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ANNUAL REPORT.

YOUR Committee have great satisfaction in recording the marked progress made this Session in the Women's Suffrage movement. On February 3rd, the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill passed Second Reading in the House of Commons by a majority of 71, and although the Bill failed to reach Committee stage later in the Session, yet the means adopted by opponents to prevent its being considered by the House, have but served to encourage the friends of the measure in the belief that ultimate success can be obtained only by continual effort in pressing for a direct vote on the subject on its merits in the House of Commons.

The usual steps were taken at the beginning of the Session by the combined Sub-Committee, in conjunction with their Parliamentary leaders, to arrange for the ballot for a day for the Bill. The best place, to the great satisfaction of all concerned, was again secured by Mr. Faithfull Begg, who obtained a first place on February 3rd for the Second Reading.*

* The text of the Bill is as follows:—

PARLIAMENTARY FRANCHISE (EXTENSION TO WOMEN)
BILL.

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

(1) This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Act, 1897.

(2) On and after the passing of this Act every woman who is the inhabitant occupier, as owner or tenant, of any dwelling-house, tenement or building within the borough or county where such occupation exists, shall be entitled to

As full particulars of the debate and division list were given in the Occasional Paper published by the Committee, it is unnecessary here to enter into further details than to record that the Opposition was led by Mr. Radcliffe Cooke and Mr. Labouchere; the Bill was seconded by Mr. Atherley Jones, followed by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Mr. George Wyndham, Professor Jebb and Mr. Leonard Courtney. The division list showed that those who voted in favour formed a majority of each party in the House.

The Bill was passed into Committee on February 7th, and set down for progress on June 23rd. That date was, however, absorbed by the Jubilee celebrations and the Bill was transferred to July 7th, when it was placed first on the orders of the day, hopes being entertained of its further progress. After Whitsuntide, however, Private Members Bills by the rules of the House proceed in the order of the advance they have made. Government had announced its intention to take Wednesdays after July 7th, therefore it was open to the Opposition to so prolong the Bills set down for Committee on June 30th, as would necessitate their being carried on to the following Wednesday, thus taking precedence of the Women's Franchise Bill. By the tactics of the Opposition, when July 7th came, the Bill stood fourth instead of first on the orders of the day. The first of these applied to a very minute fraction of the community, the second applied only to one particular trade (the Plumbers' Registration Bill). Neither of these Bills would have called forth any great amount of discussion were it not for the transparent device of preventing the discussion

be registered as a voter in the list of voters for such borough or county in which she is so qualified as aforesaid, and, when registered, to vote for a member or members to serve in Parliament.

Provided always that such woman is not subject to any legal incapacity which would disqualify a male voter.

The Bill was backed by Mr. Faithfull Begg, Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Jebb, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Macdona, Mr. MacLaren, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Maclure, Mr. Griffith Boscawen, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Atherley Jones and Mr. Justin McCarthy.

of the Women's Franchise Bill. As it was, however, the debate upon the two Bills was so prolonged as to occupy the whole day, and all hope of further progress therefore was frustrated for this session.

On March 8th, a Bill was introduced for the enfranchisement of women by Lord Templetown in the House of Lords, contrary to the expressed wishes of the Women's Suffrage Societies. The rejection of the measure must not, however, be taken as in any way representing the opinions of the Lords. Any expression of their opinions must await the arrival of the Bill from the Commons in the ordinary course.

Preparations for the work of the Session of 1897 was opened by a Conference of the Women's Suffrage Societies, held at Birmingham on October 16th, 1896, which was attended by representatives from the following Societies:— The Central National Society, the Central Committee, the Manchester National Society, the Bristol, Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Luton, Nottingham, Leicester, Mansfield, Southport, Birkenhead, and Cambridge Women's Suffrage Societies, the Franchise League, the Edinburgh National Society, the Dublin and Belfast and North of Ireland Societies, and the Parliamentary Committee for Women's Suffrage.

The result of this Conference was that the principal Societies agreed to concentrate their work in a particular geographical area. The object was to prevent overlapping, and to lead to greater co-operation between the several Societies.

The combined Sub-Committee, formed in the preceding session for the purpose of carrying on the Parliamentary work of the movement, has been strengthened by the adhesion of the Edinburgh and West of England Societies, and now consists of the following:—

Central Committee National Society for Women's Suffrage—

The Lady Frances Balfour,
Miss Helen Blackburn,
Mrs. Fawcett.

Central National Society for Women's Suffrage—

Mrs. Russell Cooke,
Mrs. Broadley Reid,
Mrs. Wynford Philipps.

Manchester National Society for Women's Suffrage—

Hon. Mrs. Arthur Lyttelton,
Miss Roper,
Mrs. Thomas Taylor.

Edinburgh National Society for Women's Suffrage—

Mrs. Priscilla Bright McLaren,
Miss Louisa Stevenson,
Miss Wigham.

*Bristol and West of England Branch of the National Society
for Women's Suffrage—*

Mrs. Ashworth Hallett,
Mrs. Beddoe.

Marie Louise Baxter,
Edith Palliser,
Esther Roper,
Secretaries.

Further steps are in contemplation, which will be laid before the Annual Meeting, for drawing the relations of the Societies into yet closer union.

A scheme for forming local Women's Suffrage Associations, forming part of your Society, in each constituency in the area allotted to it was started, with the approval of your Committee, by some Members of your Society. The work was begun in June in South Kensington, and the last report from the local Hon. Secretary in that constituency shows that 203 persons have already joined the Association. Work has been begun in St. George's, Hanover Square, where Petitions were collected and sent up with letters from the inhabitants to the Member.

The friends of the movement in every part of the United Kingdom were inspired by the Second Reading with renewed energy, much of which took the direction of Petitions in favour of the Bill.

