

SUFFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We publish to-day the argument of Mr. Willcox before a committee of the House of Representatives in Washington in behalf of the Universal Franchise Association. It will be seen to be more a scientific than a metaphysical, or legal presentation, appealing too to the experience of the past, basing itself on a broad grasp of facts, showing that liberty always has worked better than oppression; and that whether women should vote or not, her political, social and spiritual security depend largely on her being free to act on her own judgement. We commend its perusal to all who would act intelligently in prosecuting the work of woman's enfranchisement.

WHAT A BRITISH WOMAN DID.—During the eighteenth century the chase was more in favor in England than at the present day, and was, in fact, the national amusement, so that it was very natural for the women of those times, growing up among such scenes, to take a fancy to them, and wish also, with the ardor of men, to indulge in the sport. Of these women we will speak of but one, perhaps the most prominent. This woman regularly took out a shooting license; she was noted throughout the country round about for the accuracy of her shot—so true, that no man or woman in the whole country claimed superiority over her; she owned a splendid pack of greyhounds, which were looked upon with jealous eyes by the nobility; and, in short, she was as great a lover of the chase as any "good old Englishman" in all merry England. This woman was Mary Bresse.

Here was a woman, who, loving to hunt, indulged in it; disregarding all the petty customs of the age that tried to hold her back. If the women of the nineteenth century would only act thus, we would not see so much humility and misery among them, for they would force man to allow them to choose their own profession, would become lawyers, merchants, etc., and be prepared to support themselves, and not perish with the day of adversity as so many do now.

INTEMPERANCE AMONG WOMEN.—Woman cannot be wholly idle more than man. Excitement, healthy or otherwise, will be had. It is but a higher degree of conscious existence and will be had at some cost or other, it may be at very great. That intemperance is rapidly increasing among women in the higher circles, as they are called, everywhere, is coming to be generally known, if not discussed and deplored. A gentleman writing to the *London Star*, says that "The careful perusal of public journals, a large correspondence with intelligent observers, the testimony of city missionaries, and personal experience in London have led me slowly and reluctantly to this depressing opinion. Workingmen themselves say 'there is more drunkenness than ever amongst women.' This, I may remark, is one reason why some workingmen will not marry, but prefer another mode of life." In this country the vice is not confined to the working women.

NOTICE.—For any one sending us three new subscribers, with the money, we will forward, post-paid, a fine steel engraving of either Elizabeth Cady Stanton or Anna E. Dickinson.

ELOQUENT EXTRACT.

REV. FRED. D. HUNTINGTON is author of the following noble and just tribute to woman:

Let man learn to be grateful to woman for this undoubted achievement of her sex, that she, far more than he, and too often in despite of him, has kept Christendom from lapsing back into barbarism; kept mercy and truth from being utterly overborne by those two greedy monsters, money and war. Let him be grateful for this, that almost every great soul that has led forward or lifted up the race has been furnished for each noble deed, and inspired with each patriotic and holy inspiration, by the rearing fortitude of some Spartan, or more than Spartan—some Christian mother. Moses, the deliverer of his people, drawn out of the Nile by the King's daughter, some one has hinted, is on a symbol of the way that woman's better instincts always outwit the tyrannical diplomacy of man. Let him carefully remember, that though the sneaky sex achieves enterprise on public theatres, it is the nerve and sensibility of the other that arm the mind and inflame the soul in secret. "A man discovered America, but a woman equipped the voyage." So everywhere; man executes the performance, but woman trains the man. Every effectual person, leaving his mark on the world, is but another Columbus, for whose furnishing some Isabella, in the form of his mother, lays down her vanities and her comfort.

TRIBUTE TO GEO. ELIOT [MRS. LEWES].—We particularly like the *Chicago Advance* for one thing: it not only considers with much liberality the general question of woman, her needs, rights, and responsibilities in its columns, but always seems ready to give any encouraging or complimentary testimony in her favor as it appears in the literature of the day, as for instance this:

A lady writing in the *Evangelist*, thus describes "George Eliot," or Mrs. Lewes: "No one who has ever seen her could mistake the large head (her brain must be heavier than most men's) covered with a mass of rich auburn hair. At first I thought her tall, for one could not think that such a head could rest on an ordinary woman's shoulders. But as she rose up, her figure appeared of but medium height. Her manners are very sweet, because very simple and free from affectation. It is a special charm of the most finely cultured English ladies, but never did a sweeter voice captivate a listener—so soft and low that one must almost bend to hear."

