

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

In Massachusetts the Senate has passed the Constitutional Amendment Bill to extend full suffrage to women by an overwhelming majority, the vote being 34 to 2. The question will now be submitted to the voters and the suffragettes are feeling confident that the people will support it.

In the United States Senate the same question was lost by only one vote. At the present time eleven States have enfranchised their women, 4,000,000 women vote for the highest official in the land, that before another presidential election there will be added to this column from five to ten States more, and so suffrage has emerged from the gloom of ridicule and sneers into the open sunshine of a prosperous and growing cause.

IN OTHER LANDS

Wyoming Judge Tells Results

The benefits of woman suffrage include the nomination of clean candidates, advanced legislation, the business emancipation of women and the diffusion of practical education. So said the Hon. W. O. S. Groesbeak, former Chief Justice of Wyoming, in an address the other day before the suffragists of Cazenovia, N. Y.

The few women who have held office in Wyoming, he said, have been industrious, efficient, polite and zealous in the discharge of their duties. After 44 years' experience, all parties in Wyoming are agreed that no mistake was made in introducing the home element into politics.

In answer to the objection that "women are too emotional to enter the political field," the Judge said: "That's just what we need in the government, a little heart; there is already plenty of head. What we need today is the finer and more sympathetic nature which women as a class possess."

Judge Groesbeak also told with pride how it was suggested in 1890, when the Territory of Wyoming sought admittance as a State, that Congress might require the young commonwealth to cut out woman suffrage from

its constitution, and how the men of Wyoming answered, "Wyoming will stay out for a hundred years rather than come in without the women." Congress did not insist, and the men and women came in together.—*Woman's Journal*.

King of Sweden Urges Suffrage

King Gustave of Sweden, in his speech from the throne to the Swedish Parliament, which he opened in person last week, announced the intention of the government again to ask Parliament to grant to women the franchise and the right of election to office and to Parliament on the same conditions as are enjoyed by men.

Women in Sweden and Denmark already have municipal suffrage. In Norway and Finland they vote for all elective officers.

Scotland Awake Over Suffrage

Scotland is awake on the suffrage question. The Town Council of Edinburgh lately voted more than two to one to petition Parliament to pass the woman suffrage bill. The Town Council of Glasgow has just taken similar action. It also voted 60 to 27 to send the Lord Provost and the Senior Magistrate, Baillie McMillan, as a deputation to Mr. Asquith, to back up the request.

The motion was made by Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell, and supported by the Lord Provost, who recalled the fact that the Glasgow Town Council had twice sent deputations to London, in 1831 and 1832, in behalf of broadening the suffrage for men.

Before the vote was taken, a delegation of anti-suffragists were given a hearing, but their arguments were not convincing.

Austria

Hundreds of women's mass meetings in favor of woman suffrage were held March 8 throughout Austria. At all of them resolutions were adopted declaring that Austrian women demanded the vote in parliamentary and local elections. The mass meetings were organized by the Socialist party.