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LIST OF
PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE,
APRIL, 1889.

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Divisions on the question of women's suffrage have taken place in the House of Commons in 1867, 1870 (2), 1871, 1872, 1873, 1875, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1883, 1884, 1886.

A memorial to Mr. Gladstone in favour of women's suffrage was presented in 1883, signed by 110 Liberal members of Parliament.

A memorial to Mr. W. H. Smith, urging the Government to afford an opportunity for the discussion of the Bill, was signed July, 1887, by 152 members of Parliament. A similar memorial in 1888 was signed by 169 members of Parliament. A similar one was signed in 1889.

Politics, Name, and Constituency.	Action taken in favour of Women's Suffrage.
GL Abraham, Wm., <i>Glamorgan, Rhondda</i> .	Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87, '88 '89.
N Abraham, William, <i>Limerick, West</i> ...	Voted '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
GL Acland, A. H. D., <i>Rotherham</i> ...	Promised during election '85.
C Addison, J. E. W., Q.C., <i>Ashton-u.-L.</i>	Has spoken publicly in favour.
C Agg-Gardner, James T., <i>Cheltenham</i> ..	Voted '75, '76, paired '78, voted '79, '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
C Ainslie, W. G., <i>Lancash. N., Lonsdale</i> .	Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87, '88.
C Anstruther, Col., <i>Woodbridge, Suff.</i> ...	Promised by letter to a constituent, election '86, signed memorial '88.
C Ashmead-Bartlett, E. (Civil Lord of the Admiralty), <i>Sheffield, Eccleshall</i> .	Spoke in debate and voted '83, voted '84, '86.
C Atkinson, H. J., <i>Boston</i> ...	Has spoken publicly in favour and promised by letter, signed memorial '87.
GL Austin, John, <i>York, W.R., Osgoldcross</i> .	Signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
C Balfour, Rt. Hon. A. J. (Chief Secre- for Ireland), <i>Manchester</i> ...	Declared in favour by letter '88.
C Balfour, Gerald W., <i>Leeds, Central</i> ...	Promised by letter, election '85.
GL Balfour, J. Spencer, <i>Burnley</i> ...	Paired '83, signed memorial '89.
C Banes, Major, <i>West Ham, South</i> ...	Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
GL Barbour, W. B., <i>Paisley</i> ...	Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87.
UL Barclay, J. W., <i>Forfarshire</i> ...	Voted '73, '78.
GL Barran, J., <i>Yorks., W.R. East, Otley</i> ..	Voted '78, signed memorial '83.
UL Bass, H. A., <i>Staffordshire, W.</i> ...	Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87, '88,
C Beach, W. W. B., <i>Hants, Andover</i> ...	Voted '67, '70, '71, '73, '76, '78, '84.
GL Beaufoy, Mark, <i>Lambeth, Kennington</i>	Promised during the election '89.

- C Bective, Earl of, *Westmoreland, Kendal* Voted '83, '84, signed memorial '88.
- C Bentinck, Lord Henry, *Norfolk, N.W.* Promised by letter.
- N Biggar, J. G., *Cavan, W.* ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, '83, '84, '86, signed memorial '87, '88.
- C Birkbeck, Sir E., *Norfolk, E.* ... Promised by letter, signed memorial '88, '89.
- C Bonsor, H. C. O., *Surrey, Wimbledon.* Promised during election '85.
- C Boord, T. W., *Greenwich* ... Voted '75, '78, '79, paired '83, voted '84.
- C Borthwick, Sir A., Bt., *S. Kensington.* Voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88.
- GL Bradlaugh, Chas., *Northampton* ... Has spoken and written in favour, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Bridgeman, Col. the Hon. F., *Bolton.* Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87.
- GL Bright, Jacob, *Manchester* ... Introduced Bill and teller '70, '71, '72, '73, voted '76, introduced Bill '77, voted '78, '79, signed memorial, spoke in debate, and voted '83, voted '84, signed memorial '87, '88.
- C Brooks, Sir W. C., Bt., *Cheshire, Al-trincham.* Voted '83, '84, signed memorial '87.
- UL Brown, A. H., *Shropshire, Wellington.* Voted '70, '73, '75.
- GL Brown, Alexander L., *Hawick, &c.* ... Signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- GL Buchanan, T. L., *Edinburgh* ... Signed memorial '89.
- GL Burt, Thomas, *Morpeth* ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and voted '83, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '89.
- GL Buxton, Sidney, *Tower Hamlets, Poplar* Paired '83.
- UL Caine, W. S., *Barrow-in-Furness* ... Signed memorial and paired '83, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- GL Cameron, Dr., *Glasgow College* ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and voted '83, voted '84, signed mem. '87, '88, '89, name on Bill '88, '89.
- GL Cameron, J. M'Donald, *Wick, &c.* ... Signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Campbell, Sir Arch., Bart., *Renfrew, W.* Voted '86.
- N Carew, J. L., *Kildare* ... Voted '86.
- GL Channing, F. A., *Northampton E.* ... Has spoken in favour, voted '86, signed memorial '89.
- C Charrington, Spencer, *Tower Hamlets, Mile End.* Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87, '88.
- N Clancy, J. J., *Dublin Co.* ... Signed memorial '88.
- GL Clark, Dr. G. B., *Caithness-shire* ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- GL Cobb, Henry P., *Warwick, S.E.* ... Promised in election '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Cochrane, Baillie, E. W., *St. Pancras, N.* Promised by letter in elec., '83.
- UL Coghill, D. H., *Newcastle-under-Lyme* Promised by letter, election '86, signed memorial '87.
- GL Coleridge, Hon. B., *Sheffield, Attercliffe* Promised in election '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- UL Collings, Jesse, *Birmingham, Bordesley* Signed memorial and voted '83.

- C Colomb, Capt. J. C. R., *Bow & Bromley* Promised by letter, election '85.
- GL Compton, Earl, *York, W.R., Barnsley* Promised by letter, signed memorial '89.
- C Compton, Francis, *Hants, New Forest* Voted '84, signed memorial '87.
- N Conway, M., *Leitrim, N.* ... Voted '86.
- GL Conybeare, C. A., *Cornwall, Camborne* Spoke in debate and voted, '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- N Corbet, W. J., *Wicklow* ... Voted '86.
- UL Corbett, A. C., *Glasgow, Tradeston* ... Voted '86.
- UL Corbett, J., *Worcestershire, Droitwich* Voted '75, '76, signed memorial '89.
- C Cotton, Col. E. T. D., *Ches., Wirral* Promised in election '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- UL Courtney, L. (Chairman of Committees), *Cornwall, Bodmin.* Spoke in debate '77, introduced Bill and teller '78, introduced resolution and teller '79, voted '83, moved second reading of Bill and voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- N Cox, J. R., *Clare, E.* ... Voted '86.
- GL Craven, Joseph, *York, W.R., Shipley.* Promised in election '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- GL Crawford, William, *Durham, Mid.* ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Cross, H. Shepherd, *Bolton* ... Promised during election '85.
- GL Crossley, Ed., *York, W.R., Sowerby* ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
- UL Crossman, Gen. Sir R., *Portsmouth* .. Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Cubitt, Rt. Hon. G., *Surrey, Epsom* ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, paired '79, '83, voted '84.
- UL Currie, Sir D., *Perthshire, W.* ... Promised during election '85.
- C Curzon, Viscount, *Bucks, Wycombe* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
- C Darling, M. W. Stormont, *Edinburgh and St. Andrew's Universities* ... Promised during election '85.
- N Deasy, J., *Mayo, W.* ... Signed memorial '88.
- C De Cobain, Edw. S. W., *Belfast, E.* ... Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87, '88.
- C De Worms, Baron H. (Sec. to the Board of Trade), *Liverpool, East Toxteth.* Spoke in debate and voted '83, teller '84.
- C Dickson, Major, *Dover* ... Voted '71, '73, paired '78, '79, voted '84, signed memorial '88.
- N Dickson, Thos. A., *Dublin, St. Stephen's Green.* Voted '76, '78, '84, signed memorial '88.
- GL Dillwyn, L. Ll., *Swansea Town* ... Voted '70, '73, '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and p'd '83, signed memorial '88, '89.
- C Dimsdale, Baron R., *Herts, Hitchin* ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89, had charge of Bill '88.
- UL Dixon, Geo., *Birmingham, Edgbaston* Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '86.
- C Dixon-Hartland, F. D., *Middlesex, Uxbridge.* Voted '84, '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Donkin, R. S., *Tynemouth* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '88.

- C Dorington, Sir J. E., *Tewkesbury* ... Promised by letter, election '86, signed memorial '88.
- C Douglas, A. A. (Patronage Sec. to the Treasury), *Kent, St. Augustine's* ... Voted '84.
- C Dugdale, J. S., Q.C., *Warwickshire, Nuneaton*. Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87, '88.
- C Duncombe, A., *York, E.R., Howdensh.* Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Dunsany, Lord, *Gloucestershire, Thornbury* Promised by letter, election '85, voted '86.
- C Egerton, Hon. A. J. F., *Lancashire, S.E., Eccles* ... Voted '86.
- C Elcho, Lord, *Ipswich* ... Has spoken publicly in favour.
- C Elliot, Sir G., *Monmouth Dist.* ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76.
- C Elliot, G. W., *Yorks., N.R., Richmond* Voted '75, '76.
- GL Ellis, J. Edw., *Nottingham, Rushcliffe* Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '88.
- C Ellis, Sir J. W., Bt., *Surrey, Kingston* Promised by letter, election '85.
- GL Ellis, Thos. E., *Merionethshire* ... Signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Elton, C. J., *Somerset, W., Wellington* Voted '84.
- N Esmonde, Sir T. G., Bt., *Dublin Co., S.* Promised in elec. '85, voted '86.
- GL Esslemont, Peter, *Aberdeen, E.* ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86.
- GL Evans, F. H., *Southampton* ... Signed memorial '88, '89.
- GL Evershed, Sydney, *Staffsh., Burton* ... Signed memorial '87, '89.
- C Ewart, Sir W., *Belfast, N.* ... Voted '79.
- C Ewing, Sir Arch. Orr, Bt., *Dumbarton* Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '79, paired '83, voted '84.
- C Eyre, Col. Henry, *Lincolnsh., Gainsborough*. Has spoken in favour, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- GL Farquharson, Dr. R., *Aberdeensh., W.* Voted '83, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Farquharson, H. R., *Dorset, West* ... Promised by letter.
- GL Fenwick, Charles, *Northumberland, Wansbeck*. Voted '86, and promised by letter, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Fergusson, Rt. Hon. Sir J. (Under Sec. for Foreign Affairs), *Manchester, N.E.* Promised at meeting of constituents.
- C Finch, Geo. H., *Rutland* ... Voted '84.
- GL Firth, J. F. B., *Dundee* ... Voted '83, signed memorial '84, '88, '89.
- C Fisher, W. Hays, *Fulham* ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86.
- C Fitzgerald, R. U. Penrose, *Cambridge*. Named in election address '85, voted '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
- C Fitz-Wygram, Gen. Sir Fred., Bt., *Hants, Fareham*. Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88.
- C Fletcher, Sir Hy., Bt., *Sussex, Lewes*. Voted '84, '86.
- GL Flower, Cyril, *Bedford, Luton* ... Signed memorial and paired '83, voted '84.
- N Flynn, J. C., *Cork, N.* ... Voted '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
- N Foley, P. James, *Galway, Connemara*. Voted '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
- GL Forster, Sir Charles, *Walsall* ... Voted '71, '72, '75, '76, '78, '79, signed mem. and paired '83, signed memorial '89.
- C Forwood, A. B. (Secretary to the Admiralty), *Lanc. Ormskirk* ... Has spoken publicly in favour.

