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**BRITISH DOMINIONS WOMAN  
 SUFFRAGE UNION.**

At a meeting of the Advisory Committee of the B.D.W.S.U., held in London on December 13th, Miss Sheepshanks (Editor of "Jus Suffragii") in the chair, Mrs Fawcett (President of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies) proposed, and Mrs Pethick Lawrence (President of the United Suffragists) seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:—

"That the attention of the women of Australia and New Zealand should be urgently drawn to the fact that as enfranchised women they have the duty of leading the movement for Women Suffrage for the Empire. They alone of British women will be directly represented at the Imperial Conference which will be held immediately the war is over, and indirectly at the Con-

gress of the Powers which will follow that Conference. They must therefore instruct their representatives, the Premiers of the Commonwealth and the Dominion, to press for the granting of the Franchise to women as essential to a true democracy, and to the highest interests of the Empire. Further, the Premiers must endeavour to secure that the question of Woman Suffrage be included in the programme of the Congress of the Powers."

We hope Convention will consider the above resolution. Surely we who enjoy all the benefits of the vote should do all in our power to assist our sisters in other parts of the Empire to gain this boon. Women have shown during this war that they are worthy of the vote, and we must do our best to see that they get it. As one result of this dreadful war, we hope to see equal suffrage throughout the British Empire.

**AS A BREWERY AGENT SAW IT.**

At one of the meetings on the way to the Seattle Convention, Mrs Deborah K. Livingston caught the attention of the audience by the somewhat startling announcement that the National Women's Christian Temperance Union and the American Brewers' Association are agreed on one point, and that is that the liquor traffic is doomed by the success of woman suffrage! She related a conversation she had not long ago on a railroad train, with an agent of a large Cincinnati brewery, in which she asked him what he considered the greatest factor in the country for the extermination of the liquor traffic, and after he had freely admitted that by 1920 or 1925, at the latest, the doom of the liquor traffic would come—that it was making its last stand—his reply was: "Frankly, I think there are two things that are hurrying National Prohibition: the great new efficiency basis in the industrial world—men of capital and men of the labouring class have come to see that John Barleycorn does not pay in dollars and cents; and secondly, the enfranchisement of the women of the United States. If the big corporations do not put us out of business before long, the woman's ballot will dead sure."

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELEC-  
 TIONS.**

The time for the election of School Committees is once more at hand, and all who are interested in the representation of women on public bodies should prepare to take what steps they can to secure the placing of women representatives on the Committees, by the nomination of suitable women as candidates, and the arousing of interest in all who have the privilege of voting on the occasion. This is the more necessary because it is only by means of a larger representation on School Committees that women can hope to gain representation on Education Boards, the members of which are elected by the Committees. The elections will take place, as usual, towards the end of April (probably the last Monday), and in the usual way at householders' meetings in the various districts, except in any district that was placed last year under the new regulations. By the new Act, the election of School Committees will take place at the same time and in the same manner as those for Mayor, Councillors, Hospital Boards, etc., once in two years, the vote being extended to all whose names are on the Municipal Roll. This applies only to school districts having a population of over 8000; in all small districts the annual election at householders' meetings will still continue. So far as my information goes, Nelson City was the only one able last year to take advantage of the new regulation, but the Unions in large districts will do well to make quite sure upon the matter. The elections this year will therefore be practically the same as before throughout the Dominion, the new method not being introduced till 1917. When it becomes general, it should give a much better chance in the larger districts of securing the return of women candidates, the voting power being so much extended; and it would be well during the present year if all Unions able to do so would begin in good time the work of seeing that the names of all women who are eligible are placed upon the Municipal Roll.

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