as they love their country, and wish for it an elevated position of influence towards other

countries.

"With these feelings we see no ground to give up our efforts, and we are preparing with vigour for the next session, in the hope that it may see these efforts crowned with success. Meanwhile we present

our Annual Statement to our friends, and again call on them for their sympathy and aid in the advancement of this good and righteous cause."

Mr Cowan, M.P., said he did not know until a short time ago that he was to be asked to move the approval of the report. He thought this was to be a field night for the ladies, and that no gentlemen were to speak at all. (Hear, hear.) He should therefore make his remarks extremely short. The report read by Miss Wigham was very interesting, and shewed the great work and the labour which the committee had had in hand during the past year; at the same time, they would allow him to congratulate them as Scotchmen on the very marked part which Scotland had taken in the agitation, and for the attitude Scotland now shewed in favour of women's rights. (Applause.) The estimate in which women were held in a country was always a mark of the civilisation of a people. Tacitus told them that the old Germans never undertook any serious business without first consulting the women. They knew, furthermore, what a large number there were in our own days of single women, or widows, or women deserted by their husbands, who were occupying houses, who were paying taxes, who were bringing up families, and doing all they possibly could in many cases, as he knew, to keep themselves out of the poorhouse. He asked, Were those women who were paying taxes not entitled to vote for members of Parliament as well as men? (Hear, hear.) Had they not an equal political stake in the country? He was satisfied that the votes of women would be in favour of good government, and that they would choose the best of whichever two candidates appeared for their suffrages. He congratulated the society on the work which had been done last year, and hoped one of the pleasantest sights they might have in the House of Commons this year on the respective benches, would be to see which side turned out the greatest number of members to vote for this measure when it came before them. (Applause.) He had strong hopes that even this year it would meet with success; but if not, they had the assurance that it was certain to be carried in the end. He begged to move the approval of the report.

Mr Macfie, of Dreghorn Castle, seconded the motion. He hoped the fight which had begun would not be long continued, and that the anticipations of the society would soon be verified.

Mrs Hume Rothery, who was received with applause, referred to the link which connected her to Scotland through her father (Joseph Hume, M.P.), who, just fifty years ago, came down to Edinburgh to a great public dinner, which was given to him in compliment for his early exertions in the Liberal cause. He lived to see the result of much of the work he carried through, ere he closed the scene of his earthly labours; but in the years that had elapsed since then, she believed that still greater changes—changes more important from their fundamental nature—had taken place than any of those which took place during the thirty years that preceded them. The most

marked, and she believed the most undoubtedly important, to the future welfare of mankind, was that which was now calling women from one cause or another into the public sphere, and calling them to extend, not to desert, the sphere of their duties. She believed that this call, this change, was what might be called in scientific language a cosmic change; she believed that it was rooted in the gradual development of the race. It was analogous to the development they saw in human individuals. In the childhood of the individual as in the childhood of the race, it was the physical part of the man that ruled. It was the child's growing strength, his senses, his animal powers, which were developed, and which ruled. In the childhood of the nation it was physical strength, rude animal force, which ruled. They advanced a step and they found in the human individual that the love of knowledge, the growth of the understanding, the worship of truth, was the highest object of man's adoration; and corresponding with this, they found a period in the government of nations when the rule of intelligence prevailed. They thus took a step forward—it was not the highest step; if they were to have a grand human being, they must have something beyond the development of the intellect. They must have the moral, voluntary, and spiritual nature of man developed, so that he might use it for the purpose to which it could be applied. Correspondingly, that change was to be, and must be, represented in the government of the nation by the introduction into the sphere of government, of that portion of the population which represented and embodied the strongest moral and religious convictions, sentiments, and powers of the nation. (Applause.)

She need not tell the meeting—she need not even suggest to them as a novelty — it was too well known by all who it was that practically in life stood closest to religion, to heaven, and to God. It was the privilege of the mother, of the wife, even at times of the daughter, to guide and link the aspirations of the father, the husband, or the son to those undying realities for which their earthly career was but a preparation. (Applause.) When, therefore, she said that the introduction of women into the sphere of government corresponded to that in the development of the individual-when the noblest and highest of the undying faculties of men were developed—she thought they would at once accept it as a fact, that women were needed to bring down religion, not merely as now into daily life, but to bring down the highest moral influences into the sphere of government as well as into the sphere of home. Why was it that they saw so-called Christian nations revelling in all the abominations of the heathen, sending forth their troops of men to butcher their neighbours, performing deeds of spoliation and cruelty which savages performed and Christ forbade? Why was it, but because the moral element, the conscientious element, the religious element, were banished from politics. The curse of this world, at least for centuries back, had been the divorce of conscience from action. Now, if they could once bring into the field those who were acknowledged strong in the courage of their opinions—those

who had been always ready in times of trial, to die as martyrs at the stake, living day by day, week by week, year by year, martyrs to the duties of their position, in spite of hardships, in spite of consequences, in spite of cruelty—if they could bring wives and mothers into the sphere of government, surely the world would have a new chance, and they would have the hope of seeing something like Christian principles recognised in government and in politics.

