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SPEECH

BY

PROF. R. C. JEBB, M.P.,

*At the Annual Meeting of the Central Committee of the National
Society for Women's Suffrage, May 31st, 1892.*

IN supporting this resolution, I am glad to have an opportunity of indicating the reasons which led me to vote for Sir Albert Rollit's Bill on April 27th. The debate was an able one on both sides. Will you allow me to estimate, as concisely as possible, the position in which, as I conceive, it has left this great question?

The characteristic of Sir A. Rollit's Bill is that it affirms a general principle, but applies this principle only within certain limits, recommended by experience and convenience. The principle is that a woman should not be disqualified, merely because she is a woman, from exercising the rights of citizenship. The limits are those of the Municipal franchise, as already possessed by women.

The arguments used against the Bill were chiefly of two classes—those which impugned the general principle, and those which impugned the special form proposed for its application.

Among the arguments against the principle, the first was that which is derived from the physical constitution of women. This argument was urged in two forms. First: that the ultimate sanction of the law is physical force. But we reply that in civilised communities the exercise of this ultimate sanction is assigned to a certain portion of the community, specially organised and trained for that purpose, viz., the police, and, in the last resort, the military. Secondly: it was said that among the active duties of citizenship is that of fighting, at need, in defence of one's country. But there are great numbers of men who would be completely useless for that purpose; and yet no one proposes to disfranchise them.

The next argument was founded on the intellectual and moral characteristics of women. No one went so far as to say that women are intellectually incapable of exercising the franchise aright. But it was said that most women lack the requisite knowledge. Might not the same thing have been

said of the average rural labourer? Then, more generally, it was said that the nature of women is such that it would be deteriorated by bringing them into the turmoil of public life. But already large numbers of women take part in canvassing for Parliamentary candidates, in the business of committees, and in other electioneering work. Candidates of all opinions have been only too glad to avail themselves of such services. If women can do all this without degradation, they can also support the ordeal of being canvassed, and of recording a vote. It cannot be reasonably maintained that the temperament of women, however much it may normally differ from that of men, affords any ground for excluding them from the franchise. Gloomy prophecies were uttered as to the probable effects on domestic life; but no serious attempt was made to show exactly how such effects would be produced by the possession of a vote. Prophecies of a similar kind were equally rife at the time when women first obtained control over their own property; but they have not been realised.

I turn now from the arguments against the principle to the arguments against the limited form proposed for its application. It was urged, first, that there is no proper analogy between the Municipal and the Parliamentary franchise. It is true that the Municipal franchise rests on a distinct ground, the payment of rates. But the difference between the function of the Municipal voter and that of the Parliamentary voter is a difference merely of degree, not of kind; it depends on the fact that the questions submitted to the Parliamentary voter are more various and more important. If the possessor of the Municipal vote is capable of using the Parliamentary vote aright, the fact that the Municipal franchise rests on the payment of rates is not, in itself, a reason against conferring the higher franchise. It was further objected that, on the Municipal basis, the Parliamentary franchise would still be withheld from a large class of self-dependent women who are not householders but merely lodgers. In reply it may be pointed out that the women householders whom it is proposed to enfranchise would be very largely in sympathy with the needs of their unenfranchised sisters, and would be able to make those needs understood. The reason for taking the Municipal basis is that it represents a limit within which Parliament has already given a vote to women, and within which a trained electorate of women exists. This area also coincides roughly with that category of women whose claim to the franchise is most obviously just, viz., self-dependent women householders, who bear the burdens of citizenship, while they are excluded from representative rights.

The argument which told most against the Bill was undoubtedly the argument from "the inclined plane." It was

said that this Bill would initiate a process which must ultimately lead to womanhood suffrage—when the women voters would outnumber the men—and to women sitting in Parliament. I fully admit that legislators are bound to consider such ulterior consequences of their present action as can be shown to be either necessary or strongly probable. But in this case we must distinguish between two kinds of possible consequences, which opponents of the Bill confused. First, with regard to possible future extension of women's franchise beyond the Municipal basis. Here it is enough to reply that the Municipal basis is a well-defined limit which we are now justified in adopting, and which could be defended at any future time by the same reasons which justify it now. It is impossible to foresee all the circumstances under which a further extension of the male franchise may hereafter be urged, or the modifications in the area of the franchise of women which might then be suggested: but it is precisely one advantage of the Municipal basis of the concession, as now proposed, that it does not by any logical necessity commit us to ulterior developments: we leave the circumstances of the future to the discretion of those who will have to deal with them. A fallacy sometimes lurks in a metaphor, and the inclined plane is here a metaphor of that sort. The process really represented by the proposed measure is not that of setting a ball rolling down a slope; it is rather that of taking in part of a wide field, by setting up a barrier which those who come after us will be perfectly able to maintain if they choose. Now, as to the other kind of consequence foreshadowed by opponents of the Bill—that women will claim seats in Parliament, will hold office, and sit in the Cabinet: the answer is that there is a fundamental difference between having a voice in the election of persons who are to exercise certain functions, and being admitted to the exercise of those functions. Clergymen can vote for members of Parliament, but cannot sit in the House of Commons. It is wholly unwarrantable to say that women's enfranchisement would logically lead to their being made eligible for seats in Parliament. The reasons against women sitting in Parliament are absolutely independent of the arguments for or against giving them the franchise.

Lastly, certain arguments were employed which had a wider scope, since they might equally be used against extending the franchise to a new category of men. It was alleged that women have no longer any grievances which make it desirable that any of them should obtain the franchise. On this point three things may be said. First, experience shows that the extension of the franchise is apt to be followed by the revelation of needs and desires deeply felt by those to whom it is extended, but not disclosed or fully appreciated before.

Thus the enfranchisement of the £10 occupier in 1832 led to the opening of the Municipal Corporations; the enfranchisement of the urban householder in 1867 led to National Education; the enfranchisement of the rural labourer in 1885 has led to allotments and small holdings. Secondly, even now women are known to have some causes of complaint which are not likely to be removed until some women have votes. It is enough to mention the Divorce Laws, the law relating to the custody of children, and—to take an instance affecting many thousands of poor working women—the need for women inspectors in the textile factories. Thirdly, in all those social questions which concern women there is a great difference between direct and indirect Parliamentary representation. Only when women have some direct voice in Parliamentary elections can we be sure that we shall have these questions put before us from those points of view from which women themselves regard them. Then there is the often repeated assertion that women themselves do not desire the franchise. Before 1885, did any unanimous prayer for enfranchisement go up from agricultural labourers? Nay, did they evince anything like such an active desire for it as has been evinced by great numbers of women all over the country? What have women left undone, to show this desire, that it was possible for them to do? They have organised committees, they have held meetings, they have spoken and written. It is not a relevant answer that many other women are apathetic or adverse.

