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SINCE our last issue the women's suffrage movement has sustained a most grievous and irreparable loss in the death of CAROLINE ASHURST BIGGS, one of the very earliest, most able, and faithful of the workers. Only those who have laboured with her in uninterrupted communion since the foundation of the Society can be fully conscious of how much the work owes to her unselfish devotion, but every one even remotely connected with the movement must have felt the influence of her work, and must join in deploring her loss.

THE holiday season is drawing to a close, and the committees of the several women's suffrage societies are busy preparing plans of work for the coming season. It is hoped that the result of their consultations will be the holding of many meetings and lectures during the autumn and winter; but, in order that this object may be attained, it is necessary that those interested in the work should render to the committees adequate material support. The political energies of women have been of late years somewhat diverted from the women's suffrage societies to associations of women formed for other and distinctly political objects; but we would remind persons interested in these objects that the most certain and powerful method of bringing the influence of women to bear in deciding political questions is through the possession of Parliamentary votes, and that while not neglecting to use their energies in promoting the success of the political parties to which their opinions and sympathies incline, they should regard these objects as an additional stimulus to the effort for securing the extension of women's suffrage at Parliamentary elections.

THERE are at the present moment elections going on in more than one constituency, and the assistance of women is eagerly sought by candidates of both parties. It is hoped that ladies who are working on either side in these elections will take care to press on the attention of the candidates on whose behalf they are exerting themselves the justice and expediency of their claim to the suffrage.

It is difficult to see how any candidate can consistently avail himself of the assistance and influence of women in securing his election, and deny to women the right to exercise influence in a direct and constitutional manner through the ballot-box.

AT a recent meeting at Leyton in connection with a gathering of Women's Liberal Associations, Mr. BALLANTINE, M.P., said the idea of Women's Liberal Associations had been taken from the Primrose League. He thought they ought frankly to acknowledge that fact. When they thought of the next general election Liberals ought to have great hopes of victory, for they would have what they never had before—the assistance of Liberal ladies. Mr. G. A. SALA said that whether women ought to have the vote or not was a moot point, whether they wanted it was also a moot point, but this was certain, if they wanted it, they would get it.

There is no doubt whatever on this point. The pear is ripe: women need but stretch out their hands to gather it, and the day that it shall fall into their hands will not be retarded by the action of ladies who set their names to a declaration deprecating the admission of women to political power, and straightway proceed to throw themselves with all the energy and self-devotion characteristic of their sex into organisations of women for the promotion of political objects, whether those of the Primrose League or of the Women's Liberal Federation.

THE Declaration from women householders progresses satisfactorily; the signatures come in sufficient numbers to occupy all available space in the current issue of the *Journal*, and we hope to continue to receive them in ever increasing force. One lady writes from Ireland: "Be good enough to add my name to the list of those in favour of the franchise. I am the owner of the house I live in, and of three other houses, each above £100 per annum; one £130, and taxes in proportion. At a late election here, however, I had to remain quietly at home while my coachman, an ignorant, but honest, poor man

walked off to his suburban cabin to register *his* vote. All things considered, I thought it rather hard."

Another lady writes from Scotland: "I have not met with *one* householder who does not wish for a vote. We *must* get it."

There is not a shadow of a doubt that if the women householders throughout the country will combine in a strong demonstration of opinion to keep the question of their enfranchisement prominently before the public mind, they must and will get it, and that they may vote in the next general election.

WOMEN interested in this matter are earnestly requested to send their names to the Declaration. Forms will be sent on application, but in the absence of a form a letter addressed to the Editor, *Women's Suffrage Journal*, Queen's Chambers, 5, John Dalton-street, Manchester, giving particulars as to qualification, &c., will suffice. If more names than one are sent it is desirable that each should be given on a separate form or sheet of paper for convenience of sorting and registration. As many forms as are necessary will be sent to any lady who may be willing to assist by canvassing the women householders in a district. But this, though desirable, is not necessary, and any one who is willing to assist in this manner may employ the method most convenient to herself.

A sale of work in aid of the funds of the Manchester National Society for Women's Suffrage will be held in the offices of the Society, Queen's Chambers, 5, John Dalton-street, Manchester, in connection with the annual general meeting in November. Friends who may be kindly willing to assist by contributions and work are invited to communicate with the hon. secretary at the above address.

#### ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.

##### NORTH BUCKS.

###### CAPTAIN VERNEY'S CANDIDATURE.

Captain Verney addressed the Liberal Eight Hundred at Wolverton on September 11th, and, in reply to questions, he said he would not express his opinion on women's suffrage, but was in favour of manhood suffrage.