The number of Petitions received by Members for presentation, according to the last Report of Public Petitions, up to July 12th, amount to 1,225, the total number of signatures being 42,442.

A number of Meetings have been addressed by Members of the Committee, and on May 26th a large Meeting was held at the Queen's Hall under the auspices of the combined Subcommittee. Mr. Leonard Courtney presided, and The Hon. W. P. Reeves, The Lady Henry Somerset, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Russell Cooke and Mr. Faithfull Begg addressed the Meeting. Delegates were present from the various Women's Suffrage Societies. The following Resolutions were passed:—

RESOLUTION I.

“That this meeting rejoices that the House of Commons has so reflected the growth of public opinion in favour of the claims of women to Parliamentary representation as to have passed the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill, on February 3rd, by a large majority, and thanks Mr. Faithfull Begg, and all who worked with him, for the skill and energy which they showed in the conduct of the measure.”

RESOLUTION II.

“That this meeting feels it would be particularly appropriate if the Bill for the enfranchisement of women could be entered on the Statute Book in this year, when Her Majesty's subjects are celebrating a woman's reign, the longest and most glorious in the history of our country; the meeting, therefore, prays the House of Commons not to adjourn over the 23rd of June, the

day on which the Bill is the first order on going into Committee, and to give, later in the session, opportunities for its further stages."

A Parliamentary Return was issued at the beginning of the present month, giving the number of electors on Local Government Registers in the Counties and Boroughs of England and Wales, distinguishing men and women electors. This return publishes statistics which will be of value as showing with precision the number of women who would be entitled to be registered for Parliamentary elections by any occupation franchise. A table showing the percentage of women in each county will be found in the Appendix (A) of this Report.

Your Committee have met with a severe loss in the death of one of the early band of workers, Miss Isabella Tod, of Belfast, which took place on December 8th. An eloquent and convincing speaker, as well as a most energetic and careful worker, her loss is one which is deeply felt by the friends of women's suffrage in every part of Great Britain.

Our Society has lost an early and most valued supporter in Mr. Frederick Hill, who was formerly an active Member of the Executive Committee.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS from July 1st, 1896, to June 30th, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward, July 1st, 1896...	26 8 1	By Rent	56 13 4
" Subscriptions	205 19 0	" Office Cleaning, Fuel, Lighting and Removing	14 5 8
" Donations	172 14 6	" Furniture and Fittings	3 11 3
" Sale of Publications and Tickets	7 16 4	" Salaries, &c.	17 16 11
" C. N. S. for W. S. Share of Expenses of Meeting at Queen's Hall	24 18 9	" Meetings and Advertisements	147 11 6
" Edinburgh W. S. Society ditto	16 9 2	" Stationery, &c.	46 11 5
" ditto	41 7 11	" Printing and Publications	14 15 3
		" Postage and Telegrams	43 8 7
		" Newspapers and Parliamentary Papers	58 10 4
		" Bank Charges	11 11 0
			1 9 6
			*398 7 10
		By Balance at Bankers	49 19 4
		" Cash in Hand	5 18 8
			55 18 0
			£454 5 10

13, Victoria Street, Westminster, London, 12th July, 1897. * Accounts unpaid and due at this date, £95 8s. 5d.

Examined, compared with the books and vouchers, and found correct. M. HARRIS SMITH, Auditor. (Public Accountant.)

SPECIAL FUND FOR FORMING WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS, 30TH JUNE, 1897.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Donations	33 16 6	By Organising Expenses	9 9 6
		" Cash at Bankers	24 7 0
			£33 16 6

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National Society for Women's Suffrage.

(CENTRAL COMMITTEE.)

*The Annual General Meeting was held at Westminster Town
Hall, on July 15th,*

THE LADY FRANCES BALFOUR IN THE CHAIR.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by calling upon Mrs. Fawcett to read letters of apology for non-attendance. Mrs. Fawcett said that one of the most interesting was from Mr. Kingston, Prime Minister of South Australia. It was as follows:—

“Your Society has my heartiest sympathy, and I reflect with pardonable pride on the fact that the present South Australian Government has been instrumental, through the goodwill of Parliament, in securing the franchise to all adults in South Australia. Our women, too, appreciate the privilege, and exercise it diligently and well.”

The Hon. Mr. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, had also repeatedly expressed himself in favour of Women's Suffrage. Mr. Woodall, M.P., the former leader of the cause in the House of Commons, wrote as follows:—

“I hope that your meeting will be, as you say, ‘inspiring.’ The conduct of the campaign, which will some day end in the removal of the greatest of the political disabilities under which women continue to suffer, will make further demands upon the patience, sagacity and discretion that have so remarkably contributed to the growth of public and Parliamentary

opinion, upon which we have to congratulate ourselves. The acknowledgment in the *abstract* of the justice of the claim by a majority of this House is an important and helpful fact, but it is by no means the end of the conflict.”

Mr. Faithfull Begg, M.P., who had been announced to take the chair, wrote that he was prevented by important business, and added—“the sooner it is understood that the campaign for *next* Session must be begun the better.”

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Lady Frances Balfour said:—We are met here once more in undaunted, if somewhat thin array. The facts of this year are known to all of us. We had a great success early in the year, and a majority for the Second Reading of our Bill so great that it startled even the House of Commons itself. This Parliament has, by that vote, affirmed the principle of Women's Suffrage. There are many who think we ought to be severely discouraged by the event of the last few days. But I never felt in better heart. I believe the policy of the House of Commons towards the Bill was not so injurious to the measure as to the House itself, because of the methods it pursued towards a Bill, the principle of which they had affirmed earlier in the year. I heard from a very strong opponent of our Bill that he had been so disgusted by what happened in those few hours of Wednesday that he had resolved to vote for the measure next time it came up. And it will come up. Our best advisers tell us that we have only to bring in a Bill steadily, and pass it by such majorities as we did this year, and no Government can disregard it. It takes time, like all other things; and we have a very divided Cabinet on the question, whatever Government is in. Two members of the present Opposition are opposed to the measure to an extent which in a woman would be called hysterical.