- GL Fowler, Right Hon. H. H., *Wolverhampton, E.* ... Spoke in debate and voted '83.
- C Fowler, Sir R. N., Bt., *London* ... Voted in '70, '71, '72, '73, paired '83, voted '84, teller '86, name on Bill '86, '87, '88, '89, signed memorial '87.
- N Fox, J. Francis, *King's Co., Tullamore* Voted '86.
- C Fraser, Lt.-Gen., *Lambeth, N.* ... Signed memorial '88.
- UL Fry, Lewis, *Bristol, N.* ... Voted '79, signed memorial and voted '83, signed '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- GL Fry, Theodore, *Darlington* ... Signed memorial and voted '83, signed memorial '87.
- C Gane, J. L., Q.C., *Leeds, E.* ... Named in address, election '85.
- C Gathorne-Hardy, Hon. A. E., *Sussex, East Grinstead* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
- C Gathorne-Hardy, Hon. J. S., *Kent, Medway* ... Voted '84.
- C Gedge, Sydney, *Stockport* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, promised by letter '85, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
- C Giles, Alfred, *Southampton* ... Voted '83 '84, signed memorial '89.
- N Gilhooly, J., *Cork, W.* ... Signed memorial '88, '89.
- C Gilliat, J. S., *Clapham* ... Promised by letter '89
- GL Gladstone, Herbert, *Leeds, W.* ... Promised by letter to vote for franchise for women householders.
- C Goldsworthy, M.-Gen. W. T., *Hammersmith*. Promised at election meeting '85, voted '86.
- C Gorst, Sir J. E. (Under Secretary for India), *Chatham*. Voted '67, '75, '76, spoke in debate and voted '78, voted '79, paired '83, voted '84, '86.
- GL Gourley, E. T., *Sunderland* ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial '83, voted '84, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
- GL Graham, R. C., *Lanarksh., N.W.* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '88, '89.
- C Green, Sir E., *Wakefield* ... Promised during election '85.
- C Greenall, Sir Gilbert, Bt., *Warrington* Voted '75, '76.
- C Grimston, Viscount, *Herts, St. Albans* Promised by letter '85, voted '86.
- C Grotrian, F. B., *Hull, East* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87, '88.
- GL Haldane, Rich. B., *Haddington* ... Promised at election meeting '85, voted '86, signed memorial, '87, '89.
- C Hall, C., Q.C., *Camb., Chesterton* ... Promised by letter '85.
- C Halsey, Thos. F., *Herts, Watford* ... Voted '84, '86, signed memorial '87.
- C Hambro, C. J. T., *Dorset, South* ... Voted '71, has been out of Parl.
- C Hamilton, Col. C. E., *Southwark, Rotherhithe* ... Promised by letter '85.
- C Hamilton, Lord Ernest, *Tyrone, N.* ... Signed memorial, '87.
- GL Hanbury-Tracy, Hon. F., *Montgomery Dist.* Promised by letter '84, signed memorial '88, '89.
- C Hankey, F. A., *Surrey, Chertsey* ... Promised in elec. '85, voted '86
- C Harcastle, F., *Lanc., Westhoughton* Promised by letter '86.

- N Harrington, Edw., *Kerry, W.* ... Voted '86.
 N Harris, Matthew, *Galway, E.* ... Voted '86.
 UL Hastings, Geo. W., *Worcestershire, E.* Paired '83.
 N Hayden, Luke P., *Leitrim, S.* ... Voted '86.
 GL Hayne, Chas. S., *Devon, Ashburton* ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 N Healy, Maurice, *Cork* ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 N Healy, T. M., *Longford N.* ... Voted '86.
 C Heath, Arthur R., *Lincoln South* ... Signed memorial '88.
 C Heathcote, Capt. Edwards, *Staffordshire, N. W.* ... Promised by letter, elec. '85, '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89, Co-Sec. Parl. Committee.
 C Heaton, J. Henniker, *Canterbury* ... Promised by letter, voted '86.
 C Hervey, Lord F., *Bury St. Edmunds* Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, '86.
 C Hill, A. Staveley, *Staffordshire, King-swinford* Voted '70, '71, '73, '75, paired '72, voted '84, '86, signed memorial '87.
 C Hill, Lord A. W. (Comptroller to the Household), *Down, West* .. Voted '84, '86.
 C Hill, Col., *Bristol, S.* ... Promised during election '86, signed memorial '87.
 UL Hingley, Benjamin, *Worcestershire, N.* Voted '86, signed memorial '87.
 GL Holden, Isaac, *York, W.R., Keighley* Voted '67, was out of Parliament till '82, signed mem. '83, voted '86, signed mem. '87.
 C Holloway, Geo., *Gloucestersh., Stroud.* Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87.
 C Houldsworth, Sir W. H., Bt., *Manchester, N. W.* Voted '84, '86, name on the Bill '86, '87, '88, '89, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 GL Howell, George, *Bethnal Green, N.E.* Promised to support.
 C Howorth, H. H., *Salford, South* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, name on Bill '87, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Hozier, J., *Lanarkshire, South* ... Promised by letter '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Hughes, Edwin, *Woolwich* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87, '88.
 C Hulse, E. C., *Salisbury* ... Promised by letter, election '86.
 C Hunt, F. Seager, *Marylebone, W.* ... Promised to support.
 C Hunter, Sir W. Guyer, *Hackney, Central* Promised by letter, election '85.
 GL Hunter, W. A., *Aberdeen, N.* ... Has spoken publicly in favour.
 GL Illingworth, Alfred, *Bradford, W.* ... Voted '70, '71, '72, signed memorial and voted '83, '86, name on Bill '86, '87, '88, '89, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Isaacs, Lewis H., *Newington, Walworth* Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 C Isaacson, F. W., *Tower Hamlets, Stepney* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
 GL Jacoby, James A., *Derbyshire, Mid* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '89.
 C Jennings, Louis J., *Stockport* ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '89.

- C Johnston, William, *Belfast, S* ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, has been out of Parliament, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 N Jordan, Jeremiah, *Clare, W.* ... Signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Kenyon, Hon. Geo. T., *Denbigh* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
 C Kenyon-Slaney, Col., *Shropshire N.* ... Promised by letter '85, at election meeting '86.
 C Ker, R. W. Blackwood, *Down, E.* ... Promised during election '85.
 C Kimber, Henry, *Wandsworth* ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 C King, Henry S., *Hull, Central* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87.
 GL Kinloch, Sir John, *Perthshire, East* ... Promised by letter 1889.
 C Knightley, Sir R., Bt., *Northants, S.* Voted '72, '73, '76, '83, '84.
 C Lafone, A., *Southwark, Bermondsey* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 N Lalor, R., *Queen's Co., Leix* ... Voted '83, signed memorial '89.
 N Lane, W. J., *Cork Co., E.* ... Voted '86, signed mem. '88, '89.
 C Laurie, Col., *Bath* ... Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87, '88.
 C Lawrance, J. C., *Lincoln, Stamford* ... Voted '84.
 C Lawrence, Sir J. T., Bt., *Surrey, Reigate* Voted '84.
 C Lawrence, W. F., *Liverpool, Abercromby* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
 GL Lawson, H. L. W., *St. Pancras, W.* ... Promised at Liberal Committee and by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 GL Lawson, Sir W., *Cumberland, Cocker-mouth.* Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, paired '75, voted '78, '79, signed memorial and voted '83, spoke in debate and voted '84, signed memorial '88, '89.
 UL Lea, T., *Londonderry, South* ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '84.
 N Leahy, Jas., *Kildare, S.* ... Voted '83, signed memorial '88, '89.
 GL Leake, Robt., *Lanc., S. E., Radcliffe* ... Voted '83, '86, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 C Lechmere, Sir E. H., *Worcestershire, Bewdley* ... Voted '83, '84, signed memorial '88, '89.
 C Lees, Elliott, *Oldham* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
 C Lethbridge, Sir Roper, *Kensington, N.* Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
 C Lewis, Sir Chas. E., *Antrim, N.* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '87.
 GL Lewis, Thomas, *Anglesey* ... Signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Llewellyn, Evan H., *Somerset, N.* ... Promised by letter, voted '86.
 GL Lockwood, Frank, *York* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 C Long, Walter H. (Secretary to the Local Government Board), *Wilts, Devizes* ... Voted '84.
 C Low, Malcolm, *Grantham* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
 C Lowther, Rt. Hon. J., *Kent, Thanet* ... Voted '70, '71.
 C Lowther, Hon. W., *Westmoreland, Appleby* ... Voted '84, signed memorial '87.

- GL Lyell, Leonard, *Orkney and Shetland*. Signed memorial '87, '89.
 UL Lymington, Rt. Hon. Visct., *Devon, South Molton* ... Voted '84.
 GL Macdonald, Roderick, *Ross & Cromarty* Named in election address, '85.
 N Macdonald, W. A., *Queen's Co., Ossory* Has spoken publicly in favour.
 UL Mackintosh, C. F., *Inverness-shire* ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and paired '83, voted '84, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 C Maclure, J. W., *Lanc., Stretford* ... Named in address, election '85, name on Bill '87, '88, '89, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 N Mahoney, P., *Meath, N.* ... Signed memorial '88, '89.
 C Makins, Col. W. T., *Essex, S.W.* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '89.
 GL McArthur, Alex., *Leicester* ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and voted '83, signed memorial '87.
 N MacNeill, J. G. S., *Donegal* ... Signed memorial '88, '89.
 GL McArthur, W. A., *Cornwall, St. Austell* Signed memorial '87, '88, '89,
 N McCarthy, Justin, *Londonderry* ... Signed memorial and paired '83, voted '84, '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 N McDonald, Peter, *Sligo, N.* ... Voted '86.
 N McKenna, Sir J. N., *Monaghan, S.* ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial '83, '87, '88, '89.
 GL M'Lagan, P., *Linlithgowshire* ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial and paired '83, voted '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
 GL M'Laren, W. S. B., *Cheshire, Crewe* ... Named in address, election '86, name on Bill and signed mem. '87, '88, '89, Co-Secretary to Parliamentary Committee.
 C Mallock, R., *Devon, Torquay* ... Promised during election '85, signed mem. '88.
 GL Mappin, W. T., *York, W.R., Hallamsh.* Signed memorial and paired '83.
 C Marriott, Right Hon. Sir W. T., *Brighton* ... Promised to support '89.
 GL Mather, W., *Lanc., S.E., Gorton* ... Promised during election '89.
 C Mattinson, Miles W., *L'pool, Walton* ... Promised during election '85, signed memorial '88, '89.
 N Mayne, Thos., *Tipperary Mid.* ... Voted '86, signed mem. '89.
 C Mayne, Admiral, *Pembroke dist.* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
 UL Mildmay, F. B., *Devon, Totnes* ... Promised by letter '89.
 C Mills, C. W., *Kent, Sevenoaks* ... Promised to support.
 N Molloy, Bernard C., *King's Co., Birr*. Promised to support.
 GL Montagu, S., *Tower Hamlets, White-chapel*. Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87.
 L Morgan, W. J. P., *Merthyr* ... Promised during election '88, signed memorial '89.
 GL Morgan, Octavius V., *Battersea* ... Promised during election '85, signed memorial '88, '89.
 C Morgan, Col., *Monmouthshire* ... Voted '83, '84, signed mem. '87,
 GL Morley, Arnold, *Nottingham, E.* ... Voted '83.
 GL Morley, Rt. Hon. J., *Newcastle-on-Tyne* Signed memorial and voted '83.
 UL Morrison, Walter, *Yorkshire, Skipton* Voted '67.
 C Moss, Richard, *Winchester* ... Voted '84.

- GL Mundella, Right Hon. A., *Sheffield, Brightside*. Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, paired '79.
 C Muntz, P. A., *Warwick, Tamworth* ... Promised by letter, election '85,
 C Murdoch, C. T., *Reading* ... Promised by letter '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 N Murphy, W. M., *Dublin, St. Patrick's* Signed memorial '83.
 GL Newnes, Geo., *Camb., E., Newmarket* Promised in elec. '85, voted '86.
 N Nolan, Col. J. P., *Galway Co. N.* ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, '83, '84, signed memorial, '87.
 N Nolan, Joseph, *Louth, N.* ... Voted '86.
 C Norris, E.S., *Tower Hamlets, Limehouse* Promised by letter, election '85.
 C Northcote, Hon. H. S. (Surveyor-General of the Ordnance), *Exeter* ... Voted '84, '86.
 C Norton, Robert, *Kent, Tunbridge* ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed memorial '88.
 N O'Brien, James F. X., *Mayo, S.* ... Voted '86.
 N O'Brien, W., *Cork Co., N.E.* ... Voted '83.
 N O'Connor, Arthur, *Donegal, E.* ... Voted '83, '84, '86.
 N O'Connor, John, *Tipperary, S.* ... Voted '86.
 N O'Connor, T. P., *Liverpool, Scotland* ... Signed mem. '83, voted '84, '86.
 N O'Gorman Mahon, The, *Carlow Co.* ... Voted '79, '83.
 GL Palmer, Sir C. M., *Durham, Jarrow* ... Voted '75.
 N Parnell, Chas. S., *Cork* ... Voted '78, spoke in debate and voted '79.
 GL Paulton, J.M., *Durham, Bishops Auckland* ... Promised in election '85.
 GL Pease, H. Fell, *York, N.R. Cleveland* Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87.
 C Pelly, M.-Gen. Sir L., K.C.B., *Hackney, N.* Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '88, '89.
 L Phillips, J. W., *Lanark, Mid.* ... Signed memorial '89.
 GL Pickersgill, E.H., *Bethnal Green, S.W.* Promised by letter, election '85.
 UL Pitt-Lewis, G., *Devon, Barnstaple* ... Promised during election, '85.
 GL Playfair, Rt. Hon. Sir L., *Leeds, S.* ... Spoke in debate and voted '70, name on Bill '71, '72, '73, voted '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78.
 GL Plowden, Sir W., *Wolverhampton, W.* Promised during election '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
 C Pomfret, W. P., *Kent, Ashford* ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 GL Potter, T. B., *Rochdale* ... Paired '67, voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '76, '78, '79, '83.
 GL Powell, Walter, *Carmarthenshire, W.* Signed memorial and voted '83, signed memorial '87.
 N Power, Richard, *Waterford* ... Voted '75, '78, '83.
 C Price, Capt. Geo., *Devonport* ... Voted '78, '84, signed memorial '87, '88.
 GL Price, Thos. P., *Monmouth, N.* ... Signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Puleston, Sir J. H., *Devonport* ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, '83, '84, '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 GL Randell, David, *Glamorgan, Gower* ... Promised during election '88, signed memorial '88, '89.
 C Rankin, J., *Herefordshire, Leominster* Voted '84, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Rasch, Major, *Essex, S.E.* ... Signed memorial '87, has spoken in favour.

