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- EVERY ANSWER MUST CONTAIN THE SUM OF ONE SHILLING AND SIXPENCE, in return for which the *Women's Suffrage Journal* will be forwarded by post for twelve months to any address indicated by the competitor whether such competitor win the prize or not.
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On the 11th of August, Mr. WOODALL stated, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, that as he had been informed by the First Lord of the Treasury that there was little chance of his being able to give an opportunity for the discussion of the Women's Franchise Bill this session, the convenience of the House would be best consulted by the withdrawal of the measure. In accordance with this notification, Mr. WOODALL next day moved that the order for the second reading of the Bill be discharged. This formal step was not taken until it had become abundantly clear that there was no chance for the Bill to be discussed during the remainder of the present session.

A MEETING of the Parliamentary Committee was held at the House of Commons on August 16th. Mr. WOODALL undertook to give notice of the Bill immediately on the re-assembling of Parliament, and it was resolved that every effort should be used to secure a day for its discussion. It being thought desirable that a Conservative gentleman should be appointed to act with Mr. WALTER M'CLAREN as co-secretary to the Parliamentary Committee, Captain EDWARDS HEATHCOTE was unanimously elected to the office.

ALTHOUGH no Parliamentary action has been possible this session, it would be a mistake to suppose that substantial progress has not been made during the year. A comparison of the number of Parliamentary friends at the present time with the list given in our issue of August, 1886, affords the measure of a very satisfactory advance. At that date the number of known friends was 341; an actual majority of twelve in the whole House. During the thirteen months that have elapsed since the list was made out twenty-one of the names there given have, from various causes incident to the changes of Parliamentary life, disappeared from the ranks. But to balance the effect of these changes we have thirty-four new Parliamentary friends. Some of these are old supporters who have re-entered Parliament since the general election, some are friendly candidates who were unsuccessful in 1885 or 1886, but who

have since been returned, and others are new adherents. This gives a net gain of thirteen Parliamentary supporters in thirteen months of the life of the present Parliament. During this period the total number of avowed supporters has increased from 341 to 354, consequently the actual majority in the whole House has increased from twelve to thirty-eight. Our leaders in the House of Commons may therefore regard themselves as in possession of a good working majority, and should fortune favour them in the ballot they may reasonably look forward to a substantial triumph for the question next session.

THE supporters of women's suffrage comprise members of every shade of politics. Of the 354 friends 175 are Conservatives, 108 Liberals, 27 Liberal-Unionists, and 44 Irish Nationalists. All these political parties are represented on the Parliamentary Committee. Nothing could shew more clearly than these figures that the women's franchise question is not in any sense a party one, but one which appeals to the sense of justice that underlies all party divisions.

WE commend to the notice of those who object to the Women's Franchise Bill on the ground that women are, by reason of bodily weakness, incapable of defending their country, some incidents reported as occurring in the recent Parliamentary election in Glasgow. A reporter, writing on the polling day to the London papers, said: "Among those who have just voted was a man about ninety years of age, wearing slippers and covered with a shawl. He had to be assisted to the polling-box, and as he left he remarked, 'That's my last vote in this world.' Shortly afterwards a blind man was led to the polling-place, while behind him a man on crutches jogged heartily along."

These electors are probably quite as incapable as any woman of defending their country in the field, but, on the other hand, they are probably quite as capable as their countrywomen of paying some one else to fight for them.

THE Women's Suffrage Society of Melbourne is to be

congratulated on the favourable reply given by the Prime Minister of Victoria to a deputation of ladies who waited upon him on the 23rd of June last for the purpose of asking for an amendment of the Electoral Act with a view to the admission of women to the Parliamentary franchise. The deputation was introduced by Mr. HALL, and after hearing addresses from Mrs. ELLIOTT, Rev. Dr. BROMBY, Rev. G. WALTERS, Mrs. A. LOWE, Mr. ANGUS M'LEAN, Mr. ANGUS SUTHERLAND, and Miss SIMMONS, Mr. GILLIES, in the course of his reply, said the Government would not be justified in pretending that they could undertake to deal with the question in the present session of Parliament. The work already provided would occupy the whole time of Parliament, though he was not prepared to say that this question was not one of greater importance than any of the questions to be submitted to Parliament, but at the same time it was a question full of difficulties. The subject must necessarily be raised when the Electoral Act came under revision next session. The Government would then give it every consideration, and would endeavour to do what was right in the interests of both women and men.

From the tenor of this reply, which we quote from the report in the *Melbourne Argus*, we gather that although the Government are not definitely pledged to introduce the principle of women's suffrage into their Electoral Reform Bill they are pledged to give the subject their very serious consideration, and to ensure for it in the Legislative Assembly a full and fair discussion and an impartial judgment on its merits.

PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE.

HOUSE OF LORDS, Friday, August 12.

PETITION.

Lord Monkswell presented a petition from the inhabitants of Kensington and Chelsea in favour of the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to women.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Thursday, August 11th.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.

In answer to a question from Mr. Radcliffe Cooke, Mr. WOODALL said that he had naturally desired to take the sense of the new Parliament upon the question of woman's suffrage, and had been relying upon the promise, guarded and qualified as it was, of the First Lord of the Treasury to give him an opportunity. He now understood from the right hon. gentleman that there was little chance of his being able to satisfy that expectation, and, under the circumstances, he thought he should be best consulting the convenience of the House by moving to-morrow that the order for the second reading be discharged.

THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee was held in the Conference Room, in the House of Commons, on August 16th, Mr. Woodall presiding. Mr. Woodall reported that he had had an interview with Mr. W. H. Smith, who had informed him that the

state of public business rendered him unable to hold out any hope of the Women's Franchise Bill coming on during the present session. The Bill had, therefore, been withdrawn. Captain Edwards Heathcote was appointed co-secretary with Mr. M'Laren. It was arranged that the committee should meet immediately on the opening of the next session of Parliament.

The following members form, up to the present time, the Parliamentary Committee:—Mr. Addison, Q.C. (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. J. A. Agg-Gardner (Cheltenham), Mr. H. J. Atkinson (Boston), Mr. Bradlaugh (Northampton), Col. the Hon. F. Bridgeman (Bolton), Mr. W. S. Caine (Barrow), Dr. G. B. Clark (Caithness), Captain Cotton (Chester, Wirral), Mr. Courtney (Cornwall, Bodmin), Mr. Craven (Yorks., W.R., Shipley), Baron Dimsdale (Herts, Hitchin), Mr. A. Duncombe (Yorks., E.R., Howdenshire), Col. Eyre (Lincolnsh., Gainsborough), Mr. R. U. Penrose Fitzgerald (Cambridge), Gen. Sir Fred. Fitzwygram (Hants, Fareham), Sir R. N. Fowler, Bt. (City of London), Mr. Gedge (Stockport), Mr. Seale Hayne (Devon, Ashburton), Capt. Edwards Heathcote (Staffordsh., N.W.), Mr. A. Staveley Hill, Q.C. (Staffordsh., Kingswinford), Sir W. H. Houldsworth, Bt. (Manchester, N.W.), Mr. H. H. Howorth (Salford, S.), Col. Edwin Hughes (Woolwich), Mr. Illingworth (Bradford, W.), Hon. Geo. T. Kenyon (Denbigh, &c.), Sir Rainald Knightley, Bt. (Northants, S.), Mr. Lafone (Southwark, Bermondsey), Mr. H. L. W. Lawson (S. Pancras, W.), Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bt. (Cumb., Cockermouth), Hon. W. Lowther (Westmorland, Appleby), Mr. A. M'Arthur (Leicester), Mr. Justin M'Carthy (Londonderry), Mr. W. M'Laren (Crewe), Mr. J. W. Maclure (Lanc., S.E., Stretford), Mr. Murdoch (Reading), Mr. R. Peacock (Lanc., S.E., Gorton), Sir W. Plowden, Bt. (Wolverhampton, W.), Mr. W. R. H. Powell (Carmarthen, W.), Sir J. H. Puleston (Devonport), Major Rasch (Essex, S.E.), Mr. H. Byron Reed (Bradford, E.), Mr. J. Round (Essex, N.E., Harwich), Sir Geo. Russell, Bt. (Berks, Wokingham), Mr. T. W. Russell (Tyron, S.), Mr. Shaw (Halifax), Mr. W. S. Shirley (Yorks., W.R., Doncaster), Major W. Sidebottom (Derbysh., High Peak), Rt. Hon. J. Stansfeld (Halifax), Prof. Stuart (Shoreditch, Hoxton), Mr. W. Summers (Huddersfield), Sir R. Temple, Bt. (Worcester, Evesham), Sir E. W. Watkin, Bt. (Hythe), Mr. A. J. Williams (Glamorgan, S.), Mr. Henry J. Wilson (Yorks., W.R., Holmfirth), Mr. W. Woodall (Hanley), Mr. Caleb Wright (Lanc., S.W., Leigh).