But I have no objection to divergencies of opinion in the Cabinet; we have only to be of good heart, and work earnestly, and with a strong resolution not to leave off till we get the measure through. The power of women in politics is increasing daily. To some who watch the signs of the times it appears that the present Government has need of all its friends. But we are here purely as Suffragists, and are all united on the point that the men we desire to work for are those who will grant this right of the vote to the women of their constituencies. I move the following Resolution for the adoption of the Report, and the election of the Executive Committee:—

“That this Meeting adopts the Report and Financial Statement, and directs that they be printed and circulated.”

“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 Gray 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; Mrs. Henry Fawcett; Miss I. O. Ford; Mrs. Arthur Francis; Louisa, Lady Goldsmid; Mrs. Ashworth Hallett; Mrs. Haslam; Miss Mabel Holland; Hon. Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton; Mrs. J. E. Mylne; Miss Mordan; Clara, Lady Rayleigh; T. W. Russell, Esq., M.P.; Mrs. Stephen Spring-Rice; Mrs. Sterling; and Miss Vernon.”

COLONEL COTTON-JODRELL.

I have been asked, said Colonel Cotton-Jodrell, to second the adoption of the Report and the re-election of the Committee. I only came here, however, to try and show my continued sympathy at a time when it behoves every earnest Member of

the House of Commons to support women in their efforts to get the suffrage. It would be beside the mark now to advocate the claims of the suffrage. But it might not be out of place if I gave you from a Member of the House of Commons point of view what I consider ought to be the practical policy of those who support Women's Suffrage. I quite agree with what the Chairman has said that strong resolution is necessary at the present time. I know as a matter of certainty that this measure has a great many very weak friends in the House; and we ought to ascertain who are our real friends, and who those are who will give their support year by year to the Second Reading of the Bill, but who would be precious sorry if it went any further. The machinery of the House lends itself to the advance of these people's views. There were two Bills which were placed perfectly fairly, in accordance with the rules of the House, to occupy a premier place before the Women's Suffrage Bill on Wednesday, July 7th, but they were discussed at such a length that there was no chance of our Bill coming forward. It was not, however, done all last Wednesday, but the Wednesday before. I kept my ears open, and I found out that a definite effort would be made to prolong the discussion on the two first Bills to such a length as would keep off Women's Suffrage. I know that several Members who supported the Second Reading were very glad that these other Bills should be discussed long enough to prevent the Suffrage Bill going beyond the Second Reading. You must be prepared to meet this kind of opposition, and hope for a better chance in future for the Bill. I have been asked whether I am in favour of a Bill being introduced into the House of Lords. On the whole I am against this course. I think we have a better chance of showing in the House of Commons that strong resolution of which Lady Frances spoke, and that we shall better bring public opinion to bear if we keep hammering on in that House. I think that is a sound course to pursue. A Bill that is brought

forward year after year in the House of Commons and obtains some place in the year's proceedings of the House, is kept before the notice of the public, and that is a great thing to secure. Attention has been drawn to the fact on several occasions that neither the Government nor the Opposition can be counted upon as entire supporters of the Bill, and I am afraid we must expect a good deal of discountenance until some Government takes the measure up. We all know the difficulty of getting even a non-contentious Private Member's Bill through the House; and you have much greater difficulty with a Bill like this about which there is considerable difference of opinion. Besides, it is an open constitutional question whether, whenever any large extension of the franchise is made, it is considered that the House of Commons does not any longer represent the people, and that it cannot do so until a General Election takes place. Now no Government on coming into power is likely to wish to precipitate a General Election, at least for the first few years of its existence. It seems to me the best way of emphasizing our wish to bring the unfair position of women before the mind of the public is to keep on hammering in the popular Chamber. The Bill is more *en evidence*, and has more chance in the Lower than in the Upper House.

You will excuse me if I say something now you may not quite like. I say it from purely a man's standpoint. I would not presume to understand the other sex, but I may claim to have had some experience of men's nature. Do not let us have any more Petitions framed in the language of the one which Mr. Courtney presented the other day. The effect of that Petition was bad. You can never do anything in the House of Commons by showing temper. You must restrain yourselves as regards these Petitions. The more serious you are, the more quiet is your strength, the greater the attention that will be paid you by the House. We have a great future before us. The movement is being started in various parts

of the country with much more vigour than a few years ago. Eight or nine years ago my wife and I had great difficulty in getting women to be active in the matter in my constituency. But the number of Petitions I now receive for presentation is very considerable. There is a strong section of our Society established in Birkenhead, which is doing a great deal to get Petitions signed, and to stir up a practical interest in this movement. I am very hopeful, and the more support we can get in the country districts, the more likely are we to bring the pressure of our opinions to bear on the House of Commons, and upon the public generally.

The Chairman:—No one connected with this Society had anything to do with that Petition. The first I knew of it was seeing it in the newspapers.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

The next Resolution, which was in the following terms, was moved by Miss Mordan:—

“That this Meeting expresses its gratitude to Mr. Faithfull Begg and to the Members who backed his Bill and supported him in the House of Commons. The fact that the House of Commons passed the Second Reading of the Women's Suffrage Bill on February 3rd, by a large majority, and at a later period used all means in its power to avoid making further progress with it, has if possible strengthened the conviction of this Society, that representation is the only means through which any section of the community can secure just attention to its wants and wishes from the House of Commons.”

