

Nomination of Mr. Joaine member for Scarborough.
It was resolved that no action be taken at present
as regards sending Circulars to the Liberal and
Constitutional Clubs. It was resolved that the
Secretaries should write to the Chief Secretary, asking
him to receive a deputation to urge the claims of
women householders to the franchise in any
measure the Government may introduce
on the question. The statement of accounts was
read showing a balance in hand of £10-11-1.

The Secretary was directed to continue sending
the Woman's Suffrage Journal to twelve Newsrooms
and also to subscribers.

Henry Wigham
Mar 18 1884 Chairman

At a meeting of the Woman's Suffrage
Association held in the Sulgrave Buildings
March 12th 1884 - Mr. Henry Wigham in the chair
President. Rev T. A. Clarke - Mr. S. J. Allen Mrs.
Heston - Mrs. Gough - Mrs. Hayter Mrs. Oldham
Mrs. D. Webb Mrs. C. Walker Mrs. Lomister Mrs. Lucy

Smithson, Miss Shannon - Miss M. Small & Mrs. Haslam
Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
Letters were read from Miss Briggs, Miss Blackstone
relative to popular meetings proposed to be held
thru' the country. A sub Committee of the following
was appointed by Mr. William Mr. Allen, Mrs. Rutter
Miss Lucy Smithson, Mrs. Gough & Mrs. Heston -
to make arrangements for the holding of some
meeting in Lincoln after Easter if possible.
It was decided to send a Memorial to Mr. Gladstone
begging him to include Women-Householders in the
proposed Franchise Bill - also that a circular
be sent to friends throughout the country asking
them to write to their Borough & County Members
urging them to support Mr. Woodall's amendment.
The Secretaries were instructed to send paragraphs
& the newspaper.

A petition was signed by the chairman
on behalf of the meeting - & it was decided
to take every effort to get as many signatures
& Petitions as possible.

Henry Wigham
April 1, 1884 Chairman

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Association held in the Institute Buildings April 1st. Mr. Henry Wigham in the chair - Present Rev. S. Landy S. Miss McDonnell Miss Shannon. Miss J. Harper - Miss Webb - Miss L. Smithson
Mr & Mrs Hallam -

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed - Letters were read from Mrs. Scattergood & Mrs. Louisa Miller regretting that it was not in their power to come to Dublin at present. As no other speaker could be found it was decided that a meeting could not now be held. A letter was read from the Central Committee requesting that we should send a deputation to attend the St James's Hall Meeting April 24th. The Secretaries were desired to apply to Mrs. Brooks & Mr. Russell & request them to attend the meeting. The Secretaries report that they are preparing letters to be sent to the papers -

Samuel Landy &
Chairman

Jan 26 - 1884

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Association held in Institute Buildings June 26th Rev. S. Landy in the chair - Present Rev. S. Landy, Mr. C. F. Allen, Mr. Oldham, Mr. Cox Mrs. Brooks, Miss McDonnell, Miss Shannon, Miss Larissa Smithson, Miss Lucy Linthorpe ^{on April 11th} The Secretaries report that a letter was sent to ^{on April 11th} 54 newspapers in Leinster, Munster & Connacht, it appeared in at least 30 of these papers & again on June 7th a shorter letter was sent to the papers - A circular containing the names of the Irish M.P.s. & how they had voted on the Women's Suffrage was largely distributed amongst friends of the movement, requesting them to write to their members. This was well responded to & with very good effect - It was decided to forward ~~and~~ ^{as} a small subscription to the London Society - It was proposed by Mr. & Oldham - seconded by Mrs. Brooks & carried - that as many Petitions as possible be immediately sent to the House of Lords & that the chairman should sign one ^{or} half of the Committee -

Henry Wigham Chairman
Dated 27th 1884

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee held in the Grecian Buildings, Oct 27th 1884 Henry Wigham was the chair-present. Miss Blackburn, Prustal, Miss Richardson, Miss Harper, Miss Hamon, Miss Webb, Miss S. West, Miss L' Strange, Miss L. Smithson, Miss Mc Donle - Mrs. Goss. Mrs. Hallam Mrs. McDonald Rev. S. Sanders - Mr. W. F. Bailey, Mr. Chelmsley J.P. Prof. Aulus Ali, Mr. T. W. Russell -

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed - The secretaries report that 10 Petitions were forwarded to the House of Lords & to the House of Commons - Numerous letters were sent to various men has -
2 It was proposed by Mr. Bailey - seconded by Rev. S. Sanders & approved by Prof. Aulus Ali - carried unanimously that "The Committee of the Dublin N.S.W. have much pleasure in recording on their minutes a note of congratulations to the ladies who have lately passed the examinations & received the Degrees of the Royal University of Ireland, who have shown by their answering that women are fully capable of competing with men in every department of science & literature" - That the secretaries be directed to convey the above resolution to each of the nine lady B.A.