If I might conclude with a word of counsel, though I feel diffidence in offering anything of the kind to such a meeting as this, it would be that the friends of this movement should subordinate all minor differences, and concentrate their efforts on an endeavour to pass into law a measure on the lines laid down in the Bill which lately came so near to success.

ANNUAL REPORT

Presented at the Annual Meeting, July 6th, 1894.

THE session of 1894 opened with an apparently hopeful prospect that the consideration of Women's Suffrage would arise on the Registration Bill which the Government announced as one of their intended measures. Hope was yet further encouraged when the Period of Qualification and Elections Bill was printed, and it was positively known to deal, not simply with Registration, but to contain clauses which would involve both enfranchisement and disfranchisement. As soon as the Bill had passed second reading on May 4th, Viscount Wolmer, M.P., gave notice of an Instruction in the same terms as last year.

“On order for Committee on Period of Qualification and Elections Bill being read to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to provide for the Registration of duly qualified women to vote at Parliamentary Elections.”

Mr. W. S. B. McLaren, M.P., also set down a motion:—

“On order for Committee on Period of Qualification and Elections Bill being read to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to insert provisions in the Bill to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to women.”

As a preparation for all further contingencies Viscount Wolmer also gave notice of an Amendment:—

“Clause 2, page 2, line 33, after ‘qualified,’ insert,—

“(3) It shall be the duty of the overseers to include in the Parliamentary Register, whether under this section or otherwise, the names of all women, who, if men, would be duly qualified, and every woman so registered shall be entitled to vote at any Parliamentary Election for the county, borough, or other division where the qualifying property is situate.”

As the session advanced, however, it became increasingly doubtful whether the Bill would reach the stage for either

Instruction or Amendment, so that all the preparations made by your Committee for direct support of Viscount Wolmer's motion were necessarily held in abeyance.

Meantime your Committee have concentrated their efforts on the work of the Appeal from women in favour of Women's Suffrage, the arrangements for which were first publicly announced at the Annual Meeting held on July 11th, 1893. The combined effort to promote this Appeal has formed the principal feature of the Women's Suffrage work during the past year. The Appeal has given a common rallying point for all workers for Women's Suffrage, and combined with the expectation of a debate coming forward on an amendment to a Government measure, has been the means of calling forth widespread interest. The very fact that more than 3,500 women have assisted in collecting signatures in England and Wales is proof of this. The total number of signatures collected is 248,674.

The number of meetings held in the past season is wholly unprecedented in the annals of the movement. These were not confined to the Women's Suffrage Societies; many having been arranged by local committees specially formed for the purpose of supporting the Appeal, as well as by local political organisations. The appended list is exclusive of meetings held by political organisations, as well as of those organised in direct connection with the Society at 29, Parliament Street. In Halifax, Liverpool, and Mansfield, permanent Women's Suffrage Committees have resulted from the meetings held.

The work of the Appeal has also given an impetus to the circulation of literature, and there is no item in their expenditure to which the Committee have reason to look with greater satisfaction than to the increased amount for printing leaflets and other publications.

Your Committee would draw special attention to a small volume entitled, *British Freewomen, the History of their Privilege*, by Mrs. Stopes. This compendious account of the historical and constitutional aspect of the question, compiled with

careful research amongst original documents and old records, will shortly appear in an enlarged form, published by Messrs. Swan, Sonnenschein & Co.; the form in which it was first printed can be obtained at the office of your Committee, and will form a valuable book of reference for students and workers in the movement.

The thanks of your Committee are due to Sir John Hall, K.C.M.G., for the gift of 1,200 copies of his speech when moving a resolution in support of Women's Suffrage in the New Zealand House of Representatives on August 5th, 1890.

The absence of progress in our legislature at home is in some measure counterbalanced by the cheerful tidings from New Zealand, where the new Electoral law which includes women as electors on the same terms as men, received the assent of the Governor, Lord Glasgow, on September 19th, 1893. The General Election followed on November 28th, and in the interval 109,461 women were placed on the register, and 90,290 recorded their votes; the polling taking place, as all reliable accounts testify, with more than usual order and tranquillity. For purposes of comparison it may be of interest to add that the total number of men on the register was 177,701, of whom 124,439 recorded their votes.

The passage of the Local Government Act creating Parish and District Councils is an additional indication of the growing willingness to admit the individual rights and duties of women in matters of internal administration and local policy.

By Clause 43 it is enacted that:—

“For the purposes of this Act a woman shall not be disqualified by marriage for being on any local government register of electors or for being an elector of any local authority, provided that a husband and wife shall not both be qualified in respect of the same property.”

This clause was added in Committee of the House of Commons, by the President of the Local Government Board, the Hon. H. H. Fowler, in deference to an Instruction moved

or by Mr. W. S. B. McLaren, and carried on November 16th by a majority of 21, *viz.*, 147 to 126.

The death of Mrs. Cowen, Hon. Sec. of the Nottingham Women's Suffrage Committee, has removed an earnest and steadfast worker, one who for many years had carefully utilized every opportunity to promote the cause of women in Nottingham.

By the death of Lord Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of England, the Women's Suffrage cause has lost an early friend. As member for Exeter Lord Coleridge both spoke and voted in support of the Women's Electoral Disabilities Removal Bill in 1872. Previous to that he had defended the cause of the 5,347 women who claimed their right to vote (in the case of Chorlton *versus* Lings) before the Court of Common Pleas in November, 1868.

To turn to the future. Your Committee trust that the increased vitality which the movement has shown in the past will be continued in the coming year, and that it will reveal itself both in the form of personal work and of increased numbers of subscribers. Without the latter, the work must be hampered, which would be doubly lamentable at a time when opportunities for spreading it are largely on the increase.

The same friend who gave £100 in 1892 and in 1893, will do so again in 1894, if a further sum of £200 is promised. The Committee entreat their well-wishers to enable them to avail themselves of this generous offer, that whatever the exigencies of the work in preparation for the next session, they may be found ready.