Miss Mordan said that of course we were very grateful to the Members of Parliament who helped us, and the reverse to those who did not. Her own friends Miss Mordan divided into sheep *v.* goats, according as they helped or not in Women's Suffrage. We did not need any more instruction on the subject, for we were always receiving it, but we wanted more heat ourselves, and more light in the public.

Dr. Beddoe supported. He wished to say a few words on tactics. He would ask what kind of countries those were which had adopted the principle of Women's Suffrage? They were democracies, but educated democracies; the population of New Zealand was of middle-class descent, and anything but a mobocracy. South Australia was a Conservative democracy. Now these countries had deliberately adopted and meant to stick to Women's Suffrage. The upper portion of the working classes, male and female, would, no doubt, be right on the question, but the speaker did not expect much from the upper classes. The married society woman had everything in this life she could desire, and she did not take the matter of the suffrage seriously, and she was the kind of woman with whom Members of Parliament consorted. Thus they did not hear the opinions of the vast body of women to whom it was a matter of livelihood. We who were pushing forward this question did certainly need a little more heat.

Miss Curry supported the Resolution as a worker at an extreme distance from London, and was very glad to have an opportunity of expressing the gratitude they felt to Members of Parliament who supported Women's Suffrage. She often felt—as only very thin-skinned people could feel—how trying it must be to bear the criticism directed against them in the House of Commons. Miss Curry found that many who had previously refused to sign Petitions were now doing so readily.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fawcett moved the following Resolution:—

“That this Meeting approves of the proposed National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, and empowers its Executive Committee to take steps, including, if necessary, a modification in the name of its own Society, for giving effect to it.”

In speaking to the Resolution, Mrs. Fawcett said:—I am not in the least depressed by what has taken place. We

have had a serious rebuff, but “the blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the Church.” Our policy must be renewed effort to push this question to a direct vote of the House at every available opportunity. Outside Parliament our policy must be closer union and co-operation between the various societies. Last autumn there was a Conference at Birmingham at which all Societies were represented. We decided then on what we may call a geographical distribution of the work till the whole of England should be covered. We then formed a combined sub-committee of Women's Suffrage Societies, and we now want to put that organisation on a more permanent footing. We propose to modify our name, and call ourselves the Central and Eastern Society for Women's Suffrage, because we work especially in that part of England. The Victoria Street Society proposes to call itself the Central and Western Society, because they take a part of the West of England, Birmingham will be the Midland, and Manchester the Northern Societies. I feel very strongly that we should show union among ourselves for the object we all have in view.

Miss White (Ireland) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Meeting closed with the usual compliment to the Chair.

APPENDIX A.

The following Table, compiled from the Return of Local Government Registered Electors in England and Wales, gives the total of women for each county and county borough— together with the percentage of women to men:—

COUNTY. Municipal Boroughs which are also County Boroughs are included in these totals.	Total of Women on Register.	Percentage of Women.
Bedfordshire	4,663	14·4
Berkshire	4,297	13·
Buckinghamshire	4,306	13·3
Cambridge	4,862	12·8
Cheshire	14,848	14·6
Cornwall	9,093	15·3
Cumberland	8,251	16·
Derby	8,359	9·9
Devon	12,172	14·
Dorset	4,596	12·
Durham	11,286	8·1
Essex	11,480	10·3
Gloucestershire	9,506	12·
Herefordshire	3,053	12·8
Hertfordshire	6,140	13·
Huntingdon	1,506	13·2
Kent	17,503	13·7
Lancashire	42,512	13·4
Leicestershire	4,813	11·7
Lincolnshire	9,114	10·9
London	85,075	14·7
Middlesex	12,446	12·9
Monmouth	3,806	9·
Norfolk	6,456	10·
Northamptonshire	5,462	10·6
Northumberland	7,486	11·6
Nottinghamshire	4,901	10·
Oxfordshire	3,234	11·6

COUNTY. Municipal Boroughs which are also County Boroughs are included in these totals.	Total of Women on Register.	Percentage of Women.	
Rutland	596	13·4	
Shropshire	7,188	14·8	
Somerset	10,290	13·	
Southampton, County	8,009	12·8	
Isle of Wight	2,284	14·8	
Staffordshire	16,620	10·6	
Suffolk	6,797	11·	
Surrey	10,305	13·7	
Sussex	9,081	13·	
Warwick	8,368	13·4	
Westmoreland	2,199	16·	
Wiltshire	5,790	12·3	
Worcestershire	7,851	13·	
Yorkshire, E. Riding	3,727	13·5	
" N. Riding	7,641	14·	
" W. Riding	36,164	13·	
WALES (Counties).			
Anglesey	1,837	16·	
Brecon	1,822	17·	
Cardigan	4,083	26·	
Carmarthen	26,627	63·	
Carnarvon	3,957	15·9	
Denbigh	2,945	12·	
Flint	2,345	15·	
Glamorgan	9,084	10·	
Merioneth	1,605	15·	
Montgomery	1,744	14·5	
Pembroke	1,901	10·3	
Radnor	513	11·	
Total Counties and Boroughs in Counties.		525,467	13·4

County Boroughs.	Number of Women on Register.	Percentage of Women.
Barrow-in-Furness	546	7.3
Bath	1,980	24.
Birkenhead	2,593	15.
Birmingham	12,818	13.4
Blackburn	3,532	15.3
Bolton	3,588	16.
Bootle	772	10.
Bradford	7,504	12.9
Brighton	3,597	20.9
Bristol	4,696	13.6
Burnley	2,337	14.
Bury	1,879	18.
Canterbury	719	18.7
Cardiff	1,753	8.7
Chester	1,305	9.
Coventry	1,541	14.
Croydon	2,798	15.4
Derby	2,348	12.3
Devonport	631	11.
Dudley	778	11.8
Exeter	1,401	19.0
Gateshead	2,158	12.8
Gloucester	925	12.2
Great Yarmouth	1,823	19.
Grimsby	1,224	11.2
Halifax	3,685	19.
Hanley	1,318	13.3
Hastings	1,774	24.
Huddersfield	3,368	18.
Ipswich	1,770	15.5
Kingston-upon-Hull	5,985	14.
Leeds	10,302	14.
Leicester	4,786	13.4
Lincoln	946	11.
Liverpool	15,120	15.
Manchester	13,285	15.
Middlesborough	1,351	10.3
Newcastle-on-Tyne	5,635	15.7
Newport (Mon.)	873	10.4
Northampton	1,624	12.2
Norwich	3,176	15.