- N Redmond, John E., *Wexford, N.* ... Voted '86, signed memorial '89.
 N Redmond, W. H. K., *Fermanagh, N.* Voted '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
 GL Reed, Sir Edwd. J., K.C.B., *Cardiff.* Voted '76, paired '79, and signed memorial '83, '89.
 C Reed, H. Byron, *Bradford, E.* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87, '89.
 GL Rendel, Stuart, *Montgomeryshire* ... Promised to support.
 N Reynolds, W. J., *Tyrone East* ... Promised by letter '86.
 UL Richardson, Thomas, *Hartlepool* ... Voted '75, signed memorial and voted '83.
 GL Roberts, John, *Flint, &c.* ... Voted '83, signed memorial '88, '89.
 GL Roberts, John, *Bryn* ... Signed memorial '89.
 C Robertson, J. P. B. (Solicitor-General for Scotland), *Bute* ... Voted '86.
 C Robertson, W. Tindal, *Brighton* ... Signed memorial '87.
 GL Roe, Thomas, *Derby* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '83, '86, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 C Rollitt, Sir A., *Islington, S.* ... Spoke publicly in favour, election '85, signed memorial '87, '88, '89, name on Bill '88, '89.
 GL Roscoe, Sir H., *Manchester, South* ... Promised by letter '86, signed memorial '88.
 C Round, Jas., *Essex, Harwich* ... Voted '70, '71, paired '72, voted '73, '75, '76, paired '78, voted '79, '83, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 GL Rowntree, J., *Scarborough* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '87, '88.
 GL Russell, Sir Charles, *Hackney, South* ... Promised a constituent.
 C Russell, Sir G., Bt., *Berks, Wokingham* ... Promised by letter and voted '86, signed memorial '87.
 UL Russell, T. W., *Tyrone, S.* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 GL Samuelson, Sir B., *Oxfordsh., Banbury* Voted '70, '71, '75.
 GL Samuelson, G. B., *Gloucestersh., Forest of Dean.* ... Promised during elections '85, '86, signed memorial '89.
 C Saunderson, Major Edw., *Armagh, N.* Voted '86.
 GL Schwann, Chas. E., *Manchester, N.* ... Signed memorial '88, '89.
 C Selwin-Ibbetson, Rt. Hon. Sir H., Bt., *Essex, Epping* ... Voted '71, '72, '73, '75, signed memorial '89.
 C Selwyn, Capt. C., *Cambridgeshire, Wisbech* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
 C Seton-Karr, Henry, *St. Helens* ... Promised by letter, voted '86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 GL Shaw, Thos., *Halifax* ... Signed memorial '83, voted '83, '86, signed memorial '87, '88.
 N Sheehy, David, *Galway, S.* ... Voted '86.
 C Sidebottom, Tom Harrop, *Stalybridge* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, and promised by letter, signed memorial '89.
 C Sidebottom, Capt. W., *Derbysh., High Peak.* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '89.
 GL Spencer, Hon. C. R., *Northants, Mid.* ... Signed memorial and voted '83.
 C Spencer, Ernest, *West Bromwich* ... Signed memorial '87, '88.
 C Stanley, Ed. J., *Somerset, Bridgwater* ... Voted '84, '86.

- C Stephens, H. C., *Hornsey, Middlesex* ... Promised by letter, signed memorial '88.
 L Stevenson, Francis S., *Suffolk, Eye* ... Signed memorial '89.
 GL Stansfeld, Rt. Hon. J., *Halifax* ... Voted '67, '71, '72, '73, spoke and voted '75, voted '76, '78, '79, '83, signed memorial '83, voted '84, name on Bill '76, '77, '78, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 GL Stepney, Sir A. Cowell, Bt., *Cardmarthen dist.* ... Signed memorial '87.
 GL Stewart, Halley, *Lincolnsh., Spalding* ... Promised during election '85.
 C Stewart, Mark John, *Kirkcudbright, Stewartry of.* ... Voted '75, '76, '78, '79, signed memorial '89.
 C Stewart, M. H. Shaw, *Renfrewshire, E.* ... Promised during election '85.
 GL Storey, Samuel, *Sunderland* ... Signed memorial '83, voted '84.
 GL Stuart, James, *Shoreditch, Hoxton* ... Spoke in debate and teller '86, signed memorial '87.
 N Sullivan, Donal, *Westmeath, S.* ... Voted '86, signed memorial '88, '89.
 N Sullivan, T. D., *Dublin, College Green* ... Signed memorial '88, '89.
 GL Summers, Wm., *Huddersfield* ... Voted and signed memorial '83, signed memorial '88, '89.
 GL Sutherland, A., *Sutherland* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '88, '89.
 C Swetenham, E., *Carnarvon dist.* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial '87, '88.
 GL Swinburne, Sir J., Bt., *Staffsh., Lichfield.* ... Promised by letter '85, voted '86, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 UL Talbot, C. R. M., *Glamorganshire, Mid.* ... Voted '67, '70, '71, '72, '73, '78, and paired '83, signed memorial '87.
 N Tanner, Dr., *Cork, Mid.* ... Signed memorial '88, '89.
 C Tapling, Thos. K., *Leicestershire, Harborough* ... Signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Temple, Sir Richard, *Worcester, Evesham.* ... Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 GL Thomas, David Alfred, *Merthyr Tydvil* ... Signed memorial '88, '89.
 GL Thomas, Alfred, *Glamorgan, E.* ... Voted 86, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 UL Thorburn, Walter, *Peebles and Selkirk* ... Signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Tollemache, H. J., *Cheshire, Eddisbury* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
 C Townsend, Fred., *Warwickshire, Stratford-on-Avon* ... Signed memorial '87.
 GL Trevelyan, Rt. Hon. Sir G. O., *Glasgow, Bridgeton.* ... Paired '67, voted '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, '79.
 N Tuite, James, *Westmeath, N.* ... Voted '86, signed mem. '88, '89.
 C Tyler, Sir Henry, *Great Yarmouth* ... Voted '84.
 UL Villiers, Rt. Hon. C. P., *Wolverhampton, S.* ... Voted '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76, '78, paired '79, signed memorial and voted '83.
 C Vincent, C. E., Howard, *Sheffield, Central.* ... Promised by letter, election '85.
 GL Wallace, R., *Edinburgh, E.* ... Promised at meeting, elec. '86.
 C Walrond, Col. (Junior Lord of the Treasury), *Devon, Tiverton* ... Voted '83, '84, '86.
 GL Wardle, Henry, *Derbyshire* ... Promised to support.

- C Waring, Col. Thomas, *Down, N.* ... Voted '86, signed memorial '87.
 UL Watkin, Sir Edward, Bt., *Hythe* ... Voted '67, '75, '78, signed memorial and voted '83, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Watson, James, *Shrewsbury* Promised by letter '85, voted '86.
 L Watt, Hugh, *Glasgow, Camlachie* ... Signed memorial '89.
 GL Wayman, Thos., *York, W.R., Elland* Promised by letter, election '85, signed memorial, '87, '88, '89.
 C Webster, Sir R. E. (Attorney-General), *Isle of Wight*, Promised by letter, election '86.
 C White, John Bazley, *Gravesend...* ... Promised by letter, election '85, Signed memorial '89.
 C Whitmore, C. A., *Chelsea* Promised during election '85.
 GL Williams, Arthur John, *Glamorgan, S.* Spoken publicly in favour, voted '86, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 GL Wilson, H. J., *York, W.R., Holm-firth.* Has spoken in public, voted '86, signed mem. '88, '89.
 GL Wilson, Chas. H., *Hull, W.* Voted '75, '76, '78, signed memorial '83, '87.
 GL Wilson, J., *Govan, Lanarkshire* ... Promised during election '89, signed memorial '89.
 C Wilson, Sir S., *Portsmouth* Promised by letter, election '86.
 C Winn, Hon. Rowland, *Pontefract* ... Promised during election '85.
 UL Wolmer, Viscount, *Hants, Petersfield.* Has spoken publicly in favour, voted '86.
 C Wood, Col. N., *Durham, Houghton-le-Spring.* Promised by letter, election '85.
 GL Woodall, W., *Hanley* Signed memorial and voted '83, moved amendment '84, introduced Bill and voted '86, introduced Bill, '87, '89, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 GL Woodhead, J., *York, W.R., Spen Valley* Promised to support.
 C Wortley, C. B. Stuart (Under Secretary for Home Department), *Sheffield, Hallam...* Voted '84, '86.
 GL Wright, Caleb, *Lanc., S.W., Leigh* ... Promised by letter, election '85, signed mem. '87, '88, '89.
 C Wright, H. S., *Nottingham, S.* Promised during election '85, signed memorial '87, '88, '89.
 C Yerburgh, R. A., *Chester* Signed memorial '88.

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Reasons for supporting the Proposed Extension of the Parliamentary Franchise.

Because it is a recognised principle of the British Constitution that representation and taxation should go together.

Because it cannot be shown that women who possess every qualification required by law for the exercise of the Franchise except that of sex, are naturally disqualified by sex alone.

Because the exclusion of women, solely on the ground of sex, from their fair share in the government of the country, inflicts upon them an unjust disability and tends to lower them in general estimation.

Because the anomaly that a woman, while herself unable to vote, may as a householder or employer of labour be the means of conferring the vote on men employed in her service, is to be seen, not in a few isolated cases only, but on a large scale, and in all parts of the country.

Because exclusion from the Parliamentary Franchise is an authoritative expression of the view that women are not called upon to think and act as responsible citizens in public affairs.

Because this view is not now held by leading statesmen and other persons qualified to judge, and the law is therefore out of harmony with competent opinion.

Because while women are invited by all parties to take a prominent part in political agitation, those to whom such action is distasteful, being prevented by law from giving a quiet vote, are excluded from political influence.

Because the experiment of the exercise of voting power by women has been tried during a considerable period in municipal and School Board elections, and with such satisfactory results that the further concession of the vote for County Councils met with no opposition.

Because the measure is thus shown to be in accordance with justice, sound theory, and practical experience.

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THE EARL OF BEACONSFIELD.

Mr. Disraeli addressed the following reply to a Memorial from upwards of eleven thousand women of Great Britain and Ireland, which was presented through Mr. Gore Langton, M.P., on April 29th, 1873:—

“DEAR GORE LANGTON,—I was much honoured by receiving from your hands the Memorial signed by eleven thousand women of England, among them some illustrious names, thanking me for my services in attempting to abolish the anomaly, that the Parliamentary franchise attached to a household or property qualification, when possessed by a woman, should not be exercised, though in all matters of local government, when similarly qualified, she exercises this right. As I believe this anomaly to be injurious to the best interests of the country, I trust to see it removed by the wisdom of Parliament.

“Yours sincerely,

“B. DISRAELI.”

[Mr. Disraeli voted for the second reading of the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill in 1871; paired for it in 1872; and voted for it in 1873, 1875, and 1876, up to the time when he was created a peer.]