TOWN COUNCILS.

CARMARTHEN.

At the half quarter meeting of the Council in June a petition in favour of the Women's Franchise Bill was read. Alderman Warren, on behalf of Alderman Rowlands and himself, urged its acceptance by the council, as he was fully convinced that Parliamentary franchise should be granted to women. He would move that the petition be signed by the mayor and sealed with the corporate seal on behalf of the corporation.—Alderman Thomas seconded. He maintained that those who were burdened with rates and who were as described by Alderman Warren ought to have a voice in the selection of those who had the management of public affairs.—Alderman Norton moved an amendment, that the petition be not signed on the ground that women were not so well versed as men in municipal and imperial matters, and that they had quite enough to do in properly fulfilling their household duties and attending to their young children. Women, as a rule, were not guilty of bothering their minds about Parliamentary debates from day to day and other things touching the country's weal, and, therefore, how could they be said to understand the use of the vote, if given, aright? The franchise, in his opinion, was already extended quite enough. We had almost universal suffrage. He did not think its results at the last election were at all gratifying. He would not tread upon political ground, but at once propose his amendment.—Mr. W. Jones, who seconded, said it was hot enough in Billingsgate at present, but it would be hotter still if the franchise were extended to women. (Laughter.)—Alderman Thomas: This petition has been signed in other places.—Mr. Rogers said that of course it was well understood that the extension only applied to unmarried ladies and widows who had no representatives.—The amendment was then put to the meeting, and only the proposer and seconder voting, the original motion was carried.

POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

MIDLAND UNION OF CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

CONFERENCE AT SHREWSBURY.

The quarterly meeting of these associations was held on August 4th, at the Music Hall, Shrewsbury, under the presidency of Sir JAMES SAWYER, M.D., J.P.

In the course of the proceedings, Mr. W. J. ARCULUS moved the following resolution: "That justice and expediency demand that persons having the right to vote for town councillors, poor law guardians, school and local boards be admitted to the Parliamentary franchise without further delay." He said the motion was one that had been supported by both Conservative and Liberal statesmen, and quoted from a speech by Lord Beaconsfield in support of women's suffrage.

Mr. B. C. TIPPER seconded the resolution.

Mr. JATTY opposed the motion, and also Col. MILLCOTE.

Mr. J. H. EDWARDES said that he supported the motion, and he had authority to do so on behalf of the division he represented. (Hear, hear.) The ladies of Shropshire had done good work in connection with the Primrose League.

Mr. G. J. HOLT supported it, and said that from his experience he knew that it would be a great gain to the Conservative party if the Bill was passed.

Mr. C. P. PURTON did not think that any one would be better if the Bill was passed, and he thought it would be far better to allow the matter to drop.

The previous question was then moved and seconded, and on being put to the meeting was carried.

THE LADIES' CONFERENCE.

On Thursday afternoon, August 4th, in connection with the Midland Union of Conservative Associations, a ladies' conference was held in the Music Hall, Shrewsbury, presided over by Lady SAWYER, and amongst those present were Mrs. and Miss Watson, Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Ramsden, Miss Patchett, Mrs. Jorda Patchett, Mrs. W. A. Sharrow, Mrs. W. Moore, Mrs. Close, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Salisbury, Miss Folley, Miss Stephan, Miss J. Salisbury, Miss Hall, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hall, Miss C. Leighton, Miss Corbett, Miss E. C. Hornby, Mrs. W. Lloyd, Miss Darlington, Mrs. Russell, Miss Hughes (Shrewsbury), Miss Hughes, Mrs. Asper, Miss Balmarnie, Mrs. Severne, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. W. Eddowes, &c.

Lady Sawyer gave an address on the objects of the association, after which Miss Balmarnie addressed the conference on the question of the franchise for women. In the course of the subsequent proceedings, Lady SAWYER proposed that in the opinion of this conference it is both just and expedient that the Parliamentary franchise should be extended to women who possess the proper qualifications. (Applause.)

Mrs. WILSON LLOYD seconded the motion, and stated that in her district a lady was indignant with her at the last Parliamentary election because she found that she—although otherwise qualified—was not entitled to vote.

The resolution was carried with applause.

Mrs. SEVERNE, of Wallop, proposed that the best thanks of this meeting be given to Lady Sawyer for presiding at this important conference. (Applause.) They were very grateful to her for taking so much interest in the work of organisation.

Mrs. WILSON LLOYD seconded the motion, and said Lady Sawyer had conducted the business in an admirable manner. Great time and labour had been bestowed by her on the work of the party, not only in Birmingham, but in the neighbouring towns, and she was grateful to her not only for her work that afternoon but what she had previously done.

The resolution was carried with applause.

Lady SAWYER thanked them all very much for what they had said, and although she did not deserve it she appreciated their kindness. She moved "That the best thanks of the meeting be given to Miss Florence Balmarnie for the able address she has delivered." They were all very much interested in it, and they all felt in her that properly qualified women should have Parliamentary votes. (Applause.)

Mrs. RAMSDEN seconded the resolution; she had listened to the addresses with intense interest.

The resolution being carried,

Miss F. BALGARNIE returned thanks. She had great pleasure at

this the first Conservative meeting of the Midland women of carrying so unanimous a vote.

BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

A resolution in favour of women's franchise having been carried at a meeting of the Birmingham Conservative Association some time ago, it was resolved to bring the subject before the grand council of the same, which consists of six or seven hundred representatives of the sixteen wards, the rank and file of the party. Here again it was carried almost unanimously. Sir James Sawyer, the president, supported the resolution from the chair, and moved that the copies be forwarded to Lord Salisbury and to the members for the borough of Birmingham.

SOUTHPORT WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

At the monthly meeting of this association on July 26th, Mrs. Teschemacher presiding, Mrs. Hartley read a paper on women's suffrage. Mrs. Sherbrooke spoke on the subject.

On the motion of Mrs. Mulgrew, seconded by Mrs. Leese, it was resolved "That this meeting, believing that taxation without representation is tyranny, heartily approves of all efforts to secure Parliamentary franchise to duly qualified women."

DEBATING SOCIETIES.

JEWISH WORKING MEN'S CLUB, WHITECHAPEL.

A debate was opened on May 15th, in the large hall of the Jewish Working Men's Club, Great Alie-street, Whitechapel, London (the president of which is Mr. Samuel Montague, M.P.), by Mr. John Raphael, in favour of the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to women. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. M. Lissack, junr., one of the hon. secs. of the club, who, having introduced the subject, was followed by the opener, who, in a vigorous speech, dealt with the principal objections likely to be urged against the proposal. A most spirited discussion followed, contributed by Messrs. S. Moses, B.A., Rosenthal, Isaacs, Levy, and Woolf. Mr. Raphael, having replied, called on all present in an impassioned manner to support the cause. On a vote being taken the resolution was declared lost. A large number of ladies were present who, possibly from misapprehension as to their rights, did not record their votes. Votes of thanks to Mr. Raphael and Mr. Lissack closed a most enjoyable and instructive debate.