County Boroughs.	Number of Women on Register.	Percentage of Women.
Nottingham	6,558	15.
Oldham	4,199	16.7
Oxford	1,679	18.
Plymouth	2,293	16.5
Portsmouth	3,818	13.4
Preston	3,494	17.7
Reading	1,446	12.7
Rochdale	3,112	20.2
St. Helens	1,064	9.1
Salford	4,938	14.5
Sheffield	7,837	12.9
Southampton	1,208	12.7
South Shields	1,984	11.4
Stockport	2,635	18.0
Sunderland	3,230	13.1
Swansea	2,288	14.5
Walsall	1,400	16.4
West Bromwich	1,148	10.8
West Ham	2,826	8.4
Wigan	1,206	13.6
Wolverhampton	1,920	13.1
Worcester	1,583	17.4
York	2,181	20.
Total County Boroughs	204,291	14.5
Grand Total	729,758	13.7

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	DONATIONS.		SUBSCRIPTIONS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Adair, Mrs. H.				5 0
Allen, Miss Gray			1	0 0
Anderson, Miss A. M.				5 0
Anderson, Miss S.				2 6
Anonymous				10 0
Atkinson, Mrs. Bevington				5 0
Austen, Mrs. Roberts	2	2 0		
Aves, Miss				5 0
Aylmer, Miss (2 years)			2	1 0
Babb, Miss	5	0		
Bailey, Miss				5 0
Bailey, Mr. Herbert				5 0
Balfour, The Lady Frances			2	2 0
Bannerman, Colonel			2	2 0
Bateson, Miss Mary			1	0 0
Baker, Miss				5 0
Baxter, Mrs. Fleming			1	0 0
Baxter, Miss				5 0
Beale, Miss E. A.			1	1 0
Begg, Mr. Faithfull, M.P.	1	1 0		
Behrens, Mrs.				2 6
Bertram, Mrs.				5 0
Biggs, Miss Ashurst			1	0 0
Biggs, Miss Maude			2	0 0
Birkenhead Women's Suffrage Society				5 0
Birt, Miss				2 6
Birt, Miss E.				2 6
Boddy, Miss M. D.	3	5 0		5 0
Bostock, Miss (2 years)			1	1 0
Boucherett, Miss	15	0 0		
Bridges, Mrs.			1	0 0
Bright, Mrs. A. H.	10	0		5 0
Burne, Miss				5 0
Byres, Mrs.	10	0		
Carter, Miss				1 6
Charlesworth, Mrs.				5 0
Chickall, Miss				2 6
Cheltenham Women's Suffrage Society				5 0
"Clonroche"	10	0		
Colborne, Hon. Mrs.				10 0
Cooke, Miss	2	2 0		
Cotton, Mrs.			1	1 0
Courtney, The Right Hon. L., M.P.			1	0 0
Cowell, Mrs.			1	0 0
Carried forward	25	5 0	23	17 0

DONATIONS. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	DONATIONS.		SUBSCRIPTIONS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward	25	5 0	23	17 0
Crawford, Mrs.				2 2 0
Crawford, Miss				5 0
Creewell, Miss				2 6
Crook, Mrs.			1	1 0
Curry, Miss				5 0
Curtois, Miss M.	5	0		
Dalby, Miss				5 0
Darwin, Mrs. Francis			1	0 0
Davenport Hill, Miss F. M.			1	1 0
Davenport, Hill, Miss R.			1	1 0
Davies, Miss Emily			1	1 0
Davis, Mrs. Israel				10 6
Davis, Mrs.				2 6
Debenham, Mrs.				10 0
De Vesian, Mrs. Ellis			1	1 0
Dimock, Miss			1	1 0
Dimsdale, Baron			3	3 0
Donkin, Miss				5 0
Dougall, Miss L. (3 years)				7 6
Dublin Women's Suffrage Society			1	0 0
Du Port, Miss				5 0
Eaton, Mrs. Lauder				5 0
Eccles, Miss			5	0 0
Edinburgh Women's Suffrage Society			1	0 0
Ellis, Miss				2 6
Ellis, Miss R.				2 6
Ellis, Miss D.				2 6
Ely, Miss				10 0
Eyre, Miss				3 0
Fairthorne, Mr. B. W.				3 0
Fawcett, Mrs.	20	0 0	5	0 0
Fawcett, Miss				10 0
Finch, Mrs.	10	0		
FitzGerald, The Misses				5 0
Flower, Lady	10	0		2 6
Ford, Miss I. O.	5	0 0	5	0 0
Ford, Miss E. H.				3 0 0
Ford, Mr. Rawlinson			1	1 0
Ford, Mrs. Rawlinson				5 0
"Found"	6			
Franks, Miss				5 0
Freeman, Miss				2 6
"Friend," A	15	0 0		
Frith, Miss				2 6
Garrett, Mrs. Newson	11	1 0		
Gavin, Miss Ethel				5 0
Gilliat, Mrs.			1	1 0
Godson, Mr. E. Probyn	5	0 0		
Carried forward	82	11 6	64	14 0