RECORD OF MEETINGS.

DATE.	PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	CHAIRMAN.	SPEAKERS.
Aug.	Reigate	Drawing Room Meeting, by invitation of Mrs. Powell	Mrs. Sambrook ..	Miss Mordan
" 29	Ventnor (Albert Hall) ..	Lecture (organised by Miss Malcolm Kerr)	Mr. Albert Bull, C.C. Alderman Blundell	Miss Mordan
Sept. 13	Luton	Conference at Lyndhurst House (in connection with Luton W. S. Committee)	Mrs. Cowen ..	Miss D. Roberts, Prof. Viriamu Jones, Miss Wright, Miss Blackburn
Oct. 7	Nottingham (Central Hall) ..	"At Home" of Notts. W. S. Committee	Mr. Lewis Fry ..	Mrs. G. P. Fuller, Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, Mrs. Emma Marshall
" 10	Bradford-on-Avon (The Chantry)	Drawing Room Meeting, given by Mrs. Beddoe	Mr. H. E. Hollins	Mrs. Fawcett
" 12	Mansfield (Albert Street Hall)	Public Meeting, organised by Mansfield W. S. Committee	Mr. Councillor Southern	Mrs. Fawcett
" 13	Manchester (Congregational Hall, Eldon Street) Edgbaston (Birmingham Committee)	Public Meeting .. .. .	.. .. .	Mrs. Rylands, Mrs. Ashford, Mrs. Fellowes, Mrs. Hallwright, Mrs. Sonnenschein
" 19	Toyndbee Hall	Lecture .. .. .	.. .. .	Mrs. Fawcett
" 23	Bristol (69, Park Street) Handsworth (Birmingham Committee)	Conference of Workers	Mrs. Beddoe. Mrs. Ashford	Lady Sawyer, Mrs. Phills, Miss Martin
" 24	Tunbridge Wells (Sussex Assembly Rooms)	Drawing Room Meeting (Mrs. Wilkinson)	Mrs. Fawcett ..	W. H. Browell, Esq., Rev. T. R. Stebbing, Miss Blackburn
" "	Falmouth (Pennance House)	Meeting, by invitation of Miss Stapleton	Mrs. Genn ..	Miss Mordan
" 30	Truro (Bosvigo House) ..	Drawing Room Meeting, by invitation of Mrs. Lauder Eaton Drawing Room Meeting, by invitation of Miss L. Powell	Rev. R. E. S. Buck	Miss Mordan

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Oct. 30	Oxford (105, Banbury Road)	Drawing Room Meeting, by invitation of Mrs. Adair	Mrs. A. Johnson ..	Miss Blackburn
Nov. 2	Harborne (Birmingham W. S. Committee)	Drawing Room Meeting (Mrs. Godlea)	.. ..	Mrs. Fellowes, Mrs. Ashford
" 4	Northampton (Old Reading Room, Town Hall)	Public Meeting	Lady Knightley ..	Mrs. Pender, Mrs. Hickson, Lord Knightley, Mrs. Manfield, Mr. Manfield, M.P., Miss Blackburn, Mayor and Mayor Elect
" 6	Newcastle-on-Tyne (Y.W.C.A., Saville Place)	Conference of Workers, organised by Mrs. T. Taylor	.. ..	Mrs. Beddoe, Lady Frances Balfour, Mrs. Arthur Lyttelton, Miss I. O. Ford, Miss Blackburn, Miss Connon
" 7	Leeds (Braysher's Rooms, Bond Street)	"At Home," by invitation of the Leeds W. S. Committee	Mrs. Edward Walker ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 8	Huddersfield (Mayor's Parlour)	Afternoon Public Meeting, organised by Mrs. Brook	Dr. Macgregor ..	Mrs. J. K. Reid, Miss Bourly, Mrs. Farrow
" "	Birmingham (Birmingham Committee)	Drawing Room Meeting (Mrs. Hallwright)	Mrs. Ashford ..	Miss Mordan, Mr. Briggs, R.C.
" 13	Melbourne Vicarage (near Derby)	Drawing Room Meeting, by invitation of Mrs. Singleton	Canon Singleton ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 14	St. Peter's, Red Lion Square..	Address to Mothers' Meeting .. ..	.. ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 15	Brighton (Mayor's Parlour) ..	Conference of Workers	Mrs. Haycraft ..	Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Phillip
" 18	Cambridge Training College ..	Lecture	Mrs. Darby-Weston ..	Mrs. E. E. Matthews, Mrs. Phillip, Miss Norah Morris
" 21	Handsworth	Drawing Room Meeting, Mrs. Pearson	.. ..	Mrs. Osler, Mrs. Eric Carter,
" "	Mosley (Birmingham Committee)	Drawing Room Meeting, Mrs. J. Smith	Mrs. J. Moore	Mrs. Ashford
" 23	Barnet Green (Birmingham Committee)	Address to Factory Girls	Bazley ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 27	Clerkenwell	Annual Meeting of the Guild of the Unrepresented	Mr. J. J. Cockshott ..	Mrs. Mallet