³ Mrs. Hallam was requested to invite Miss Milne & Miss Gilbreath if she could come over to speak at a meeting in February -

"It was decided that the N.S.Journal should be sent to the two Free libraries in the city -

⁵ Mr. Hallam was authorized to purchase the Women's Question in Europe for 1/- for lending to the members of the Association.

⁷ The Chairman was requested to sign petitions to the two Houses of Parliament on behalf of the Committee -

⁶ Miss Blackburn at the request of the Chairman gave a very interesting account of the present aspect of the question in England -

Yours very truly

Chairman 3/1/85

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee
held at 4 Bedford Street Savy 3rd 1885 -

Wm. Wigham Esq in the chair -
Deleve. Miss Richardson. Miss S. Webb. Mrs. Hallam
Mr. Wigham ^{Mr. Hallam} Mr. L. Landys. Mr. H. Bailey Esq. C. & Oldham Esq.
The minutes of last meeting were read & signed -
a short statement of the year's work was read & the
analysis of accounts read & passed by the chairman
having been ^{minuted} examined by Mr. Hallam. Balance
in hand Savy 1st 1885 £9-8-5 - some subscriptions
were handed in.

2 Mr. Hallam reported that letters were sent to the
9 ladies B.A.s. Three of whom expressed their positive
acknowledgment of the compliment -

3 It was decided that the W.L. Journal £18
Reading Rooms & Subscribers £10. & upward

4 The Woman Doctor in Europe was purchased as
directed & is now in course of being sent to various members.

5 Mrs Ashton Dilke & Miss Lord Daring consented to speak
at a couple of meetings early in February - it was decided
to hold an afternoon meeting in the Mechanics Hall

Feb 5th an evening meeting in the Taekville Hall
Feb 6th provided nothing should interfere present note

ladies from coming - Mr. Hallam was instructed to invite
Lord Powerscourt to preside at the afternoon meeting - or
joining him Col. Sirs. Hartman & P. also Mr. Lindley to
preside at the Taekville Hall meeting - he was
also authorized to invite Messrs. Mc Parthy, G. D. Gray,
the City & Co Members. Dr. & Mrs. Collie. Rev. Cannings
& several other influential ~~speakers~~ gentlemen to
speak at or be present at the meetings -

6 Rev. L. Landys. T. W. Riddell. C. & Oldham Esq. were
appointed as a sub-committee to assist the Secretaries
Committee to meet again the end of month

7 It was decided to purchase 10-12000 of the New
Suffrage Tracts for distribution -

8 Mr. Hallam was also empowered to arrange for
a drawing room meeting at Kington if feasible.

W. Wigham Chancery 3/1/1885

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee held at 4 Brunswick St - day 31st 1885
Henry Wigham Esq in the chair -
Present Mrs Richardson - Mrs Webb. Miss J.
Harper, Miss McDonell Mrs Hallam -
Mr Oldham Mr Bailey. Mr. Webb - Mr. Cox.
Rev Stanley -

The Secretary reported the arrangements she had made for the meetings ^{which were approved by the Committee} ~~to read~~ several letters of apology ~~to read~~ -

The Resolutions for meetings the various speakers were decided on - a few people were appointed to take charge of the doors & collecting boxes -

Henry Wigham Esq
11/15/85

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee held at 4 Brunswick St March 11th 1885 -
Henry Wigham Esq in the chair -
Present - Mrs J. Shaw. Mrs Richardson. Mrs Webb.
Miss J. Harper, Miss McDonell, Mr. Hallam.
Mr. W. Russell. Mr. Hallam. Mr. Cox.