Politics, she need scarcely say, were the religion of civil life; and if a man would only act in his political sphere as he felt bound —if he was an honourable, God-fearing man—to act in his private sphere, did they think that the scenes could be enacted, that the laws could be passed in this country which they had all groaned under, and veiled their faces in shame before? It was impossible. It was because hitherto it had been an accepted maxim that the men in a Government-men in public positions-were not responsible to the same law, could not in fact carry out in public life that law, which they accepted in private. If that were not so, they would be proclaiming the failure, futility, and worthlessness of that law. It was impossible that that should be good in private for one man, which was not also good for the whole of mankind.

What, after all, constituted all right government and the privileges of which they spoke? These were but the aggregate of the rights of the individuals who composed that State and Government, and it was upon that she herself founded the claim of the suffrage for women. Mrs Rothery went on to remark that men and women were each endowed by the Creator with conscience, self-will, and freewill, and asked how could she govern herself as a member of the community—what right had she to surrender her God-given trust of free-will into the hands of the community? It was her duty, as well as her right, to claim a share in the government of her country, that she might not be called upon to obey laws contrary to her conscientious convictions, which she had no share in passing. They need not distress themselves whether the law passed this year or next year. The time was as surely coming when it would be the law as that the waves of the sea rolled up, in the progress of the flood. (Applause.) Movements like this, which came from a law deep-seated in the human race—the law of progress—could not stop. They were by no means going to propound women's superiority as a whole; what they wished was to have them placed on an equality with men.

As to the statement that women might want to get into Parliament, they need not trouble themselves with it. If they once believed that the principle they were working upon was right, they need not fear that it would lead to any bad consequences. Why should woman neglect her home duties for her Parliamentary and suffrage duties any more than men? There was room in most lives for a great deal more than was put into them, and if so much time were diverted from dress, visiting, and gossiping, for the perusal of the serious realities they saw in the newspapers, and the duties which the suffrage would impose, home

would not be less well-governed and families not less happy. As to the discord that would be introduced into houses—did they think attached friends, who did not quarrel about other things, would quarrel about a member of Parliament? Instead of marring concord, it would increase it, and why? because all first-class menall the best of men she had ever known-were in favour of the extension of the voting rights to women—were anxious to see women stand by their sides as equals, and did not wish them to be any longer either toys or slaves. (Applause.) In the course of some further remarks, Mrs Rothery spoke of women as having been trained up to believe that it was their duty to subordinate their own consciences, to yield implicit obedience to the men to whom they were married; referred to a "black catalogue" of laws, passed by man for his own behoof at women's expense, and urged that woman should study to fit herself for the franchise. It would be well to possess, but still better to deserve it. She moved—"Resolved that, in the opinion of this meeting, the true principles of representation require the admission of women to the franchise, on precisely the same footing as men, whatever qualification may be prescribed by Parliament as entitling to the suffrage, and that, while a property qualification is the basis of representation, it is a manifest injustice that women, while subject to all burdens laid on property, should be debarred as now from its corresponding privileges." (Cheers.)

Miss STUART, in seconding the motion, said — We are continually told that it is a proud and a fortunate fate to be born a native of Great Britain; nor does the saying appear to be without foundation. Ask any man of average information, in what these boasted privileges consist, and he will tell you, of Jury Trial and Magna Charta, of the Bill and Petition of Rights. He will tell you that no man can be deprived of any portion of his property without his consent, expressed by himself or his representative. He will tell you that no Briton is born with a personal disability to fill any estate in the kingdom, short of royalty. He will tell you that the paths of learning and fame are closed against no man. He will tell you of Free Trade and Liberty of Conscience, and will probably conclude by exclaiming, that "Britons never shall be slaves!" Ask him how he is assured of this, -to whom the protection of these privileges is committed? He will reply that they are protected by their lawful owners—by himself and every other voter!

