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WOMEN HOUSEHOLDERS' DECLARATION.

We, the undersigned unmarried women and widows, possessing qualifications which would entitle men to vote in elections for members of Parliament, declare that we consider our exclusion from the privilege an infraction of the principle that taxation and representation should go together, and we hereby express our desire for an alteration in the laws which shall enable such women to exercise the Parliamentary franchise if they desire to do so.

NAME.	Qualification, whether as occupier or owner of houses, land, or other property.	ADDRESS.	Parliamentary division in which the qualifying property is situated.
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"	...Owner of houses	...March-street, Nottingham	...Nottingham
"	...Owner of houses	...High-street, Arnold, Notts	...Notts County

Signatures previously reported, 785; signatures reported up to date, 798.

WOMEN POOR LAW GUARDIANS FOR 1890.

PLACE.	NAME.	ELECTION.	PLACE.	NAME.	ELECTION.	
ENGLAND.						
London: Deptford	Miss Peppercorn	3rd time of election	Bristol: Clifton	Miss Alice Winkworth	Elected 1889, for 3 years	
Fulham	Mrs. Henniker	4th "	St. Phillips	Miss Woollam		
Greenwich	Miss Christabel Airy	2nd "	Washbury-on-Trym	Mrs. Terrell	1st time of election	
Hammersmith	Mrs. T. W. Hunt	2nd "	Bromley, Kent	Miss Clifford		
Hampstead	Miss Florence Davenport-Hill	2nd "	Clovedon in Bedminster Union	Miss S. J. Pedder	5th "	
Hampstead, East	Mrs. Orsborn	1st "	Croydon	Miss Anna Ely	5th "	
Holborn	Miss Baker	9th "	"	Miss Shanks	5th "	
"	Miss C. M. Wyld	6th "	Eastbourne	Miss Wilhelmina Hall	Elected 1889, for 3 years	
"	Miss Harris	1st "	Gateshead	Mrs. O'Connell		
Islington	Miss Varley	9th "	Guildford: Shere	Miss A. Spottiswoode	7th time of election	
Kensington	Mrs. A. Brandreth	3rd "	Pirbright	Miss Brander	9th "	
Marblebone	Mrs. Shaen	3rd "	Hastings	Miss S. Mosley	3rd "	
"	Miss Lee	1st "	Hinckley, Leicestershire	Mrs. Argyle	2nd "	
"	Miss McKee	1st "	"	Mrs. Goode	2nd "	
"	Miss Catherine Scott	1st "	Hyde in Stockport Union	Miss Elizabeth Smith	Elected 1888, for 3 years	
Mill End	Mrs. Ashton Warner	1st "	Honley in Huddersfield	Miss Siddon	7th time 1889, re-elected for 3 years	
Paddington	Mrs. Amelia Charles	10th "	Huddersfield	Mrs. Lister	Elected 1889, for 3 years	
St. George's, Hanover Sq.	Mrs. Lawrie	6th "	Leicester	Miss Fanny E. Fullagar	Elected 1889, for 3 years	
"	Lady Anstruther	3rd "	Lewisham	Miss H. Hughes	1st time of election	
"	Miss Bramston	3rd "	Manchester: Chorlton	Miss Watts	Elected 1890 (bye-election) for 2 years	
St. Pancras	Miss E. Dampier	6th "	Prestwich	Mrs. Bleackley	Elected 1889, for 3 years	
"	Miss Goldsmid	3rd "	Manchester	Mrs. Hyland		
St. Saviour's	Miss Lidgett	3rd "	Rugby	Miss A. E. M'Clure	2nd time of election	
Strand	Mrs. J. Johnson	4th "	Richmond	Miss Glossop		
"	Mrs. M. M. Evans	4th "	"	Miss Foster Newton	2nd "	
"	Miss Stevens	3rd "	Southport	Miss Hopkins	7th "	
"	Miss Margaret Painton	2nd "	Ormskirk	Miss Thompson	6th "	
Wandsworth	Mrs. Dickinson	2nd "	"	Mrs. Teschemacher	Elected 1889, for 3 years	
Wandsworth, Battersea	Mrs. Pouldon	8th "	"	Mrs. Holland		
Wandsworth, Clapham	Miss Sydnor	8th "	"	Miss Feugh	Elected 1889, for 3 years	
Westminster	Miss Gillard	1st "	"	Miss L. E. Hollins		
Woolwich, Plumstead	Miss Evins	9th "	West Bromwich	Miss Anna Lloyd	3rd time of election	
Barnet Union	Miss Wimbush	5th "	Worthing, East Preston Union	Mrs. Melville Green	2nd "	
Bath	Miss Gordon	1st "	SCOTLAND.			
"	Mrs. Pearson	1st "	Edinburgh: City Parish	Miss Phoebe Blyth	6th "	
Bedford	Mrs. Edwards	5th "	"	Mrs. Bow	5th "	
"	Mrs. Flewker	1st "	"	Miss Stodart	2nd "	
Birmingham	Mrs. Rollason	1st "	St. Cuthbert's	Miss Flora Stevenson	1st "	
"	Miss H. Cadbury	Elected in 1888 for 3 years	"	Mrs. R. M. Alston	1st "	
"	Miss Fanny Shelton		"	"	Miss Catherine Wallace	1st "
King's Norton	Mrs. John Francis		"	"	"	"
Boddington in Tewkesbury U.	Miss Agatha Stacey	10th time of election				
Brighton	Mrs. M'Ilquham	7th "				
"	Mrs. Haycraft	6th "				
"	Miss Bigg	6th "				

* At head of poll. † Have served since 1882. ‡ Bristol Election made triennial in 1880. † No contest.