The Secretary reported that the meetings were held as directed on the 5th & 6th February - that they were successful & well attended. The London Society generously sent a donation of £15. towards the expenses - There was also collected at the meetings £3-14-4 - The entire cost amounted to about £27. "

The accounts were audited by the chairman & passed. Mr. A. Dilke & Miss Fod expounded themselves much pleased with the meetings -

2 Communications were read from the London Committee relative to Petitions from Women Householders. It was unanimously decided that as several Petitions have been already sent forward this letter containing many signatures from Women Householders & as nearly all our friends here have done all in their power in the collection of such signatures, we are now precluded

from adopting the suggested course, as the
same persons are not at liberty to petition
twice in any one session for the same object.

T. W. Rupece. Chairman
20 January 1886

At a meeting of the Committee of the
Women's Suffrage Association held
at 4 Gt. George Street Jan 20th 1886 -
Present - Mrs Murphy Mrs J. J. Shaw Mrs
Parker Miss Richardson Miss Smithson Miss
Lucy Smithson Miss McDowell Mrs Hallam
Mrs William Mrs Hallam Mrs Gough Mr Cox
Mr T. W. Radell in the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed
also a short report of last year's work together with
Statement of accounts read & passed. The latter
showing a balance in hand of £5. 0. 8 -

It was moved by Miss Richardson seconded by Miss Heddle
& carried unanimously & that in the opinion
of his Committee it is undesirable to make

any change in Mr. Wardells Bill & the members
were instructed to telegraph same to London Committee
sitting this afternoon -

It was moved by Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Shaw
& carried & that Miss Weston McCarthy be asked by
the Secretaries to co-operate with the Committee
with a view of ascertaining the opinions of the
Irish M. P.s. with regard to Women's Suffrage -

It was decided to send the W. S. Journal for the present
year & the same news rooms as heretofore &
also to all subscribers of £1 & upwards.

A petition to the House of Commons was signed
by the chairman on behalf of the Committee & the
Secretaries were instructed to forward it via
T. Grattan Edmunds in presentation -

Petition forms were taken by many present
& several subscriptions were handed in -

The Secretaries were instructed to summon
the Committee exercise their own discretion
as to the time of summoning the next meeting
of Committee -

Henry Wigham
7/1/86 Chairman

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At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee held at 415 Bullock street
y^d of 10th mo 1886 -

Henry Wigham Esq in the chair -
Present Mr & Mrs Hallam Miss Isobel Harper -

It was proposed by Miss Isobel Harper & seconded
by Mr Hallam that the Warin Banks of this
Association be conveyed of the Hon Lee to
Miss Justine McCarthy for her efforts in our cause
with the Members of the House of Commons.
Mr Hallam reported that 27 Petitions had been
sent forward to Parliament - since he last met -
It was decided to hold an evening meeting
in the Lackenille Hall or in the Large
Concert Hall Rotunda - for the Brimton
Chant -

Mr Wigham & Mrs A Webb are requested to
ask the Low Mayor if he will kindly preside
at the Concert Hall Rotunda -

Henry Wigham
Chairman 3/2/86

At a meeting of the Committee held
in Bullock Buildings Dec 3rd -

Henry Wigham Esq in the chair -
Present Mr & Mrs Hallam & Mr Wigham

The Hon Lee reported that the Meeting for
the Brimton Chant had been held by the kind
permission of the Low Mayor in the back room
Mansion House - There was a very good attend-
ance - The speeches were effective M.W.A. Macdonald
was the only Member of Parliament who was able to
give us help over a dozen were asked & cards were
posted to every Irish Member -

A letter was read from Miss Justine McCarthy in
which she promises to continue her valuable
services with an Irish M.P.

Invitations to attend Conferences in Bristol & London
were considered. But there seems no prospect of our
being represented at either -

It was decided to sign Petition on behalf of the
Committee of the Chartist

Miss Isobel Harper is requested to audit the
Treasurers accounts for 1886 - cash now on hand
£ 3 - 4 - 4 -

It was decided to continue the N. S. journals
in the 18 News Rooms & to subscribers of 2/-
& upwards as heretofore -