The Parliament of Great Britain makes the laws, but the voters make the Parliament. They are the true lawgivers; and the qualification for a voter is now so small, that no man of average industry and abilities need long remain unrepresented. There, he will tell you, is the bulwark of British liberty—the British People! And he will forget, and his hearers will forget, and the whole country forgets, that in fact those privileges belong only to one-half of the nation—the men of Britain. Women indeed share in these privileges, but they have no power to prevent the infringement

thereof. They want the keystone of the arch of liberty; they are not the protectors of their own rights. The Parliament of Great Britain legislates for them, and they have no voice in the election of that Parliament.

Were I desirous to make a sentimental case of the wrongs of women, I think that I could advance innumerable cases in which their liberties have been infringed. But I speak not of the wrongs of women, but of the wrongs of citizens,—of the wrongs of those who have never been represented. Wrongs similar to those of women have been suffered by every unrepresented class of men. Moreover, I maintain that the political exclusion of women is injurious to the excluders, no less than the excluded. The nation which ignores the opinion and intellect of one-half of its people on subjects concerning the public interest, commits not only an act of injustice, but a political blunder. "There is that which scattereth, and yet increaseth, and there is that which withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

The principle for which we solicit your approval is not by any means strange to the public ear. It is not because a man is a man, that he has a vote; many men have no votes. It is not because he is wise or strong; many weak men and fools have votes, and many wise and strong men lack them. A man has a vote simply because he pays a certain amount of taxes. His property supports the Government, and he is therefore entitled to a voice in the election thereof. This is the principle for which we are agitating—the principle for which, since the dawn of liberty in Great Britain, men have successfully contended, the principle that those who pay shall rule.

It is difficult to see what can be advanced against a claim so moderate, so just, and so constitutional. We are told that women are too illogical, emotional, and sentimental, to use votes. It is man alone, with his great logical mind, who is capable of saying what he wants. But when I hear members of the British Senate gravely affirming that if women get votes, men will cease to respect and to be polite to them, I cannot help thinking that a tendency to emotional sentimentality, must be one of the weaknesses of the great masculine mind; for I certainly cannot see the logic of insulting a voter! The course that would recommend itself to my feminine understanding would rather be extra civility, especially about the time of a general election. After this, it is surprising to learn that another reason against enfranchising women is, not that men will cease to respect women, but that women will cease to respect men.

But the greatest bugbear of all is the "experience of ages." I protest against such a misuse of the word experience. When we say that experience is in favour of this or that, we are understood to imply that several ways have been tried, and that particular way proved best. Now, when has the enfranchisement of women been mied? What experience is there on the subject? But if blind and persistent continuance in one course means experience, then I grant at once, that the experience of ages is in favour of the

depression of women, and opposed to their enfranchisement. But so was it equally opposed to all reform. To Magna Charta, to the House of Commons, to every successive extension of the franchise, to the steam-engine, to railways, to telegraphy—to every discovery in art and science, to every advance in civilisation and virtue; yea, to the Christian religion itself! To all these things the experience of ages stood once opposed, and before all these things, the experience of ages has been compelled to give way! Error and prejudice are strong, but behold a greater than error or prejudice is here. Even-handed justice! This is the leader under whose banner the men of Britain have marched to freedom and independence. This is the leader under whose banner we are now arrayed, confident of ultimate success. For I fear not to say of justice, as Milton did of virtue—

"For if justice feeble were, Heaven itself would stoop to her."

Mrs M'LAREN having put the motion to the meeting, it was carried without opposition.

Bailie Marshall moved—"That a petition, founded on the foregoing resolution, should be prepared for presentation to Parliament, and that it be signed by the president on behalf of the meeting." He said it always appeared to him that the demand of the ladies was so very reasonable, that it appeared extraordinary that it required any agitation at all to support it. (Cheers.) If taxation meant anything, it certainly meant representation. (Hear, hear.) It had always been the habit of men to ignore women politically; but he was happy to observe that that feeling was beginning to give way, and that the just claims of women would by-and-by be admitted. (Cheers.)

Miss Sturge, who was received with applause, said—It is a pleasure to me to be here to second the resolution. I always like to come to your beautiful city, and I gratefully recognise that if it had rested with your Scotch members, they would have given women-householders the franchise long ago. They know that the disqualification of women is an injury to the community. I recollect reading once of a miller and his wife. He was an overbearing kind of man, and had deeply impressed upon his wife the superiority of masculine judgment. This was all very well, but when the pedlar brought his goods to the door, and pressed them upon her—because he was a man and she was only a woman—she believed all that he told her, and her husband had to—pay the bill. Even so, if you will not allow women the virtues of independence, you must put up with the vices of dependence, and—pay the bill.