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Two members of Parliament were successful in the ballot for first places for the discussion of a resolution on women's suffrage last month, Mr. CALEB WRIGHT with first place for Tuesday, June 3rd, and Baron DIMSDALE for Friday, June 6th. Unfortunately neither of these chances will remain, as the Government have announced their intention of asking for the whole time of the House after the Whitsuntide recess. There is, therefore, no possibility of a discussion on the question during the remainder of the session.

It is natural to feel disappointment at the collapse of the only opportunities that have appeared to present themselves this session for a debate and division on the question of women's suffrage, but there are many considerations on the other side which, in our judgment, should mitigate this feeling. We have never regarded with much satisfaction the prospect of a debate on an abstract resolution which necessarily partakes very much of an academic character. It is difficult to bring members together for such debate, for if the resolution were carried nothing further could be done during the session. On the other hand, if from any cause the motion were lost, a very serious blow would have been suffered which would tend to prejudice the success of the Bill in case the friends should be able to secure a day for the second reading next session. While, therefore, deeming it our duty to support any effort made by our Parliamentary leaders to obtain the judgment of the House on the question, we do not hesitate to express our earnest hope that the discussion, when it does come, may be on the second reading of a Bill and not upon an abstract Resolution.

MR. W. H. SMITH on May 23rd introduced his motion for taking Tuesdays and Fridays after the Whitsuntide recess for Government business. Mr. W. M'LAREN moved an amendment to except Tuesday, the 3rd of June, in order to allow of a discussion on Mr. CALEB WRIGHT'S Resolution in favour of women's suffrage. A division was taken, when the amendment was lost by 32 votes to 145.

The defeat of the amendment was a foregone conclu-

sion, and the division was in no sense one on the merits of the question itself. Possibly some who voted with Mr. M'LAREN did so as much with the idea of opposing the Government as of supporting women's suffrage, while many of those who voted against him may have done so as a matter of allegiance to their party without prejudice to their opinions on the main question.

A RECENT leading article in the *Times*, commenting on Prince BISMARCK'S declaration as to the impossibility of satisfying the demands of the working classes, has some observations which seem to us so especially pertinent to women's questions that we are tempted to reproduce them with the necessary change of application. The writer says:—"Rational discontent is the root of all progress. The desire to improve, which is only rational discontent taking a practical form, is the universal law of the social and industrial struggle for existence. 'If some very sensible persons had been listened to,' said LUTTRELL, 'we should all still be champing acorns.' These were the people in whom, as Prince BISMARCK would say, GOD had implanted the faculty of contentment. They represent the unprogressive races of mankind. Acorns, no doubt, are a very palatable and very nutritious food for those who have never tasted anything else. It would be easy for LUTTRELL'S very sensible people to point out, when an alternative diet was first suggested, that it would never do to indulge this restless appetite for change, because if men once deserted acorns for apples they would very soon be asking for plums; 'To-morrow,' these Bismarckian counsellors of primitive man would have said, 'new and fresh wants will arise, and so there is no end.' Of course there is no end. Man's desires are only limited as regards ends by his faculty of attainment, and as regards means by such moral sense as he possesses. The faculty of contentment properly understood means, not the repression of new desires which can be gratified, but the discipline and restraint of desires, whether new or old, which cannot be gratified. Accordingly the statesman with a real and vital grasp of industrial forces and facts will approach each phase of the [woman] question as it

arises without prejudice. He will ask himself whether this or that demand of [women] is legitimate and reasonable in itself and feasible in practice, and, having answered that question in the affirmative, he will not withhold his sympathy from the demand, nor relax his efforts for its satisfaction by such rational means as statesmanship can devise merely because it may be followed hereafter by some other demands which are not legitimate, reasonable, or feasible. There is no more helpless nor more futile statesmanship than that which is perpetually asking, Where are we to stop? The answer is obvious and always the same. We are to stop where reason and common sense determine. We are foolish even to begin if we do so under the guidance of any other faculties than these, and those which sanctioned the beginning will serve to determine the end."

IN a paper on the working of women's suffrage in Wyoming, in the May number of the *Fortnightly Review*, Mr. HORACE PLUNKETT furnishes valuable material for estimating its results in the first place where women's suffrage has been really tested by experience, and though the conditions of a newly settled territory in the far west may be very unlike those of an old country like our own, there are nevertheless sufficient points of contact in the experience of the working of representative institutions in any one community to make its experience worthy of careful attention by others.