Henry Wigham Chairman
May 19th 1887

At a meeting of the Committee held in
Buttace Buildings May 19th 1887 -
Henry Wigham Esq. in the chair
Present Miss McDowell, Miss A. Shannon
Mr. Haslam, Mr. Haslam -
Minutes of last Committee were signed and
Statement of accounts, which had been audited
by Miss Isabel Harper were read & passed
showing a Balance on hand 1st of £ 3. 4. 2.
The Hon Sec reported that a Memorial was sent
May 14th to the Chief Secretary Hon A. Balfour M.P.
the Col Ruij Harman M.P. requesting that he would
use his influence during the passing of the Mines
Regulation Bill to prevent the House of Commons
from interfering with the right of the Pit Brown

women to work at the mouth of mines.
A letter from the London & Manchester Committees
enclosing a draft addressed to Her Majesty on the
completion of the 50th year of her reign was received,
the address having been read, was passed unanimously
& the Secretaries were instructed to unite with the
other Committees in obtaining the necessary sig-
natures & presenting duly to Her Majesty.

Henry W. Chairman
Date 9th 1887

At a meeting of the Committee held in
Buttace Buildings Dec 9th 1887 -

Henry Wigham Esq. in the chair -
Present Mr. Mason Mr. Haslam Miss McDowell
Miss Shannon Mr. Wigham Mr. Haslam Mr. Foulsham
Minutes of last meeting were signed & account passed
£ 3 10-9 being in the Treasurer's hands

It was decided to continue the N. S. journals
in the news rooms & subscribers of 2/- & upwards -
The Hon Sec reported that he addressed a Her Majesty
on the completion of the 50th year was duly signed
by the Chairman & Hon Secs - our share of the expense being 1/-

The address was presented this is the time Secretary
& they acknowledged -

A letter was read from Miss Becker relative to the
appointment of Delegates to a proposed International
Council of Women at Washington - & the following
resolution was moved by Mrs. Weston - Seconded by
Mr. French & carried unanimously -

"That this Committee having been advised of the
Manchester Committee that it is proposed to send
Delegates from the British National Women's
Suffrage Association to an International
Council of Women to be held at Washington U.S.A.
but not having need any official information
as to the object of the proposed Convention - does
not at present see its way to take any action
in the matter -" The Hon Lee was requested
to send a copy of this Resolution to Manchester
also to London - & the following members were
appointed a sub Committee to take any
further steps that may be needed after hearing
from London - Mr. & William M. French Mr. Hallam
& the Hon Lee - 15 Petitions sent forward this fact -
Thomas J. Haslam Chairman

7 Dec^r 1888.

At a meeting of the Committee held in Dr. Stace's St
Dec 7th 1888 -

Thomas J. Haslam in the chair.

Present, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Hallam
Miss Mc Donell - Miss Larissa Smithson, Miss
Lucy Smithson, Mr. Hallam, Mr. French, Mr.
Haslam The minutes of last meeting
were read & signed.

The Hon Lee - reported that owing to the objections
raised by the Country Committee the appointment
of delegates to Washington was cancelled by the
Central -

The ~~following~~ ^{appeared} short report was read by Mrs.
Hallam of the years work -

The proposed changes in the organization of
the Central Committee were fully discussed
& the following resolution was proposed by
Mr. French - Seconded by Mrs. Brooks &
carried unanimously

"That this Committee having considered
the changes in the Constitution of the
Central Association proposed to be adopted
at the General Meeting to be held on the 12th

Inst. desires to express its disapproval of these changes, & endorses the amendment to be proposed by Mrs Fawcett" & instructs the Hon Lees to forward a copy of this resolution to Mrs Fawcett & also to Mr J. W. Russell, ^{requesting him to act} delegate of this Committee.

It was decided to continue the W.S. journals, & the news rooms & subscribers during 1889.

Henry Wilkinson

Chairman Oct. 25th 1888

At a meeting of the Committee held at Entrance Street Dec 28th 1888

Henry Wilkinson in the chair
Present - Mrs J. P. Thorne Mrs John Webb Miss McDonnell Miss Lucy St. Hilaire Mr Haslam Mr Haslam, Mr Gough Mr W. J. Bailey

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

Mrs Haslam reported that the Resolution passed at our last meeting was duly forwarded to Mrs Fawcett & Mr J. W. Russell A.P. The latter attended on the 12th as our delegate, & had since returned to Dublin; but owing to a heavy cold was unfortunately unable to be present, to give an account of the proceedings.

The meeting had however been held, & the thirteen ~~written~~ Resolutions disowning the Country Associations, and allowing the affiliation of other societies not exclusively devoted to the obtaining of Women's Suffrage, had been carried by a majority of 94 to 63, in opposition to Mrs Fawcett's amendment, thereby resolutionising the original character of the central body;

whereupon Mrs Fawcett, & the other Dissidents
withdrew & had since organized themselves
into an independent Association established
on the old lines.