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY.

At a meeting convened by the Primrose League in the Lyceum Theatre, at Edinburgh, on November 29th, 1888, LORD SALISBURY said:—

“The old Conservative associations have done, and do still, an infinite amount of service, but in some respects

and for some purposes they were better fitted for the old suffrage, the old arrangements of party, than they were for those which now exist. The Primrose League is freer. It is more elastic. It brings classes more together, and I think its greatest achievement of all is that it has brought the influence of women to bear on politics in a way that has never before been the case. Now, the Primrose League in that respect represents to my mind the modifications of our Constitution that have taken place in the past, and modifications that will probably take place in the future. In the past, as we know, there has been a large extension of the suffrage, and a very much larger proportion of the inhabitants of this country now take their share in the election of members, and in the framing of the policy by which the country is guided. By its more elastic rules and freer organisation, the Primrose League has adapted itself to this state of circumstances. I am now speaking for myself only, do not imagine that I am speaking for anyone else, but I do earnestly hope that the day is not far distant when women also will bear their share in voting for members of Parliament—(cheers)—and in determining the policy of the country. I can conceive no argument by which they are excluded. It is obvious that they are abundantly as well fitted as many who now possess the suffrage, by knowledge, by training, and by character, and that influence is likely to weigh in a direction which, in an age so material as ours, is exceedingly valuable—namely, in the direction of morality and religion.”

SIR MICHAEL HICKS BEACH.

In reply to a Deputation, at Clifton, on August 10th, 1885, SIR MICHAEL HICKS BEACH said:—

“I think I may say this, that, if women are to be admitted to the franchise, it is only fair that they should be admitted in time to express an opinion on the great topics which the Parliament of the future may be invited to deal with, I agree that it is most desirable that Parliament should be called upon to consider this question at the earliest possible moment; and so far as it may be in my power to assist in securing that, I should be quite ready to do so.”

LORD CARNARVON.

On the motion to go into Committee on the Representation of the People Bill, in the House of Lords, December 4th, 1884, LORD CARNARVON said:—

“I agree that the time is rapidly approaching when the claims of this very important section of the community—duly qualified women—to exercise the franchise must receive the attention of Parliament. It is of no use to put the question aside by a bad joke. The matter is one which must be argued and decided on its merits. I consider that all the arguments that have been used, whether logical or practical, really point to the admission of duly qualified women. There is very little indeed to be said on behalf of the numerous class that you are now about to enfranchise which cannot be said with equal, and in many cases with much greater, effect on behalf of duly qualified women.”

(The Late) LORD IDDESLEIGH.

In the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Woodall's Clause, in the House of Commons, June 12th, 1884, SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOLE said:—

“The point upon which we lay stress is that upon which the late Lord Beaconsfield laid stress, and upon which so much stress has been laid to-night, viz., that by excluding women you are excluding a large portion of the property owners of this country from representation, and from their share in the legislation. You are now asked to introduce a certain number of women. We believe there will be 400,000 or 500,000 women who will be so admitted. The number is not difficult to recollect, because that is just the number of persons you are going to add in Ireland from the lowest population in that country. It is a moderate demand we make when we ask you to counter-balance the effect of admitting so large a body of men, as to whose qualifications you know so little, and who for the franchise you have no reason to believe have half as much knowledge of the real political questions of the day as most of the women of England have. And we invite you to say, when you are going to admit these people as capable citizens, is it unreasonable to demand that the same privilege shall be given to 400,000 or 500,000 women who are at the heads of households, and are managers of property in this country?”

THE DUKE OF RUTLAND (Lord John Manners).

In opening the Adjourned Debate on June 12th, 1884,
LORD JOHN MANNERS said:—

“To me it is a very simple, a very plain, and almost a hum-drum question. It is simply this—Will you grant the Parliamentary franchise to a class of Her Majesty’s subjects who have for many years past blamelessly, and with great advantage to the State, exercised the franchise with respect to Municipal, with respect to Poor Law, and with respect to School Board elections? I cannot make the question either greater or smaller than that. It is a simple, practical, and plain question, which really requires no speculative skill to discuss or decide upon. Well, sir, if that be so, can anyone allege that the female ratepayers of this country have shown themselves unworthy of the trust which it is proposed to repose in them from the manner in which they have discharged the functions which have already been entrusted to them? I ventured, in some observations which I made upon the second reading of the Bill, to allude to one class of these female ratepayers—the female farmers of this country. By way of illustration, I will again refer to that class, because, as a county member, I naturally have more knowledge of that class, and possibly more interest in them. But, I ask, can anyone allege that, from the manner in which during the period of time, now ranging over a great number of years, the female farmers have discharged the duties which have devolved on them, many and important as those duties are, there is the slightest ground for asserting that they are likely to prove themselves unworthy, unfit, or incapable of exercising the Parliamentary franchise?”

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

OF THE

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Presented at the General Meeting, July 9th, 1889.

In laying before you a statement of the history of the movement during the past year, your Committee have first to report that, immediately on the opening of Parliament, the Parliamentary Committee held a meeting and resolved to reintroduce the Women's Franchise Bill in the same form as before, *viz.*, that which had passed second reading in 1886.

The following is the text of the Bill, which is backed by Mr. Woodall, Dr. Cameron, Baron Dimsdale, Sir Robert Fowler, Sir William Houldsworth, Mr. Illingworth, Mr. Maclure, Sir Albert Rollit, and Mr. Stansfeld.

[52 VICT.] *Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women).*

A BILL to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women.

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 Representation of the People (Extension to Women) Act, 1889.

2. For all purposes of and incidental to the voting for members to serve in Parliament, women shall have the same rights as men, and all enactments relating to or concerned in such elections shall be construed accordingly.

Provided that nothing in this Act contained shall enable women under coverture to be registered or to vote at such elections.

By the fortune of the Ballot the charge of the Bill devolved on Mr. Woodall, by whom it was set down for second reading on Wednesday, April 17th, the Wednesday before Good Friday. This was an unfortunate choice, as it is contrary to the ordinary custom of the House of Commons to sit later than the Tuesday before Good Friday. Nevertheless, it was hoped that an exception might be made in the case of so very important a measure as the Women's Franchise Bill, and as the period approached for the adjournment, a memorial, asking that the House should sit on Wednesday, the 17th, was signed by 150 members and presented to Mr. W. H. Smith. The memorial was as follows:—

TO THE RIGHT HON. W. H. SMITH, M.P., FIRST LORD OF
THE TREASURY, &c., &c.

Sir,—We, the undersigned members of the House of Commons, beg to inform you that the first place on Wednesday, April 17th, has been secured for the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill, this day being the Wednesday before Good Friday.

This subject has not been discussed during the present Parliament, as, during the last two sessions, the days secured for this Bill were taken by Government for their business.

We therefore respectfully request that, in making the usual motion for the adjournment for Easter, you will ask the House to sit on Wednesday, the 17th of April.

A deputation, consisting of Mr. Woodall, Mr. M'Laren, Sir Richard Temple, Baron Dimsdale, and Captain Heathcote, waited on Mr. W. H. Smith in his private room at the House of Commons, on March 29th, for the purpose of presenting the memorial.

Mr. Smith said he thought the promoters of the Women's Suffrage Bill had every claim to consideration. He was not in a position to make a definite statement on the subject on his own responsibility, but he would consult his colleagues, and would lay the memorial before them. He believed that another memorial was in course of signature, and this would have to be considered at the same time.

Later in the evening Mr. Chaplin and Mr. Baumann handed to Mr. Smith a second memorial, which urged the Government to fix the date of adjournment for Tuesday, the 16th April.

In announcing the intentions of the Government as to the Easter recess, Mr. Smith said he had endeavoured to gather the views of hon. members with regard to the Easter Holidays, and he believed that only on one occasion in the last twenty years had the House not risen on the Tuesday morning before Easter; and on that occasion it was because of circumstances of extreme pressure of public business. This being so, and feeling that he was following the general wish of the House, he should move before Tuesday, the 16th, that the House adjourn after the morning sitting on Tuesday until the following Thursday week.

Mr. Woodall gave notice that on the motion for the adjournment over Easter, he would call attention to the fact that the effect of the dates fixed was to confiscate the day fixed for the consideration of his motion on women's suffrage.

Mr. W. H. Smith said he must call the hon. gentleman's attention to the fact that he had fixed his resolution for a day upon which, with one exception, the House had not sat for twenty years.

The Bill, having now, at this late period of the session, no chance of coming forward, was withdrawn by Mr. Woodall on June 28th.

In December last, a general meeting of the subscribers to the original Central Committee was held, at which the rules and constitution established in 1871 were abandoned, and the Society reconstituted on a fresh basis. Many members of the Committee and most of the Societies which had heretofore worked in association with it, disapproved of the new departure and resolved to continue the Central Committee on the old lines and with the old constitution.

Resolutions to this effect were adopted, offices were taken

at 10, Great College Street, Westminster, and since that time your Committee have carried on the work and the organisation of the Central Committee on the original lines, in connection with the associated Societies of Manchester, Bristol, the North of Ireland, and Dublin.

Early in March, under the auspices of your Committee, a meeting was held at Westminster Town Hall. Colonel Cotton, M.P., presided, and the meeting was also addressed by Baron Dimsdale, M.P., Mr. Maclure, M.P., Mr. Penrose FitzGerald, M.P., Sir R. Fowler, M.P., the Earl of Camperdown, Mr. Lafone, M.P., Mr. Johnston, M.P., Mr. McLaren, M.P., and Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P.

A resolution in support of the Bill was unanimously carried, and the following memorial adopted:—

TO THE MOST NOBLE THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, K.G.,
ETC., ETC., ETC.

The Memorial of members and friends of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, in public meeting assembled on March 7th, 1889, in the Town Hall, Westminster,

Sheweth,

That your memorialists earnestly desire to urge on the attention of Her Majesty's Government the justice and expediency of extending the Parliamentary franchise to women who possess the statutory qualification for the same.

They respectfully submit that women are entitled to the Parliamentary franchise on the same grounds of justice and expediency as those on which they have been admitted to the municipal, the School Board, and the County Council franchise, and that experience of the manner in which women have used the franchise in the elections in which they are entitled to vote warrants their claim to become Parliamentary voters.

That the principle of women's suffrage has been affirmed by the House of Commons, inasmuch as a Bill to extend the Parliamentary franchise to women passed second reading in 1886, but the forms of the House and the circumstances of the session prevented the further progress of the measure in that year.

That a Bill in the same form as that which passed second

reading in 1886 has been introduced this session by Mr. Woodall, and awaits second reading on April 17th. Your memorialists pray that your lordship will, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, take measures to afford the support of the Government in the House of Commons to the said Bill, intituled "A Bill for extending the Parliamentary Franchise to Women."

Another meeting, called with a view of still further supporting the Bill, took place in the same Hall on the afternoon of April 9th. When the time arrived, however, it was known that the Bill was lost for the session; the resolution actually proposed was, therefore, one indicative of the future policy of the Society and its determination to promote the principle of Women's Suffrage, as now established for unmarried women and widows in local elections, to Parliamentary elections. Mrs. Fawcett presided, and the following resolution, moved by Colonel Cotton, M.P., seconded by Miss Becker, and supported by Mr. Caine, M.P., and Mrs. Henry Sidgwick, was unanimously adopted:—

"That in the opinion of this meeting the principle of Women's Suffrage as now established by common and statute law in local elections, should be extended to Parliamentary elections, and while regretting the loss for the session of the Bill introduced by Mr. Woodall, which would have effected this object, this meeting respectfully request their Parliamentary friends to take steps for the re-introduction next year of the Bill in the same form as it now stands, and resolve to use every means in their power to promote its passing into law."

In addition to the public meetings, several drawing-room meetings of an influential character have been held. The first was, by the invitation of Miss Emily Davies, held at 8, Harewood Square, on February 9th, and was addressed by the Rev. E. A. Abbott, D.D., Miss F. Davenport Hill, Miss Vernon, and the Rev. J. Llewelyn Davies. Another was given by (Louisa) Lady Goldsmid on March 12th, when Colonel Cotton, M.P., Mr. Penrose FitzGerald, M.P., Mr. T. W.

Russell, M.P., and Mrs. Fawcett addressed the meeting. By the kindness of Lady Roberts an excellent meeting took place at 48, Westbourne Terrace, on March 15th, Sir Owen Roberts presiding, and was addressed by Miss Emily Davies, Mr. E. H. Carbutt and others.