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Nov. 28	Withington (Town Hall)	Public Meeting	Mr. J. Southam ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 29	Manchester (Memorial Hall)	Annual Meeting	Rev S. A. Steintal ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 30	Eccles (Hon. Mrs. A. Lyttleton)	Drawing Room Meeting .. ..	.. ..	Mrs. Fawcett
Dec. 1	Clifton (Clifton Down Hotel)	Meeting of Ladies	Mrs. Ashworth	Miss Balfour, Mrs. Beddoe
" 2	Brighton (Prestonville)	Drawing Room Meeting given by Mrs. Martindale	Hallett ..	Mrs. Morgan-Browne
" 5	Brighton (Sussex Square)	.. ..	Mrs. Longton ..	Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Morgan-Browne
" 2	Walworth (St. John's Schools)	Lecture	Miss M. Lawrence	Browne
" 7	South Kensington (Bramham Gardens)	Drawing Room Meeting, Misses Jacomb Hood	.. ..	Miss Mordan
" 8	Kettering	Meeting .. ..	.. ..	Miss Mordan, Miss Stackpoole, Miss Blackburn
" 11	Tynemouth (St. Oswin's Hall)	Public Meeting	Mrs. Taylor, of Chipchase	Mrs. Fawcett
" 11	Liverpool	Meeting organised by Mrs. Alan Bright	.. ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 11	Newcastle-on-Tyne (Art Gallery)	Public Meeting	Alderman W. D. Stephens	Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. Geo. Benwick, Mrs. Spence Watson
" 12	Shields (Congregational Hall)	Public Meeting	Mrs. Taylor of Chipchase	Mrs. Fawcett
" 13	Jarrow (Mechanics' Institute)	Public Meeting	Mr. W. S. Dalglish	Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. John Winbolt
Jan. 8	St. Mary's, Charing Cross	Address to Mothers' Meeting .. ..	.. ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 8	College for Men and Women	At Home .. ..	.. ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 10	Ilfracombe	Drawing Room Meeting by invitation of Miss Fickell	.. ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 25	Wilton Place, London	Drawing Room Meeting by invitation of Mrs. Algernon Joy	Mr. Joy ..	Miss Down, Mrs. McMichael
" "	Sale	Drawing Room Meeting by invitation of Mrs. Rooke	Miss Atkinson ..	Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Westlake
" 26	Gorton (Old Endowed School-room)	Public Meeting in connection with the Manchester W. S. Society	(Mr. H. P. Ilderton	Mrs. Sheldon Amos, Rev. Carey Bonner
" "	Rochdale (Parish Room)	(Mrs. Wilson	Mrs. Sheldon Amos, Hon. Mrs. A. Lyttelton

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Jan. 30	Bloomsbury (Vestry Hall)	Public Meeting	Rev. A. B. Boyd-Carpenter	Mrs. Fawcett
Feb. 8	Niddry Lodge, Campden Hill	Drawing Room Meeting by kind permission of Miss Mabel Holland	Mr. Richard Shore	Dr. E. A. Abbot, Mrs. Fawcett
" 13	Wandsworth	Drawing Room Meeting by invitation of Mrs. Shillington	Mr. Shillington	Mrs. Fawcett
" 14	Pioneer Club	For Members and Friends	Mrs. Massingberd	Mrs. Fawcett
" 15	Somers Town (Blind Aid Society)	Organised by Mrs. Starey	.. ..	.. ..
" 29	Portland Street Schoolroom	In connection with Mr. W. Lester's Chapel	.. ..	.. ..
Feb. 16	Haverstock Hill	Drawing Room Meeting by invitation of Mrs. St. Osyth Eustace Smith	Mr. E. K. Blyth	Miss Louisa Bigg, Miss Blackburn
" 19	Wimbleton	Drawing Room Meeting by invitation of Mrs. H. W. Lawrence	.. ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 26	Leytonstone (Iron Room)	Public Meeting ar. by Rev. W. Manning, Vicar of St Andrew's	Rev. W. Manning	Mrs. Fawcett
" 28	Birkenhead	Public Meeting at the Skinners' School for Girls, arranged by Miss Page	Dr. Alice Kerr	Mrs. Mallet, Miss Mellor, etc.
" 28	Stamford Hill	Address to Mothers' Meeting	.. ..	.. ..
" 29	West London Mission Cleve-land Hall	Debate	.. ..	.. ..
Mar. 2	Battersea Polytechnic	Address to Mothers' Meeting	Sidney Wells, Esq.	Mrs. Fawcett
" 5	St. Anne's, Soho	Address to Meeting of Association of Board School Mistresses	Rev. Cardrell, Vic.	.. ..
" 6	Memorial Hall	Public Meeting arranged by Local Committee	Captain Pretyman	Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. W. McLaren, M.P., Mr. L. R. Everett, M.P.
" 7	Ipswich (Public Hall)	Meeting for Teachers, ar. by Miss Franks	.. ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 9	York Place (Baker Street)	Drawing Room Meeting by kind permission of Miss Mallett	Mr. Francis Storr	Mrs. Fawcett
" 12	Highbury (New Park)	Meeting arranged by Local Committee	Mrs. John Hullah	Mrs. Benjamin Clarke, Miss Griffin, Miss Blackburn
" 13	Cheltenham (Corn Exchange)	The Mayor	Mrs. Fawcett

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Mar. 14	Bath (Guild Hall)	Meeting by invitation of Ladies	Lady Blaine	Mrs. Fawcett, General Coningham, Dr. Beddoe, Mrs. Hallett, &c.
" 21	New Cross	Public Meeting arranged by Mrs. Norfolk	Mrs. Greenwood	Mrs. Stanbury, Rev. Brooke Lambert
" 21	Anderton's Hotel	Address to Society of "Cemented Bricks"	Mr. John Hobson	Mrs. Fawcett
Apr. 12	Buckingham (Oddfellows' Hall)	Public Meeting arranged by Mrs. Cheeseman	John Marshall, Esq	Miss Blackburn
" 11	Accrington	In connection with Manchester W. S. Com.	.. ..	Mrs. Fawcett
" 12	Halifax	Organised by Local Committee	Rev. Canon Brook	Mrs. Fawcett
" 13	Liverpool (Temperance Hall)	Arranged by Liverpool W. S. Committee	Sir E. R. Russell	Hon. Mrs. Arthur Lyttelton, Mrs. Alfred Booth
" "	Harrogate (Spa Concert Room)	In connection with the Manchester W. S. Committee	Mrs. Connon	Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. J. W. Willans, Dr. Williams
" 26	St. Nicholas Club, Queen Victoria Street	Lecture to Members of Club	Mrs. Shuttleworth	Miss Blackburn
June 28	Worthing	Drawing Room Meeting by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Mordan	Rev. Dr. Springett	Miss Mordan, Miss Abney Walker, Miss H. E. Green

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 10, GREAT COLLEGE STREET, WESTMINSTER.

Receipts and Payments from 1st July, 1893, to June 30th, 1894.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance, 1st July, 1893	208 1 3	Rent	40 0 0
Donations	124 10 0	Office Expenses	12 12 11
Subscriptions	186 11 0	Salaries	190 0 0
Sale of Publications, etc.	18 0 10	Meetings and Advertisements	31 0 10
Interest on Deposit Account	0 11 1	Stationery, etc.	11 16 3
		Printing and Publications	69 11 8
		Postage and Telegrams	48 13 11
		Secretary's Travelling Expenses	12 7 2
		Newspapers and Parliamentary Papers	12 2 10
		Legal Expenses	3 13 0
		Women's Suffrage Appeal	100 0 0
		Balance at Banker's	531 18 7
		Cash in hand	5 3 11
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M. HARRIS SMITH, Auditor,

(Public Accountant).

13, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., and

Royal Bank Building, 123, Bishopsgate Street Within, London, E.C.

July 6th, 1894.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

General Annual Meeting of the Central Committee, Westminster

Town Hall, July 6th, 1894.

THE RIGHT HON. LEONARD COURTNEY, M.P. in the Chair.

RESOLUTION I.

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

Moved by THE RT. HON. SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.
Seconded by MISS IRBY.

RESOLUTION II.

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

"Miss Grey Allen, Miss Gertrude Andrews, Mrs. Ashford, The Lady Frances Balfour, Miss Helen Blackburn, Miss Jessie Boucherett, Colonel Cotton-Jodrell, M.P., Miss Courtenay, The Right Hon. Leonard Courtney, M.P., Miss Emily Davies, Miss F. Davenport-Hill, Mrs. Henry Fawcett, Louisa Lady Goldsmid, Mrs. Hallett, Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. J. E. Mylne, Miss Mordan, Clara Lady Rayleigh, T. W. Russell, Esq., M.P., Mrs. Steven Spring-Rice, Mrs. Sterling, Miss Tod, Miss Vernon, and Mrs. Evans Williams."

Moved by B. L. COHEN, Esq., M.P.

Seconded by MISS SPENCE (South Australia).

RESOLUTION III.

"That this Committee, while regretting that the course of Parliamentary business has been such as to render it impossible for their Parliamentary leaders to bring forward any motion for Women's Suffrage in the House of Commons this session, earnestly entreat all friends of the cause to co-operate, whether by money or work, in extending the Appeal from women in favour of Women's Suffrage, and thereby strengthen the hands of their supporters in the legislature."

Moved by MRS. FAWCETT.

Seconded by MISS FLORA STEVENSON.

RESOLUTION IV.

"That the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Courtney for presiding."

Moved by MISS LOUISA BIGG.

Seconded by MRS. MYLNE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	DONATIONS	SUBSCRIPTIONS
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Adair, Mrs.	-	0 5 0
Allen, Miss Gray	-	1 0 0
Anderson, Miss A.	-	0 2 6
Anderson, Miss I.	-	0 2 6
Anderson, Miss S. (Peckham)	-	0 2 6
Anthony, Miss	-	0 4 0
Angell, Mr. Arthur Torrington	0 2 0	-
Arlidge, Mrs.	0 5 0	-
Ashford, Mrs.	-	1 1 0
Atkinson, Mrs. Beavington	-	0 5 0
Austen, Mrs. Roberts	-	2 2 0
Ayrton, Mrs.	-	1 1 0
Baily, Mr. J. T. H.	-	0 5 0
Balfour, The Lady Frances	-	2 2 0
Barnard, Mr. Stanley	-	0 5 0
Barratt, Mrs. Francis	-	1 0 0
Baxter, Miss	-	0 5 0
Baxter, Mrs. Fleming	-	1 0 0
Beachcroft, Miss	-	0 2 6
Beale, Miss E.A.	-	1 1 0
Bennett, Mrs.	-	0 5 0
Bertram, Mrs. D. E.	-	0 10 0
Bewicke, Mrs. Calverley	0 10 0	-
Biggs, Miss Maude	-	2 2 0
Biggs, Miss Ashurst	-	1 1 0
Bird, Miss	-	0 10 0
Blacker, Miss	-	0 2 6
Boddy, Dr. Clarinda	-	0 5 0
Borchardt, Miss	-	0 2 6
Bostock, Miss	-	1 0 0
Boucherett, Miss Jessie	10 0 0	-
Bridges, Mrs.	-	2 0 0
Bright, Mrs.	1 1 0	-
Browne, Miss Jessica	-	0 2 6
Buchan, The Dowager Countess (the late)	20 0 0	-
Buckland, Miss A. W.	-	0 2 6
Bullock, Mrs.	0 5 0	-
Burne, Miss.	-	0 5 0
Burt, Miss N. S.	-	0 2 6
Bushe, Miss	-	2 2 0
Butterfield, Mrs.	-	0 10 0
Chadwicke, Miss Marion	-	0 10 0
Channing, Mrs. Pearce	-	0 5 0
Charlesworth, Mrs.	-	0 5 0

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cheltenham Committee	0 12 0	-
Chickhall, Miss	-	0 2 6
Clarke, Mrs. Benjamin	-	0 10 0
Clarke, Miss Stanley	-	0 2 6
Colborne, The Hon. Mrs.	-	0 10 0
Cooper, Miss Amy	-	0 2 6
Cotton, Mrs.	-	1 1 0
Courtauld, Mr. George	5 0 0	-
Courtenay, Miss	10 0 0	-
Courtney, Rt. Hon. Leonard, M. P.	-	1 0 0
Cowell, Mrs. Hubert	-	1 0 0
Coxhead, Miss	-	0 10 0
Crawford, Mrs.	-	2 0 0
Crawford, Miss Sibella	-	0 5 0
Crewel, Miss	-	0 2 6
Crook, Mrs.	-	1 1 0
Crowe, Miss	-	1 0 0
Culme Seymour, Mrs.	-	1 1 0
Darwin, Mrs. Francis	-	1 0 0
Davenport Hill, Miss F.	5 0 0	1 1 0
Davenport Hill, Miss	-	1 1 0
Davies, Miss Emily	-	1 1 0
Davis, Mrs. Israel (2 years)	-	1 0 0
Dawson, Mr. Arthur	-	0 1 0
Debenham, Mrs. Wm.	-	0 10 0
Dimsdale, Baron	-	3 3 0
Donkin, Miss	-	0 5 0
Dublin Committee	-	1 0 0
Duer, The Misses	-	0 10 0
Dunn, Miss	-	1 1 0
Eccles, Miss	-	5 0 0
Edge, Miss C. E.	-	0 2 6
Egerton, The Hon. Lady Grey	-	2 0 0
Eve, Mrs.	-	0 10 0
Eyre, Miss	-	0 3 0
Fawcett, Mrs. Henry	10 0 0	5 0 0
Fawcett, Miss	-	0 10 0
Fennell, Mrs.	-	0 2 0
Finch, Mrs.	0 10 0	-
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Penrose	0 10 0	-
Fitzgerald, Miss	-	0 2 6
Fitzgerald, Miss F.	-	0 2 6
Ford, Mrs. Rawlinson	-	1 1 0
Ford, Mr. Rawlinson	-	1 1 0
Friend, at Newcastle	1 0 0	-
Garrett, Miss Agnes	-	2 0 0
Gilliatt, Mrs.	-	1 1 0
Goff, Miss A.	-	0 5 0
Goldsmid, Louisa Lady	10 0 0	2 2 0
Gordon, Miss	-	0 10 0
Graves, Mrs.	-	0 2 6
Grey, Mrs. William	-	2 2 0
Griffith, The Dowager Lady Waldie	-	2 0 0