##### MORAY AND NAIRN.

###### MR. J. SEYMOUR KEAY'S CANDIDATURE.

Mr. J. Seymour Keay, the Gladstonian candidate for the representation of the combined counties of Moray and Nairn, began his campaign on September 12th by addressing a meeting of electors and others in the Public Hall, Lossiemouth. At the close of the address questions were invited.

Mr. WILLIAM STEWART ("Willochan"), fisherman, asked whether Mr. Keay thought it right that poor, though honest, men, unable to pay the present year's rates, should be deprived of their votes?

Mr. KEAY: I will give a strong answer to the point.

Mr. STEWART: You would put this out of sight altogether—you would give every man out of jail a right to vote.

Mr. KEAY: My platform is adult suffrage, both male and female; so that certainly will include those who don't pay rates.

#### REVISION COURTS.

##### HYDE.

An important decision was given on September 12th, by Mr. W. T. Parkins, the revising barrister for Hyde, in the case of Elizabeth Hudson, of Hyde, a married woman, whose name was on the list as a burgess. The Assistant Overseer stated that the woman was married, but her husband had been away for a number of years. Mr. Smith, for the Liberals, said the Barrister had power to strike the woman off, although not objected to. Mr. Barron, on the other side, contended that, as the husband had been away for more than seven years, he was dead in law, and the vote was good. The Barrister accepted this view of the matter, and allowed the vote.

#### PRIMROSE LEAGUE MEETING AT OSWALDTWISTLE.

##### SPEECH OF MR. HERMAN-HODGE, M.P.

On September 21st a tea party was held in St. Paul's Schools, Oswaldtwistle, for the purpose of celebrating the establishment of the Herman-Hodge Habitation of the Primrose League. Mr. R. T. Herman-Hodge, M.P., presided over the after-tea proceedings. In the course of his address he said the Primrose League had given an opportunity to Englishwomen to give that assistance which they were entitled to give in matters political. He believed that if women had votes he (Mr. Herman-Hodge) would have an increased majority at the next election. (Cheers.) But that was a somewhat selfish and narrow-minded way of looking at what was really a very great and a very serious question. If they were going to give the franchise to women, one could not help asking where was that kind of thing going to stop? Were women to be made county councillors and members of Parliament? Were they going to open the professions for women, and were women to compete with soldiers, sailors, and miners? The question was an endless one, and it was one upon which his mind was open, but personally he should be content if at the next election he had the influence of the ladies.

#### STOCKPORT WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Stockport Women's Liberal Association, held August 21st, 1889, it was resolved: "That this committee deprecates the fact that the Household Suffrage Act leaves about one-seventh of the householders disenfranchised, and it respectfully and earnestly hopes that the National Liberal Federation will make the completion of this measure part of its programme by supporting the enfranchisement of women who are householders."

#### BRISTOL WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

The public meeting in support of the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to women, to be held at the Victoria Rooms by the Bristol Women's Liberal Association, has been fixed to take place in October. The Women's Liberal Associations in the western and south-western counties are responding with much cordiality to the invitation to send delegates. Redruth, Portsmouth, the Wells division of Somerset, East Somerset, West Wilts, Winchester, Newport, and Plymouth have already expressed a desire to be represented. The speakers expected are Lady Sandhurst, Miss Cobden, Mrs. Eva M'Laren, Miss Ellen Chapman, Mrs. Brine and Miss Arabella Shore.

#### THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN TO LADY SANDHURST.

A special meeting was held in the City Hall, Dublin, on September 20th, for the purpose of conferring the honorary freedom of the borough on Margaret, Baroness Sandhurst, and on the Right Hon. James Stansfeld, M.P.

The LORD MAYOR, addressing Lady Sandhurst, said he had the pleasing duty to inform her that the Municipal Council of the city of Dublin, the metropolis of Ireland, had unanimously voted to her the honorary freedom of the city. This was, so far as he was aware, the first occasion in modern times in which in these islands a

municipal corporation had voted its freedom to a lady, but he was enabled to say that in ancient times the Corporation of Dublin numbered ladies on its roll of burgesses.

Having signed the roll, Lady SANDHURST, in responding, said she had undoubtedly done her best to promote what she considered the interests of England and Ireland. Words failed to convey the depth of her gratitude for the honour conferred upon her. (Applause.)

[The Lord Mayor of Dublin appears to be unaware, of what we believe to be the fact, that the freedom of the City of London has been conferred on a lady, the Baroness Burdett Coutts.—Ed. W. S. J.]