THE YATES COUNTY CHRONICLE.—This capital journal has purchased a whole new suit of clothes, mounted a new Roper Caloric engine, and presents every appearance of good health and general outward prosperity. Everybody who knows the proprietor and editor will believe him when he says: "We have tried to be true not only to the republican faith, but to temperance, good order and sound morality as well. And we take this occasion to say that we hope so long as we publish the *Chronicle* to make it an organ of wholesome progress and sound sentiments, and always faithful to the highest interests of the people."

WINE AT SACRAMENT.—At the National Temperance Convention held last week in Cleveland, Ohio, James Black, of Pennsylvania, reported to this effect:

In 1840 a brother was redeemed from a drinking life and became a widely useful man. Time and again has he been sent for to minister consolation at dying beds. He tasted wine at the Lord's supper, the old appetite re-mastered him, and he is to-day wandering the streets a drunken sot. A gentleman, once told me that for years he had to hold his nose at the Sacrament till the fumes had passed. One Christian brother tells me that a dozen men have fallen from his church into intemperance.

We are glad to see that women were permitted to take part in the discussions and proceedings generally of the Convention.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

A good deal is said and written of the habits of Gen. Grant as unsuitable for the office to which he aspires, but here is what a correspondent of the Cincinnati *Chronicle* says of Gen. Blair:

The personal habits of Frank P. Blair, democratic candidate for the Vice-Presidency, and possible, though not probable, incumbent of that high office, are of some consequence to the American people. By the side of the Missouri apostate, in this respect, Andrew Johnson is a decent, and Senator Saulebury a sober man. Frank P. Blair is a drunkard, but one remove from the gutter. His character in this respect is well known. It is as flagrant as that of the most indolent bawd ever fined before a magistrate. I have, years ago, seen him addressing public meetings while scarcely able to stand or talk straight. He disgusted everybody East when he came into sober New England, in 1860, to speak and lecture. He has been carried "dead drunk" from political meetings. When in Congress, his vices were most notorious. So in the army, his headquarters were the most debauched and depraved.

AS USUAL.—When wealthy women die, they seem never to have remembered that institutions of every conceivable kind are needed for woman, and so they leave their fortunes to chapels, churches, theological schools and colleges (of course all for young men), anything, everything but institutions for the especial benefit of their own sex. So the will of Mary Ann Hastings of Framingham, late of Boston, disposes of an estate (a small one to be sure, to what many are) amounting to \$50,000, and makes the following public bequests: To the Temporary House for the Destitute, 24 Kneeland street, Boston, \$500; to the Warren Street Chapel Association, Boston, for the benefit of children, \$500; to the Unitarian Society in Warwick, Mass., two shares of the State National Bank, Boston; to the Meadville Theological School, \$1,000; Washingtonian Home of Boston, \$1,000; New England Branch of the Freedman's Union Commission, \$1,000.

WHEN OR WHERE?—"THE REVOLUTION," women's paper, closes a review of the situation as follows: "We appeal to every patriot to forget all past differences and unite with us in the great approaching struggle to elect Horatio Seymour and Frank Blair." It is the *Detroit Free Press* that says this. A rather *Free* press than "THE REVOLUTION" believes in. Give us the date and number, please, in which that declaration is made, before any democrat shall unwittingly call to subscribe for "THE REVOLUTION."

PURPOSE OF "THE REVOLUTION."—The Baltimore *Sun* said last week, "THE REVOLUTION" is spicier than ever, but it added:

"THE REVOLUTION" evidently purposes to "remedy" the natural desire of women to have husbands and families and homes of their own.

The *Sun* shouldn't shine that way. It isn't decent moonshine. We do purpose and hope, by making woman independent, to remedy the necessity which men and custom have made of compelling her into marriage for the sake of a home, of which after all marriage is no guarantee and much less of happiness.

STATISTICS OF TOBACCO AND BEER.—The *Herald* estimates that New York drinks daily six hundred thousand glasses of beer and smokes more than a million of cigars. It says these figures are below the true amount.