THE KING OF SWEDEN ON UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

We learn from the *Kvinden og Samfundet* that a deputation from the Trades Unions of Stockholm lately waited upon King Oscar to urge the further extension of the franchise. In his answer, the King observed that universal suffrage, to which, however, he was not favourable, must, to be consistent with its own principles, be extended to women.

COLONIAL INTELLIGENCE.

VICTORIA.

DEPUTATION TO THE PREMIER RESPECTING WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

A deputation of ladies from the Women's Suffrage Society of Melbourne, accompanied by Mr. Hall, M.L.A., the Rev. Dr. Bromby, the Rev. G. Walters, Mr. A. Sutherland, Mr. Angus M'Lean, and Mr. G. B. V. Elliott, waited on the Premier on June 23rd, for the purpose of asking for an amendment of the Electoral Act with a view to the admission of women to the Parliamentary franchise.

Mr. HALL introduced the deputation. He said that events had convinced him of the absolute right of women to vote at Parliamentary elections, and he trusted that this privilege would be granted to them.

Mrs. ELLIOTT, president of the Women's Suffrage Society, then read the following statement:—This deputation from the Victorian Women's Suffrage Society wait upon you to-day with the request that you will propose to Parliament, in the present session, an amendment in the Electoral Act of Victoria, 1865, by marking out the word "male" whenever placed before the word "person," thus

removing the disability of women to vote for members of the Legislature, and giving them a direct voice in the management of the country. I would urge that this privilege is due to them—first, on the common ground of their right as human beings in a free land to have a voice in the making of the laws which they submit to and obey—laws in many instances now bearing hardly on them as a sex, leading to abuses from which women suffer, and which for want of the power of direct representation are viewed with indifference and treated with neglect by the ordinary legislator, especially where powerful interests are antagonistic to the removal of these abuses. The educational advantages which have been afforded to woman by our advancing civilisation during the last fifty years qualify her for the proper understanding of political questions, and the intelligent exercise of the vote. Before that time she was generally trained and regarded as a household drudge as to utility, or in ornamental accomplishments as an agreeable companion for an idle hour. The higher culture of the mind of woman so as to make her a true helpmeet and companion for man was regarded with ridicule or a sneer. But education, the press, cheap and good literature have changed all this. Women are gradually making their way in the higher education, being now admitted to our universities, and will, no doubt, ere long be an important and useful aid in many professions. Our free education, too, in Victoria paves the way for all women becoming intelligent enough to understand the responsibility of the vote. Secondly, we claim the vote as a constitutional right, a vital principle of which is that there should be representation where there is taxation. Our factories and shops are filled with industrious, self-reliant women, who earn and pay the taxes, the same as men; but it cannot be called a free country as far as women are concerned when these taxes are taken and spent, the payer having no voice whatever in the direction thereof. I trust, therefore, that you will see your way to grant our request. New South Wales, New Zealand, and South Australia are all agitating in the matter, and Victoria is not wont to lag behind in liberal and generous legislation. It would be a graceful act in this year of the Queen's Jubilee—a Queen to whom is accorded the credit of governing well—a warrant that women as a whole would use legislative power wisely—to accord the privilege of self-government to all of her sex in this colony of Victoria.

The Rev. Dr. BROMBY said he did not see any reason why the amendment of the law sought should be postponed to another session, as the change involved only a small alteration in the present Electoral Act. In the old country considerable benefit had resulted from the admission of women to some privileges which were before denied to them, and he reminded the Premier that America was lost to England owing to the refusal of the Imperial Government to give to those who paid the taxes a voice in the administration of them. In this country, where taxes were honestly paid, there should be a voice given to those who paid them. But a stronger argument was found in the intellectual status of women. Women were now educated to the highest degree, and it was proved by facts that were indisputable that in the race of learning they showed faculties equal to those possessed by the sterner sex. There were stupid women as there were stupid men, but that did not prove that women generally had not intelligence sufficient to entitle them to the franchise. We had recently been informed that a female student had carried off the highest honours in the classical tripos at one of the English universities, and women often distinguished themselves in this way.

The Rev. G. WALTERS said that the arguments brought forward in support of the claim of women to the Parliamentary franchise were so conclusive that many words were not required from him. He founded the claim upon the natural right of women. It was said that those who paid the taxes ought to have the right to choose their representatives; but that would not carry them as far as the Women's Suffrage Society wished to go. They would have to put it on the ground of human right. Every male adult could obtain a vote, and why not give the privilege to women, who had the same powers and capacities as most men? The franchise was used by a great many men with far less intelligence than it would be by a great many women. The influence of women would be decidedly good in every respect, not only upon the spirit of politics, but upon the laws that would be passed. There were many questions that women understood better and upon which they felt more than men, and through their agency many useful measures might be placed upon the statute book. It would be to the honour of the present

Government if they would associate this Jubilee year with the introduction of a bill to give the right of voting for members of Parliament to women.

Mrs. A. LOWE said that we lived in a free country, in which there was a free press, and they wanted it to be recognised that there were free women. They asked for equalisation before the law, not as a favour, but as a high principle of equity. They should not be dependent on anyone's favour for their just rights, however sympathetic and good those persons might be. They had a right to ask for the best laws and the best government, and these were not obtainable whilst the more moral half of the population were excluded from the franchise simply because they were women.

Mr. ANGUS McLEAN said it seemed strange that whilst her Majesty the Queen was considered to be fit to rule the entire British empire, she should not be considered capable of exercising the franchise. The French were more consistent in this respect, as their laws forbade a woman to sit on the throne. The argument that women were intellectually inferior to men was about exhausted. In all branches of human thought where intellect and industry were required, women were to the front. It had been said that physically women were unfitted to exercise the franchise, but it would be a sorry thing if our civilisation only permitted men of superior physical qualifications to rule over us. In that case the Premier might have to give place to Professor Miller or Donald Dinnie. He contended that women were qualified for the privilege they sought, and, if it were granted to them, he believed that they would use it in an exemplary way.

Mr. A. SUTHERLAND said that Parliament should grant the moderate request of the women simply on their natural right as human beings whose intellectual and moral qualifications were equal to those of men. The proposal need not cause any alarm on the ground that it would be attended by results of a revolutionary character. He did not think that at the outset more than about 1,000 women would take advantage of the privilege. The number of female voters would increase year by year, and the Government would not be embarrassed by having the women of the colony as a body thrown suddenly into the political arena. Substantial justice could be done in an easy way, without any practical difficulties having to be overcome. As the result there would be a great elevation in the political character of the country. Elections turned a great deal on very mean motives, and the influence of women would be very salutary in imparting an improved moral tone to them.

Miss Simmons also spoke briefly.