	DONATIONS.		SUBSCRIPTIONS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward	82	11 6	64	14 0
Goff, Miss A.			5	0
Goldsmid, Louisa Lady			2	2 0
Gordon, Miss			10	0
Gow, Miss			2	6
Graves, Mrs.			2	6
Green, Miss H. E.			10	6
Grey, Mrs. Wm.			1	1 0
Griffiths, Dowager Lady Waldie			2	0 0
Grove, Miss Eleanor	1	5 0	10	0
Gurney, Miss A.			1	0 0
Gurney, Miss Mary			1	0 0
Hallett, Mrs Ashworth			5	5 0
Hamilton, Miss (Ayr)			5	0
Hamilton, Miss C.			2	0
Hamley, Miss B.			2	6
Harberton, Viscountess	10	0 0	1	0 0
Harding, Miss			2	6
Harvey, Miss			2	6
Hawkins, Mrs.			2	6
Haynes, The Rev. R. J.	2	2 0		
Herringham, Mrs. Wilmot			1	1 0
Higgins, Mrs. Napier			2	0 0
Hill, Mr. Frederick (the late)			1	1 0
Hill, Miss Emily			2	6
Hill, Miss Georgina			2	6
Hitchcock, Miss			5	0
Hodgson, Mrs.	10	0 0	3	3 0
Holland, Miss Mabel	10	0 0	2	2 0
Howse, Mrs.			5	0
Hubbard, Mrs.			5	0
Hughes, Miss			2	0
Hunter, Miss			5	0
Irby, Miss			5	0
Jeffock, Mrs. (2 years)			10	0
Johnson, Miss Lucy	6	1 0	1	1 0
Johnson, Miss Agnes			1	0 0
Jones, Miss Mabel M. B.			10	6
Joy, Mrs. Algernon			1	1 0
Kensington, Miss			5	0
Lacey, Mrs. Bolton			10	6
L. A. J.	10	0 0	1	0 0
Lance, Miss			2	6
La Touche, Miss A.			2	6
Lawrence, Miss P.			1	1 0
Lawrence, Miss D.			1	1 0
Lawrence, Miss M.			1	1 0
Leeds Women's Suffrage Society			10	0
Carried forward	131	19 6	101	14 6

	DONATIONS.		SUBSCRIPTIONS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward	131	19 6	101	14 6
Ledsame, Miss Marie			1	0 0
Lefroy, Mrs.	1	0 0		
Lewin, Miss			4	0
Lister, Miss Emma			5	0
Liverpool Women's Suffrage Society			5	0
Longbourne, Miss			5	0
Lowe, Miss E. J.			10	6
Lupton, Miss E.			2	6
Lyttelton, The Lady			1	1 0
Lyttelton, Hon. Mrs. Alfred	1	1 0		
Lyttelton, Hon. and Rev. Ed.			1	1 0
Lyttelton, Hon. Mrs. Ed.			1	1 0
Manning, Miss E. A.			1	1 0
Makovski, Mr Stanislaus (2 years)			2	2 0
Makovski, Mrs. (2 years)			2	2 0
Marshall, Mrs. John			2	2 0
Marshall, Mrs. Stephen (2 years)			3	0 0
Martineau, The Rev. Dr.			1	1 0
Martineau, Miss			10	0
Meinertzhagen, Miss			5	0
Mitchell, Mrs.			1	0 0
Mitchell, Mrs. (Monmouth)			1	0 0
Mitchell, Miss Alice			3	0
Moncrieff, Lady Scott	1	0 0		
Montague, Lady, of Beaulieu	1	0 0		
Mordan, Miss	5	0 0	5	0 0
Mordan, Mr. Augustus			1	0 0
Morison, Miss	1	5 0		
Mosley, Miss M.			2	6
Muller, Mrs.	5	5 0		
Mylne, Mrs.	15	0 0	1	0 0
Oakley, Mrs. E. (2 years)			15	0
Oakley, Mrs. (Willesden)			2	6
Page, Miss			10	0
Paine, Mrs. Lewis			5	0
Paley, Hon. Mrs.			2	0 0
Palliser, Miss Edith			1	0 0
Palliser, Mrs.			5	0
Park, Miss Austin			5	0
Phillips, Mrs.			2	6
Pierpoint, Miss			2	6
Poole, Mrs.			2	6
Pollock, Mrs.			10	6
Porter, Miss			5	0
Pym, Mrs. Guy (2 years)			2	2 0
Rayleigh, Clara Lady	3	0 0	2	0 0
Richardson, Miss			1	0 0
Ridley, Miss A.			2	6
Carried forward	165	10 6	140	8 0