The following Resolution was proposed by
Mr. Bailey & seconded by Mr. J. J. Ham,
"That this Committee thoroughly approves
of the action taken by Mrs Fawcett & our
Delegate Mr. T. W. Russell in withdrawing
from the Central Association in Parliament
Street, & establishing a new Association
upon the old lines, & appoints Mr Haslam
as its representative on the Executive
of the National Society for Women's Suffrage."

But after prolonged consideration it was
decided to postpone all further action
until fuller information has been received.

The Committee adjourned until Friday
the 4th January, when it was expected that the
Women's Suffrage Journal with a detailed
report of the proceedings would be in members'
hands.

Kenns. Wigham

Chairman 4/12/89

At a meeting of the Committee held in
Bucklace Street - January 4th 1889 -
Mr Henry. Wigham in the chair -

Present Mr. Brooks, Miss G. Donell, Mr. Madan
Mr. J. J. Ham, Miss Lucy Smithson, Mr. J. Welch.
Mr. Bailey, Mr. Gough, Mr. Haslam, Mr. J. W.
Russell M.P. Mr. A. Hackleton, Mr. A. Webb.
Mr. Wigham, Mr. Haslam.

Minutes of previous Committee were read &
with some alterations signed by the Chairman.
Letters were read from Mr. W. B. McLaren M.P. &
Miss H. Blackburn, giving their respective
explanations of the objects of the New Rules
passed at the meeting at the Westminster Palace
Hotel Dec 12th. Mr. T. W. Russell M.P.

then reported the proceedings at the aforesaid
meeting & also the action of the Parliamentary
Committee. Considerable discussion
ensued; & the following resolutions were
adopted - Moved by Mr. W. F. Bailey B.L.
& seconded by Mr. M. Brooks.

This Committee having considered the question
of the New Rules adopted for the guidance
of the Women's Suffrage Movement at the Westminster
Palace Hotel Dec 12th 1888, desires to express
its strong disapproval thereof & approves
of the action of our delegate Mr T. W. Russell
at said meeting."

Moved by Mr J. J. Hallam -
seconded by Mr T. J. Hallam -

"That this Committee thoroughly approves
of the action taken by Mrs Fawcett & our
delegate Mr T. W. Russell in withdrawing
from the Central Association in Parliament
Street & establishing a new association
upon the old lines, hereby resolves to join
the new organization & appoints Mr
Hallam as its representative on the
Executive of the National Society for Women's
Suffrage."

Mr Hallam was instructed to send copies
of the two Resolutions to the respective Com-
mittees, including one copy to
Mrs Fawcett's Committee.

Mr. A. Thackeray & Mr. Webb withdrew during
the proceedings, & at the close of the meeting
Mr. Wigham resigned his membership on the
Committee, but expressed his continued
interest in the Association & his intention
& support it from an independent position.
Several subscriptions were paid in, including
10/- from Mr. Wigham.

L 5-10-5 - in hand at the close of the year
W. S. journals & he continued the New Women
& Daughters of '96 & onward -

Henry J. Hallam
Chairman 26/2/90

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee, held at Gultace Buildings
26th Feb 1890. Mr. T. J. Hallam in the chair -
Present, Mr. Gough, Mr. Hallam, Mr. Haslam
Mr. Hoff, Miss Harper, Mrs. Malon, Miss
McDonell, Miss McHerlie, Mrs. L. Smith -

Minutes of last Committee were read & signed.
The Hon. Sec's reported as follows - That no opportunity for Parliamentary action had arisen during the past year, as the Bill did not come on for discussion - That our own Parliamentary advisers were of opinion that the question now lay entirely with the House of Commons. That there was no necessity for much public agitation just at present, therefore they had not thought it needful to call the Committee together, but they had however sent forward 17 Petitions with over 300 signatures, & various Members of Parliament & several householders names to Miss Beecher for the Hon. no. of the Women's Suffrage Journal: Not a suitable selection of literature had been

as usual freely supplied to several gentlemen who intended to take part in discussions at various associations throughout the city & suburbs.