A meeting kindly arranged by Miss Reid and Miss Guinness at their studio near Brook Green, on April 6th, Mr. Thomas Webster in the chair, was addressed by Mrs. Beddoe, Miss Mordan, and Miss Abney Walker. (Clara) Lady Rayleigh issued invitations for April 11th, at 90, Onslow Gardens, when Mrs. Ashworth Hallett, and Mrs. Fawcett, addressed a large audience, the Hon. Charles Strutt presiding.

The Committee desire heartily to thank these ladies for the valuable help they have rendered. There is reason to believe that such meetings may be of great service in inducing women, who have not before seriously considered the subject, to give it their attention and to form an opinion upon it, and it is hoped that further work in this direction will be undertaken during the ensuing year. Valuable assistance is also rendered in the form of contributions to the public press, either by letters to newspapers or articles in magazines.

Your Committee have published and widely circulated a leaflet by Miss Caroline Ashurst Biggs "A Letter from an Englishwoman to Englishwomen," also a leaflet, entitled "Women's Suffrage—Reasons for supporting the Bill." They have also published a list of Parliamentary friends, reprinted and revised from the *Women's Suffrage Journal*.

Notwithstanding the uncertainty attending the Bill, 186 Petitions, containing 5,169 signatures, were sent up by members and friends of the various Women's Suffrage Societies throughout the country, and many persons wrote to Members of Parliament to beg their support.

A protest against Women's Suffrage, signed by 104 ladies, appeared in the *Nineteenth Century* for June. It seemed desirable that a counter-declaration on the part

of women who believe Women's Suffrage to be beneficial to women and to the State should be published. An arrangement was made with the Editor of the *Fortnightly Review* for the publication of this declaration, which appears in the July number of that *Review*. A circular for the collection of names was prepared, to which, in a short time, over 2000 signatures were received. The limitations of space made it impossible to print so many, it was therefore necessary to omit many valuable names, but the six hundred which are printed are representative of all classes of society and of nearly every section of women's work.

In concluding their Report your Committee earnestly appeal to friends of Women's Suffrage for active support in their effort to press the question to an issue during the life of the existing Parliament. As an actual majority of the members of the present House of Commons have declared themselves in favour of Women's Suffrage, it is of vital importance to obtain a decisive division before the next general election. Your Committee will spare no effort to support the action of the Parliamentary leaders, and should they be fortunate enough to secure a favourable day for the Bill next session, there is every reason to hope that at the next Annual Meeting of the Society your Committee may have the satisfaction of recording a substantial measure of success.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE,
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 10, GREAT COLLEGE STREET, WESTMINSTER,

Receipts and Payments from December 13th, 1888, to June 30th, 1889.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Donations	190	1	0	By Rent	-	-	-
" Subscriptions	145	12	0	Office Furniture, Firing, &c.	-	-	27 19 6
" Sale of Publications	1	5	1	Salaries	-	-	60 16 0
				Meetings and Advertisements	-	-	35 17 8
				Stationery	-	-	11 7 4
				Printing and Publications	-	-	41 18 3
				" "Women's Suffrage Journal"	-	-	13 9 7
				Postage	-	-	42 14 1
				Secretary's Travelling Expenses	-	-	2 19 7
				Newspapers and Parliamentary Papers	-	-	9 13 7
				Balance in Bank	-	-	266 15 7
					-	-	70 2 6
					-	-	£336 18 1

July 6th, 1889.

Examined and found correct,
M. HARRIS SMITH, Accountant.

*Annual General Meeting of the Central Committee, held
at Westminster Town Hall, July 9th, 1889.*

THE COUNTESS OF PORTSMOUTH IN THE CHAIR.

The Report of the Executive Committee and Statement of Accounts were presented.

RESOLUTION 1 :

Moved by Sir Richard Temple, Bt., M.P.
Seconded by the Right Hon. Sir Wm. Marriott, M.P.
Supported by Miss Emily Davies.

That this Meeting adopt the Report and Financial Statement and direct that they be printed for circulation.

RESOLUTION 2 :

Moved by Captain Edwards-Heathcote, M.P.
Seconded by Sir John Puleston, M.P.
Supported by Miss I. M. S. Tod.

That in the opinion of this meeting the principle of Women's Suffrage as now established by common and statute law for unmarried women and widows in local elections should be extended to Parliamentary elections, this meeting therefore respectfully request their Parliamentary friends to take steps for the re-introduction of the Parliamentary Franchise extension to Women Bill in its present form at the earliest period of the next session and pledge themselves to support such action by every means in their power.

RESOLUTION 3 :

Moved by the Hon. Mrs. Colborne.
Seconded by the Rev. J. Verschoyle.

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 :—

Professor Adamson, Mrs. Ashford, Mrs. S. A. Barnett, Miss Becker, Miss C. A. Biggs, Miss Helen Blackburn, Miss Jessie Boucherett, Miss Frances Power Cobbe, Colonel Cotton, M.P., Miss Courtenay, The Right Hon. Leonard Courtney, M.P., Miss F. Davenport-Hill, Miss Emily Davies, Captain Edwards-Heathcote, M.P., Mrs. Henry Fawcett, Louisa, Lady Goldsmid, Mrs. Hallett, The Viscountess Harberton, Mrs. Haslam, Miss Mordan, T. W. Russell, Esq., M.P., Mrs. Stephen Spring-Rice, Mrs. Sterling, and Miss Tod.

RESOLUTION 4 :

Moved by Mrs. Byers.
Seconded by Miss Mordan.

That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Countess of Portsmouth for presiding on the present occasion.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Dons.	Subs.
Agg-Gardner, J. T., Esq., M.P. ...	2 0 0	
Allen, Mrs. Joseph ...		1 1 0
Anderson, Mrs. Hall ...		1 1 0
Ashford, Mrs. ...	1 1 0	
Ashmore, Mrs. ...		1 1 0
Aylmer, Miss ...		1 1 0
Atkinson, Mrs. Beavington ...	0 15 0	0 5 0
Anderson, Miss ...		0 2 6
Boucherett, Miss J. ...	10 0 0	
Babb, Miss ...	1 0 0	2 2 0
Babb, J. Staines, Esq. ...		1 1 0
Biggs, Miss C. A. ...		2 2 0
Biggs, Miss Ashurst ...		2 0 0
Biggs, Miss Maude ...		1 1 0
Biggs, Miss K. ...		0 5 0
Bell, Miss ...	1 0 0	1 1 0
Bowring, Lady ...	2 0 0	
Bush, The Misses ...		2 2 0
Bird, Miss Lucy ...	1 0 0	0 5 0
Busk, E. H., Esq., ...		1 1 0
Busk, Mrs. E. H. ...		1 1 0
Brocklehurst, Miss ...		1 0 0
Booth, Miss ...		1 0 0
Becker, Miss ...	1 0 0	
Baxter, Mrs. Fleming ...		1 0 0
Bloomfield, The Lady ...	1 0 0	
Brodhurst, Mrs. ...		1 0 0
Bostock, Miss ...		1 0 0
Bell, Miss A. E. ...	1 0 0	
Brandreth, H. S., Esq. ...	1 0 0	
Bailey, Miss ...	0 10 0	0 10 0
Bewicke, Mrs. ...	0 10 0	
Brown, Misses A. & E. L. ...		0 10 0
Baily, J. S., Esq. ...		0 2 6
Borchardt, Miss ...		0 5 0
Burrough, Mrs. ...	0 4 0	
Baily, Mrs. Richard ...		0 2 6
Burt, Miss N. S. ...		0 2 6
Brander, Miss A. E. L. ...		0 2 6
Courtenay, Miss ...	25 0 0	
Cobbe, Miss F. Power ...	5 5 0	
Coleridge-Kennard, J., Esq. ...	5 5 0	
Cross, Mrs. Joseph ...	2 2 0	
Culme-Seymour, Mrs. ...	2 2 0	

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	Dons.	Subs.
Cotton, Colonel M.P. & Mrs. E. Cotton ...	2 0 0	
Cotton, Mrs. G. ...		1 1 0
Courtney, Rt. Hon. L., M.P. ...	1 0 0	1 0 0
Crook, Mrs. ...		1 1 0
Chamberlain, Mrs. I. V. ...	1 0 0	1 1 0
Clark, Mrs. Benjamin ...		1 1 0
Crowe, Miss ...		1 0 0
Connah, Miss Jessie ...		0 10 0
Coxhead, Miss ...		0 10 0
Cooper, Miss L. ...	0 5 0	0 5 0
Charlesworth, Mr. & Mrs. ...		0 5 0
Christison, Mrs. Robert ...		0 5 0
Cooper, Mrs. (Reigate) ...	0 5 0	
Crowder, Miss ...		0 2 6
Crous, Mrs. ...		0 1 0
Dimsdale, Baron, M.P. ...		3 3 0
Davenport-Hill, The Misses ...	2 0 0	2 2 0
Davies, Miss Emily ...		1 1 0
Dunn, Miss ...		1 1 0
Darwin, Mrs. Francis ...		1 0 0
Dublin Committee ...		1 0 0
Debenham, Mrs. William ...	0 10 0	
Davies, Mrs. ...		0 5 0
Donkin, Miss ...		0 5 0
Eccles, Miss ...		5 0 0
Eve, Mrs. ...	0 10 0	
Eastwick-Field, Mrs. ...		0 5 0
Edwards-Jones, Mrs. ...		0 2 6
Eland, Miss ...		0 2 6
Fawcett, Mrs. H. ...		5 0 0
Fawcett, Miss ...		1 0 0
Ford, Miss I. O. ...		2 2 0
Fitzgerald, Mrs. P. F. ...	1 0 0	
Goldsmid, Louisa, Lady ...	10 10 0	2 2 0
Garrett, Miss Agnes ...		2 0 0
Grimshawe, Mrs. ...		1 1 0
Gurney, Miss M. ...		1 0 0
Gurney, Miss A. ...		0 10 0
Godsell, Miss ...	0 10 0	
Grove, Miss ...		0 10 0
Gonino, Miss ...		0 7 0
Gordon, Miss ...	0 5 0	
Goff, Miss ...		0 2 6
Holland, Mrs. Charles ...	10 0 0	2 0 0
Holland, Miss Mabel ...	5 0 0	2 0 0
Hodgson, Mrs. C. H. ...	9 9 0	3 3 0
Hallett, Mr. & Mrs. ...	5 0 0	
Hill, the late Miss Katherine, per C. A. B. ...	5 0 0	

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Dons.			Subs.		
Harberton, The Viscountess	4 0 0	1 0 0	...	...
Hankey, Mrs. H. A.	2 2 0	...	...	...
Hare, Thomas, Esq.	1 1 0	1 1 0	...	...
Hampden, Miss	1 1 0	...	...	...
Hill, Mrs. Frank	1 1 0	...	...
Heath, Mrs. W. Bayly	1 0 0	...	...
Higginson, Mrs.	1 0 0	...	...
Hill, Frederick, Esq.	1 0 0	...	...
Hallwright, Mrs.	0 5 0	...	...
Hamilton, Miss	0 5 0	...	...
Hardcastle, Miss Ida	0 5 0	...	...
Hart, Miss M. H.	0 5 0	...	...
Hubbard, Mrs.	0 5 0	...	...	...
Hamley, Miss	0 2 6	...	...
Heberden, Mrs.	0 2 6	...	...
Hill, Miss Emily	0 2 6	...	...
Hunt, Mrs.	0 2 6	...	...
Innes, Mrs.	0 2 6	...	...
Johnson, Miss Agnes	1 0 0	...	...
Johnson, Miss Lucy	1 0 0	...	...
Jex-Blake, Dr. Sophia	1 0 0	...	...
Jeffcock, Mrs.	0 5 0	...	...
Jones, Miss H. M.	0 5 0	...	...
Kensington, Miss	0 10 0	...	...
Little, A. J., Esq.	2 0 0	...	...	...
Little, Mrs. A. J.	2 0 0	...	...	...
Lafone, A., Esq., M.P.	2 2 0	...	...
Light, Miss	1 1 0	...	...
Lecky, Mrs. W. E. H.	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	...
Lloyd, Miss	1 0 0	...	...
Lloyd, Mrs.	0 10 0	...	...	...
Lindsay, Mrs.	0 5 0	...	...	...
Lister, Miss Emma	0 5 0	...	...
Lewin, Miss	0 2 6	...	...
Luton Committee	0 18 6	...	...	...
<i>Per Luton Committee :-</i>	0 3 0	...	...
Mrs. Alford	0 5 0	...	...
Mrs. Bigg	2 2 0	...	...
Miss Bigg	0 1 6	...	...
Mrs. Boutwood	0 2 6	...	...
Mrs. Butcher	0 5 0	...	...
Michael Cook, Esq.	0 2 6	...	...
Mrs. Thurnham	0 2 6	...	...
Mrs. F. B. Webb	0 5 0	...	...
John Webdale, Esq.	0 5 0	...	...
Mrs. Webster	0 2 6	...	...
P. Wootton, Esq.	0 5 0	...	...
Mrs. Henry Wright	0 5 0	...	...