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	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Grimshaw, Mrs.	-	-	1	0 0
Grove, Miss	-	-	0	10 0
Gurney, Miss A.	-	-	1	0 0
Gurney, Miss M.	-	-	1	0 0
Hallett, Mrs. Ashworth	5	0 0	2	2 0
Hallwright, Mrs.	-	-	0	5 0
Hamilton, Miss Mary	-	-	0	5 0
Hamley, Miss	-	-	0	2 6
Harberton, Viscountess	-	-	1	0 0
Harvey, Miss	-	-	0	2 6
Heberden, Mrs.	-	-	0	2 6
Herringham, Mrs. (2 years)	-	-	2	0 0
Higgins, Mrs. Napier	-	-	2	0 0
Hill, Mr. Frederick	-	-	1	1 0
Hill, Miss Emily	-	-	0	2 6
Hill, Miss Georgina	-	-	0	2 6
Hodgson, Mrs. C. H.	-	-	3	3 0
Holland, Miss Mabel	10	0 0	2	0 0
"Hopkins, Miss Alice" Collected at Meeting	2	13 0	0	10 0
Howse, Mrs. (2 years)	-	-	0	10 0
Hubbard, Mrs.	-	-	0	5 0
Hunter, Miss	-	-	0	5 0
Jeffcock, Mrs.	-	-	0	5 0
Jervis, Miss E. H.	-	-	0	2 6
Jex-Blake, Dr. Sophia	-	-	1	0 0
Johnson, Miss Lucy	10	0 0	1	0 0
Johnson, Miss Agnes	-	-	1	0 0
Jones, Miss Constance	-	-	1	1 0
Jones, Miss H. M.	-	-	0	5 0
Kensington, Miss	-	-	0	5 0
Kent, Mr. Beaumont	-	-	0	0 6
Lacey, Mrs. Bolton	-	-	0	10 0
Lafone, Mr. Alfred	-	-	2	2 0
L.A.J.	3	3 0	1	1 0
Lawrence, Miss M.	-	-	1	1 0
Lawrence, Miss D.	-	-	1	1 0
Lawrence, Miss P.	-	-	1	1 0
Leeds Society for Women's Suffrage	-	-	0	10 0
Lehmann, Miss O.	-	-	0	10 0
Lewin, Miss	-	-	0	4 0
Lester, Miss E. L.	-	-	0	5 0
Lord, Miss	-	-	0	5 0
Lyon, Mrs. Edward	-	-	0	10 0
Lyttelton, The Hon. and Rev. Edward	-	-	1	1 0
Lyttelton, The Hon. Mrs. Edward	-	-	1	1 0
Maguire, Mrs.	-	-	0	2 6
Manning, Miss E. A.	-	-	1	1 0
Makovski, Mr.	-	-	1	1 0
Makovski, Mrs.	-	-	1	1 0
Marshall, Mrs. John	-	-	1	1 0
Marshall, Mr. John	-	-	1	1 0
Marshall, Mrs. M. D.	-	-	0	5 0

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	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Martineau, Miss E. C.	-	-	0	10 0
Massey, Miss	-	-	0	5 0
Meinertzhagen, Miss	-	-	0	5 0
Mitchell, Mrs.	-	-	1	0 0
Moore, Miss Ogle	-	-	0	2 6
Mordan, Mr. Augustus	-	-	1	0 0
Mordan, Miss	-	-	5	0 0
Moro, Miss	-	-	1	0 0
Mosley, Miss	-	-	0	2 6
Muller, Mrs.	-	-	2	2 0
Mylne, Mrs.	5	0 0	1	0 0
Newman, Professor F. W.	-	-	1	0 0
Notcutt, Miss	-	-	0	5 0
Nottage, Lady	-	-	1	1 0
O'Connor, Miss	-	-	0	5 0
Paine, Mr. Lewis	-	-	0	5 0
Paley, The Hon. Mrs.	-	-	2	0 0
Pierpont, Miss	-	-	0	2 6
Ponsonby, The Hon. Mrs. Chambre	-	-	1	1 0
Porter, Miss	-	-	0	5 0
Rayleigh, Clara Lady	-	-	2	0 0
Reid, Miss A. M.	-	-	0	2 6
Richardson, Miss	-	-	1	0 0
Reynolds, Mrs. Bernard	-	-	0	2 6
Roberts, Sir Owen and Lady	-	-	2	2 0
Roberts, Miss Dorothea	3	0 0	1	0 0
Robertson, Miss	-	-	0	1 0
Rolleston, Miss M.	-	-	1	0 0
Ruth, Miss	-	-	1	0 0
Sanderson, Mr. J.	-	-	1	1 0
Scholefield, Mrs.	-	-	0	10 0
Seakins, Mrs. (2 years)	-	-	0	10 0
Scott, Mrs.	-	-	0	10 6
Shaen, Mrs.	-	-	1	1 0
Shaen, Miss	-	-	1	1 0
Shadwell, Miss B.	-	-	0	10 0
Shanks, Mrs.	-	-	0	2 6
Shedden, Mrs. R.	-	-	0	2 6
Shedden, Mrs. E. C.	-	-	0	2 6
Sidgwick, Mrs.	-	-	2	2 0
Singleton, Mrs.	-	-	0	2 6
Smith, Mrs. St. Oysthe Eustace	-	-	1	1 0
Smith, Mrs. F. P.	-	-	0	5 0
Spring-Rice, Mrs. Stephen	-	-	1	1 0
Sterling, Mrs. (2 years)	5	0 0	4	0 0
Sterling, Miss F.	-	-	2	0 0
Stevenson, Miss E.	-	-	1	1 0
Stone, Miss	-	-	1	0 0
Strange, Miss L.	-	-	1	1 0
Streatfield, Mrs.	-	-	2	2 0
Tabor, Miss	-	-	0	5 0
Tacey, Miss	-	-	2	0 0