It was decided to continue the W. S. Journals at the news rooms & subscribers ¹⁸⁹⁰, also to send 20/- as our annual subscription to the Central London Com. The accounts for 1889 were submitted -

Balance in hand ^{Jan} 1889. £ 5-10-5: Subscriptions £ 6-8-0 -
Expended £ 5-3-6. Balance ¹⁸⁹⁰ £ 6-14-11 -

The Committee heard with much regret the postpone-
ment of Mr. M'Laren's Resolution for which he had obtained 1st place March 4th, owing to the Government having delayed & appropriate all the energies during the week -

The Hon. Sec's were instructed to communicate with as many friends as possible on the subject & request their active support of Mr. M'Laren's Resolution when it comes up for discussion at a later period of the session.

Harrison W. Russell

Feb 12-1890

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee held at Bustall Building November 12th 1890. Mr T. W. Russell in the chair present. Miss Harper - Mr & Mrs Haslam Miss Hiller, Mrs Malon, Miss M'Dowell Miss McHale, Miss Richardson, Mr & Mrs Smithson

* The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

* 3 An important communication from Miss Blackburn. The London Secretary was considered & the following Resolution - proposed by Miss Richardson - seconded by Miss McHale was passed unanimously -

"That the Hon Secs be instructed to sign the letters to the selected Members of Parliament asking them to join in the Ballot to obtain an early day for the 2nd Reading of the Women's Suffrage Bill in the ensuing session of Parliament"

*² The Hon Secs reported that in consequence

of the unfortunate circumstance that Mr McLaren's resolution did not come on for discussion during last session of Parliament no general action was taken in regard to it - 4-

The Committee desire to place on record their deep feeling of regret for the loss which the cause of Women's Suffrage has sustained thro' the untimely death of its honored champion Miss Beecher, & their special sorrow that she did not live to witness the ultimate triumph of a cause which they fervently trust is on the eve of a successful issue, and which owed so much of that probable suc-cess, to her faithful & energetic labors - Much ~~succes~~ regret was also expressed for the discontinuance of the W.S. Journal which terminated its existence in August last, & which had always contained so invaluable a record of the progress of the movement.

The Hon Treasurer report as follows - Balance in hand Jan¹⁸⁹⁰ £ 6 14-11 Subscriptions rec'd £ 3 7-0 Expenses £ 4 12-3 Balance in hand Nov £ 5-9 8 Thomas J. Haslam
28/4/91

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee held at Sulgrave Buildings April 28th 1891.

Mr P. J. Haslam in the chair
Present Mrs J. Harper Mr & Mrs Haslam
Miss Miller, Mrs J. Haaff, Miss McDowell
Miss O'Connor, Miss Richardson, Mrs L. Smithson

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

It was decided to send the usual subscription 20/- to the London Committee.

Report of the Deputation to W. & Smith Esq. was read also several letters from Miss Blackett John R. Wigham Esq., Sir P. G. Edmunds Esq. & W. F. Bailey, B.d.

In view of the 2nd Reading of the W. S. Bill May 13th It was amongst various other suggestions proposed by Miss O'Connor seconded by Miss Richardson & passed unanimously.

That the Hon. Lees be instructed to write to Sir P. G. Edmunds regretting their not introducing into the 18th Clause of the proposed municipal franchise Bill, the words suggested by Mr Bailey enabling Women to vote for town commissioners as well

the letter (a draft of which was read) to a number of the most influential & the newspapers of the Three Southern Provinces, urging all friends of the cause to write their Parliamentary Representatives & other members requesting them to vote in favor of the Second Reading of the W. S. Bill.

The Committee were pleased to hear that the Poor Law Guardian Ireland Bill, enabling Women to act as Poor Law Guardians, introduced by Mr T. M. Russell & Shaw passed the 1st Reading and in reference to the Municipal Franchise Bill, introduced by Sir P. G. Edmunds & others respecting the funeral provisions of which the Committee desired to express no opinion. It was moved by Miss McDowell. seconded by Mrs Haaff & carried.