#### THE LATE CAROLINE ASHURST BIGGS.

All friends and co-workers in the women's suffrage movement will have learned with profound regret of the death of Miss Caroline Ashurst Biggs, which took place on September 4th in London, at the residence of her father, Mr. Joseph Biggs, 19, Notting Hill Square, London. Miss Biggs was one of the original hon. secretaries in London of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, and to her marked ability and untiring energy is owing much of the success which has been achieved. Her assiduous devotion to the cause never once flagged until the inroads of mortal disease, against which her indomitable spirit struggled to the last, forced her to lay aside her work. She was an eloquent and successful lecturer and speaker, and an able writer. Caroline Ashurst Biggs was born in Leicester, August 23rd, 1840. Her life dawned to consciousness amid intellectual surroundings, and she drew her earliest breath in an atmosphere of aspiration for social and political freedom. In these early days she was brought into contact with Emerson and Longfellow, who were visitors at her father's house, and with William Lloyd Garrison. In 1850, owing to Mrs. Biggs's health, the family spent a year in Italy, and there became acquainted with Mazzini and other Italian patriots. On their return to England they settled near Tunbridge Wells, and in 1867 they came to London, when Caroline began the work for the improvement of the condition of women and their political enfranchisement, which she kept up without intermission during her after life. Her energies were not limited to the women's suffrage movement. The Society for the Employment of Women, founded about the same time, also engaged her continuous attention. Since 1870 she edited the *Englishwoman's Review*, a task which she laid down only with life, for the issue dated August 15th was conducted by her as usual, and the number will doubtless be carefully treasured by her friends. Our readers will have noted many of her articles in this *Journal* over the familiar signature "C. A. B.," and on one occasion, during the absence of the editor in Canada, she took entire charge of a number.

One of the latest movements to which Miss Biggs devoted her energies was the Society for Promoting the Election of Women as Poor-law Guardians, and she had the satisfaction of seeing her efforts rewarded by observing a constantly increasing number of women elected to this most useful and responsible position.

Early in the spring of the present year Miss Biggs's work was arrested by an attack of illness from which she never rallied, and though she continued her interest and efforts in her usual occupations so far as her failing strength allowed, her friends from the beginning of the attack felt hopeless of any other termination than that which occurred, when she painlessly and peacefully passed away.

#### THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION AT NEWCASTLE.

Whether on account of the systematic discouragement of scientific study by women which characterises the policy of the British Association for the Advancement of Science or from any other cause, there were fewer papers than usual contributed by ladies at the Newcastle meeting. The only lady's paper read at a sectional meeting was one by Miss Ewart in section D on the floral contrivances in the genus *Thesium*. Among the ladies who took part in the discussions Miss Becker spoke on the report of the committee on the teaching of science in elementary schools, and also in a discussion on the theories of Weissman and Darwin on heredity. She quoted a sentence from a letter which had been addressed to herself by Mr.

Darwin many years ago, in which, after expressing his gratification at her approval of his theory, he said it had not been received with the same favour by his scientific brethren as the theory of natural selection, but like a mother with a sickly child he held to it all the more closely on that account.

Professor Poulton expressed his pleasure at hearing the quotation from Mr. Darwin's letter.

The concluding general meeting was held on September 18th, when the usual misleading statistics as to the number of ladies present at the meeting were put into the mouth of the President. The numbers given were: Old life members, 277; new life members, 20; old annual members, 412; new annual members, 113; associates, 1,024; and "ladies," 579. These figures are misleading, because the number of "ladies" there given represents merely the holders of ladies' transferable tickets and does not include the ladies who were members and associates. Of the members present 58 were ladies, of the associates 401. These figures, added to the 579 holders of ladies' transferable tickets, give 1,038 as the actual number of ladies who attended the Newcastle meeting. It would of course not be practicable for the President to give the actual number of ladies present, because there is no official record of the number of lady members and associates beyond the publication of their names in the general list among the others. But it would be perfectly easy and most desirable in the interests of accuracy to give the numbers as "ladies' transferable tickets," and thus avoid giving the erroneous impression that these figures represent the actual number of ladies who attend the meetings.

#### DEBATE ON WOMEN'S DRESS.

On Wednesday, September 18th, Mrs. Stopes delivered a lecture in the Lecture Theatre of the Literary and Philosophical Society, Newcastle, on "Women's Dress considered physiologically and psychologically." There was a very large attendance. Dr. PHILIPSON presided, and there were also present the Mayor (Mr. Thomas Richardson) and the Sheriff of Newcastle (Mr. Wm. Sutton).

