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NATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE CONVENTION AT NEWPORT, R. I.

A WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE Convention, under the auspices of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, will be held in the Academy of Music at Newport, Rhode Island, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 25 and 26 days of August next.

The success attending the recent gathering at Saratoga, warrants the most sanguine hopes and expectations from this also. The intense interest now everywhere felt on the great question, renders all appeal for a full attendance unnecessary.

Among the speakers will be Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mrs. Paulina Wright Davis, Mrs. Celis Burleigh, Rev. Phebe A. Hannaford, Mrs. Wilbour and Miss Susan, B. Anthony. The Misses Alice and Phebe Carey, Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, Mrs. E. H. Bullard and many other of the most eminent women of the country, will be in attendance. Names of other speakers will be announced hereafter.

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THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

THE TABLES TURNED.

To make our position clear and to enable our masculine law-makers to take a feeling view of the situation, let us suppose the tables turned, and that no man in this republic had ever been permitted to exercise the right of suffrage.

Imagine the government administered for the last century entirely by women. After depriving the sons of Adam of all their inalienable rights to person, property, wages, children, they had legislated, as they undoubtedly would, on their tastes, habits, sentiments and affections. Under this dynasty the manufacture and sale of whiskey, the importation of tobacco, the opening of gambling saloons and brothels, smoking and spitting and swearing were all strictly forbidden. The men, weary and heart-sick of their oppressed, down-trodden condition, had prayed, petitioned and protested against these wrongs with pen and tongue, in public and private, year after year, in season and out of

season, but all in vain; for as men and women differ as essentially as "silk and flax, as daisies and sunflowers," how was it possible for one sex to understand the wants and tastes of the other, and legislate with fairness and wisdom? The women firmly believed that the restraining laws they had made for these captious, carnal men, were far better than any they could possibly make for themselves, and so they reasoned with them and ridiculed them by turns, but the men, still chewed the bitter quid of discontent, and a few rebellious spirits here and there tried to stir up the indignation of the whole sex. So matters went on until, in the progress of events, the country was in such a terribly disorganized condition that it was evident to all that something must be done. The women naturally enough thought that the extension of suffrage to all their sex might bring about the much needed reform; so a great discussion arose all over the country, on the general question of suffrage, as to whether it was a natural or political right, and if natural, then black women, no one thought of men, as well as white should share its privileges. Accordingly it was decided to enfranchise the black women, and the proposition was received with wild applause from Maine to California, and after much debate in Congress and out an amendment to the Constitution was submitted, demanding "womanhood suffrage" in every state in the Union. The men pricked up their ears to all this talk and thus discussed among themselves:

"Well, if these tyrannical women reinforce themselves with more of their numbers, our doom is sealed. While native born women of property and education have held sway, we have been most grievously robbed and oppressed, their rule has ever been unjust, one-sided and fragmentary; everything in our condition and the country at large is deplorable; justice is a mockery;—bribery and corruption rule alike every branch of our government, and what have we to hope from the present proposition to enfranchise all the ignorant, degraded types of womanhood, native and foreign, now crowding our shores. It is evident to any thinking mind that we need some new element in government. Man's thought is imperative to make and administer law with justice and wisdom."

"Such men as Wendell Phillips, Garrison, Greeley, Gerrit Smith, Douglass, Beecher, and Bushnell met in convention and declared out and out that if they could prevent it, not another woman should be enfranchised until they had some representatives in the councils of the nation. "The idea," said they, "is simply preposterous, that every shade of ignorant womanhood is to make laws for us, while we, refined, educated, tax-paying men have not one word to say. Our rights never can be protected in the nature of things, until we have a voice in the laws, and the government never can be safe and stable until all classes are represented. We have had enough of woman's governing. Let us make the welkin ring with our demands, that if there is to be any further extension of the suffrage, educated men come next in order; it is but just that some of our class be admitted into all the rights and privileges of citizens."

Just as their enthusiasm was at white heat, up rose the silver tongued orator, Anna E. Dickinson, baton in hand, and rapping them all mercilessly on the pate, she cried, "Down, you ignorant, narrow, selfish men, you besotted democrats, masquerading in the garb of human rights! had you been educated in my school, you

would not stand here to-day clamoring for your own rights nor those of your race or sex, but you would make angels weep with your eloquent appeals for the black women of the south, the most peeled and down-trodden of all God's creatures! Do you not see that if the black women are enfranchised it lifts that whole race to a level with the proudest Saxon? and when all women of every color and clime are safe in the political kingdom that a mighty stride in progress is taken? Then man's turn comes next, naturally, and properly, for it will leave the naked, base, intolerable, illogical test of sex, so monstrous as it stands isolated, that it will almost topple over of its own weight."

The men were so charmed with the dash and brilliancy of the young orator and so confused with her sophistry, that they were about to shout "Womanhood Suffrage!" "This is the black woman's hour!" when Mr. Phillips, with streaming eyes, arose and said: "Be not deceived, oh men of the republic! think not that woman in a conglomerate mass will understand you better or legislate for you more wisely than the few have in the past. What assurance have you that the ignorant hordes you are now marshalling into the political citadel will not be the first to pull up the draw-bridge and bar the gates? If such women as Miss Dickinson and her compeers have no appreciation of what is galling and humiliating to us, what can we expect of the Dinal's and Bridget's? 'Womanhood Suffrage' is national suicide and our destruction. The conceit too of these women passes all understanding. Having brought our government to the very verge of destruction, one would think they would naturally turn to us for assistance; but no, they regard the opinion of the most ignorant of their own sex as of far more value than the wisest from man!"

Let our readers make the application, for this is the way the case stands to-day for woman.

E. C. S.

DECISION DIABOLICAL!

ONE of the court reports last week read thus: The child Anna Larout, eleven years of age, with her step-father, Charles F. Gittens, of India street, Greenpoint, appeared before Justice Voorhies yesterday to complain of Ludlam Cornell, of No. 5 Benson street, New York, who was arrested the previous evening on a charge of rape. The child originally accused Cornell of ravishing her three times, on Wednesday night last, while she was alone with him at her step-father's residence. The fact that she was injured was attested to by a physician. The accused yesterday pleaded that the child consented, and the Justice held that the law did not hold men responsible in such cases when the child is over ten years of age! Cornell was discharged.

State and church, common consent and general usage have decided and declared man to be "the natural protector of woman," and here is a specimen of his protection. Here is Ludlam Cornell's protection, and Justice Voorhies's protection in a New York court, under New York law. New York law, civilization and religion abandon girls "over ten years of age" to the lust of such human fiends as this Ludlam Cornell, only if they can procure their "consent" to such abominable, unnatural outrages! This is the legal as well as natural protection which justice Voorhies extends over his little daughters of ten and eleven and twelve, if he have them. And the daughters of Fifth Avenue. And Murray Hill. And the baptized children of Grace Church. And of Trinity Church. And all the churches! "The fact that Anna was injured was attested to, by a physician." "In