"That the Hon. Lees be instructed to write to Sir P. G. Edmunds regretting their not introducing into the 18th Clause of the proposed municipal franchise Bill, the words suggested by Mr Bailey enabling Women to vote for town commissioners as well

as members of other corporate bodies, viz -
striking out the word after Aldermen
& inserting in their stead "Commissioners
Auditors, Assessors, & of all persons
elected under the Municipal Franchise"

The Treasurer reports as follows -

Balance in hand Jan'y 1891 £ 5-9-8 -
Subscriptions recd - up to April 2^d £ 2. ..
Expended - Jan'y & April 9/9 -
Balance now in hand £ 6-19-11 -

Margaret Haff
16 Sep: 1891

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee
held in Eastgate Buildings Sept. 16 - 1891

Mr Jonathan Haff in the chair

Present Miss Blackburn, Mr T. Brooks,
Miss Hillis, Mr & Mrs Haslam, Mr Haff, Miss
McDowell, Miss Richardson, Miss Lucy Smithson
Miss Larina Smithson.

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
The Hon Secs reported that 60 letters to the
newspapers were prepared as directed at last
meeting of the Committee, & were just being
sent out when news of the falling thro' of the
2nd Reading of the W. Suff Bill came to hand
to the very great disappointment of all our
workers here -

Miss Blackburn gave a very interesting
account of the recent work carried on in
London, by both of our W. Suff Committees, &
foreshadowed the lines upon which they ~~were~~
likely to act during the coming very
critical & important session.

After some discussion the following

Resolutions were proposed & carried unanimous -

Proposed by Miss Richardson - Seconded by Miss M'Kerlie
& That the Committee adjourn to November
when the desirability of holding a
Public meeting at some time during
the winter, shall be considered -

Proposed by Mrs M. Brookes, & sec'd by Mr Hallam
& That a special note of thanks be hereby
tendered to Miss Blackburne for the very
interesting information & encouragement
she has given us - "

Hon Feature reported that no subscription had
been rec'd since last meeting -
Expenses for letters to £1-18-8
Cash in Hand £5.1.3.

Helen G. M'Kerlie
July 2nd 92

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage
Committee held at Sunbeam Buildings -

July 2nd 1892 -

Mrs Helen G. M'Kerlie in the chair -
Present Mrs Mason, Miss McDonell -
Miss M'Kerlie, Miss L. Smithson & Miss M'Haslam
The minutes of last meeting were read & signed
Proposed by Mrs Mason - Seconded by Miss Smithson
& carried unanimously, That the usual
subscription of one Pound be forwarded
to the London Committee for the year 1892 -

In view of the approaching session of Parliament,
it was decided that a Petition to the House of
Commons should be signed by the chairman
on behalf of the Committee, & forwarded to Sir
Algernon Bestwick M.P. the president of the
at the earliest date, after a good deal of
discussion, the consideration of all further
action in support of the Bill was post-
poned until the next meeting of the Committee
which is to be summoned at a sufficient
time before the date fixed for the
second reading -

The Hon Speaker reported - that only
 £2-2-6 had been received in Subscriptions
 during 1891 - Balance from 90- £5-9-8
 Subscriptions 91 2 2 6
£ 7 12 2
2-10-5
 £ 5 1-9

Expenses 1891 -
 leaving Balance

in hand Jan'y 1892 -

above last been examined by Mr Haslam &
^{memorandum} and found correct -

Maria Hilles
 April 1st/1892.

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee
 held at 4 Brunswick Street April 1st 1892

Mrs Hilles in the chair -

Present - Mr & Mrs Haslam Mrs Hilles Mrs
 Mc Donnell - Miss Mc Kee -

The Minutes of last meeting were read &
 signed -

Letters were read from Miss Blackburne explaining
 the intended action of the London Committee at
 the present juncture - urging us to give all ~~possible~~
 possible support to Sir A. Rollit's Bill on April
 27th or in this possible failure to obtain a
 division on that date, to be prepared to give a
 similar help to Mr McLaren's Bill on May 18th
 It was accordingly decided that letter signed by
 the Hon. Lees - ^{should be addressed} some 30 of the leading newspapers
 in Lancashire & Cornwall - urging upon
 those of their readers, & especially those women
 who are interested in Women's Suffrage to write to
 their local representatives, & other members
 whom they happen to know, earnestly requesting
 them not to fail us at this most critical juncture -
 A letter was read from the Double Israel Plunket

Candidate for South Dublin County,
explaining his attitude towards Mr. Sapp
& his openness of mind to consider
the question practically if elected -

Thomas J. Haslam
27 Jan 93

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee
held at Grattan St. Jan 27th 1893 -