Mr. GILLIES, in reply, said that it was probable that the admission of women to the Parliamentary franchise would have a more far-reaching effect than anything else he knew of. The question was of such great importance that it could not be disposed of lightly. It involved a large number of very serious consequences affecting our social life, the results of which it would be difficult indeed to foresee or to determine. The Government would not be justified in pretending that they could undertake to deal with the question in the present session of Parliament. The work already provided would occupy the whole of the time of Parliament, though he was not prepared to say that this question was not one of greater importance than any of the questions to be submitted to Parliament. It was of greater importance, but at the same time it was a question that was full of difficulties. It was not desirable that on that occasion he should enter into the discussion of it. They would all recognise that it was a question of the utmost importance involving the most serious consequence—whether for good or evil he need not attempt to determine—on our social life. It could not be brought before Parliament without the most careful consideration. The subject must necessarily be raised when the Electoral Act came under review, the Government would then give it every consideration, and whatever might be their determination it would not be arrived at on the ground that women had not the capacity for the efficient and intelligent exercise of the franchise. That aspect of the question was settled many years ago, and the position that women occupied in the social scale no doubt entitled them to every possible consideration. He had no hesitation in expressing the opinion that if men would sometimes be guided by the advice of women in political as well as in other matters it might be better for all of us. The Electoral Act would have to be dealt with in the next session of Parliament, and the Government would then endeavour to do what was right in the interests of both women and men.—*Melbourne Argus.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

COLONIAL CIRCULATION OF THE "JOURNAL."

To the Editor of the Women's Suffrage Journal.

Dear Madam,—The important debate and division on the Women's Franchise Bill in the New Zealand House of Representatives, reported in the *Journal* for August, suggests the thought whether friends in this country can in any way further the cause in the colonies.

The fact that an election is about to take place in New Zealand, and that the question will there come before a new Parliament in 1888, calls our attention more particularly to that colony; but there seems also a probability that in Victoria a similar measure may soon be brought forward, and already the Legislature of South Australia and of the Dominion of Canada have discussed and surely will again discuss the enfranchisement of women.

Might not we in the mother country give a helping hand to our co-workers in the colonies by promoting the circulation of the *Journal* amongst them?

Some of your readers already send on their *Journals* to friends in the colonies, but this might be done with great advantage to a much larger extent.

Will you allow me to urge upon such of your readers as take an interest in colonial affairs that they either subscribe for copies of the *Journal* to be sent to specified persons, or contribute to a Colonial Journal Circulation Fund, by means of which the papers might be forwarded to editors and political persons in those colonies where they seem most likely to receive attention?

Hoping this suggestion may seem to you worthy of insertion, and to your readers worthy of support, I am, yours truly,

HELEN BLACKBURN.

Bristol, August 16, 1887.

WOMEN BURGESSES OF OLD.

The following passage is cited by a writer in *Notes and Queries* (vol. xii, 5th series, p. 318) from the archives of the borough of Maidstone:—

"A.D. 1593.

"That the 11th Sept., 1593, Rose Cloke, single woman (according to the order and constitution of the town and parish of Maidstone aforesaid), was admitted to be one of the corporation and body politique of the same town and parish, from henceforth to enjoy the liberties and franchises of the same in every respect as others the freemen of the said town and parish.

"And she was also then sworn accordingly, and for some reasonable causes and considerations then stated she was released from paying any fine other than for her said oath, which she then paid accordingly."

What may have been the causes and considerations alluded to does not appear, but the enfranchisement of Rose Cloke was probably no such very unusual circumstance. At any rate here is a passage from the archives of another old borough, cited in another volume of *Notes and Queries*, which is at once illustrative both of the former enfranchisement of women, and of the depreciatory tendency which, setting in with the Stuarts, gradually reduced women to the totally disfranchised condition from which they are but now emerging. The quotation occurs in vol. v. of *Notes and Queries*, 5th series, p. 138, and is from the Hall Book (in MS.) of the corporation of Leicester, under date 1621:—

"It is agreed by a general consent that Wm. Hartshorne, husbandman, shall be made a freeman of corporacon, payinge such fine as Mr. Maior and the Chamblynes that now be shall assess. But he is not allowed any freedome or privilege by reason that his mother was made a firewoman. Neither is it thought fit that any woman be hereafter made free of this corporacon." H. B.

Miss Florence Greene, of Montreal, who saved her father last summer from being carried over the Lachine Rapids, has been presented with the medal of the Royal Humane Society of England.

A Hindoo woman says of existence in a zenana: "The life we lead is just like that of a frog in a well. Everywhere there is beauty, but we cannot see it."

A LADY ACTING CONSUL.

In the very interesting work, "Mosses from a Rolling Stone," recently published by Mr. Lawrence Oliphant, is the following account of a lady who acted as her country's representative at Manfredonia. Mr. Oliphant had business to transact with the Vice-Consul there. He was ushered into a room where a very pretty woman lay in bed. He naturally drew back, "Entrate, entrate, Signor," cried a mellifluous voice. The lady then lifted a seal from a table by her bedside, and expressed her willingness to sign and seal any papers requiring the official *visa*. The traveller protested that he must see her husband. "Impossible, Signor," she replied, "my husband deserted me more than a year ago, and I have no idea where he is. I have been conducting the business of the Consulate ever since. There is very little to transact; but it is all I have to live upon. Have mercy upon me, and do not let it be known to the English Government. I did all the Consular business even when my husband was here. He was idle and worthless, and used to do many dishonest things which I never do." Mr. Oliphant paid her a pretty compliment, but he was inexorable to her prayers that he should wink at her retaining the position as British Vice-Consul at Manfredonia. We are afraid that the lady would consider the "very pretty compliment" but poor compensation for the deprivation of her means of subsistence, nor can we find any reason why, since she appears to have conducted the business of the Consulate while her husband was nominally the official, she should not have been allowed to retain the emoluments of the position after he had deserted her.

A ROYAL ENGLISH HEROINE.

A correspondent of the *Manchester City News*, in describing a tour in Cheshire, writes as follows: "Billinge seems still close to us, and beyond it we descry the hill of Eddisbury, the camp of the warlike Lady of Mercia, Ethelflæd, a thousand years ago.

Victorious Elfled, ever famous maid,
Whom weaker men and nature's self obeyed.
Nature your softer limbs for ease designed,
But heaven inspired you with a manly mind.
You only, madam, latest times shall sing,
A glorious Queen, and a triumphant King.
Farewell, brave soul! Let Cæsar now look down
And yield thy triumphs greater than his own.

Thus sung a mediæval chronicler, to whom the future glories of Elizabeth and Victoria were all unknown."

WOMEN AS DOCTORS IN ANCIENT JAPAN.

A recent number of the *Westminster Review* contains an article on "Physic in the Far East," in which the writer states that one of the noteworthy facts about Japanese medical history is the early date at which we find women instructed in the art. The Court maids-of-honour were taught midwifery, needle-puncture, the use of the moxa, and the treatment of wounds—the last as necessary to them as to the European chatelaines of feudal times. The chief reason for this admission of women to the pursuit of the science seems to have been that the Court physicians were not allowed to prescribe directly for the female inmates of the palace, who formed, in fact, the Mikado's harem. In 717, nuns—for there were nuns in Japan before Buddhism, just as there were in India, and even as there were in Egypt and Greece and Rome before Christianity, and among our own Druids, and in Pagan Mexico and Peru—these primitive Japanese nuns, then, were allowed to tend the sick, to administer potions, and to nurse incurables. They were also, like the doctors, admitted to the concurrent practice of charms and incantations; and in 723 female professors were first appointed to teach medicine to their sex. It is true that in the twelfth century Europe could boast of the celebrated female physician Hildegard, abbess of Ruprechtsberg. At the present time women are allowed to practice, and only the other day it was announced that two Japanese ladies had obtained diplomas in Western medicine with distinction.

PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

Divisions on the question of women's suffrage have taken place in the House of Commons in 1867, 1870 (2), 1871, 1872, 1873, 1875, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1883, 1884, 1886. A memorial to Mr. Gladstone in favour of women's suffrage was presented in 1883, signed by 110 Liberal members of Parliament. A memorial to Mr. W. H. Smith, urging the Government to afford an opportunity for the discussion of the Bill, was signed July, 1887, by 152 members of Parliament.