A sojourn of several years in Wyoming, during which time he paid particular attention to the subject of women's suffrage and collected all the information he could obtain as to its first introduction and subsequent incidents, gives weight to Mr. PLUNKETT'S account; all the more so that he is not eager to press any views of his own. The nearest indication to any opinion he may have formed is to be found in the following sentence towards the close of the article: "This much is certain. Never was a political experiment tried under less auspicious circumstances. Yet not one of the predicted evils, and they were many, have marred its history. Judged by the only fair standard of local comparison, woman suffrage can show a clean record; and there is a general confidence among both opponents and advocates of the cause that in the removal of those political abuses which are incidental to the early years of frontier communities, the women can be counted on to aid in the delivery of the people from the toils of professional politicians." H. B.

Miss Lydia Becker is at present sojourning at Aix-les-Bains for the benefit of her health.

PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Notices of Motions for Tuesday, June 3rd.

1. Mr. Caleb Wright.—Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women).—To call attention to the exclusion of women from the Parliamentary franchise; and to move, That the exclusion of women, otherwise legally qualified, from voting in elections of members of Parliament, is injurious to those excluded, and contrary to the principle of just representation and to that of the laws now in force regulating the election of town and county councils, and other local representative bodies.
2. Mr. Samuel Smith.—Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women).—As an amendment to Mr. Caleb Wright's Motion, to move to leave out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House views with apprehension so great a change in our political system as would be involved in the admission of women to the Parliamentary franchise, and declines to entertain the proposal."

Notice of Motion for Friday, June 6th.

Baron Dimsdale.—To move, That in the opinion of this House it is injurious to the best interests of the country that women who are entitled to vote at municipal, parochial, school board, and county council elections should be disabled from voting at Parliamentary elections, though possessed of the necessary statutory qualification, and that it is desirable that this disability should be forthwith repealed.

Notices of Motions: At the commencement of Public Business, May 23rd.

1. Mr. William Henry Smith.—Business of the House (Government business).—That after Whitsuntide, unless the House otherwise order, the House do meet on Tuesday and Friday at three of the clock, and that Government business have priority on Tuesday: That standing order 11 be suspended, and the provisions of standing order 56 be extended to the other days of the week.
2. Mr. Walter M'Laren.—Business of the House (Government business).—As an amendment to Mr. William Henry Smith's motion, line 4, after "Tuesday," insert "except on Tuesday, 3rd June, when the first notice of motion, Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women), shall take precedence."

Thursday, May 22nd.
BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.
THE HOLIDAYS.

Mr. W. H. SMITH, replying to questions, said that he should have to ask the House for the Tuesdays and Fridays for Government business after Whitsuntide. ("Oh, oh," and cheers.) He hoped he might not seem to be imposing conditions on the House, but all these matters were those which it was absolutely necessary should be dealt with. Then, in the event of the four Orders he had mentioned being disposed of, he would move the adjournment of the House to Monday, the 2nd of June.

Mr. WOODALL asked if an exception could be made in favour of the women's suffrage motion, which was on the Orders for the first Tuesday after the reassembling of the House.

Mr. W. H. SMITH said he could not make the exception asked, but if the hon. gentleman who favoured the project were to bring in a Bill and take the judgment of the House upon it, it would be in a much more favourable position.

Friday, May 23rd.

Mr. W. H. SMITH: I rise to move the resolution which stands upon the paper in my name—namely, "That after Whitsuntide, unless the House otherwise order, the House do meet on Tuesday and Friday at three of the clock, and that Government business have priority on Tuesday; that Standing Order 11 be suspended, and that the provisions of Standing Order 56 be extended to the other days of the week." I can assure the House that no explanation is necessary for my making this proposal. The circumstances of public business require it, and I hope it will be accepted without much discussion. I observe that the hon. member for Crewe has an amendment on the paper to exclude from the operation of the

resolution Tuesday, June 3, so that the motion on the extension of the franchise to women may be discussed. I would suggest, however, to the hon. member that instead of moving an abstract resolution on that subject, he should early next session, bring in a Bill dealing with the question, and so test the feeling of the House in that way. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. M'LAREN moved, as an amendment, after "Tuesday," to insert "except on Tuesday, June 3rd, when the first notice of motion, Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women), shall take precedence." He said that he could not possibly accept the advice which had been given to him by the First Lord of the Treasury. If his motion were to be carried, the subject to which it referred would certainly be considerably advanced in Parliamentary importance. He suggested that the Government should take Wednesday, June 4th, for their business (murmurs) instead of taking four hours on the previous evening, which would do them very little good indeed.

Mr. WEBB seconded the amendment.

Mr. CREMER said that on the present occasion he should indulge in the luxury of voting with the Government. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. LABOUCHERE said he should indulge in the same luxury. (Laughter.) It was a mere chance that the hon. gentleman had no opportunity of bringing forward his resolution. As one of his own fair clients, the Duchess of Gerolstein, said, it was fatality. (Laughter.) The hon. member had accused the First Lord of the Treasury and himself of intriguing in order to prevent his resolution from being brought forward. He protested that he did nothing of the sort. The hon. gentleman had simply been unlucky.