	DONATIONS.			SUBSCRIPTIONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	165	10	6	140	8	0
Ritter, Miss J.				10	6	
Robertson, Miss				1	0	0
Robertson, Miss (Ipswich)				2	6	
Robinson, Mrs. Newton				10	6	
Rogers, Mrs.				5	0	
Rolleston, Miss (2 years)				2	0	
Roller, Mrs. (the late)				1	1	0
Rothwell, Mrs.				2	6	
Ruth, Miss				1	0	0
Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs.				1	1	0
Saxton, Miss				1	0	0
Scott, Mrs.				10	6	
Scholefield, Mrs.				10	0	
Seakins, Mrs. (2 years)				10	0	
Selborne, The Countess of				1	1	0
Seymour, Mrs. Culme	1	1	0	1	1	0
Seymour, Mrs.				10	0	
Shadwell, Miss B.				10	0	
Shaen, Mrs.				1	1	0
Shaen, Miss				1	1	0
Shedden, Mrs. E.				2	6	
Shove, Miss E.				5	0	
Sidgwick, Mrs.				2	2	0
Sidney, Miss A.				1	1	0
Simpson, Mrs.				10	0	
Skinner, Miss				2	6	
Smith, Mrs. St. Osythe				1	1	0
Smith, Mrs. F. P.				5	0	
Smith, Miss M. Harris	1	1	0	10	6	
Snoad, Mrs. Warner				10	0	
Spring Rice, Mrs. Stephen				1	1	0
Stanley, Mrs. H. M.				5	0	
Sterling, Mrs.				2	0	0
Sterling, Miss Frances				2	0	0
Stevenson, Miss Ethel				1	1	0
Strange, Miss L.				1	1	0
Streatfield, Mrs.				2	2	0
Stone, Miss				1	0	0
Suft, Miss	10	0				
Sunter, Miss				2	6	
Swanwick, Miss Anna				1	1	0
Symonds, Miss	10	0				
Tabor, Miss M. C.				5	0	
Tacey, Miss (2 years)				4	0	0
Tacey, Miss Alice (2 years)				4	0	0
Tacey, Miss Annie (2 years)				4	0	0
Tapson, Mrs.				2	2	0
Tatlock, Miss				10	0	
Taylor, Mrs. Thomas				2	0	0
Temple, Sir Richard, Bart.				10	0	
Carried forward	168	12	6	189	7	6

	DONATIONS.			SUBSCRIPTIONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	168	12	6	189	7	6
Thomas, Mrs. Charles				1	1	0
Thorne, Mrs.				5	0	
Tubbs, Mrs.				1	1	0
Tuckey, Miss Janet				5	0	
Twining, Miss Louisa	2	0	0			
Vickery, Dr. Alice				5	0	
Vernon, Miss				10	6	
Wagstaff, Miss				2	6	
Walker, Miss Abney				10	0	
Walker, Mrs. Ingram				10	6	
Walker, Miss J. H., M.D.				1	1	0
Walsh, Miss				2	6	
Wardale, The Rev. J.				2	0	0
Wedgewood, Miss Julia				10	0	
Welsh, Miss				1	0	0
Wetton, Miss				2	6	
Wild, Mrs.				10	0	
Wilkinson, Miss F.				1	1	0
Wilkinson, Miss L. M.				1	1	0
Williams, Miss M. D.				5	0	
Wilkins, Miss				2	6	
White, Miss C. E.	2	2	0			
Wright, Mrs. Almroth				2	2	0
Wyndham Quin, Lady Emily				1	0	0
Youngman, Miss				2	6	
Zimmerman, Miss Agnes				1	1	0
Total	172	14	6	205	19	0

SPECIAL FUND FOR FORMING WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS, 30TH JUNE, 1897.

DONATIONS.			£	s.	d.
"Anonymous," per Miss Palliser			9	9	6
"Anonymous," per Miss Frances Sterling			1	0	0
Dimock, Miss			10	6	
James, Miss			2	2	0
Sterling, Miss Frances			10	0	0
Strange, Mrs.			2	6	
Stone, Miss			10	0	0
Tacey, The Misses			10	0	
Turner, Mrs.			1	0	
Turner, Miss			1	0	
			33	16	6

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 Adair, Mrs. H. (Oxford)
 Adamson, Professor
 Agg-Gardner, J. T., Esq.
 Allen, Miss Gray (Londonderry)
 Armstrong, Rev. R. A.
 Andrews, Miss Gertrude
 Anderson, Mrs. Garrett, M.D.
 Anstruther, Louisa Lady
 Ashford, Mrs. (Birmingham)
 Atkinson, Miss (Manchester)
 Austen, Mrs. Roberts
 Bain, Sir James
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 Balfour, The Lady Frances
 Barnett, Mrs. S. A.
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 Bevan, Mrs. Wm.
 Bigg, Miss Louisa (Luton)
 Biggs, Miss Ashurst
 Blacker, Mrs. Louis
 Blackburn, Miss Helen
 Bostock, Miss
 Boucherett, Miss Jessie
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 Bousfield, Mrs. (Bedford)
 Bowring, Lady
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 Bridges, Miss (Bath)
 Brodie-Hall, Miss L. W.
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 Burrough, Mrs.
 Buick, Rev. G. R.
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 Byers, Mrs. (Belfast)
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 Cayzer, C. W., Esq., M.P.
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 Clayton, N. G., Esq. (Hexham)
 Clayton, Mrs. N. G. (Hexham)
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 Collings, Jesse, Esq., M.P.
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 Cotton-Jodrell, Mrs.
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 Courtney, Rt. Hon. Leonard, M.P.
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 Cross, Mrs. Joseph
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 Davenport-Hill, Miss F.
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 Davies, Miss Emily
 Dimsdale, Baron
 Donkin, Miss
 Drew, Miss Catherine
 Dunbar, Dr. Eliza W.
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 Durham, Very Rev. Dean of
 Eastwick-Field, Mrs.
 Eaton, Mrs. Lauder
 Eccles, Miss
 Edwards-Heathcote, Capt.
 Ede, Rev. Moore
 Egerton, The Hon. Lady Grey
 Eiloart, Mrs.
 Elder, Miss Constance
 Ellaby, Miss, M.D.
 Ellis, Miss
 Ewart, Lady (Belfast)
 Fawcett, Mrs. Henry
 FitzGerald, Sir R. U. Penrose, Bt., M.P.
 FitzGerald, Lady Penrose
 FitzGerald, Miss Geraldine Penrose
 FitzGerald, Miss (Valencia Island)
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 Harberton, Viscountess
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 Hart, Miss Mary H.
 Haslam, Mrs. (Dublin)
 Hereford, The Bishop of
 Herringham, Mrs. Wilmot
 Higgins, Mrs. Napier
 Hill, Mrs. Frank
 Hodgson, Mrs. C. H.
 Hughes, Colonel Edwin, M.P.
 Hunter, Sir R.
 Hunter, Lady R.
 Husband, Mrs.
 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. (No'ting Hill High School)
 Joy, Mrs. Algernon
 Kensington, Miss
 Kenyon, Hon. Geo.
 Kerr, Miss Malcolm
 Kinnear, J. Boyd, Esq.
 Kinnear, Mrs. J. Boyd
 Knightley, The Lady (of Fawsley)
 Lafone, Alfred, Esq., M.P.
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 Laurie, Lieut.-Gen. John W., M.P.
 Lecky, Mrs. W. E. H.
 Lee, Miss (Bath)
 Lee, Miss (Sale)
 Lees, Rev. J. Cameron (Edinburgh)
 Lethbridge, Sir Roper
 Lethbridge, Lady
 Lindsay, Rev. Thomas (Glasgow)
 Lister, Miss Emma
 Lynd, The Rev. R. I., D.D.
 Lyttelton, Hon. & Rev. Arthur J.
 Lyttelton, Hon. Mrs. Arthur
 Lyttelton, The Hon. & Rev. Ed.
 Lyttelton, The Hon. Mrs. Ed.
 Lyttelton, The Hon. Mrs. Alfred
 Macdona, J. Cuming, Esq., M.P.
 Mackennal, Rev. A.
 Maclure, J. W., Esq., M.P.
 Maclure, Mrs. J. W.
 McLagan, Peter, Esq.
 McLaren, Walter, Esq.
 McLaren, Mrs. Eva
 Madden, Rt. Hon. D. H.
 Manfield, Sir Philip
 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
 Passmore Edwards, J., Esq.
 Patton, Mrs. Arthur
 Pender, Mrs. (Thornby Hall)
 Ponsonby, The Hon. Mrs.ambre
 Portsmouth, Evelyn Countess of
 Prideaux, Miss S.
 Puleston, Sir J. H.
 Pym, Guy, Esq., M.P.
 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
 Robinson, Rev. A.
 Rollit, Sir A. K., M.P.
 Round, James, Esq., M.P.
 Russell, T. W., Esq., M.P.
 Sanderson, J. S., Esq.
 Sawyer, Lady
 Scholefield, Mrs.
 Selborne, Earl of
 Selborne, Countess of
 Severne, Mrs.
 Shaen, Mrs.
 Sidgwick, Prof. Henry, D.Litt.
 Sidgwick, Mrs. Henry