- Politics, Name and Constituency. Action taken in favour of Women's Suffrage. GL Abraham, Wm., Glamorgan, Rhondda. Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87. N Abraham, William, Limerick, West ... Voted '86. GL Acland, A. H. D., Rotherham ... Promised during election '85. C Addison, J. E. W., Q.C., Ashton-u.-L. Has spoken publicly in favour. C Agg-Gardner, James T., Cheltenham... Voted '75, '76, paired '78, voted '79, '86, signed memorial '87. C Ainslie, W. G., Lancash. N., Lonsdale. Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87. C Anstruther, Col., Woodbridge, Suff. ... Promised by letter to a constituent, election '86. C Ashmead-Bartlett, E. (Civil Lord of the Admiralty), Sheffield, Eccleshall. Spoke in debate and voted '83, '84, '86. C Atkinson, H. J., Boston ... Has spoken publicly in favour and promised by letter, signed memorial '87. GL Austin, John, York, W. R., Osgoldcross Signed memorial '87. C Baillie, Hon. W. C., St. Pancras, N. Promised by letter, election '85. C Balfour, Gerald W., Leeds, Central ... Promised by letter, election '85. C Banes, Major, West Ham, South ... Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '87. GL Barbour, W. B., Paisley ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. UL Barclay, J. W., Forfarshire ... Voted '73, '78. GL Barran, J., Yorks., W. R. East, Otley... Voted '78, signed memorial '83. UL Bass, H. A., Staffordshire, W. ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87. C Beach, W. W. B., Hants, Andover ... Voted '67, '70, '71, '73, '76, '78, '84. C Bective, Earl of Westmoreland, Kendal Voted '83, '84. C Bentinck, Lord Henry, Norfolk, N. W. Promised by letter. N Biggar, J. G., Cavan, W. ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, '83, '84, '86, signed memorial '87. C Birkbeck, Sir E., Norfolk, E. ... Promised by letter, election '86. C Bonsor, H. C. O., Surrey, Wimbledon. Promised during election '85. C Boord, T. W., Greenwich Voted '75, '78, '79, paired '83, '84. C Borwick, Sir A., Bt., S. Kensington Voted '86, signed memorial '87. GL Bradlaugh, Chas., Northampton ... Has spoken and written in favour, voted '86, signed memorial '87. C Bridgeman, Col. the Hon. F., Bolton. Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87. GL Bright, Jacob, Manchester ... Introduced Bill and teller '70, '71, '72, '73, voted '76, introduced Bill '77, voted '78, '79, signed memorial, spoke in debate, and voted '83, '84, signed memorial '87. C Brooks, Sir W. C., Bt., Cheshire, Al-trincham. Voted '83, '84, signed memorial '87. UL Brown, A. H., Shropshire, Wellington Voted '70, '73, '75. GL Brown, Alexander L., Hawick, &c. ... Signed memorial '87. GL Burt, Thomas, Morpeth ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and voted '83, '84, signed memorial '87. GL Buxton, Sydney, Tower Hamlets, Poplar Paired '83. UL Caine, W. S., Barrow-in-Furness ... Signed memorial and paired '83, signed memorial '87. GL Cameron, Dr., Glasgow, College ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and voted '83, '84, signed mem. '87. GL Cameron, J. McDonald, Wick, &c. ... Signed memorial '87. C Campbell, Sir Arch., Bart., Renfrew, W. Voted '86. N Carew, J. L., Kildare ... Voted '86. GL Channing, F. A., Northampton, E. ... Has spoken in favour, voted '86. C Charrington, Spencer, Tower Hamlets, Mile End. Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87. GL Clark, Dr. G. B., Caithness-shire ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. GL Cobb, Henry P., Warwick, S.E. ... Promised in election '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. UL Coghill, D. H., Newcastle-under-Lyme Promised by letter, election '86, signed memorial '87. GL Cohen, A., Southwark, W. ... Signed memorial '83. GL Coleridge, Hon. B., Sheffield, Attercliffe Promised in election '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87.

- UL Collings, Jesse, Birmingham, Bordesley Signed memorial and voted '83. C Colomb, Capt. J. C. R., Bow & Bromley Promised by letter, election '85. C Commerell, Adm. Sir J. E., Southampton ... Voted '86. C Compton, Francis, Hants, New Forest Voted '84, signed memorial '87. N Conway, M., Leitrim, N. ... Voted '86. GL Conybeare, C. A., Cornwall, Camborne Spoke in debate and voted '86, signed memorial '87. N Corbet, W. J., Wicklow ... Voted '86. UL Corbett, A. C., Glasgow, Tradeston ... Voted '86. UL Corbett, J., Worcestershire, Droitwich Voted '75, '76. C Cotton, Capt. E. T. D., Ches., Wirral Promised in election '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. UL Courtney, L. (Chairman of Committees), Cornwall, Bodmin. Spoke in debate '77, introduced Bill and teller '78, introduced resolution and teller '79, voted '83, moved second reading of Bill and voted '86, signed memorial '87. N Cox, J. R., Clare, E. ... Voted '86. GL Craven, Joseph, York, W. R. Shipley. Promised in election '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. GL Crawford, William, Durham, Mid. ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87. C Cross, H. Shepherd, Bolton... ... Promised during election '85. GL Crossley, Ed., York, W. R., Soverby... Promised by letter '85, voted '86. UL Crossman, Gen. Sir R., Portsmouth... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. C Cubitt, Rt. Hon. G., Surrey, Epsom... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, paired '79, '83, voted '84. UL Currie, Sir D., Perthshire, W. ... Promised during election '85. C Curzon, Viscount, Bucks, Wycombe ... Promised by letter, election '85. C De Cobain, Edw. S. W., Belfast, E. ... Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87. C De Worms, Baron H. (Sec. to the Board of Trade), Liverpool, East Toeteth. Spoke in debate and voted '83, teller '84. C Dickson, Major, Dover... ... Voted '71, '73, paired '78, '79, voted '84. GL Dillwyn, L. Ll., Swansea, Town ... Voted '70, '73, '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and p'd. '83. C Dimsdale, Baron R., Herts, Hitchin... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '86, signed memorial '87. UL Dixon, Geo., Birmingham, Edgbaston Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '86. C Dixon-Hartland, F. D., Middlesex, Uxbridge. Voted '84, '86, signed memorial '87. GL Dodds, J., Stockton ... Voted '70, '71, '73, '76, '78, paired '75, '83, signed memorial '83, voted '86. C Donkin, R. S., Tynemouth ... Promised by letter, election '85. C Dorington, Sir J. E., Tewkesbury ... Promised by letter, election '86. C Douglas, A. A. (Patronage Sec. to the Treasury), Kent, St. Augustine's ... Voted '84. C Dugdale, J. S., Q.C., Warwickshire, Nuneaton. Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87. C Duncan, Col. Francis, Finsbury, Hol'n. Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. C Duncombe, A., York, E. R., Howdensh. Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87. C Egerton, Hn. A. J. F., Lancashire, S.E., Eccles ... Voted '86. C Eleho, Lord, Ipswich ... Has spoken publicly in favour. C Elliot, Sir G., Monmouth Dist. ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76. C Elliot, G. W., Yorks., N. R. Richmond Voted '75, '76. GL Ellis, J. Edw., Nottingham, Rushcliffe Promised by letter '85, voted '86. C Ellis, Sir J. W., Bt., Surrey, Kingston Signed memorial '87. GL Elton, C. J., Somerset, W., Wellington Voted '84. N Esmonde, Sir T. G., Bt., Dublin Co., S. Promised in elec. '85, voted '86. GL Eslemont, Peter, Aberdeen, E. ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86. GL Evershed, Sydney, Staffsh., Burton ... Signed memorial '87. C Ewart, W., Belfast, N. ... Voted '79. C Ewing, Sir Arch. Orr, Bt., Dumbarton Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '79, paired '83, voted '84. C Eyre, Col. Henry, Lincolnsh., Gainsborough. Has spoken in favour, signed memorial '87. GL Farquharson, Dr. R., Aberdeensh. W. Voted '83, signed memorial '87. C Farquharson, H. R., Dorset, West ... Promised by letter. GL Fenwick, Charles, Northumberland, Wansbeck. Voted '86, and promised by letter, signed memorial '87. C Fergusson, Rt. Hon. Sir J. (Under Sec. for Foreign Affairs) Manchester, N.E. Promised at meeting of constituents. Voted '84. C Finch, Geo. H., Rutland ... Voted '84. C Fisher, W. Hays, Fulham ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86. C Fitzgerald, R. U. Penrose, Cambridge Voted '86. C Fitz-Wygram, Gen. Sir Fred., Bt., Hants, Fareham. Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. C Fletcher, Sir Hy., Bt., Sussex, Lewes. Voted '84, '86. GL Flower, Cyril, Bedford, Luton ... Signed memorial and paired '83, voted '84. N Flynn, J. C., Cork, N. ... Voted '86.