Sir R. KNIGHTLEY protested against this fresh raid on the rights of private members, who, he regretted, were not present in sufficient numbers to defeat the Government.

The Committee divided, and the numbers were:—

For Mr. M'Laren's amendment	32
Against	145
Majority	— 113

THE DIVISION LIST.

Numb. 108.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 4, after the word "Tuesday," to insert the words "except on Tuesday 3rd June, when the first Notice of Motion, Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women), shall take precedence."—(Mr. Walter M'Laren.)—

Question put, "That those words be there inserted:—"The House divided; Ayes 32, Noes 145.

AYES.

Abraham, William (Limerick)	Knighley, Sir Rainald
Allison, Robert Andrew	Lawson, Sir Wilfrid (Cumberland)
Austin, John	Leake, Robert
Blane, Alexander	Morton, Alpheus Cleophas
Bradlaugh, Charles	Nolan, Colonel (Galway, N.)
Charrington, Spencer	Northcote, Hon. Sir H. Stafford
Cobb, Henry Peyton	O'Connor, Arthur (Donegal)
Condon, Thomas Joseph	Rowlands, W. Bowen (Card'sh.)
Corbett, Archibald (Glasgow)	Rowntree, Joshua
Courtney, Rt. Hon. Leonard H.	Schwann, Charles E.
Dimsdale, Baron Robert	Stevenson, Francis S. (Suffolk)
Esslemont, Peter	Stewart, Halley (Lincolnshire)
Evans, Samuel T. (Glamorgan)	Summers, William
Graham, Robert Cunningham	Sutherland, A. (Sutherlandshire)
Grotrian, Frederick Brent	Thomas, David Alfred (Merthyr)
Hunter, Wm. Alex. (Aberdeen)	Wilson, Henry J. (York, W.K.)

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter M'Laren and Mr. Webb.

NOES.

Addison, John	Bazley-White, J.
Ambrose, William	Beach, Rt. Hon. Sir M. H. (Bristol)
Ashmead-Bartlett, Ellis	Beach, W. W. Bramston (Hants.)
Asquith, Herbert Henry	Beckett, Ernest W. (Yorks. N.K.)
Baden-Powell, Sir Geo. Smyth	Bentinck, Lord H. C. (Norfolk)
Bailey, Sir Joseph R.	Bentinck, Wm. G. C. (Penryn)
Balfour, Rt. Hon. A. J. (M'chester)	Bethell, Commander
Baring, Thos. Chas. (London)	Birkbeck, Sir Edward
Barry, A. H. Smith (Hunts.)	Blundell, Col. Hen. Blundell H.
Barry, Francis Tress (Windsor)	Bonsor, Henry Cosmo Orme
Barttelot, Sir Walter B.	Boulnois, Edmund
Bates, Sir Edward	Bristowe, Thomas Lynn
Baumann, Arthur Antony	Brodrick, Hon. St. John