Thomas J. Haslam in the chair
Present, Miss Bolton, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Haff -
Mr. & Mrs. Hallam, Miss McDowell, Mrs.
McKerlie, Mr. & Mrs. Donegan, Miss Lomax

The minutes of last meeting were read &
signed - The Hon Lee read a short
report of the progress that has been made
since last meeting. Nearly all the leading
newspapers in our three Southern Provinces
had been written to as directed, & most of them
had published the letter. The Debate in the

House of Commons on April 27th last year was
a very important one, owing more particularly
to a significant pronouncement of Mr. Balfour.
Since then some very interesting discussions
had taken place in Ireland, - & more especially
that at the Law Students Debating Society, which
was one of the most important that had been
ever held in this city.

The statement of accounts was read.
Balance in hand Aug 1st 93 £5.4.1 -
Several letters were read from Miss Blackburn
relative to the proposed action of our representatives
in the coming session, also a letter from Lady
& Comtech inviting our Committee to appoint
Delegates to the Women's Convention to be held in
May at the Chicago exhibition.

It was moved by Mr. & Mrs. Donegan, seconded by
Mrs. Haff & carried unanimously, That Miss
McKerlie Miss Miller, one or both of whom ex-
pected the present, should be appointed to represent
us; & the Hon Lee was instructed to inform Lady
& Comtech the appointment.

The intended visit of Lady Comtech Mrs. Willard

was discussed; the Hon. Lee, were instructed to ascertain if they would be willing to speak at a public meeting in this city.

The chairwoman was directed to sign the usual Annual Petition to the House of Commons on behalf of the Committee, & forward same to Lord Wolmer.

There was a good deal of discussion as to the best means of increasing the number of our members, & the consequent enlargement of our pecuniary resources; but no immediate practical conclusion was arrived at.

The usual subscription to London was instructed to be forwarded.

The Committee adjourned until definite information should be received from Lady Somerset & Miss Willard respecting their intended visit.

Helen G. McKerlie
Feb'y 16th 93.

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee held at 5 Brunswick Street Feb'y 16th 1893 -

Mrs Helen G. McKerlie in the chair.

Present Mrs Bolton, Mr. Wm' Hallam, Miss Hill, Mrs Hoff, Mr. Eugene Donegan - Mrs McDowell Mrs McHerlie, Mrs Smithson -

Minutes of last meeting were read & signed -

Letters were read - from Proprietary Barnett advising us that Lady Henry Somerset & Miss Willard were not likely at present to come to Dublin -

- from Lord Wolmer acknowledging the receipt of petition from the Committee, which he had duly presented: — from Mr. K. G. Plunkett relative to the proposed Bill for admitting Women to all Local franchises etc.: — from Mrs. Blackburn giving particulars respecting the Women's Suffrage Bill, date of its introduction the feasibility of viz March 8th & the practicability owing to its being 1st on the list. of its not coming on, upon that date - our Parliamentary Friends intend three Amendments introduced, — admitting Women to the franchise — either on the Registration, or the one man one vote Bill. — These are

^{a letter}
also read from the Parliament Street Committee enclosing a copy of our proposed Bill, & offering to supply us with Post Cards to send to Members of the House in support of the Bill - The Hon Lee was instructed to apply for a sample of proposed card.

The advisability of holding a public meeting was freely discussed, & owing to the extreme difficulty of obtaining a suitable lady speaker the matter remains over for the present - meanwhile enquiries were made respecting the Countess Alice Kearney & other ladies.

The Committee will be summoned as soon as definite information has been received.

Thomas Haslam

March 28th 1893

At a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Committee held at 5 Gloucester Street March 28-1893 -

Mr. T. J. Haslam in the chair -
Present Miss Bolton, Mr & Mrs Haslam,
Miss Hilles, Miss McDonnell, Miss McHerlie
& Mr J. J. Shaw -

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed - no money rec'd since last Committee.
After some deliberation it was decided unanimously, that the present time is not opportune for holding a drawing room meeting - also that nothing could be done at present about the Registration Bill. All further action deferred until something more definite is known respecting its prospects during the session.

Mrs McHerlie informed the Committee that it would be impossible for her to go to Chicago; & Miss Hilles cannot be there in May, so the Hon Lees wrote requested to forward a short paragraph about our Association to Parliament St. to be inserted in their own minutes for Chicago.

Lucy Smithson
24th 1894