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Dons.			Subs.		
Mordan, Miss	10 0 0	1 0 0	...	...
McLaren, Mrs. Eva	1 1 0	...	...
Manning, Miss E. A.	1 1 0	...	...
Mylne, Mrs.	1 0 0	...	...	...
Mylne, Miss	1 0 0	...	...	...
Mylne, Mrs. E. H.	0 10 0	...	...
McKerlie, Miss	0 5 0	...	...
Mozley, H. N., Esq.	0 5 0	...	...	...
Marjorie, Sister	0 2 6	...	...
Moore, Miss Ogle	0 2 6	...	...
Newman, Professor F. W.	1 0 0	...	...
Notcutt, Miss	0 5 0	...	...
Nash, Miss Janet	0 2 6	...	...
Nathan, Mrs. Henry	0 2 6	...	...
Osborne, Miss	1 1 0	...	...	...
O'Connor, Miss	0 5 0	...	...
Onley, Miss	0 2 6	...	...
Pfeiffer, Mrs.	5 0 0	...	...	...
Paley, Hon. Mrs.	2 2 0	...	...
Passmore, Edwards, Mr. & Mrs.	2 2 0	...	...
Peck, Mrs. F.	1 0 0	...	...	...
Phillott, Mrs.	0 10 0	...	...
Phillott, Miss Constance	0 5 0	...	...
Phillott, Miss Edith	0 5 0	...	...
Percival, Mrs.	0 2 6	...	...
Ruth, Miss	2 0 0	1 0 0	...	...
Roberts, Sir Owen & Lady	2 2 0	...	...
Rayleigh, Clara, Lady	2 0 0	...	...	...
Russell, T. W. Esq., M.P.	1 0 0	...	...	...
Russell, Mrs.	0 5 0	...	...	...
Russell, Miss	0 5 0	...	...	...
Robertson, Miss	1 0 0	...	...	...
Reeves, Miss	0 10 0	...	...
Reeves, Miss (Tramore)	0 5 0	...	...
Rawlings, Mrs.	0 5 0	...	...
Rawlings, Miss	0 2 6	...	...
Reid, Miss	0 2 0	...	...
Sterling, Mrs.	5 0 0	2 0 0	...	...
Stone, Miss	5 0 0	2 0 0	...	...
Strange, Miss L. G.	5 0 0	1 1 0	...	...
Swanwick, Miss Anna	3 3 0	...	...	...
Sidgwick, Professor & Mrs. H.	2 2 0	...	...
Shaen, Mrs.	1 1 0	...	...
Spottiswoode, The Misses	1 0 0
Sanderson, Mr. & Mrs.	1 1 0
Spring-Rice, Mrs. S.	1 0 0
Sterling, Miss F.	1 0 0	0 5 0

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	Dons.			Subs.		
Scholefield, Mrs.	1	0	0
Smith, Mrs. K. Howard	1	0	0
Shaen, Miss	1	1	0
Salès, Mrs.	1	0	0
Streatfield, Mrs.	0	10	6
Sims, Mrs.	0	10	6
Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. J. J.	0	5	0
Swynnerton, Mrs.	0	5	0
Smith, Mrs. P. F.	0	5	0
Stopes, Mrs.	0	2	6
Singleton, Mrs.	0	2	6
Scott, Mrs.	0	2	6
Sieveking, Miss E. W.	0	2	6
Stewart, Mrs. Hinton	0	1	0
Smallwood, Mr. E.	0 2 0			
Thomas, Miss Eliza	5 0 0			
Taylor, Mrs. Thomas	2 0 0	1	1	0
Taylor, Mrs. (Chipchase Castle)		2	0	0
Tapson, Mrs.		2	2	0
Thomas, Mrs. Charles		1	1	0
Tatlock, Miss		1	0	0
Temple, Sir R., Bt., M.P.		1	0	0
Tod, Miss	1 0 0			
Thorne, Mrs.	0 15 0	0	5	0
Tabor, Miss		0	5	0
Turner, Mrs. J. W.		0	5	0
Turner, Mrs. (Havant)		0	2	6
Tasker, Mrs.		0	2	6
Tasker, Miss		0	2	6
Vincent, Maria, Lady	1 0 0			
Vansittart, Mrs. Robert		0	5	0
Vernon, Miss		0	2	6
Wellesley, Mrs. Gerald		2	0	0
Wilkinson, Mrs. Eason		1	1	0
Wilkinson, Miss F. R.		1	1	0
Wilkinson, Miss L. M.		1	1	0
Watt, Mrs. Hugh		1	1	0
Walker, Miss Abney		1	0	0
Welsh, Miss (Girton College)		1	0	0
Willert, Mrs.	1 0 0			
Walker, Mrs. Ingram		0	10	0
Wedgwood, Miss Julia		0	10	0
Wintle, Colonel		0	10	0
Wainwright, Miss		0	5	0
Youngman, Miss S.		0	5	0
Zimmermann, Miss Agnes		1	1	0

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NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

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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.

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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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SPEECH OF THE COUNTESS OF PORTSMOUTH at the Annual
Meeting, *July 9th*, 1889. Price 1d.

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SPEECH

OF THE
COUNTESS OF PORTSMOUTH

AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE,
10, GREAT COLLEGE STREET, WESTMINSTER.

THE COUNTESS OF PORTSMOUTH said: Presiding as I have the honour to do at your annual meeting this day, I should not fail to remember that it is my duty to call upon others to address you, whom you will hear with pleasure and profit, and not to try to impose upon the meeting my own views at any length. And yet, by your kind indulgence, I should like to say something about the most recent procedure in the controversy upon women's suffrage—I refer to the appeal which has lately appeared in one of the periodicals against the extension of the suffrage to women, an appeal to which are appended many feminine signatures. It is not the argument contained in that appeal upon which I would enter at all, but rather upon what appears to me a particular aspect which it would bear.

When I heard that there was such an appeal it seemed to me that a new departure had been begun, one which I was assured all the women on our side of the question would regard with considerable gravity as coming from other women, and one to which we would give, if grave

still respectful consideration. In the appeal itself there are many arguments which I will not specially touch upon, I am ready to confess, frankly, that I should have liked to have seen such a goodly array of honourable and respected names cast conscientiously and cordially into the scale with us, instead of into that apparently against us. I use the word "apparently" with some intention, for after reading and studying the appeal itself with a good deal of care, I came to the conclusion that it was destined to afford another illustration of the truth of the adage which says, "All things come to him who knows how to wait." (Applause.) Certainly, you on this side know how to wait. There are veterans in your ranks, men and women who have waited a great many years, are still waiting, and are prepared to wait a great deal longer yet without lowering their colours or forsaking their post. We all know that a cause which will not bear waiting, is a cause which will not stand debating. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) Though it may be thought too strong a thing to say, I believe that there is no knowledge in life, not only so important, but which bears the fruit of so much success, as the knowledge of how to wait. We have only to maintain and profit by this knowledge of patient waiting, fair, faithful, vigilant waiting, we have only to remain firm in the position we now hold in thought and debate on the matter, and those feminine opponents whom we would like to have on our side, and all who argue on the same lines, will come over to us. They are bound to do so, because they are on the same road. They have made a great deal of progress, and their progress means nothing more or less than the attainment of their present standpoint—the standpoint of the advocates of women's suffrage.

When I first heard of the appeal, and before reading it, I felt certain of finding in it what would surely have been found in any such appeal twenty or thirty years ago. I

was convinced I should find a narrow definition—within hard and fast lines—of a woman's duty, rights and privileges, and that I should sooner or later, in that appeal come across some severe denunciation of the principles by which, in the last few years, women have been invited to take a prominent part and have come forward and taken a prominent part in national work and national life and, through the medium of different organisations, most distinctly in political work. I thought I should find expressed regret, even strong regret, at the very much higher, wider, more liberal-minded and varied education which young women are now receiving in every part of the kingdom than formerly. Lastly, remembering what was written twenty or thirty years ago, one might expect some expression of opinion that politics were entirely unfitted to have any place or part in woman's mind; that politics were wholly beyond and without her sphere, and that the "undersigned" would not imperil their womanliness by entering upon politics at all, either practical or speculative, either with the pen or voice.

But in the year of grace 1889, and in the nineteenth century, the "undersigned" are themselves much too highly educated for this. They are too cultured, too liberal-minded, far too deeply imbued with the spirit of the age to entertain any idea of this sort, or to make any declaration of the kind. Where one looked for narrowness one found width; where one expected the severest denunciation was found, on the one hand, very decided approval, and, on the other hand, absolute silence. Where one expected to find regret, there was welcome and rejoicing, and, from the beginning of the appeal to the end, there is the strongest evidence that the "undersigned" think a great deal about politics, and express decided opinions about political matters. (Applause.) If you will recall the appeal to mind, you will remember that, after it is said that all questions of finance and commerce, of foreign and colonial policy, of grave constitutional change, are unfitted for women

to decide so far as a vote goes, we are told that the question of women's suffrage is not yet ripe for legislative solution; and, farther on, it is said that party considerations are always of a temporary nature; that great electoral changes have been made, that large masses have been added to the constituency, that the new element must be assimilated, and that the new voter must be trained to national work. Then the different component parts of the State proper are discussed, and the State whose aspect is financial, military, and administrative is decided to rest upon force. The very last words of the protest, which I look upon as a kind of summing up of the appeal, speak of the mischief which would be done to the State by granting women's suffrage. If it had been possible for such an appeal to have appeared in the beginning or the middle of the last century, no doubt it would have borne one of those quaint titles by which authors sought in those days to attract the public reader to any new treatise or pamphlet. It might now be described as "An appeal against political rights for women made by women on political grounds." (Laughter.)

I am inclined to think that, whenever we wish to present or to form a sound doctrine upon relative subjects, we must do exactly as if we desired to solve correctly a problem in Euclid; we must remember the axiom that things equal to the same thing are equal to one another. And, though I would be the first to declare that the appeal contains eloquence, sentiment, and thought, yet it is in its nature illogical. Because I hold it to be illogical, I believe our cause has received at its hands the thrust only of a friendly and guarded foil, and not the deadly thrust of naked steel. The appeal itself is followed by a few sentences from the pen of the able and popular editor of the periodical in which it appeared. While unable to share the views of my old friend, Mr. Knowles, I can in a peculiar degree sympathise with his alarm that women's

suffrage might invade the sanctity or, as he calls it, the tranquillity of home life.

The zeal of converts is, as you know, proverbial. I was a convert to this cause, but of my zeal will say nothing at all. I wish to defend myself from the shortness of memory proverbial of converts. When obliged to surrender the opinions I formerly held against women's suffrage, I retained all the prejudices which generally accompany those opinions with unabated strength. I looked forward with a great deal of apprehension to the first meeting on the question which I attended—a private meeting held in a private house where I came in contact with women who were supporters of the cause. I thought, in my ignorance, that good sense and good taste would be outraged, and that I should be called upon to experience that pang which, though it might be short, is one of the sharpest men or women could endure—the pang that follows a severance even for a little time of one's sympathy from one's opinion. But I soon found that my fears were groundless. I found a number of women—young, middle-aged, old, married, and unmarried—of different fortunes and different education; but there was nothing dangerous, nothing alarming, in any of them. They were quiet in manner even to gentleness, though their perception was keen and clear enough upon the subject which had brought them together. Most of them belonged to the middle class and had suffered inconvenience—some of them at least—by the disability which the law imposed upon them. Their perception was keen and clear upon the subject of women's suffrage; but their advocacy of it had in no way impaired their common sense or general intelligence. Upon inquiry there was not the slightest reason to believe that those women could not have produced records of domestic life as happy, as tender, as devoted, as useful as any other women in the world. (Applause.)