Bruce, Gainsford (Finsbury)	Kelly, John R.
Bruce, Lord Henry (Wiltshire)	Kennaway, Sir John Henry
Burghley, Lord	Knowles, Lees
Campbell, Sir Geo. (Kirkcaldy)	Labouchere, Henry
Campbell-Bannerman, Rt. Hon. H.	Lafone, Alfred
Chaplin, Rt. Hon. Henry	Lechmere, Sir Edmund A. H.
Coddington, William	Lefevre, Rt. Hon. George Shaw
Coghill, Douglas Henry	Lekh, Thos. Wodehouse (Lanc.)
Collings, Jesse	Leighton, Stanley
Compton, Francis (New Forest)	Lewisham, Viscount
Corbett, John (Worcestershire)	Loder, Gerald Walter Erskine
Cornwallis, F. S. Wykeham	Long, Walter Hume
Cranborne, Viscount	Lowther, Rt. Hon. James (Kent)
Crawford, Donald (Lanark, N.E.)	Lowther, Hon. Wm. (Westm'land)
Cremer, William Randal	Maclean, F. W. (Oxfordshire)
Darling, Charles John (Deptford)	M'Calmont, Capt. James
Davenport, Harry T. (Staffordshire)	M'Kenna, Sir Joseph Neal
De Lisle, Edwin	Madden, Dodgson Hamilton
De Worms, Rt. Hon. Baron Henry	Maskelyne, M. H. Story
Dixon, George (Birmingham)	Matthews, Rt. Hon. Henry
Donkin, Richard Sim	Maxwell, Sir Herbert E.
Duncombe, Arthur	More, Robert Jasper
Dyke, Rt. Hon. Sir William Hart	Moss, Richard
Egerton, Hon. Tatton (Cheshire)	Mowbray, Rt. Hon. Sir J. (Oxf'd.U.)
Elcho, Lord	Mowbray, R. G. C. (Lanc. S. E.)
Elliot, Sir George (Monmouth)	Mulholland, Henry Lyle
Elliot, Geo. Wm. (Yorks., N.R.)	Newark, Viscount
Eyre, Colonel Henry	O'Connor, John (Tipperary)
Ferguson, R. C. Munro (Leith)	Palmer, Sir Charles Mark
Fergusson, Rt. Hon. Sir J. (M'chester)	Parker, Hon. Francis (Oxfordshire)
Fisher, William Hayes	Pelly, Sir Lewis
Fitz Wygram, Sir Frederick	Plowden, Sir William Chichele
Fletcher, Sir Henry	Plunket, Rt. Hon. David R.
Flower, Cyril	Raikes, Rt. Hon. Henry Cecil
Forwood, Arthur Bower	Richardson, Thomas
Fry, Theodore (Darlington)	Ridley, Sir Matthew White
Gedge, Sydney	Ritchie, Rt. Hon. Chas. Thomson
Goldsmid, Sir Julian	Robertson, Rt. Hon. J. P. B. (Bute)
Goldsworthy, Major-General	Robinson, Brooke (Dudley)
Gorst, Rt. Hon. Sir John Eldon	Rollit, Sir Albert Kaye
Goschen, Rt. Hon. Geo. Joachim	Saunderson, Col. Edw. James
Green, Sir Edward (Wakefield)	Sidbotham, J. W. (Cheshire)
Greene, Edward (Suffolk)	Smith, Abel (Herts)
Gunter, Colonel	Smith, Rt. Hon. Wm. H. (Strand)
Halsey, Thomas Frederick	Stanhope, Rt. Hon. E. (Lincolnsh.)
Hamilton, Col. Chas. E. (South'k)	Stephens, Henry Charles
Harland, Sir Edward James	Temple, Sir Richard
Heaton, John Henniker	Theobald, James
Heneage, Rt. Hon. Edward	Tomlinson, Wm. Edward Murray
Herbert, Hon. Sidney	Warmington, Cornelius M.
Hill, Lord Arthur Wm. (Down)	Watson, James
Hobhouse, Henry	Weymouth, Viscount
Howard, Joseph	Whitbread, Samuel
Howell, George	Whitley, Edward
Hozier, James Henry Cecil	Whitmore, Charles Algernon
Hunt, Frederick Seager	Winterbotham, Arthur Brend
Jackson, William Lawies	Wortley, Charles Beilby Stuart-
Jarvis, Alexander Weston	Wyndham, George
Jennings, Louis John	Young, Charles Edward Baring
Johnston, William	

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Akers-Douglas and Sir William Walrond.

THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Women's Suffrage Association met on May 19th to consider the position of the question in view of the threat of the Government to take all the time after Whitsuntide. There were present Mr. Woodall, Baron Dimsdale, Mr. Stansfeld, Mr. M'Laren, Mr. T. W. Russell, Sir E. Watkin, Sir R. Temple, Mr. Caleb Wright, Col. Cotton, Mr. Jacoby, and Captain Heathcote. It was decided that a small deputation should see Mr. Smith, and press for an opportunity for the discussion on the 3rd or 6th of June. Subsequently Mr. Woodall, Mr. Russell, Mr. M'Laren, Mr. Wright, Baron Dimsdale, and Sir R. Temple saw the First Lord of the Treasury in his room, and presented the request. Mr. Smith expressed his desire that the judgment of the House should be taken, but pointed out that the Opposition had it in their own power to settle the matter. If business did not make more progress the Government would have to take the time of the House. He would do his best to save the day, but could give no definite promise.

ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.

BRISTOL EAST.

The vacancy in Bristol East, caused by the death of Mr. Handel Cossham, has been filled by the election of Sir Joseph Weston, the Liberal candidate.

The following letter has been received from Sir Joseph Weston by Miss Sturge, hon. sec. of the Bristol and West of England Society for Women's Suffrage:—

Dorset House, Clifton Down, Bristol, May 7th, 1890. Dear Miss Sturge,—In reply to your note, I should certainly support if returned to Parliament the Bill for extending the Parliamentary franchise to those women who already vote in all town and county council elections.—Yours, very truly, JOSEPH D. WESTON.

Miss Sturge also received a letter from Mr. Inskip, the Conservative candidate, who wrote as follows:—

Clifton Park House, Clifton, Bristol, 8th May, 1890. Dear Miss Sturge,—In reply to your note I may give you a very brief answer to your inquiry, by stating that I think the right of women as regards voting in Parliamentary elections ought to be the same as their rights in respect of town and county councils.—Yours truly, JAMES INSKIP.

Mr. H. J. Wilson, the Labour candidate, also expressed himself in favour of extending the Parliamentary franchise to those women who already vote in all town and county council elections.

DRAWING-ROOM MEETING.

CAMPDEN HILL.