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Tacey, Miss Annie - - -		2 0 0
Tacey, Miss Alice - - -		2 0 0
Tatlock, Miss - - -		0 10 0
Taylor, Mrs. Thomas (Chipchase Castle) -		2 0 0
Temple, Sir Richard, Bart., .MP. -		1 0 0
Thorne, Mrs. - - -		0 5 0
Topham, Mrs. A. - - -		0 2 6
Tubbs, Mrs. - - -		1 1 0
Twining, Miss Louisa - - -	1 1 0	
Vansittart, Mrs. - - -		0 5 0
Vernon, Miss - - -	5 0 0	0 10 0
Walker, Miss Abney - - -		1 0 0
Walker, Mrs. Ingram - - -		0 10 0
Walker, Miss J. H. - - -		1 1 0
Ward, Miss F. B. - - -		0 2 6
Wardale, The Rev. J. - - -		2 0 0
Wedgwood, Miss Julia - - -		0 10 6
Welsh, Miss - - -		1 0 0
Westlake, Mrs. - - -		1 1 0
Wilkinson, Miss F. R. - - -		1 1 0
Wilkinson, Miss L. M. - - -		1 1 0
Wilkins, Miss M. F. - - -		0 2 6
Willson, Miss - - -		0 5 0
Wolmer, The Lady Maude - - -		1 1 0
Wright, Mrs. Almroth - - -		2 2 0
Zimmermann, Miss - - -		1 1 0
Received since books made up:		
Atkin, Mr. Edward - - -		0 5 0
Aylmer, Miss - - -		1 1 0
Currey, Miss F. W. - - -		0 5 0
Light, Miss - - -		1 1 0
Stopes, Mrs. - - -		0 5 0

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Baker, Miss M.	Davenport-Hill, Miss
Balfour, Eustace, Esq.	Davenport-Hill, Miss F.
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Barnett, Mrs. S. A.	Davies, Miss Emily
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Bell, Miss Elizabeth	Drew, Miss Catherine
Bell, Miss A. E.	Dunbar, Dr. Eliza W.
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Biggs, Miss Ashurst	Eastwick-Field, Mrs.
Blacker, Mrs. Louis	Eaton, Mrs. Lauder
Blackburn, Miss Helen	Eccles, Miss
Bostock, Miss	Edwards-Heathcote, Capt.
Boucherett, Miss (Willingham)	Egerton, The Hon. Lady Grey
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Bridges, Mrs.	Ewart, Lady (Belfast)
Bridges, Miss (Bath)	Fawcett, Mrs. Henry
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Burrough, Mrs.	FitzGerald, Miss Geraldine Penrose
Butterfield, Mrs. (Northampton)	FitzGerald, Miss (Valencia Island)
Byers, Mrs. (Belfast)	FitzGerald, Mrs. Robert (Tralee)
Cayzer, C. W., Esq., M.P.	FitzWygram, Lt.-Gen. Sir F., M.P.
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Chamberlain, Mrs. V. I.	Ford, Mrs. Rawlinson (Leeds)
Champneys, Basil, Esq.	Ford, Miss Isabella O.
Clarke, Mrs. Benjamin	Forsyth, W., Esq., Q.C.
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Clayton, Mrs. N. G. (Hexham)	Fry, Lewis, Esq.
Cobbe, Miss F. Power	Garrett, Miss Agnes
Cohen, B. L., Esq., M.P.	Gilliland, Miss
	Green, Rev. Charles (Beckenham)

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 Gurney, Miss Mary
 Goldsmid, Louisa, Lady
 Hallett, Mrs. Ashworth (Bath)
 Hallett, T. G. P., Esq. (Bath)
 Hamilton, Mrs. (Bray)
 Hamilton, Miss Mary
 Hanbury-Tracey, Hon. F. S.
 Hankey, Mrs. H. A.
 Harberton, Viscount
 Harberton, Viscountess
 Harcourt, A. Vernon, Esq.
 Harle, Mrs. (Falfield)
 Hart, Miss Mary H.
 Haslam, Mrs. (Dublin)
 Herringham, Mrs. Wilmot
 Higgins, Mrs. Napier
 Hill, Frederic, Esq.
 Hill, Mrs. Frank
 Hodgson, Mrs. C. H.
 Hughes, Edwin, Esq., M.P.
 Hunter, R., Esq.
 Hunter, Mrs. R.
 James, Captain
 Jex Blake, Dr. Sophia
 Johnson, Miss Lucy (Bath)
 Johnson, Mrs. Arthur H. (Oxford)
 Johnston, Wm., Esq., M.P.
 Jones, Rev. Harry
 Jones, Miss H. M. (Notting Hill High School)
 Joy, Mrs. Algernon
 Kensington, Miss
 Kenyon, Hon. Geo., M.P.
 Kerr, Miss Malcolm
 Kinnear, J. Boyd, Esq.
 Kinnear, Mrs. J. Boyd
 Knightley, The Lady (of Fawsley)
 Lafone, Alfred, Esq.
 Lambert, Rev. Brooke
 Laurie, Col.
 Lecky, Mrs. W. E. H.
 Lee, Miss (Bath)
 Lee, Miss (Sale)
 Lethbridge, Sir Roper
 Lethbridge, Lady
 Lister, Miss Emma
 Lynd, The Rev. R.I., D.D.
 Lyttelton, The Hon. and Rev. Ed.
 Lyttelton, The Hon. Mrs. Ed.
 Lyttelton, The Hon. Mrs. Alfred
 Macdona, J. Cuming, Esq., M.P.
 Maclure, J. W., Esq., M.P.
 Maclure, Mrs. J. W.
 McLagan, Peter, Esq.