I do not mean to say that on the question of women's

suffrage as on every other question there have not been women who have written or spoken with violence or extravagance, women upon whom the saving grace of common sense has not yet descended, persons who have the misfortune to espouse a cause, and by their indiscretion and violence serve the other side. We know since the world began that there has never been a religious sect or political party which has not included members who did it more harm than good, but neither men nor women have possessed a monopoly of hot tempers and weak brains. (Laughter.) If it were just possible to imagine that women could never and had never committed a breach of the common law of human nature, that they had always formed opinions with deliberation, expressed them with calmness, and carried them out with unvarying self-control and wisdom, why you would not be here nor would I be here to consider the extension of the suffrage to women, but we would be present, or ought to be present, seriously to consider whether the suffrage should not be confined to women. (Laughter.) There is a keynote of alarm running through all the appeal in the *Nineteenth Century*, from beginning to end, that, in giving the suffrage to women, they would give them direct political power. I have always thought, and think still, that the term "direct power" is not synonymous with greater power, and that it may even signify curtailed power. The pages of history teach us, and close observation confirms it, that women by indirect means have constantly been able to acquire very great political power, and that they now at times—not so rarely as one might think—rule where men only reign. I believe that direct power is good, because its cause is simpler to trace; and, I think, in the long run we shall always find its effects nobler. I am quite certain that direct power, conscientiously exercised, has more ennobling effects upon those who possess it. The superstructure of all character and ability whether in man or woman, can never be guaranteed for safety and

continuance unless it rests upon the foundation of truthfulness and of courage. (Applause.) Power by indirect means may be able to assume great proportions and be beneficent, but it is often destitute of these qualities. Direct power can always be tested for and by these qualities. In a word direct power is responsible power, which indirect can never be.

DECLARATION

IN FAVOUR OF

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE,

BEING THE

SIGNATURES RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL
SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE,
10, GREAT COLLEGE STREET,
WESTMINSTER.

It has been thought desirable to publish, for the use of those interested in the Women's Suffrage Movement, a full list of the names of ladies received at this office, to a declaration in favour of the extension of the Parliamentary Suffrage to Women. This Declaration was called forth by an appeal against Women's Suffrage which appeared in one of the monthly reviews. The reply, which was published in the "Fortnightly Review" for July, 1889, was supported by more than 2,000 ladies, but, owing to exigencies of space, only about 600 names could be printed. The complete list of signatures sent in to this Society is now given, including some which have been received since the publication in the "Fortnightly Review."

For the convenience of readers the names are classified as follows:—

1. General List.
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3. Poor-law Guardians and Members of School Boards and Schools and others engaged in Teaching.
4. Education: Founders and Officers of Colleges, Graduates and Degree-Certificated Students, Local Secretaries.
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6. Workers in Social and Philanthropic Movements.
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8. Artists and Musicians.
9. Women engaged in business.
10. Landowners.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE,
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 10, GREAT COLLEGE STREET,
WESTMINSTER, August 1st, 1889.

The undersigned desire to express their approval of the proposed extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, which they believe would be beneficial both to them and to the State:—

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The Countess of Carlisle
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

OF THE

National Society for Women's Suffrage.

Presented at the General Meeting, July 15th, 1890.

The Report which your Committee have to-day to present is negative as far as regards action in the House of Commons, notwithstanding various indications of the growth of favourable public opinion.

On the first day of the session the Parliamentary Committee in favour of Women's Suffrage met to arrange for the introduction of a Bill, but the best place drawn in the ballot—that obtained by Mr. C. E. Schwann—stood fiftieth in rotation, a quite hopeless position; Mr. Walter McLaren had, however, drawn a first place for a Resolution on March 4th. Consequently the Parliamentary Committee decided to abandon the intention of introducing a Bill this session and to proceed by Resolution, supporting that of which Mr. McLaren gave notice in the following terms:—

“To call attention to the exclusion of women from the Parliamentary franchise; and to move, That the exclusion of women, otherwise legally qualified, from voting in elections of members of Parliament, is injurious to those excluded, and contrary to the principle of just representation and to that of the laws now in force regulating the election of town and county councils, and other local representative bodies.”

Mr. Samuel Smith gave notice that he would move as a amendment:—

“To leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question, in order to add the words ‘this House views with apprehension so great

a change in our political system as would be involved in the admission of women to the Parliamentary franchise and declines to entertain the proposal."

As March 4th drew near it became apparent that the debate on the Parnell Commission would occupy the attention of the House to the exclusion of all motions by private members. Mr. McLaren continued to ballot for another date and obtained a place on April 25th. It must be remembered that by the rules of the House of Commons only one division can be taken on a motion by a private member on Friday evenings. Mr. McLaren held a second place only, but shortly before the day arrived there seemed every probability that the preceding motion would be dropped, and expectations were reasonably entertained that a division might be taken on the Women's Suffrage Resolution. This expectation was however, disappointed, and Mr. McLaren, unwilling to bring forward the Resolution without a reasonable prospect of a division, withdrew his notice.

Hope was shortly again roused by the fact that Mr. Caleb Wright had secured a first place on June 3rd—the Tuesday after Whitsuntide recess—for a Resolution identical with that of Mr. M'Laren, and that Baron Dimsdale had also obtained a first place on Friday, June 6th, for a Resolution of similar import, which ran as follows:—

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

Again, however, the pressure on the House after Whitsuntide threatened both motions. The Parliamentary Committee held another meeting on May 19th and appointed a deputation to wait on the First Lord of the Treasury and press for a discussion on the 3rd or 6th of June. Mr. W. H. Smith accorded the deputation an immediate interview and expressed his desire that the judgment of the House should be taken on the question, and his willingness to do his best to save the day, but at the same time stated that he could give no definite promise.

On May 23rd, Mr. W. H. Smith moved that government business should have priority on Tuesdays and Fridays after Whitsuntide. Mr. McLaren moved an amendment to except Tuesday, June 3rd, and was supported by Mr. Alfred Webb, and Sir Rainald Knightley. The amendment was lost by a majority of 113. This division however, being taken on a side issue, cannot be in any sense regarded as a test of the opinion of the House of Commons on the general question.

The following members voted in the minority:—

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

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

The disappointment naturally felt at the collapse of each successive opportunity that has appeared this session may, however, be mitigated by the reflection that the prospect of a debate on an abstract Resolution does not arouse the interest felt for a debate on a Bill. It is difficult to bring members together for a debate leading to no immediate action, more could be done during the session, and your Committee trust that whenever the Parliamentary Committee are able to obtain the judgment of the House on the question it may be on a Bill rather than on an abstract Resolution.

The following are the members who constitute the Parliamentary Committee:—

Addison, J. E. W.	Gedge, Sydney
Agg-Gardner, J. T.	Grotrian, F. B.
Ainslie, W. G.	Haldane, R.
Borthwick, Sir A. Bart.	Hill, A. Staveley
Bradlaugh, Charles	Houldsworth, Sir W. H. Bart.
Bridgman, Col.	Howorth, H. H.
Cameron, Dr.	Hughes, Col. Edwin
Collings, Jesse	Illingworth, Alfred
Clark, Dr. G. B.	Johnston, W.
Cotton, Col.	Kenyon, Hon. G. T.
Courtney, Right Hon. L.	Knightley, Sir R.
Craven, J.	Lafone, A.
Dimsdale, Baron	Laurie, C. A.
Duncombe, Arthur	Lawson, Sir Wilfrid, Bart.
Dunsany, Lord	Lawson, H. L. W.
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Fitzgerald, R. U. Penrose	McArthur, A.
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McLaren, W. S. B.
 Murdoch, C. T.
 Plowden, Sir W.
 Puleston, Sir J. H.
 Rasch, Major
 Reed, H. Byron
 Rollit, Sir A. K.
 Round, Jas.
 Russell, Sir Geo.
 Russell, T. W.
 Schwann, C. E.
 Seal-Hayne, Charles
 Shaw, Thomas

Sidebottom, Col. W.
 Stansfeld, Rt. Hon. James
 Stuart, James
 Summers, W.
 Temple, Sir Richard, Bart.
 Watkin, Sir E. W., Bart.
 Williams, A. J.
 Wilson, H. J.
 Wolmer, Viscount
 Woodall, Wm.
 Wright, Caleb
 Wright, H. Smith

Your committee have throughout the past year steadily adhered to the policy of endeavouring to obtain the Parliamentary Franchise for duly qualified women, independently of party considerations or side issues however interesting or important.

A Parliamentary return issued last March, shews that in England and Wales 441,754 women are qualified to vote for County Councils and 243,448 for Town Councils, making a total of 685,202. Including other Franchises, the number of women who would be qualified as Parliamentary voters, would probably amount to about 900,000, in England and Wales, being a proportion of about fifteen and a half per cent. of the whole electorate.*

Taking into consideration the vast number of petitions which have been presented to Parliament year after year since this movement began, your committee took no steps to promote general petitions this year, but adopted a fresh line

*QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS.

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SERVICE FRANCHISE. Any person who separately inhabits a dwelling house by virtue of any office, service or employment whether he pay rates or not. *Act of 1884.*

12 months possession previous to July 15th is required.

of action in asking their friends to send memorials to their representatives in Parliament, signed respectively by electors and by women, praying their support to a measure for the enfranchisement of unmarried women and widows. Memorials of this kind were extensively signed in certain of the Metropolitan boroughs and proved a means of interesting many persons in the question, by whom it had not before been seriously considered. One petition was, however, forwarded through the instrumentality of your committee, to which the names were attached of women who had signed the petition presented in 1866, by Mr. John Stuart Mill, the first petition ever presented in connection with the present movement.

The signatures appended showed the long enduring interest felt by leading workers in many directions, as well as those working in connection with this society.*

Your Committee desire to thank Miss Esther M. Bakewell for an influential meeting arranged at her studio in Hampstead, on May 31st, Mr. J. S. Fletcher in the chair, which was addressed by Sir Richard Temple, Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. F. E. Garrett, and Miss Mordan. A meeting was also held during

*The humble Petition of the undersigned Survivors of the Signatories to the Petition presented in favour of Women's Suffrage by Mr. John Stuart Mill, in 1866.

Sheweth,

That twenty-three years ago, we, the undersigned, together with other women, signed a Petition to your honourable House in the following terms:

"That it having been expressly laid down by high authorities that the possession of property in this country carries with it the right to vote in the election of representatives in Parliament, it is an evident anomaly that some holders of property are allowed to use this right, while others forming no less a constituent part of the nation, and equally qualified by law to hold property, are not able to exercise this privilege.

"That the participation of women in the government is consistent with the principles of the British Constitution, inasmuch as women in these islands have always been held capable of sovereignty, and women are eligible for various public offices."

"Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your honourable House to consider the expediency of providing for the representation of all householders, without distinction of sex, who possess such property or rental qualification as your honourable House may determine."

That these terms appeal with even greater cogency in 1890 than in 1866, inasmuch as the franchise has since then, on two separate occasions, been widened to include large additional bodies of men.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your honourable House will grant speedy fulfilment to the prayer aforesaid, by passing a Bill for the extension of the parliamentary franchise to women.

May, at 18, Sheffield Terrace, by the kindness of Mrs. Sterling, when Mrs. Beddoe (of Clifton) presided; Captain James, Miss Emily Davies, Miss Mordan and others took part.