A drawing-room meeting was held on May 8th, by invitation of Mrs. Sterling, at 18, Sheffield Terrace, Campden Hill, in connection with the Central Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, 10, Great College-street, Westminster. Mrs. Beddoe, a vice-president of the West of England Branch of the Society, occupied the chair. The meeting was addressed by Miss Mordan and Miss Emily Davis, and by Capt. James, who expressed himself as having been for years in favour of women's suffrage, and pointed out the valuable element women might bring to political influence, especially when legislation is so largely of a social character, as is likely to continue for many years to come. The Secretary of the Society urged on all present to aid in increasing the membership of the Society, and the number of signatures to the Women Householders' Declaration, which is appearing month by month in the Women's Suffrage Journal. The following resolution was unanimously carried by this meeting:—"That this meeting has learned with great satisfaction that Mr. Caleb Wright, M.P., has obtained a first place for the resolution in favour of the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to women on June 3rd, and pledges itself to give him all the support in its power."

LECTURE.

ST. HELENS.

The Rev. C. F. Aked, pastor of Park Road Baptist Chapel, delivered a lecture on April 15th, on women's work and women's mission. In the course of the address the lecturer strongly urged the advisability of the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to women.

POLITICAL SOCIETIES.

WOMEN'S LIBERAL FEDERATION.

The annual meeting of the committee of the Women's Liberal Federation took place on May 13th, and two subsequent days, at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly.

On the second day the question of women's suffrage was considered, and the following resolution was carried with ten dissentients, out of about 400 delegates:—"That this council is of opinion that the franchise should be extended to women on the same terms as to men, and that the time has come when the enfranchisement of women ought to be included in the Liberal programme."

THE WOMEN'S JUBILEE OFFERING.

The bronze equestrian statue of the Prince Consort, the jubilee offering of the "daughters of the Empire" to the Queen, was unveiled by her Majesty in Windsor Park on Monday, May 12th, amidst an immense concourse of spectators and in perfect weather. A pavilion had been erected in front of the statue for the Queen and the royal family, and within a few paces a large stand for the ladies of the Committee of the Women's Jubilee Offering and their friends.

Her Majesty being seated, the Duke of Westminster presented an address in the following terms: "As one of the trustees of the Jubilee Fund, I am deputed to ask your Majesty graciously to accept this statue of the great and illustrious Prince—an offering from the daughters of your Empire on the occasion of the Jubilee of their Queen. They desire to take this opportunity of tendering their hearty thanks to your Majesty for the noble gift of a sum of £70,000, the greater part of the Women's Jubilee Offering, devoted to the promotion and provision of improved means for nursing the sick poor. They believe that this generous act on the part of your Majesty will have the effect of calling forth much local sympathy and effort throughout the three kingdoms, and that eventually no city and no district will be without an organisation for nursing, to the inexpressible comfort and relief of thousands of your Majesty's poorer subjects."

Her Majesty replied as follows: "I thank you sincerely for this very beautiful statue, and beg to assure you that nothing could have given me greater pleasure than to accept it."

Her Majesty then drew the cord which was attached to the drapery covering the memorial, and the unveiling was completed. The ladies of the committee and a number of the subscribers were then presented. The statue is, by her Majesty's command, a copy of the late Baron Marochetti's figure of the Prince Consort at Glasgow. It stands fully 16 feet in height, on a granite pedestal, rising over 12 feet above the ground. The front panel, of Aberdeen granite, contains the following inscription:—

ALBERT, PRINCE CONSORT, Born August 26, 1819, Died December 14, 1861.

This Statue was presented to VICTORIA, QUEEN AND EMPRESS, A Token of Loyalty from the Daughters of her Empire, in Remembrance of her Jubilee, June 21st, 1887, And was Unveiled May 12th, 1890.

The three other panels bear similarly-worded inscriptions in Sanscrit, Gaelic, and Latin.

COLONIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

A telegram in the Times of April 30th, dated Sydney, April 29th, states that the New South Wales Parliament had been that day opened with the customary ceremony by the Governor, Lord Carington. In his speech on the occasion, His Excellency referred to the Bills to be introduced, including in the number a Bill to amend the electoral law by granting the franchise to both sexes, and limiting the suffrage to one vote for one elector.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Women's Suffrage League was held at the Victoria Hall, Adelaide, on March 25th, Dr. Stirling presiding. The annual report was read by the secretary. It stated that the religious bodies in the colony had shown a remarkable unanimity in favour of the movement. By express votes in conferences and assemblies the principle of women's suffrage had been upheld by the Wesleyan Methodists, Congregationalists, Society of Friends, Baptists, and others. The Executive Council during 1889 had organised many meetings, not only in Adelaide and suburbs, but throughout the colony.

Mrs. MARY LEE moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Miss MARTIN. The Rev. J. C. KIRBY moved "that this meeting pledges itself to renewed effort to secure the boon of the franchise to women." This was seconded by Mrs. NICHOLLS, and carried.