- N Foley, P. James, Galway, Connemara Voted '86. C Folkestone, Rt. Hn. Visct. (Treasurer of the Household), Midsex, Enfield. Spoke in debate and voted '84. GL Forster, Sir Charles, Walsall ... Voted '71, '72, '75, '76, '78, '79, signed mem. and paired '83. C Forwood, A. B. (Secretary to the Admiralty), Lanc., Ormskirk ... Has spoken publicly in favour. GL Fowler, Right Hon. H. H., Wolverhampton, E. ... Spoke in debated and voted '83, '83, '84, teller '86, name on Bill '86, '87, signed memorial '87. C Fowler, Sir R. N., Bt., London... ... Voted '86. N Fox, J. Francis, King's Co., Tullamore Voted '86. UL Fry, Lewis, Bristol, N. ... Voted '79, signed memorial and voted '83, '83, '86, signed memorial '87. GL Fry, Theodore, Darlington ... Signed memorial and voted '83, signed memorial '87. C Gane, J. L., Q.C., Leeds, E. ... Named in address, election '85. C Gathorne-Hardy, Hon. A. E., Sussex, East Grinstead ... Promised by letter, election '85. C Gathorne-Hardy, Hon. J. S., Kent, Medway ... Voted '84. C Gedge, Sydney, Stockport ... Has spoken publicly in favour, promised by letter '85, signed memorial '87. C Gent-Davis, Robt., L'beth, Kennington Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86. C Gibson, John Geo., Q.C. (Solicitor-General for Ireland), Liverpool, Walton ... Promised by letter, election '85. C Giles, Alfred, Southampton... ... Voted '83, '84. GL Gladstone, Herbert, Leeds, W. ... Promised by letter to vote for franchise for women householders. C Goldsworthy, M.-Gen. W. T., Ham- mersmith. Promised at election meeting '85, voted '86. C Gorst, Sir J. E. (Under Secretary for India), Chatham. Voted '67, '75, '76, spoke in debate and voted '78, '83, '84, '86. C Grotrian, F. B., Hull, East ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87. GL Gourley, E. T., Sunderland ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial '83, '84, signed memorial '87. GL Graham, R. C., Lanarksh., N.W. ... Promised by letter, election '85. N Gray, E. D., Dublin, St. Stephen's Green Voted '84. C Green, Sir E., Wakefield ... Promised during election '85. C Greenall, Sir Gilbert, Bt., Warrington Voted '75, '76. C Grimston, Viscount, Herts, St. Albans Promised by letter '85, voted '86. GL Haldane, Rich. B., Haddington ... Promised at election meeting '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. C Hall, C., Q.C., Camb., Chesterton ... Promised by letter '85. C Hallett, Col. Hughes, Rochester. ... Promised by letter '86, signed memorial '87. C Halsey, Thos. F., Herts, Watford ... Voted '84, '86, signed memorial '87. C Hambro, C. J. T., Dorset, South ... Voted '71, has been out of Parl. C Hamilton, Col. O. E., Southwark, Rotherhithe ... Promised by letter '85. C Hamilton, Lord Ernest, Tyrone, N. ... Signed memorial '87. GL Hanbury-Tracy, Hon. F., Montgomery Dist. ... Promised by letter '84. C Hankey, F. A., Surrey, Chertsey ... Promised in election '85, voted '86. C Hardcastle, F., Lanc., Westhoughton. Promised by letter '86. N Harrington, Edw., Kerry, W. ... Voted '86. N Harris, Matthew, Galway, E. ... Voted '86. UL Hastings, Geo. W., Worcestershire, E. Paired '83. N Hayden, Luke P., Leitrim, S. ... Voted '86. GL Hayne, Chas. S., Devon, Ashburton ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. N Healy, Maurice, Cork ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87. N Healy, T. M., Longford, N. ... Voted '86. C Heathcote, Capt. Edwards, Staffsh., N.W. Promised by letter, elec. '85, signed memorial '87, Co-Sec. Parliamentary Committee. C Heaton, J. Henniker, Canterbury ... Promised by letter, voted '86. C Hervey, Lord F., Bury St. Edmunds Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, '86. C Hill, A. Staveley, Staffordshire, King-swinford. Voted '70, '71, '73, '75, paired '72, '84, '86, signed memorial '87. C Hill, Lord A. W. (Comptroller to the Household), Down, West ... Voted '84, '86. C Hill, Col., Bristol, S. ... Promised during election '86, signed memorial '87. UL Hingley, Benjamin, Worcestershire, N. Voted '86, signed memorial '87.

- GL Holden, Isaac, York., W. R., Keighley Voted '67, was out of Parliament till '82, signed mem. '83, voted '86, signed mem. '87. C Holland, Rt. Hon. Sir H. T., Bt. (Secretary of State for the Colonies), Hampstead. Promised by letter '85, voted '86. C Holloway, Geo., Gloucestersh., Stroud. Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87. C Houldsworth, Sir W. H., Bt., Manchester, N. W. Voted '84, '86, name on the Bill '86, '87, signed memorial '87. GL Howell, George, Bethnal Green, N.E. Promised to support. C Howorth, H. H., Salford, South ... Has spoken publicly in favour, name on Bill '87, signed memorial '87. C Hozier, J., Lanarkshire, South ... Promised by letter, '86, signed memorial '87. C Hughes, Edwin, Woolwich ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87. C Hulse, E. C., Salisbury ... Promised by letter, election '86. C Hunt, F. Seager, Marglebone, W. ... Promised to support. C Hunter, Sir W. Guyer, Hackney, Central Promised by letter, election '85. GL Hunter, W. A., Aberdeen, N. ... Has spoken publicly in favour. GL Illingworth, Alfred, Bradford, W. ... Voted '70, '71, '72, signed memorial and voted '83, '86, name on Bill '86, '87, signed memorial '87. C Isaacs, Lewis H., Newington, Walworth Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. C Isaacson, F. W., Tower Hamlets, Stepney ... Promised by letter, election '85. GL Jacoby, Jas. A., Derbyshire, Mid ... Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86. GL James, C. H., Merthyr Tydvil ... Voted '83, '86. C Jennings, Louis J., Stockport ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. C Johnston, William, Belfast, S. ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, has been out of Parliament, signed memorial '87. N Jordan, Jeremiah, Clare, W. ... Signed memorial '87. GL Kenny, C. S., York, W. R., Barnsley... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. C Kenyon, Hon. Geo. T., Denbigh ... Promised by letter, election '85. C Kenyon-Slaney, Col., Shropshire, N. ... Promised by letter '85, at election meeting '86. C Ker, R. W. Blackwood, Down, E. ... Promised during election '85. C Kimber, Henry, Wandsworth ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. C King, Henry S., Hull, Central ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87. C King-Harman, E. W., Kent, I. of Thanet Voted '83, spoke in debate and voted '84. C Knightley, Sir R., Bt., Northants, S. Voted '72, '73, '76, '83, '84. GL Lacaita, Chas. C., Dundee ... Promised at elec. meeting '85. C Lafone, A., Southwark, Bermondsey ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87. N Lalor, R., Queen's Co., Leix ... Voted '83. N Lane, W. J., Cork Co., E. ... Voted '86. C Laurie, Col., Bath ... Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87. C Lawrance, J. C., Lincoln., Stamford.. Voted '84. C Lawrence, Sir J. T., Bt., Surrey, Reigate Voted '84. C Lawrence, W. F., Liverpool, Aber-cromby ... Promised by letter, election '85. GL Lawson, H. L. W., St. Pancras, W. ... Promised at Liberal Committee and by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87. GL Lawson, Sir W., Cumberland, Cocker-mouth. Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, paired '75, '84, '86, signed memorial and voted '83, spoke in debate and voted '84. UL Lea, T., Londonderry, South ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '84. N Leahy, Jas., Kildare, S. ... Voted '83. GL Leake, Robt., Lanc., S.E., Radcliffe.. Voted '83, '86, signed memorial '87. C Lechmere, Sir E. H., Worcestershire, Bewdley ... Voted '83, '84. C Lees, Elliott, Oldham ... Promised by letter, election '85. C Lethbridge, Sir Roper, Kensington, N. Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86. C Lewis, Sir Chas. E., Antrim, N. ... Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '87. GL Lewis, Thomas, Anglesey ... Signed memorial '87. C Llewellyn, Evan H., Somerset, N. ... Promised by letter, voted '86. GL Lockwood, Frank, York ... Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86, signed mem. '87. C Long, Walter H. (Secretary to the Local Government Board), Wilts, Devizes ... Voted '84. C Low, Malcolm, Grantham ... Promised by letter, election '85. C Lowther, Hon. W., Westmoreland, Appleby... Voted '84, signed memorial '87.

