

PREFACE.

The subjoined communication was submitted for publication in the first week of March. The intention had been to have it inserted about the time of meeting of the legislature. The object was to invite discussion on reforms of popular representation—the time for holding general elections fixed—the date for meeting of parliament fixed—vacancies in both branches of the legislature promptly filled—appointment of returning officers—suppression of bribery at elections—reform of the Senate. Unluckily business exigencies clashed with this arrangement, and its publication has been unavoidably delayed.

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