Singleton, Mrs. (Derby)
 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)
 Taylor, Mrs. Thos.
 Taylour, Miss Jane E.
 Thew, Mrs. A. (Birkdale)
 Thomas, Rev. Urijah R. (Bristol)
 Temple, Sir Richard, Bt.
 Thomas, Mrs. Charles (Bristol)
 Thorne, Mrs.

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 (Alexander College)
 White, Miss C. E.
 Wilberforce, Rev. Canon Basil
 Wilkinson, Miss
 Wilkinson, Miss L. M.
 Wilson, Ven. Archdeacon (Manchester)
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APPENDIX B.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

The Times.—The factitious and insincere character of the second reading vote is sufficiently proved by the undignified shuffle resorted to by common consent in order to reduce it to a nullity.

Daily News.—We have a great deal of sympathy with the irregular language of the ladies' petition presented by Mr. Courtney on Tuesday. The House of Commons has the power, and therefore the right, of refusing women's votes. But it should do so honestly and openly. It should fight fair.

Star.—Political parties will all the more rapidly, as a consequence of yesterday's debates, learn that they will have to reckon at the elections with women's influence, and that in politics there cannot be "take" without "give." It is on the firmness of women themselves in this matter that the future of their Suffrage really depends.

St. James's Gazette.—Women's Suffrage may come some day, but only when it is deliberately brought forward and pressed to an issue by a responsible Government. In a sense this is true of almost any Bill, but it is especially so in the case of one so full of unknown possibilities as that of Mr. Faithfull Begg. The day of the private member is gone; a Bill is not seriously taken unless it is a Government measure.

Spectator.—During the week the House of Commons have been engaged in the usual, but by no means dignified tactics employed for avoiding the redemption of pledges in regard to female suffrage. . . . We are devoutly thankful the Bill was defeated, but the spectacle of the House performing monkey tricks over the Verminous Persons Bill, in order to dish the women, was not an agreeable one.

Churchwoman.—The whole secret—and it is no secret—of the contempt exhibited by Parliament for this Woman's Suffrage Question is the fact that those who are seeking the attention of Parliament are unrepresented in Parliament. It is a good illustration of the old doctrine that you cannot ensure justice or a fair hearing unless you are represented; and that to prevent taxation being unjust those who are taxed must be represented amongst those who tax. We trust, therefore, that women will not forbear to urge a moderate Bill for the concession of the principal of women's right to representation. It would be a good thing, since we are governed by party rather than by principle, if women would make this a question affecting adherence to party. Let them make themselves united on this point, that at the next election their weight, influence, and work will be given to that party which will make Woman's Suffrage a Government question. That would work wonders!

The Economist.—In the debate on this Bill (Plumbers' Registration) little or no attempt was made to conceal the fact that the Bill, which under ordinary circumstances would have evoked little or no comment, was being discussed at length in order that the bogey of female suffrage should not be allowed to spring out of its box. Member after member devoted his abilities to spinning out the time by an exhibition of his skill in Parliamentary "clowning."

To our minds there is something extremely degrading in the adoption by the House of Commons of these unworthy tactics. If the House does not mean the Bill to pass, as clearly it does not, it should say so plainly and firmly, and not destroy the measure by a series of subterranean devices.

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.