

has assumed the task of collecting subscriptions for this memorial. After careful enquiries, it was decided that a memorial library of mining and geology was the most appropriate both as a perpetual monument and as a tribute that Mr. Fletcher himself would have approved. In order that this library should be of the greatest accessibility and utility to the whole province it was deemed best that it should be placed in the new Technical College at Halifax.

A special committee of the Mining Society approached the government in this connection and was freely accorded permission to place such a library in the Technical College under the charge of their competent librarian. Further than this the government showed its hearty sympathy with the movement by offering all the books on mining and geology in the Provincial Science Library as a nucleus for the Fletcher Library and agreeing also to provide the library furnishings for this collection. By placing the library in the Technical College it will be used by the engineering students there, by the public in Halifax and visitors in the city. It is the intention also to send books to anyone in Nova Scotia who will pay express charges. The Hugh Fletcher Memorial Library will be a separate and distinct entity by itself although a department of the Provincial Science Library and the former will have a suitable bronze plate outlining the life and service of the man to whom it is dedicated.

In order that the library shall be adequate in these departments of mining and geology, it is necessary that the sum of \$4,300 be raised. Of this amount, \$4,000 will be invested by a Board of Trustees and the income shall be used each year to purchase books on the above mentioned subjects. The selection of the books will be left to the President of the Technical College and the librarian. The \$300 will be used to purchase a suitable bronze plate outlining the life and accomplishments of Hugh Fletcher and the commemoration of the library to his memory. Besides this plate, there shall also be purchased an engraved book plate of tasteful design, a copy of which shall be inserted in each book belonging to the Memorial Library.

The Mining Society of Nova Scotia have opened the subscription list with \$500.

have gained ten seats. At present there are vacancies in Portsmouth and the Uxbridge Division of Middlesex, but late representatives having been Liberal and Unionist respectively the balance of parties is in the meantime unaffected.

The following corrected tables show the distribution of parties in the United Kingdom according to counties and burghs:—

ENGLAND.				
Counties.....	Lib.	Union.	Lab.	Nat.
Boroughs.....	151	66	15	—
Metropolitan.....	86	45	28	1
Universities.....	35	22	4	—
	—	5	—	—
	272	138	47	1

Including one Socialist and the two vacancies—a total of 461, and an Anti-Unionist majority of 183.

WALES.				
Counties.....	Lib.	Union.	Lab.	Nat.
Boroughs.....	19	—	3	—
	11	—	1	—
	30	—	4	—

A total of 34 members—all Anti-Unionist.

SCOTLAND.				
Counties.....	Lib.	Union.	Lab.	Nat.
Burghs.....	37	4	—	—
Universities.....	22	5	2	—
	—	2	—	—
	59	11	2	—

A total of 72 members—Anti-Unionist majority, 50.

IRELAND.				
Counties.....	Lib.	Union.	Lab.	Nat.
Boroughs.....	3	12	—	71
Universities.....	—	4	—	11
	—	2	—	—
	3	18	—	82

A total of 103—Anti-Unionist majority, 67.

Anti-Unionist majority—England.....	183
Do. do. Wales.....	34
Do. do. Scotland.....	50
Do. do. Ireland.....	67
Total Anti-Unionist majority.....	334

The following is a summary tabulation according to countries:—

	Eng.	Wales.	Scot.	Ire.	Total.
Liberal.....	272	30	59	3	364
Unionist.....	138	—	11	18	167
Nationalist.....	1	—	—	82	83
Labour.....	47	4	2	—	53
Socialist.....	1	—	—	—	1
Vacant (English seats)	—	—	—	—	—

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POLITICAL SITUATION IN BRITAIN.

The present state of parties in the House of Commons is shown in the following table:—

Liberal.....	364
Nationalist.....	83
Labour and Socialist.....	54
Unionist.....	167
Vacancies.....	2

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Anti-Unionist majority, 334.

At the General Election of 1906 the balance of representation was thus adjusted:—

Liberal.....	401
Nationalists.....	83
Labour.....	29
Unionist.....	157

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Anti-Unionist majority, 356.

The growth of the Labour party at the expense of the Liberal majority has of course been due in only a minor degree to by-elections. Since 1906 the Unionists

In a paper on "Recovery of Power from Exhaust Steam," read before the Midland Institute of Mining, Civil and Mechanical Engineers, at Leeds, Mr. W. M. Sanderson pointed out that successful installations were already in operation or construction at works connected with steel rolling mills, blast furnaces, iron-works, collieries, carriage and wagon works, textile and other electric supply stations and steamship propulsion, showing at once that the field for its employment is wide and varied. Apart from the problem of steamship propulsion, the best cases were presented at works connected with the iron and steel industries and at collieries.

ELECTRICITY IN MINES.