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THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. A Paper read by Miss Becker, at the Conference on behalf of extending the Parliamentary franchise to women, held in the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol, on January 24th, 1879.—Manchester: A. Ireland and Co. May be had also at 28, Jackson's Row, Manchester.

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Write out the form given below on any kind of paper that may be at hand. A sheet of foolscap or even note paper opened out will do.

To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled.

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That in the judgment of your petitioners the Parliamentary franchise should be extended to women who possess the qualifications which entitle men to vote, and who in all matters of local government have the right of voting.

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And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Write out the above form without mistakes, as no word may be scratched out or interlined, and sign it on the same piece of paper. Try to obtain more signatures to follow your own. The petition may be signed by men and women of full age, whether householders or otherwise. Make up the petition as a book-post packet, open at the ends, write on the cover the words "Parliamentary Petition," and post it, addressed to the member who is to present it at the House of Commons. No stamp is required, as petitions so forwarded go post free. Write, and send along with the petition, a note (post paid) asking the member to present it, and to support its prayer.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN KENT.

A branch of the National Society for Women's Suffrage has just been inaugurated under the title of the Bromley, Beckenham, and Shortlands Branch of the National Society for Women's Suffrage. The infant society shows a healthy and encouraging amount of vitality. A series of drawing-room meetings in the neighbourhood is in contemplation, and the first of these is to take place, by invitation of the Rev. C. and Mrs. Green, at the Vicarage, New Beckenham, on March 14th, when Mrs. E. Lynch will read a paper on the question, and Mrs. Ashton Dilke and some local sympathisers with the movement will address the meeting. Great interest in the question has been shown, and much support has been forthcoming since the formation of the committee.

The Bromley, Beckenham, and Shortlands Branch of the society seeks to achieve its object by spreading information on the question in various ways—through the local press; by the gratuitous distri-

THE CALENDAR.

MARCH, 1882.

MOON.		SUN.	
		Rises.	Sets.
5th	Full Moon, 0h 40m morn.	6 39	5 45
12th	Last Quar., 9h 28m aft.	6 23	5 57
19th	New Moon, 0h 17m aft.	6 7	6 9
26th	First Quar., 1h 53m aft.	5 51	6 21
1	W	"Women's Suffrage Journal" started 1870.	
2	Th	"Englishwoman's Journal" (now Review) started 1858.	
3	F		
4	S	New Charter of Lond. Univ. admitting Women to Degrees, 1878.	
5	S	Second Sunday in Lent.	
6	M		
7	T		
8	W		
9	Th	Mrs. Barbauld died 1825, aged 82.	
10	F		
11	S		
12	S	Third Sunday in Lent.	
13	M		
14	T		
15	W	Peeresses summoned to Attend Parliament by Proxy, 35th Edward III.	
16	Th		
17	F	Mrs. Jameson died 1860, aged 85.	
18	S		
19	S	Fourth Sunday in Lent.	
20	M		
21	T	Women Voted for first time in Isle of Man 1831. Rosa Bonheur born 1822.	
22	W	Anne, Countess of Pembroke, Hereditary Sheriff of Westmoreland, died 1675.	
23	Th		
24	F		
25	S	Mrs. Chisholm died 1877.	
26	S	Fifth Sunday in Lent. Victoria Press established 1860.	
27	M	Last day for sending in Nominations for Poor-Law Guardians.	
28	T	S. Theresa born 1515.	
29	W		
30	Th		
31	F		

bution of pamphlets; by holding meetings for the discussion of the subject; and by promoting petitions to Parliament in favour of women's suffrage, &c.

At the end of the year, half the committee's balance in the treasurer's hands will be handed over to the funds of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage.

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MR. MASON has continued to ballot without intermission on every opportunity, in order to obtain a place for his resolution, but hitherto without success. In reply to the very numerous inquiries we receive as to when the discussion will come on, we can only repeat that the very earliest opportunity to bring the question forward will be seized by our Parliamentary leader; that the date can be known only four weeks beforehand, and that the notice will appear in the report of Parliamentary proceedings in a Wednesday's or Saturday's paper. Meantime we beg them to continue their efforts to promote petitions. It is desirable that as many petitions as possible should be sent on or before the 21st of March, when the question of the franchise for women householders will be brought to the notice of Parliament in connexion with the discussion on Mr. ARNOLD'S resolution for extending household suffrage to the counties.

THE discussion of the resolution respecting the county franchise to be brought forward by Mr. ARTHUR ARNOLD on March 21st will afford an opportunity for Parliamentary discussion on the question of including all householders, women as well as men, in the proposed extension of the principle of household suffrage beyond its present limits. Indeed, it might almost seem as if Mr. ARNOLD had raised the question at this time for the very purpose of affording an opportunity for discussing the franchise for women in connection with the franchise for the agricultural labourers. The House of Commons and the Government are already so absolutely pledged to the principle of the extension of household suffrage to the counties, that to call upon the House of Commons to record a formal vote in favour of the principle of a measure to the acceptance of which they are already committed, appears to be a work of supererogation so far as that measure alone is concerned.

But whether or not the opportunity has been intentionally afforded, certain it is that our friends in the House of Commons will not neglect the occasion of bringing forward the question of the franchise for women.

All the reasons which can be adduced in favour of giving votes to labourers in counties apply with equal force to the women ratepayers and taxpayers whose claim for representation is now put forward. Many of the objections raised against the admission of either class are curiously similar, and of these such objections as the want of general education and ignorance of political affairs are much more generally applicable to the unenfranchised county householders than to the disfranchised women. The extension of the county franchise, if limited to men, would admit a very large number of men mostly belonging to the poorest or lowest classes of the community; while the enfranchisement of women owners and occupiers of property would enfranchise one-seventh of the landowners of the county, one-tenth of the farmers of the land, a large proportion of manufacturers, merchants, shopkeepers, the bulk of the school-mistresses, and about one-sixth of all the householders of the towns. Surely these classes, comprising so large a proportion of the property, the intelligence, and the industry of the nation, have at least as good a claim to a share in controlling the expenditure to which they are required to contribute, and to a voice in making the laws they must obey, as the cottagers and small householders whose claim to the Parliamentary suffrage Mr. ARNOLD is about to ask the House of Commons to affirm.

A GREAT demonstration of women in support of the admission to the Parliamentary franchise of women who possess the qualifications which entitle men to vote, took place in the Albert Hall, Sheffield, on Monday, February 27th, under the presidency of Viscountess HARBERTON. The demonstration was in no way inferior in interest and enthusiasm to any of the previous gatherings of women that have been held in Manchester, London, Bristol, Birmingham, Nottingham, and Bradford. The great hall was crowded to overflowing with women of all ranks and conditions of society. Not only was every seat filled, but the gangways were packed with women who remained standing

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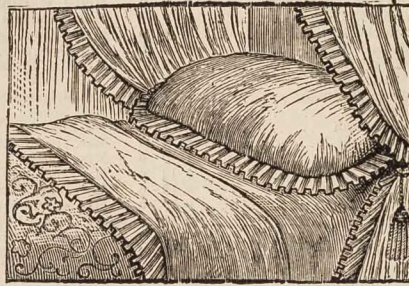
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