GL Lyell, Leonard, Orkney and Shetland. Signed memorial '87.
UL Lynton, Rt. Hon. Visct., Devon, South Molton ... Voted '84.
GL Macdonald, Roderick, Ross & Cromarty ... Named in election address '85.
N Macdonald, W. A., Queen's Co., Ossory ... Has spoken publicly in favour.
UL Mackintosh, C. F., Inverness-shire ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and paired '83, voted '84, signed mem. '87.
C Maclure, J. W., Lanc., Stretford ... Named in address, election '85, name on Bill, signed memorial '87.
C Macnaghten, Edw., Antrim, N. ... Voted '84.
C Makins, Col. W. T., Essex, S.W. ... Has spoken publicly in favour.
GL McArthur, Alex., Leicester ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and voted '83, signed memorial '87.
GL McArthur, W. A., Cornwall, St. Austell ... Signed memorial '87.
N McCarthy, Justin, Londonderry ... Signed memorial and paired '83, voted '84, '86, signed memorial '87.
N McDonald, Peter, Sligo, N. ... Voted '86.
N McKenna, Sir J. N., Monaghan, S. ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial '83, signed memorial '87.
GL M'Lagan, P., Lincathgowshire ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and paired '83, voted '86.
GL M'Laren, W. S. B., Cheshire, Crewe ... Named in address, election '86, name on Bill, signed memorial '87, Co-Secretary to Parliamentary Committee.
C Manners, Rt. Hon. Lord J. (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster) ... Spoken frequently in debate, voted '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, '84.
C Mallock, R., Devon, Torquay ... Promised during election '85.
GL Mappin, W. T., York, W.R., Hallamsh. ... Signed memorial and paired '83.
GL Mason, Stephen, Lanark, Mid. ... Promised at election meeting '85, voted '86.
N Mayne, Thos., Tipperary, Mid. ... Voted '86.
C Mayne, Admiral, Pembroke dist. ... Promised by letter, election '85.
C Mills, C. W., Kent, Sevenoaks ... Promised to support.
N Molloy, Bernard C., King's Co., Birr. ... Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87.
GL Morgan, Octavius V., Battersea ... Promised during election '85.
C Morgan, Col., Monmouthshire ... Voted '83, '84, signed mem. '87.
GL Morley, Arnold, Nottingham, E. ... Voted '83.
GL Morley, Rt. Hon. J., Newcastle-on-Tyne ... Signed memorial and voted '83.
UL Morrison, Walter, Yorkshire, Skipton ... Voted '67.
GL Mundella, Right Hon. A., Sheffield, Brightside ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, paired '79.
C Muntz, P. A., Warwick, Tamworth ... Promised by letter, election '85.
C Murdoch, C. T., Reading ... Promised by letter, '86, signed memorial '87.
C Newark, Viscount, Notts, Newark ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86.
GL Newnes, Geo., Cambs., E., Newmarket ... Promised in election '85, voted '86.
N Nolan, Col. J. P., Galway Co., N. ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, '83, '84, signed memorial '87.
N Nolan, Joseph, Louth, N. ... Voted '86.
C Norris, E.S., Tower Hamlets, Limehouse ... Promised by letter, election '85.
C Northcote, Hon. H. S. (Surveyor-General of the Ordnance), Exeter ... Voted '84, '86.
C Norton, Robt., Kent, Tunbridge ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86.
N O'Brien, James F. X., Mayo, S. ... Voted '86.
N O'Brien, W., Cork Co., N.E. ... Voted '83.
N O'Connor, Arthur, Donegal, E. ... Voted '83, '84, '86.
N O'Connor, John, Tipperary, S. ... Voted '86.
N O'Connor, T. P., Liverpool, Scotland ... Signed memorial '83, voted '84, '86.
N O'Gorman Mahon, Colonel the, Carlow ... Voted '79, '83.
GL Palmer, Chas. M., Durham, Jarrow ... Voted '75.
N Parnell, Chas. S., Cork ... Voted '78, spoke in debate and voted '79.
GL Paulton, J.M., Durham, Bishops Auckland ... Promised in election '85.
GL Peacock, Rich., Lanc., S.E., Gorton ... Promised by letter '85, signed memorial '87.
C Pearce, Sir Wm., Bt., Lanark, Govan ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87.
GL Pease, H. Fell, York, N.R., Cleveland ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87.
C Pelly, M.-Gen. Sir L., K.C.B., Hackney, N. ... Has spoken publicly in favour.
GL Pickersgill, E. H., Bethnal Green, S.W. ... Promised by letter, election '85.
UL Pitt-Lewis, G., Devon, Barnstaple ... Promised during election '85.
GL Playfair, Rt. Hon. Sir L., Leeds, S. ... Spoke in debate and voted '70, name on Bill '71, '72, '73, voted '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78.
GL Plowden, Sir W., Wolverhampton, W. ... Promised during election '86, signed memorial '87.

