

member of the Women's Social and Political Union, and it was received with the warm applause that might be expected in a country where a struggle for liberty is always going on. This was the first time that a militant suffragist had spoken in St. Petersburg.

A "Reuter" message from St. Petersburg, dated Saturday, December 21, states that the Committee of the Council of the Empire has adopted the Bill providing for the admission of women to the Bar.

In Persia

His Excellency Abdul Baha, in the course of an address given at the Essex Hall last week, on "The Equality of Women," said that in Persia to-day women were showing dauntless courage in promoting their movement; they were proving their intelligence and their equality with men in all that applied to science and art, and were attaining to the highest degrees in the colleges. Women had been the inspiration of religious movements in ancient times, and in Persia the Bahai movement had had its martyr heroine, Kur-ratul Ayn, who had died to open the gate of the newer life to her countrywomen.

In Norway

Mr. Lloyd George's recently expressed approval of the so-called "Norwegian" amendment to the Franchise Bill, which he defined as giving the vote to "women householders and the wives of married electors," has drawn forth a letter to the "Times" from Mr. H. L. Broekstad, in which he says: "Allow me to say that the Norwegians went a good deal further. According to the Act of 1907, every Norwegian woman over twenty-five years who earns a yearly income of at least £16 10s. in the country and £22 in the towns, and who has paid taxes upon such income, is entitled to vote. In other words, all women over twenty-five years—no matter what class—unmarried, married, or widows, who themselves or whose husbands have paid the above taxes, can vote, and

even be elected a member of the Norwegian Parliament. I may add that this limited franchise for women will, in all probability, be extended to universal suffrage in the next or following Session of the National Assembly."

An interesting communication appeared in the "Westminster Gazette" last Tuesday, in which a Norwegian correspondent states that the women have taken a strong part in the recent elections in Norway, which have resulted in the return to power of the Liberal Party, which is pledged to maternity insurance and the better protection of unmarried mothers and their children. The article goes on to say that "the good effect of the women's vote has been so generally acknowledged that all parties have now adult suffrage on their programme, and adult suffrage to women will certainly be given by Parliament in the immediate future, as men already have it. The present suffrage, which excludes two-fifths of the women of the poorer class, was only intended as a cautious, preliminary step."

The writer also says that "the women are in a majority in Norway as elsewhere, but our men are not afraid of the women. There is not the fight between the sexes as in other countries; they work together for their common interest in the family and the State."

In Holland

In Holland, as in England, the Woman Suffrage prospects are overshadowed by a proposal, backed by the three Liberal parties there, to give adult male suffrage only in their new Electoral Reform Bill. As Dutch Liberals are no more ashamed than are their English brothers to take help from women in their election campaign, they are holding out vague hopes of a measure of women's enfranchisement, should their other reform measures not be impeded thereby! We hope the Dutch Liberal women will show a spirit too often lacking in their English sister Liberal women, and refuse to support these betrayers of their movement.