McLaren, Walter, Esq., M.P.
 McLaren, Mrs. Eva
 Madden, Rt. Hon. D. H.
 Manfield, M. P., Esq., M.P.
 Manning, Miss E. Adelaide
 Marshall, Mrs. Mary, M.D.
 Marshall, Mrs. Emma
 Marshall, Mrs. John (Derwent Is.)
 Marshall, Mrs. Stephen
 Meath, The Countess of
 Mele Barese, Princess
 Mitchell, Mrs. (Llanfrechfa)
 Mordan, Miss
 Mylne, Mrs. J. E.
 Newman, Prof. F. W.
 Nottage, Lady
 Oliver, R., Esq.
 Oliver, Mrs.
 Paley, The Hon. Mrs.
 Parry, The Lady Maude
 Percival, Rev. J., D.D., Rugby
 Passmore Edwards, J., Esq.
 Patton, Mrs. Arthur
 Pender, Mrs. (Thornby Hall)
 Pereira, The Hon. Mrs.
 Ponsonby, The Hon. Mrs. Chambre
 Portsmouth, Evelyn Countess of
 Prideaux, Miss S.
 Puleston, Sir J. H.
 Pym, Guy, Esq.
 Pym, Mrs. Guy
 Rayleigh, Clara, Lady
 Reeves, Miss
 Reeves, Miss (Tramore)
 Reid, Miss A. M. (Hammersmith)
 Ridley, Miss
 Ridgway, Rev. C. J.
 Roberts, Sir Owen, F.S.A.
 Roberts, Lady
 Roberts, Miss Dorothea
 Robertson, Miss
 Rollit, Sir A. K., M.P.
 Round, James, Esq., M.P.
 Russell, T. W., Esq., M.P.
 Russell, Mrs. T. W.
 Sanderson, J. S., Esq.
 Sawyer, Lady
 Scholefield, Mrs.
 Severne, Mrs.
 Shaen, Mrs.
 Sidgwick, Prof. Henry, D.Litt.
 Sidgwick, Mrs. Henry
 Singleton, Mrs. (Derby)
 Spender, Mrs. J. K. (Bath)
 Spring Rice, Mrs. Stephen

Stapleton, Miss (Tunbridge Wells)
 Still, Major-Gen.
 Stopes, Mrs. Carmichael
 Sturge, Miss M. Carta
 Sterling, Mrs.
 Stevenson, Miss Flora (Edinburgh)
 Stevenson, Miss Louisa (Edinburgh)
 Stone, Miss
 Swanwick, Miss Anna
 Tabor, Miss M. C.
 Taylor, Mrs. (Chipchase Castle)
 Taylor, Mrs. Thos.
 Taylour, Miss Jane E.
 Thew, Mrs. A. (Birkdale)
 Temple, Sir Richard, Bt., M.P.
 Thomas, Mrs. Charles (Bristol)
 Thorne, Mrs. (Lewes)
 Tod, Miss Isabella
 Toynbee, Miss

Tribe, Miss Eva (Bristol)
 Turner, The Lady Frances
 Turner, Mrs. Hugh Thackeray
 Twining, Miss Louisa
 Vernon, Miss
 Vincent, Maria, Lady
 Walker, Mrs. Edward (Leeds)
 Ward, Mrs. E. M.
 Wedgwood, Miss Julia
 Welsh, Miss (Girton College)
 White, Miss (Alexandra College)
 White, Miss C. E. (Charleville)
 Wilkinson, Miss
 Wilkinson, Miss L. M.
 Wilks, Mark, Esq.
 Wolmer, Viscount, M.P.
 Wolmer, The Lady Maude
 Wright, H. Smith, Esq., M.P.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The object of the Society is to obtain the Parliamentary Franchise for Women on the same conditions as it is, or may be granted to men.

The Society seeks to achieve this object:—

1. By acting as a centre for the collection and diffusion of information with regard to the progress of the movement in all parts of the country.
2. By holding Public Meetings in support of the repeal of the Electoral Disabilities of women.
3. By the publication of Pamphlets, Leaflets, and other Literature bearing upon the question.

RULES.

PASSED AT THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND SUBSCRIBERS TO ITS FUNDS, HELD JULY 17TH, 1872.

1. The Central Committee shall consist of the present members and such others as the Executive Committee may, from time to time, elect.
2. The Executive Committee shall consist of members of the Central Committee, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and of single delegates, the same being members of Local Committees, appointed by Local Associations to represent them; the Executive Committee having power to add to the Central Committee, and to its own number, and to appoint the Officers.
3. A subscription of any amount constitutes membership of the National Society.
4. A General Meeting of the Central Committee shall be held once a year to appoint the Executive Committee, to receive the Annual Report and the Financial Statement, and to transact any other business which may arise.
5. The Executive Committee shall, at its first meeting, appoint the Officers.
6. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee at any time; or, at the written request of not less than twenty-five members of the Central Committee the Secretary or Secretaries shall call a Special General Meeting to discuss such matters only as are mentioned in the notice of such meeting.
7. Eight days' public notice shall be given of all General Meetings.
8. The above rules shall not be altered except at a General Meeting, after fourteen days' notice of the proposed alteration given to the Executive Committee.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

It is with regret that your Committee have to record the failure to secure during the present session any consideration by Parliament of a measure for extending the Parliamentary Franchise to women.

Shortly after the opening of the session a Conference of friendly Members was convened by Mr. George Wyndham in one of the Committee Rooms of the House of Commons.

The following Members of Parliament were present:—Mr. Jebb, Mr. Atherley Jones, Mr. Lewis Fry, Mr. C. B. McLaren, Sir W. Arroll, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Platt-Higgins, Mr. Drucker, Mr. W. Johnston, Mr. J. H. Johnstone, Major Wyndham Quin, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Alexander Wylie, Mr. Ernest Gray, Mr. Thos. Skewes-Cox, Mr. Yoxhall, Mr. M. Vaughan-Davies, Major Pryce-Jones, Mr. Francis S. Russell, Mr. Guy Pym, and Mr. J. A. Rentoul.

The following ladies were also present by invitation:—Lady Frances Balfour, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Russell Cooke, Mrs. Ashworth Hallett, Mrs. Phillp, Miss Blackburn, Miss Cozens, Miss Edith Palliser and Miss Gertrude Stewart.

The announcement was made by Mr. Wyndham that, among the Members who had balloted for the Women's Franchise Bill, the best place had been secured by Mr. Faithfull Begg, M.P. for the St. Rollox Division of Glasgow. He had obtained the twelfth place out of over 400 Members who had balloted that day for numerous Bills; and it was subsequently announced that a first place on Wednesday, May 20th, had been secured.

The following is the text of the Bill, which was introduced by Mr. Faithful Begg and backed by Mr. Wyndham, Mr.