C Plunkett, Hon. J., Gloucestershire, Thornbury ... Promised by letter, election '85, '86.
C Pomret, W. P., Kent, Ashford ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87.
GL Potter, T. B., Rochdale ... Paired '67, voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '76, '78, '79, '83.
GL Powell, Walter, Carmarthenshire, W. ... Signed memorial and voted '83, signed memorial '87.
N Power, Richard, Waterford ... Voted '75, '78, '83.
C Price, Capt. Geo., Devonport ... Voted '78, '84, signed memorial '87.
GL Price, Thos. P., Monmouth, N. ... Signed memorial '87.
C Puleston, Sir J. H., Devonport ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, '83, '84, '86, signed memorial '87.
N Pyne, Jasper D., Waterford ... Voted '86.
C Rankin, J., Herefordshire, Leominster ... Voted '84, signed memorial '87.
C Rasch, Major, Essex, S.E. ... Signed memorial '87, has spoken in favour.
N Redmond, John E., Wexford, N. ... Voted '86.
N Redmond, W. H. K., Fermanagh, N. ... Voted '86.
GL Reed, Sir Edwd. J., K.C.B., Cardiff ... Voted '76, paired '79, and signed memorial '83.
C Reed, H. Byron, Bradford, E. ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87.
GL Rendel, Stuart, Montgomeryshire ... Promised to support.
N Reynolds, W. J., Tyrone, East ... Promised by letter '86.
GL Richard, Henry, Merthyr Tydvil ... Voted '71, paired '72, voted '73, '75, '76, '78, '79, '83 and signed memorial, voted '84, signed memorial '87.
UL Richardson, Thomas, Hartlepool ... Voted '75, signed memorial and voted '83.
GL Roberts, John, Flint, dc. ... Voted '83.
C Robertson, J. P. B. (Solicitor-General for Scotland), Bute ... Voted '86.
C Robertson, W. Tindal, Brighton ... Signed memorial '87.
GL Roe, Thomas, Derby ... Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '83, '86, signed memorial '87.
C Rollitt, Sir A., Islington, S. ... Spoke publicly in favour, election '85, signed memorial '87.
GL Roscoe, Sir H., Manchester, South ... Promised by letter, '86.
C Ross, Major Alex., Maidstone ... Voted '83.
C Round, Jas., Essex, Harwich ... Voted '70, '71, paired '72, voted '73, '75, '76, paired '78, voted '79, '83, signed memorial '87.
GL Rowntree, J., Scarborough ... Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '87.
GL Russell, Sir Charles, Hackney, South ... Promised a constituent.
C Russell, Sir G., Bt., Berks, Wokingham ... Promised by letter and voted '86, signed memorial '87.
UL Russell, T. W., Tyrone, S. ... Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '87.
GL Samuelson, Sir B., Oxfordsh., Banbury ... Voted '70, '71, '75.
GL Samuelson, G. B., Gloucestersh., Forest of Dean ... Promised during elections '85, '86.
C Saunderson, Major Edw., Armagh, N. ... Voted '86.
C Selwin-Ibbetson, Rt. Hon. Sir H., Bt., Essex, Epping ... Voted '71, '72, '73, '75.
C Selwyn, Capt. C., Cambridgeshire, Wisbech ... Promised by letter, election '85.
C Seton-Karr, Henry, St. Helens ... Promised by letter, voted '86, signed memorial '87.
GL Shaw, Thos., Halifax ... Signed memorial '83, voted '83, '86, signed memorial '87.
N Sheehy, David, Galway, S. ... Voted '86.
GL Shirley, W. S., Yorks., W.R., Doncaster ... Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87.
C Sidebottom, Capt. W., Derbysh., High Peak ... Promised by letter, election '85.
GL Simon, Serjt., Devesbury ... Voted '70, '71, paired '72, voted '73, '75, '76, '78, '79, signed mem. '83, signed mem. '87.
GL Slagg, John, Burnley ... Signed memorial and voted '83, voted '84, signed mem. '87.
GL Spencer, Hon. C. R., Northants, Mid. ... Signed memorial and voted '83.
C Spencer, Ernest, West Bromwich ... Signed memorial '87.
C Stanley, Ed. J., Somerset, Bridgwater ... Voted '84, '86.
C Stephens, H. C., Hornsey, Middlesex ... Promised by letter.
GL Stansfeld, Rt. Hon. J., Halifax ... Voted '67, '71, '72, '73, spoke and voted '75, signed memorial '83, '79, '83, signed memorial '83, voted '84, name on Bill '76, '77, '78, '85, '86, '87, signed memorial '87.
GL Stepney, Sir A. Cowell, Bt., Carmarthen dist. ... Signed memorial '87.
GL Stewart, Halley, Lincolnsh., Spalding ... Promised during election '85.
C Stewart, Mark John, Kirkcubright ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, been out of Parliament since.
C Stewart, M. H. Shaw, Renfrewshire, E. ... Promised during election '85.
GL Storey, Samuel, Sunderland ... Signed memorial '83, voted '84.

GL Stuart, James, Shoreditch, Hoxton ... Spoke in debate and teller '86, signed memorial '87.
N Sullivan, Donal, Westmeath, S. ... Voted '86.
N Sullivan, T. D., Dublin, College Green ... Promised to support.
GL Summers, Wm., Huddersfield ... Voted and signed memorial '83.
GL Sutherland, A., Sutherland ... Promised by letter, election '85.
C Swetenham, E., Carnarvon dist. ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87.
GL Swinburne, Sir J., Bt., Staffsh., Lichfield ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87.
UL Talbot, C. R. M., Glamorganshire, Mid. ... Voted '67, '70, '71, '72, '73, '78, and paired '83, signed memorial '87.
C Tapling, Thos. K., Leicestershire, Harborough ... Signed memorial '87.
C Temple, Sir Richd., Worcester, Evesham ... Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86, signed mem. '87.
GL Thomas, Alfred, Glamorgan, E. ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87.
UL Thorburn, Walter, Peebles and Selkirk ... Signed memorial '87.
C Tollemache, H. J., Cheshire, Eddisbury ... Promised by letter, election '85.
C Tottenham, A. Loftus, Winchester ... Voted '84, '86.
C Townsend, Fred., Warwickshire, Stratford-on-Avon ... Signed memorial '87.
GL Trevelyan, Rt. Hon. Sir G. O., Glasgow, Bridgeton ... Paired '67, voted '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, '79.
N Tuite, James, Westmeath, N. ... Voted '86.
C Tyler, Sir Henry, Great Yarmouth ... Voted '84.
UL Villiers, Rt. Hon. C. P., Wolverhampton, S. ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, paired '79, signed memorial and voted '83.
C Vincent, C. E. Howard, Sheffield, Central ... Promised at meeting, elec. '86.
GL Wallace, R., Edinburgh, E. ... Voted '83, '84, '86.
C Waldron, Col. (Junior Lord of the Treasury), Devon, Tiverton ... Voted '83, '84, '86.
GL Wardle, Henry, Derbyshire ... Promised to support.
C Waring, Col. Thomas, Down, N. ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87.
UL Watkin, Sir Edward, Bt., Hythe ... Voted '67, '75, '78, signed memorial and voted '83, signed memorial '87.
C Watson, James, Shrewsbury ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86.
GL Wayman, Thos., York, W.R., Elland ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87.
C Webster, Sir R. E. (Attorney-General), Isle of Wight ... Promised by letter, election '85.
C White, John Bazley, Gravesend ... Promised during election '85.
C Whitmore, C. A., Chelsea ... Promised during election '85.
GL Williams, Arthur John, Glamorgan, S. ... Spoken publicly in favour, voted '86, signed mem. '87.
GL Wilson, H. J., York, W.R., Holmfirth ... Has spoken in public, voted '86.
GL Wilson, Chas. H., Hull, W. ... Voted '75, '76, '78, signed memorial '83, '87.
C Winn, Hon. Rowland, Pontefract ... Promised during election '85.
UL Wolmer, Viscount, Hants, Petersfield. ... Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86.
C Wood, Col. N., Durham, Houghton-le-Spring ... Promised by letter, election '85.
GL Woodall, W., Hanley ... Signed memorial and voted '83, moved amendment '84, introduced Bill and voted '86, introduced Bill '87, signed memorial '87.
GL Woodhead, J., York, W.R., Spenny Valley ... Promised to support.

C Wortley, C. B. Stuart (Under Secretary for Home Department), Sheffield, Hallam ... Voted '84, '86.
GL Wright, Caleb, Lanc., S.W., Leigh ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87.
C Wright, H. S., Nottingham, S. ... Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87.

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