

chief charge was that she was insane in her zeal for the suffrage cause. The court found her of sound mind.

The will provides the son shall pay the expenses of the sanity inquiry, which she terms in the instrument, "inexcusable and unrighteous persecution"

VOTES FOR WOMEN IN DENMARK.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we learn of the successful passage through the Danish Folkthing, last Friday, of the Bill for amending the Danish Constitution and granting the suffrage to women on equal terms to men. This amendment to the Constitution was carried by a majority of 95 to 12, there being besides three members who were absent and three who did not vote; and the effect of it, if it becomes law, will to give the vote to all men and women over twenty-five years of age, with certain qualifications as to character and property.

Since the Bill includes a further constitutional change with regard to the election of Peers, it is possible that difficulties may arise in the course of its passage through the Upper House; also, by the Act of 1849, when the present Constitution was passed, no constitutional change can become law in Denmark until it has been approved in two successive Parliaments. There must, therefore, under the most favourable circumstances, be a general election before women can be placed on the Parliamentary register.

A Decided Victory.

But a victory has undoubtedly been gained by the Danish women, for their Government has at least been sufficiently enlightened to make Woman Suffrage a Cabinet question, and that will give it every chance of becoming law. In Denmark, as we pointed out in a special article called "The Country Where Queen Means Woman,"

which appeared in *Votes for Women* on February 4, 1909, women hold a far more respected position than in most European countries. They won full municipal rights without much trouble in 1908, and we believe we are correct in stating that if the new Bill becomes law, Danish women will be eligible for election to Parliament as well as for the exercise of the ballot. As in other countries, the Suffrage movement in Denmark was suffering greatly from stagnation when the rise of the militant movement in England gave it a fresh impetus and new life, the result of which was a vigorous agitation which bore fruit in the Folkthing last week.

SPOILT LETTERS.

Notwithstanding all that has been published to the contrary the Postmaster General of Great Britain has officially announced the surprising information that not one letter has been destroyed by the militant suffragettes through the brown liquid being spilt in the post boxes. No cheques have been destroyed, no Christmas letters or parcels have been spoilt, yet the militants have been given the reward of their efforts, namely, a world-wide advertisement of the need and of their determination that Parliament shall give Votes to Women!

MANX ADULT SUFFRAE BILL.

Mr. Crennell, a prominent member of the Manx House of Keys, has announced to his Ramsey constituents that he will introduce an Adult Suffrage Bill.

Willie Brigg's ma, who is a well-to-do widow, told me that the polls couldn't be any worse place to go to than riding home in the street car every night at five o'clock getting jostled most dreadful and standing all worn out and dead tired.