MANCHESTER NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS, MAY, 1890.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Mrs. Joseph Cross (£3 3 0), Mrs. Wm. Grey (3 3 0), Miss H. Rigbye (3 0 0), Mrs. Long (2 0 0), Sir W. C. Brooks, Bt., M.P. (1 1 0), Mr. John Addison, M.P. (1 1 0), Rt. Hon. C. P. Villiers, M.P. (1 1 0), Miss F. M. Buss (1 1 0), Mr. W. T. Windsor (1 1 0), Mr. John Every (1 0 0), Mrs. Kenderdine (£0 10 6), Mrs. Frankland (0 6 6), Mr. F. Bright (0 5 0), Mr. Jos. Lingford (0 5 0), Rev. Geo. Fox (0 5 0), Mrs. Smith (Huddersfield) (0 5 0), Mr. Jas. Scotson (0 2 6), Total £19 10 6.

ROBERT ADAMSON, TREASURER, Queen's Chambers, 5, John Dalton-street, Manchester.

CENTRAL NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED MAY, 1890.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Anonymous Well Wisher (£200 0 0), Mrs. Ch. M'Laren (5 0 0), Miss A. L. Browne (3 3 0), Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell Tupp (1 1 0), Mr. A. Webb, M.P. (1 0 0), Miss Newham (1 0 0), Mrs. F. D. Bridges (0 10 0), Mr. and Mrs. Tucker (£0 10 0), Mrs. Bernard Brodhurst (0 10 0), Mrs. Hamer (0 10 0), Miss Warley (0 2 6), Total £213 6 6.

Mrs. FRANK MORRISON, TREASURER, Central Committee Office, 29, Parliament-street, London, S.W.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE. NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FROM APRIL 25TH TO MAY 26TH, 1890.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Miss J. Boucherett (special donation) (£10 0 0), Mrs. Tapson (2 2 0), Mr. J. Staines Dabb (1 1 0), Mrs. Crook (1 1 0), Miss E. A. Manning (1 1 0), Miss Gurney (1 0 0), Miss Hampden (1 0 0), Miss Lucy Johnson (1 0 0), Miss Richardson (1 0 0), Mrs. Brodhurst (0 10 0), Miss A. Gurney (0 10 0), Mr. A. Vernon Harcourt (0 10 0), Mrs. Willert (0 10 0), Col. Wintle, R.A. (0 10 0), Miss Ely (0 5 0), A Friend, per Miss Abney Walker (£0 5 0), Mrs. Bullock (0 5 0), Miss A. G. Marshall (0 5 0), Miss Morrison (0 5 0), Miss Youngman (0 5 0), Miss Wearmouth (0 3 0), Miss Brown (0 2 6), Miss Findlay (0 2 6), Miss L. Macdonald (0 2 6), Miss Mander (0 2 6), Mrs. Sims (0 2 6), Small sums (0 11 5), Collected at Mrs. Sterling's Meeting (0 1 4 6), Total £25 16 5.

Mrs. HENRY FAWCETT, TREASURER, Central Committee Office, 10, Great College-street, Westminster.

WOMEN AND THE HONOUR SCHOOLS AT OXFORD.

A statute was promulgated in Convocation, Oxford, on Tuesday, the 13th of May, to admit women to the Honour School of Jurisprudence, and the second examination for the degree of Mus. Bac. The preamble of the statute was approved, and now only the Schools of Theology, Medicine, and Oriental Languages remain closed to them. The next thing we shall hear them asking will be, "Why the latter?"—St. Stephen's Review.

WOMEN AS INVENTORS.

When Edison had given two weeks of his valuable time to going up and down the New York elevated railroad, trying to discover what caused its noise, and a cure for it, he gave up the task. Then a little woman took it. She rode on the cars three days, was denied a place on the rear platform, laughed at for her curiosity, and politely snubbed by conductors and passengers. But she discovered what caused the noise and invented a remedy, which was patented, and she was paid the sum of \$10,000 and a royalty forever. Her name is Mrs. Mary Walton, and she lives in New York City.—Woman's Journal, Boston, U.S.A.

HONORARY DISTINCTIONS FOR WOMEN IN CHINA.

The North China Herald (Shanghai) gives the following abstract from the Pekin Gazette of March 7th:—

At the instance of some of the literati and gentry of the province, the Governor of Chékiang applies for honorary distinctions to a number of women remarkable for their virtue and devotion, the particulars of whose cases have been brought to light during the compilation of the annals of the Hangchow district. These, after an interruption of over seventy years, during which the province repeatedly suffered all the horrors of warfare, were resumed in 1880, and have now been brought up to date. In the year 1884, the then Governor, Liu Pin-chang submitted to the Throne the cases of a number of virtuous women which had similarly been brought to his notice, and applied that honorific distinctions might be accorded to them. To this request his Majesty was graciously pleased to assent, and their names were accordingly duly enrolled in the district annals up to end of 1888. Since then further instances of female virtue have been brought to light to the number of 2,016 in which the facts have never been reported, either owing to the woman having left no children, or to her having lived in some out of the way village, so that the only record of her good deeds was to be found in the annals of her own family. The law, it appears, provides that in the case of women distinguished for their virtuous conduct which lapse of years has brought into oblivion, should there be any facts recorded in the local annals in support of their claims, application may be subsequently made on their behalf for some mark of honorary distinction. The present cases being of this description, and also in every respect similar to those which in 1884 obtained his Majesty's permission to be honourably recorded, Memorialist thinks that it would not be right to suffer them to sink into oblivion. To this end, therefore, as well as in the interests of virtue and morality, Memorialist begs that his Majesty will be pleased to sanction the honorary distinctions now applied for.—Granted by Rescript.