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the proceedings, said he had consented to preside at the request of Sir William Turner, at an assembly for the reading of a paper by Mrs. Stopes on Women's Dress, which had been prepared for one of the sections of the British Association; but, on account of the Biological Section being limited in its scope, there being no sub-section of physiology, the authorities thought that it would be better for this paper to be presented at a meeting in this Lecture Hall, rather than in one of the sections.

Mrs. STOPES then read her paper, which touched upon the tyranny of fashion, the question of utility in dress, and the need of a rational dress. Among the faults in feminine attire she enumerated crinolines and dress-improvers, tied-back skirts, tied-down arms and sleeves, over-long dresses, over-heavy trimmings, the "miseries of full dress," high heels, tight stays, and the ugly small waist. She said they wanted all women, all fathers, husbands, brothers of women, to help towards elevating the perfection of physical development, creating a true standard of art-ideal, raising the conception of moral conscience, individual and national, enlarging the capability of woman's intellectual powers, and increasing a nation's well-being by considering what forms of clothing are best fitted to develop the feminine frame, naturally, healthily, perfectly. It was only through combination there was force. It was only through combined action and thought that they could ever hope to dominate, through reason, fashion that now dominated them; and, through raising fashion, raise those weaker than themselves to judge in matters of right and wrong.

After a vote of thanks to Mrs. Stopes had been passed, discussion was invited, in the course of which many speakers took part.

Miss RAY bore testimony to the misery which infants were put to by the multiplicity of dress at the very beginning of their life.

Miss FINLAY, while agreeing in the main with Mrs. Stopes, said there were one or two points upon which she would like to speak. She would like to ask if the question was between corsets and no corsets or between tight corsets and loose corsets, because she thought this made a very great difference. Of course, anyone who knew anything of her own body was quite aware of the injury and discomfort that were caused by tight lacing. But from her own experience she considered that to have no support at all was uncomfortable. The Mayor had told them that he admired curves

and undulations. She supposed they all did. But in the figure of a woman who wore no corsets the lines were straight, both perpendicularly and horizontally. (Laughter and applause.) It was extremely difficult in our climate and with our occupations to have a dress which would really be hygienic and artistic and in every way suitable. They had heard pretty fully from the doctors of the amount of harm that was being done by wearing corsets, but she had a notion that perhaps the danger was being just a little exaggerated. She hoped it was so. (Laughter and applause.)

Miss LYDIA BECKER said unfortunately she had not the opportunity of listening to the paper, but she understood that Mrs. Stopes advocated the abolition of that very useful and very indispensable portion of a woman's attire, the corset. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) She was an out-and-out defender of the corset as absolutely necessary, alike for the health, comfort, and appearance of a woman, under the present conditions. And she held that those who counselled women to abandon corsets were speaking—she did not say without knowledge, but certainly she thought that if their theories obtained acceptance very considerable injury would be done. The defenders of the corset need hardly defend it, because they had almost universal practice on their side. There was a great difference between the abuse and use of corsets, between tight lacing and that moderate amount of compression of the waist which they many of them found so desirable. (Applause.) A "wasp" waist was, to her mind, distinctly ugly. What they wanted in a corset was graceful undulations and beautiful curves, to show the body in its natural beautiful curvatures. But the wasp waist destroyed these curves and produced what was physiological deformity, and was very ungraceful to the trained eye. Even the extremest modes of tight-lacing, even the extremest wasp waist were not quite so injurious as doctors would have them believe. If they were, she really did not see how the ladies of the present day could survive, because unquestionably that fashion was in the ascendant. Some of the ladies present were themselves a living refutation of that argument. There was undoubtedly a great deal that was injurious in the modern mode of dressing. What was really injurious was not the corsets, but the bands round the waist from which were suspended long and cumbersome skirts.

Dr. WILBERFORCE SMITH said that last year he was able to give several records showing the greatly increased superiority in breathing power of women who wore no corsets compared with those who did wear corsets. (Applause.) If a woman attempted any kind of pedestrianism they saw what a very poor creature she was. (Laughter.)

Miss BARSTOWE (London) was also in favour of corsets, but would do away with waist bands. She did not agree with the idea that women who wore corsets were "poor creatures." She herself last year walked many miles a day, and one day she rode 75 miles on a joggling mule while travelling in the Cordilleras at the head waters of the river Amazon.

After a reply from Mrs. STOPES, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting separated.

ELGIN AND NAIRN ELECTION.