Our home interests, we are told, will suffer if women participate in political life—

"O, the mass of mankind Is uncommonly slow To acknowledge the fact
It behoves them to know,
And to learn that a woman
Is not like a mouse,
Needing nothing but cheese,
And the walls of a house."

Domestic life has suffered from our being too exclusively ruled by men. I know, from experience in school arrangements, that all the premiums of life are placed upon things in which men are likely to excel. Payment is given by Government upon reading, writing, and arithmetic; nothing is offered for proficiency in cooking and sewing, and yet we are told men desire women to be skilled in domestic arts. Politics come into our home-interests—they may be found in the sugar-basin and the coffee-pot. Does not the price of these articles depend much upon the policy of the Government? Napoleon once told Madame de Stäel that women had no business with politics. She replied—"As the exigencies of politics seem to require our heads, it is natural to ask the reason why?" The tax-collector seems to require money from women-householders, surely they, too, may ask the reason why.

Some one remarked to me to-day, when I spoke of cookingschools, that it was well to make good wives for working men. I wish some one would turn attention to making good husbands, they seem to be sorely needed. Probably things are better here, but I know I hardly ever take up an English newspaper without seeing some horrible case of cruelty to wives. Gentlemen sometimes tell me, that if women are coming into competition with men, they will lose the politeness with which they have been heretofore treated. I believe women are just as polite to men, as men are to women, yet I never met with a woman so illogical as to say that because she was polite to a man he ought not to have a vote. These same gentlemen are afraid to let their daughters go out alone at night. I never know what they are afraid of, unless it s of men. So long as "old woman" is a term of reproach in our anguage, not much can be said for the politeness with which women are regarded. Sir Henry James has talked of our Bill as being against nature. So was the Education Bill, for nature brings children into the world ignorant—can we let them remain so? A gentlemen once told me that it was clear women ought not to speak in public, their voices were not adapted for it, they could not be heard. Since then, I have noticed that Mr Glaisher, the æronaut, reports, as the result of experiments, that a woman's voice can be heard two miles, and a man's only one.

I do not desire that women should be a law unto men, any more than men unto women. I long that they may both seek after a higher law, and in unity of purpose there will be harmony. On the subserviency of woman there rests no true harmony. It is, I believe, the basis of all priestcraft. So long as men think they know what is right for women better than women can know for themselves, the habit of exercising spiritual jurisdiction over women will extend itself into the same usurpation of men over

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 18th JANUARY 1875.

In England we have many people who call themselves Liberals; they are not really Liberals, but chameleons. The chameleon, you know, changes colour, and these Liberals change colour when a woman approaches. I have never wished to think my countrymen cowardly, but really they are very much afraid of women; they fear they will get into Parliament. There is no danger; men will hold the preponderance of political power, and no woman will get into Parliament unless the votes of the men send her there. All you say may be true, protest some philosophical objectors, but there remains an underlying difficulty in granting what you ask. It is dangerous to dissociate physical force and political power. Surely this is the oddest objection of all, for physical force and political power have long been dissociated. Soldiers, sailors, and policemen do not have votes. God gave us justice for a common law, men substitute what they call expediency, and then think themselves wise. In the beautiful words of John Bright, "It is not benevolence, but justice, that can deal with giant evils. It was not benevolence that gave the people bread twenty years ago, but it was justice embodied in the abolition of a cruel and a guilty law. But justice is impossible from a class. It is most certain and easy from a nation; and I believe we can only reach the depths of ignorance, and misery, and crime, in this country, by an appeal to the justice, the intelligence, and the virtues of the entire people." Are not women a part of the people? and if God gives us capacity for any work in life, it is profane for men to step in with artificial restrictions, and say, "You shall not do it." Canute, when he wished to reprove his courtiers, said to the sea, "Thus far shalt thou come, and no farther." He knew it was profane, but is it not equally so to attempt to limit the exercise of the powers God has given to woman?
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'Woe, woe to all, on safety bent,
Who creep to age from youth,
Failing to grasp their life's intent,
Because they fear the truth."

Mr M'Crie moved a vote of thanks to the ladies who had come from a distance to address the meeting, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr T. Robertson proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs M'Laren for presiding, which brought the meeting to a termination.

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