PARLIAMENTARY PETITIONS.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

PARLIAMENTARY FRANCHISE (EXTENSION TO WOMEN) BILL.—In Favour. FIFTH REPORT.—Continued from page 59.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Name, and Number of Signatures. Includes March 754 24 Hurst, Members of the Women's Liberal Association (1), *755 25 Leeds, Members of the Women's Liberal Association (8), 756 ,, Hornsey, Members of the Women's Liberal Association (1), 757 28 Wolverhampton, Members of the Women's Central Liberal Association (1), Total number of Petitions 84—Signatures 955.

SIXTH REPORT, 31 March—15 April, 1890.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Name, and Number of Signatures. Includes Mar. 1187 31 Huddersfield, Women's Liberal Association (84—955), April 1188 1 South Kensington, Inhabitants of, in public meeting (1), 1189 ,, Torquay, Members and Friends of the Women's Liberal Association (1).

April	
©1190	14 ACCRINGTON Division, Members of the Women's Liberal Association, in meeting assembled; Mary C. Leese, president, and another (Mr. M'Laren) 2
©1191	„ EDINBURGH, Members of the National Society for Women's Suffrage of, in annual meeting assembled at Newington House on the 30th December, 1889; Priscilla Bright M'Laren, president (Mr. M'Laren) 1
1192	„ MARGARET E. LISTER, of Woodside, Huddersfield (Mr. M'Laren) 1
©1193	„ PADDINGTON, Members of the Women's Liberal Association of, in meeting assembled; C. Venetia Stephenson, president, and another (Mr. M'Laren) 2
©1194	„ STREET, Members of the Liberal Association of, in annual meeting assembled on the 29th March, 1890; William S. Clark, chairman (Mr. M'Laren) 1
©1195	„ WINCHESTER, Members of the Women's Liberal Association of, in meeting assembled; Ellen Chapman, honorary secretary (Mr. Moss) 1
©1196	„ LEEDS, Members and Friends of the South Ward Liberal Club of, in meeting assembled on Sunday, 16th March, 1890; John Markham, chairman (Sir Lyon Playfair) 1
1197	„ STANTONBURY and district, Members of the Women's Liberal Association of (Captain Verney) 147
1198	15 SELHURST and its vicinity, Inhabitants of (Mr. Herbert) 91
©1199	„ HAMPSTEAD, Inhabitants of, in meeting assembled at 3, Lynton Gardens, on the 31st of March, 1890; Mona Caird, in the chair (Mr. Brodie Hoare) 1
©1200	„ HALLAM Parliamentary Division of the borough of Sheffield, Members of the Women's Liberal Association of the, in meeting assembled; Ellen Maud Maxfield, honorary secretary (Mr. M'Laren) 1
©1201	„ BRIDPORT, Inhabitants of, in public meeting assembled in the Town Hall on March the 28th, 1890; T. A. Colfox, chairman 1

Total number of Petitions 99—Signatures 1,208

These Petitions are substantially similar to that from West Dulwich [App. 1].

SEVENTH REPORT, 16—21 April, 1890.	
Brought forward, Petitions 99—	
Signatures 1,208	
April	
1385	16 LEEDS, Inhabitants of (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) 91
©1386	„ STALYBRIDGE and DUKINFIELD Women's Liberal Association, Members of the; Edith Summers, honorary secretary (Mr. Harrop Sidebottom) 1
©1387	18 VENTNOR, Members of the Women's Liberal Association of, in meeting assembled; E. Malcolm Kerr, president (Sir Richard Webster) 1
©1388	21 BOW and BROMLEY Women's Liberal Association, Members of the Committee of the, in meeting assembled; Alice M. Macdonald, president, and others (Sir John Colomb) 7
©1389	„ RADCLIFFE and PILKINGTON Women's Liberal Association, Members of the, in meeting assembled; Mary E. Entwistle, secretary, and others (Mr. M'Laren) 9
1390	„ LEAMINGTON Women's Association, Members of the (Mr. M'Laren) 57
©1391	„ IPSWICH Women's Liberal Association, Members of the, in meeting assembled; Harriet A. Owen, honorary secretary 1

Total number of Petitions 106—Signatures 1,375

These Petitions are substantially similar to that from West Dulwich [App. 1].

EIGHTH REPORT, 22—29 April, 1890.

Brought forward, Petitions 106—	
Signatures 1,375	
April	
1668	22 BARBARA BODICHON and others, survivors of the signatories to the petition presented in favour of Women's Suffrage by Mr. John Stuart Mill in 1866 (Sir Edward Watkin) 78
1689	23 DARWEN, Women Ratepayers of (Mr. M'Laren) 41

The Petitions marked thus (*) are similar to that from West Dulwich [App. 1].
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(The Eighth Report of Petitions continued next month.)

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