The work of the year closed with a conference held, by kind permission of Col. and Mrs. Cotton, at their house, 18, Wilton Crescent, in order to consider methods of developing the work of this Society, and your Committee gratefully acknowledge the support given in convening the conference by Louisa Lady Anstruther, the Lady Frances Balfour, the

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

The petition received the signatures of the following ladies:—

Anderson, Mrs. Garrett, M.D.	Hill, Miss Joanna M.
Anderson, Mrs. Hall	Impey, Mrs. (Street)
Anderson, Miss Sarah	Impey, Miss Mary Hannah
Anthony, Miss Hannah H.	Jackson, Elizabeth Lady
Babb, Miss C. E.	Knox, Mrs. Craig
Beddoe, Mrs.	Kyllman, Mrs. Max.
Belloc, Madame Parkes	Lamb, Miss Mary Anne (Edin.)
Biggs, Miss Elizabeth Ashurst	Lamb, Miss Isabella
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Boucherett, Miss E. J.	Martin, Mrs. C. (Aldeburgh)
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Buss, Miss	Moore, Mrs. Rebecca
Clayton, Mrs. (Peterborough)	Nichol, Mrs. Eliza Pease
Clark, Mrs. Helen Bright	Oldham, Miss Eliza (Rochdale)
Clark, Dr. Annie	Oldham, Miss Hannah
Cobbe, Miss F. Power	Phillott, Mrs. Arthur
Colman, Mrs. Mill	Priestman, Miss
Craig, Miss Agnes	Priestman, Miss Mary
Cross, Mrs. Joseph	Ramsden, Mrs. (née Hill)
Davenport-Hill, Miss F.	Ronniger, Mrs.
Davies, Miss Emily	Scott, Miss Catherine
D'Avigdor, Countess	Shirreff, Miss Emily
De Morgan, Mrs. Augustus	Sladen, Mrs. Charlotte (Rochdale)
Donkin, Miss Maryanne	Slatter, Miss Jane (Canterbury)
Drewry, Miss Louisa	Sloane, Miss Jane A. (Edin.)
Drewry, Miss E. B.	Sloane, Miss Joanna (Edin.)
Edwards, Miss Matilda Betham	Stevenson, Miss Eliza
Fitch, Mrs. J. G.	Stone, Miss Ellen
Fox, Mrs. Bridell	Tanner, Mrs. Arthur
Garrett, Mrs. Newsom	Taylor, Mrs. Thomas (Tetsworth)
Goldsmid, Louisa Lady	Taylor, Miss Helen
Gonino, Miss	Ticehurst, Miss (Battle)
Gough, Miss Susanna J.	Webster, Mrs. Augusta
Grey, Mrs. William	Weller, Miss C. (Battle)
Hallett, Mrs. Ashworth	Weller, Miss E. (Battle)
Haslam, Mrs. (Dublin)	Westlake, Mrs.
Hele, Mrs. H. (Aldeburgh)	Wigham, Miss Eliza
Hickson, Mrs. (Highbury)	

It is of interest to recall that the original petition bore the signatures of Mrs. Somerville, Miss Harriet Martineau, Mrs. Grote, Mrs. Mary Howitt, Lady, Anna Gore Langton.

Hon. Lady Grey Egerton, the Countess of Portsmouth, Clara Lady Rayleigh and Mrs. Henry Sidgwick. Addresses were given at the conference by Baron Dimsdale, M.P., and Miss Tod, followed by discussion on practical work.

The past year has been marked by the death of several of the earliest friends of the movement; above all your Committee have reason to deplore the death of Miss C. A. Biggs, which took place in September last and deprived the cause of one of its earliest and most indefatigable workers, and your Committee of one of their most trusted advisers. Mrs. Lucas, who died in March, was also one whose interest in Women's Suffrage dated from the earliest beginning to cease only with her life. The death of Mr. Talbot, M.P., removes an old supporter from the House of Commons, one of those who had voted with Mr. John Stuart Mill in the first division on the question in 1867. In Mrs. Pfeiffer your Society has lost a valued member.

The rapidly increasing activity of women in connection with all sides of party politics, betokens that a great change has been wrought in the public mind which is fast dissipating the once favourite objection that "women have nothing to do with politics." It is with fresh hope that your Committee appeal to the public to support a society whose object is to obtain a lateral extension of the already existing Parliamentary Franchises and thus to remove an anomaly and an injustice from our representative institutions.

In Memoriam

LYDIA ERNESTINE BECKER

DIED AT GENEVA, JULY 18TH, 1890.

SINCE the Report was printed the Committee have been deeply grieved to receive the news of the very great loss they have sustained in the death of their friend and colleague, MISS BECKER.

Her long experience, her intimate knowledge of all matters bearing on the claims of women to representation, her sagacity and her devotion to the work of the Society make her loss one that is most keenly felt and deeply deplored.

The best tribute which all who respect and mourn her can pay to her memory will be to work more zealously in bringing about the speedy accomplishment of the object to which her life was devoted.

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		" Stationery	10 8 9
		" Printing and Publications	56 0 6
		" "Women's Suffrage Journal"	18 5 3
		" Postage	54 13 9
		" Secretary's Travelling Expenses	3 13 0
		" Newspapers and Parliamentary Papers	10 9 9
		Balance in Bank	390 1 9
			1 16 0
Liabilities	£33 18 10		£391 17 9

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M. HARRIS SMITH, *Accountant*,

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July 4th, 1890.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

*General Annual Meeting of the Central Committee.
Westminster Town Hall, July 15th, 1890.*

THE EARL OF CAMPERDOWN IN THE CHAIR.

The SECRETARY presented the Report and Financial Statement.

RESOLUTION I :

That this Meeting adopt the Report and Financial Statement and direct that they be printed for circulation.

Moved by VISCOUNT WOLMER, M.P.

Seconded by LADY KNIGHTLEY.

RESOLUTION II :

That in the opinion of this meeting the principle of Women's Suffrage as now established by common and statute law for unmarried women and widows in local elections, should be extended to Parliamentary elections, this meeting therefore respectfully requests its Parliamentary friends to take steps for the introduction of a Bill to that effect at the earliest period of the next session and pledges itself to support such action by every means in its power.

Moved by Miss I. M. S. TOD.

Seconded by MR. ALFRED LAFONE, M.P.

Supported by COL. COTTON, M.P.

" " MRS. FAWCETT.

RESOLUTION III :

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 :—

Professor Adamson, Miss Gertrude Andrews, Mrs. Ashford, Miss Becker, Miss Helen Blackburn, Miss Jessie Boucherett, Miss Frances Power Cobbe, Colonel Cotton, M.P., Miss Courtenay, The Right Hon. Leonard Courtney, M.P., Miss F. Davenport-Hill, Miss Emily Davies, Captain Edwards-Heathcote, M.P., Mrs. Henry Fawcett, Louisa Lady Goldsmid, Mrs. Hallett, Mrs. Haslam, Miss Mordan, Clara Lady Rayleigh, T. W. Russell, Esq., M.P., Mrs. Stephen Spring-Rice, Mrs. Sterling, and Miss Tod.

Moved by the HON. LADY GREY EGERTON.

Seconded by Miss EMILY DAVIES.

RESOLUTION IV :

That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Earl of Camperdown for presiding on the present occasion.

Moved by Miss BLACKBURN.

Seconded by Miss F. DAVENPORT-HILL.

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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Allen, Miss	-	1 0 0
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Anderson, Mrs. Hall	-	1 1 0
Anderson, Miss	-	0 2 6
Antrobus, Miss (per Miss Mordan)	-	0 2 6
Ashmore, Mrs.	-	0 10 0
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Atkinson, Mrs. Beavington	-	0 5 0
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Bush, Misses	-	2 2 0
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Channing-Pearce, Mrs.	-	0 5 0
Charlesworth, Mrs.	-	0 5 0
Chickall, Miss	-	0 2 6
Colborne, Hon. Mrs.	0 10 0	
Cooper, Miss L.	-	0 5 0
Connah, Miss Jessie	0 10 0	
Cotton, Mrs. G.	-	1 0 0
Courtauld, George, Esq.	2 2 0	
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Crawshay, Mrs.	1 0 0	
Crook, Mrs.	-	1 0 0

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Edwards-Jones, Mrs.	-	0 2 6
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Evans, Miss	-	
Eve, Mrs.	1 0 0	
Fawcett, Mrs. Henry	5 0 0	5 0 0
Fawcett, Miss	-	1 0 0
Fennell, Mrs.	-	0 2 0
Field, Mrs. Eastwick	-	0 5 0
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Gurney, Miss A.	-	0 10 0
Gwynne, Miss	-	0 10 0
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Hamley, Miss	-	0 2 6
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Higginson, Mrs.	-	1 0 0
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Hill, Miss Georgina	-	1 1 0
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TO

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OF SALISBURY, K.G.,

AND

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. H. SMITH,
M.P., FIRST LORD OF THE TREASURY.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR
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The difficulty of obtaining a day for Second Reading of the Bill for the Extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to Women has pursued that measure through each Session of the present Parliament, and your Memorialists hear with concern that fears are entertained that the day obtained for Second Reading of that Bill, viz., Wednesday, May 13th, may be sacrificed to the Whitsuntide recess.

In face of such a possibility, your Memorialists desire to urge on Her Majesty's Government that a representative mass of public opinion has accumulated at the back of that measure, such as entitles it to claim that opportunity be afforded for a vote to be taken during the present Parliament.

The accompanying memorandum shews that the principle of the extension of the franchise to

women ratepayers has been affirmed, and usually by very large majorities, by the following electoral bodies, representing both the great parties of the State. The resolutions are arranged in chronological order.

The Parliamentary Reform Conference, held in Leeds on October 17th, 1883, representing the united bodies of the London and Counties Union, the National Liberal Federation, and the National Reform Union.

The National Liberal Federation, Annual Meeting at Bristol, November, 1883.

The National Reform Union, Annual Conference, Manchester, January, 1884.

The National Union of Conservative Associations of Scotland, Annual Conference, Glasgow, 1887.

Conference of National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations, Oxford, November, 1887.

Welsh Division of the National Union of Conservative Associations, Swansea, February, 1888.

National Reform Union, Annual Conference, Manchester, 1889, January.

Conference of the Conservative party of North Devon, Barnstaple, May, 1889.

Council of the Lancashire and Cheshire Division of the National Union of Conservative Associations, Lancaster, June, 1889.

Northern Union of Conservative Associations, Annual Meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, November, 1889.

National Union of Conservative Associations of Scotland, Conference at Dundee, November, 1890.

Thus the most representative gatherings that have taken place during the past seven years have affirmed the principle of Women's Suffrage. Nevertheless the present Parliament is the only Parliament, since the first Bill was introduced in 1870, in which no debate has taken place on this question—while on the last occasion when it was debated, just before the dissolution of 1886, the Bill passed Second Reading without a division.

Your Memorialists pray that these facts be taken into consideration, and that Her Majesty's Government will reserve the day appointed for the discussion of a measure which suffers under the special disadvantage that those whom it chiefly concerns have no voting power with which to fortify their claim.

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1883. October 17th.—LEEDS.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM CONFERENCE (convened by the London and Counties
 Union, the National Liberal Federation, and the National Reform Union).

Carried by a large majority :—

“ That, in the opinion of this meeting, any measure for the
 “ extension of the suffrage should confer the franchise upon women
 “ who, possessing the qualifications which entitle men to vote, have
 “ now the right of voting in all matters of local government.”

1883. November 25th.—BRISTOL.

NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION (Annual Meeting).

Carried :—

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 “ extension of the suffrage should confer the franchise upon women
 “ who, possessing the qualifications which entitle men to vote, have
 “ now the right of voting in all matters of local government.”

1884. January 25th.—MANCHESTER.

NATIONAL REFORM UNION (Annual Meeting—Conference on Parliamentary
 Reform).

Carried by a large majority, only twenty voting against :—

“ That, in the opinion of this conference, women who possess
 “ the qualifications which entitle men to vote should not be dis-
 “ qualified on the ground of sex.”

1887. October 27th.—GLASGOW.

NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS OF SCOTLAND (Annual Conference).

Carried by a large majority :—

“ That, in the opinion of this conference, the Parliamentary franchise should be extended to female ratepayers.”

1887. November 23rd.—OXFORD.

NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE AND CONSTITUTIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (Annual Conference).

Resolved :—

“ In the opinion of this conference the time has now come when the Parliamentary franchise may, with perfect safety, be extended to female householders.”

1888. February 24th.—SWANSEA.

WELSH DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

Carried with two dissentients only :—

“ That in the opinion of this conference the time has come when the principle of suffrage for women ratepayers in their own right should be recognised.”

1889. May 22nd.—MANCHESTER.

NATIONAL REFORM UNION (Annual Meeting of General Council).

Resolved :—

“ That the exclusion from the Parliamentary franchise of duly qualified women is unjust and inexpedient, and should therefore be removed with as little delay as possible.”

1889. May.—BARNSTAPLE.

CONFERENCE OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF NORTH DEVON.

Resolved by an overwhelming majority :—

“ That, in the opinion of this conference, the time has arrived when the privilege of voting for Members of Parliament should be extended to women ratepayers.”

1889. June 29th.—LANCASTER.

COUNCIL OF THE LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE AND CONSTITUTIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Carried, with one dissentient :—

“ That this meeting desires to express its opinion that the time has arrived when the Parliamentary franchise should be extended to women householders.”

1889. November 15th.—NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

NORTHERN UNION OF CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS (Annual Meeting).

Resolved :—

“ That, in the opinion of this meeting, the time has now arrived when the Parliamentary franchise should be extended to duly qualified women.”

1890. November 14th.—DUNDEE.

NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS OF SCOTLAND (Conference).

Carried by a very large majority :—

“ That, in the opinion of this conference, it is desirable that the Parliamentary franchise be extended to female ratepayers prior to the next General Election.”

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