

Every man in England who is in possession of an income of \$45 is allowed to vote. This means that England has universal male suffrage.

To the English House is granted full power of legislation, but it can hold that power only so long as the people consent to it. At any time an election can be called for, and thirty days after the election the new government meets.

The English House legislates through its majority. Thus the people know whom to hold responsible for bad legislation, and also whether the party is carrying out its pledges, neither of which things can happen under the American system.

All of the expenditures of the government are controlled by the "committee of the whole house." Thus the individual vote, and consequently individual considerations, lose the power which they have in a small committee, and so the British Government is more free from graft than any other in the world.

Now, sir, I have shown that the American Constitution prevents the expression of the people's will, while the English Constitution is the expression of the people's will itself; that the term of office of the American Representatives is fixed by the Constitution, while the term of office for the English members is fixed by the people themselves; that the American committee system reduces responsibility and causes graft, while the English government is a responsible government. On these grounds I submit that the English Constitution and House of Commons are more democratic than those of the United States.

THIRD SPEAKER—C. C. ROBBINS, '18.

Mr. Chairman, Worthy Opponents, Honorable Judges, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The resolution before us tonight declares that government to be more democratic in which the sovereign power is exercised to the greatest extent by the people themselves. In accordance with this definition, the second speaker for the affirmative has shown that the British government is more democratic than the American government in regard to the Constitutions and Lower Houses, I shall prove that the British House of Lords, Cabinet and Prime