As we go to press we learn that Mr. Logan, Unionist candidate, in reply to a question, gave his opinion in favour of the suffrage for unmarried women and widows.

A WOMAN APPOINTED OVERSEER.

Mrs. Harriett Mansell was on September 21st appointed overseer of the village of Ombersley, near Worcester, in place of her late husband, at a salary of £55.

PRIZE COMPETITION No. 12.

ANAGRAM.

Anagrams appear to find more favour with our readers than riddles. We, therefore, invite them to exercise their ingenuity in making appropriate anagrams out of the letters in the sentence: "Declaration of women householders who desire the Parliamentary

franchise." The usual prize of five shillings will be given for the most successful specimen.

Competitors should sign their answers with a *nom de plume*, giving, in case of a first answer, their correct name and address for registration and publication in the event of winning the prize. Persons who have taken part in former competitions are requested not to change their *nom de plume*. Persons not already subscribers for the *Journal* must enclose with their answer one shilling and sixpence, in return for which the *Journal* will be forwarded for one year; or threepence in stamps, in return for which the number containing the award will be forwarded to them. Letters must be directed to the Puzzle Editor, *Women's Suffrage Journal*, Queen's Chambers, 5, John Dalton-street, Manchester.

PRIZE COMPETITION No. 11.

AN OLD CHARADE.

SOLUTION.

A Pillion ... .. CENEUS.

No other competitor sent a solution. The prize of five shillings must, therefore, be awarded to Ceneus.

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes The Hon. Lady Grey Egerton (£25 0 0), Mr. Henry Lightbown (3 3 0), The Dowager Countess of Buchan (2 0 0), Mr. Thos. Shaw, M.P. (1 1 0), Mr. Jas. Kerr (Accrington) (1 1 0), Mr. H. G. Hart (1 0 0), Mr. Philip Minshall (0 5 0), Messrs. Ritchie and Eason (£0 5 0), Miss Dewe (0 5 0), Miss Fitzgerald (0 2 6), Miss F. Fitzgerald (0 2 6), "Buxton" (0 1 0).

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Obituary.

MISS CAROLINE ASHURST BIGGS.—On September 4th, at 19, Notting Hill Square, London, Caroline Ashurst, second daughter of Joseph Biggs, Esq., aged 49 years.

MR. J. B. FIRTH, M.P.—We regret to record the death of this gentleman, M.P. for Dundee and deputy chairman of the London County Council. Mr. Firth while a member of the House of Commons voted in favour of women's suffrage in 1883, and signed memorials in 1884, 1888, and 1889.

Table with 4 columns: NAME, Qualification, whether as occupier or owner of houses, land, or other property, ADDRESS, Parliamentary division in which the qualifying property is situated. Lists names like LOUISA BRICK BULLOCK, SARAH WILLIAMS, CATHERINE ROBERTS, MARY EDWARDS, SINAH PHILLIPS, ELIZABETH GRIFFITH, ANN PUGH, JANE WILLIAMS, JANE BARROW, GWEN JONES, MARGARET OWEN, JANE EVANS, ANN ROBERTS, MISS AGNES CRAIG, MISS ELLEN DOUGAL, MISS LOUISA DOUGAL, MISS JANE WATSON GRAHAM, MISS FANNY LEWIS, MRS. JANE MACKAY, MISS ANNE MACKAY, MRS. FORREST, MISS FORREST, MISS MARIA GELLETLEY, MISS MARGARET ANN DUNCAN, MRS. JARVIS, MISS ELIZABETH HENDERSON, MISS AGNES HENDERSON, MISS MARGARET FORREST, MISS ORR, MISS JOHNSTONE, MISS SIMPSON, MRS. WILSON, MRS. DUNCAN, MRS. SMELLIE, ISABELLA BELL, MRS. WRIGHT, MRS. ARBUCKLE, MRS. BORTHWICK, MRS. AGNES FORREST, MRS. JANE THOMSON, MISS AINSWORTH, MISS JANE AINSWORTH, MISS S. R. AINSWORTH, MISS MARY SUTCLIFFE, MISS ELIZABETH JANE LAW, MISS LAW, MRS. FAGAN, MRS. RACHEL HOLGATE, MISS BURY, MISS MARY BURY, MRS. ELEANOR FARREN, MRS. GREGSON, MRS. STEPHENS, MISS E. GIBSON, MRS. LEADLEY, M. MILLIGAN, E. ASHTON, MISS KERSHAW, MISS S. KERSHAW, MISS H. KERSHAW.

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