

of women in spending so much time in frivolity, fashions and trashy novels. Speed the day when woman shall have all her rights, and, knowing, dare maintain them.

The next speaker was called upon as the President of the Woman's Suffrage Association of Ogden,

MRS. STANFORD

She did not understand that the ladies of this organization claimed equal political positions with man. They did not ask for these offices which men only were fitted to fill. They claimed the right of voting—the right to select men who are to make the laws which both sexes are required to obey. Women desired that such men should be honorable, upright and truth-loving. She contended that woman ought to be acquainted with political as well as other affairs, and that the world would be better for her knowledge of and participation in them.

HON. C. W. PENROSE

was called upon and he explained that the right to vote and the right to hold office were not identical. For many years the women of Utah exercised the former, but not the latter. He was in favor of making no discrimination against woman on the statute books. There were offices which women might be able to fill with ability and profit to themselves and the public; there were others for which they were not adapted. The good sense of the voters should determine this. There were men who were not fitted for office, but this did not debar them from voting. He mentioned favorably a number of the leading ladies in the National Woman Suffrage movement, and said he believed they were inspired to work for the elevation of their sex. There was one mistake they made, and that was in demanding as a natural right that which had been decided to be but a political privilege. Citizenship and the suffrage were distinct and separate. Every person born in the United States is a citizen thereof. A wife, daughter or widow of a citizen, even if of foreign birth, is a citizen. Citizenship comes by birth or naturalization; the right to vote is conferred by law. A woman has as much inherent right to vote as a man, but it is not in either. The Legislature prescribes the qualifications of voters. If voting was an inherent right one would have a right to vote as soon as born. The legal qualifications for voting differed in different States and counties. Another mistake made by some so-called "strong-minded" women suffragists was in berating "the monster man" from whom they expected to obtain the elective franchise. This was not good policy, to say the least. A great obstacle in the way was the fact that most of the women were either opposed or indifferent to woman suffrage. The work before the association was to spread information and convert their own sex. When the women of the United States unite to demand the elective franchise they will get it. He considered a mistake was made in trying for an

amendment to the national Constitution. The suffrage was a matter for each State to regulate and if one State could be captured for woman suffrage others would follow and eventually all would come into line. Man and woman should be together in all things. The male and female elements were found in all nature and they were so designed by the Creator in the beginning and redeemed and exalted men and women were to have dominion together for all the ages of eternity.

HON. GEORGE Q. CANNON

having entered the building was requested to address the meeting. He said: I take great interest in every question that affects men and women. I have always believed that if there should be any qualifications for suffrage, sex should not enter. Women should have the right to vote equal with men. I have seen very many ignorant men exercise the right of suffrage when they knew as little about the questions involved as an animal, and at the same time intelligent women were deprived of that right. I think this is a great injustice. Prohibition is one of the issues of the times. The question of intemperance, to whom does it appeal most strongly, who is most deeply interested? The woman, naturally. It has a deeper interest for woman than anyone else. Woman's voice in this and other affairs would doubtless have a most excellent effect. I do not think that because a woman was allowed to vote she would necessarily be called into service in the army or navy.

There are those who argue this way, but I think this is begging the question. I believe that there are offices that woman could fill, and many that she would not want to fill. For instance, I do not imagine that a woman would make a good constable to arrest men, or a sheriff, to hang men. I believe the right of suffrage would broaden the minds of the women of this country. I have never seen any effects in connection with woman suffrage to deplore. The speaker referred to the good work performed by able women for their sex and to the voluntary defense of the people of Utah by several notable ladies in Washington. He closed by saying: I pray God to bless you in this movement. Do not allow division or jealousy to arise in your midst, but show to all that you are laboring unitedly for the advancement of a great cause.

MRS. T. G. WEBBER.

At the close of the present meeting an opportunity will be offered to all ladies who have not yet joined the Woman Suffrage Association of Utah, to enroll their names with the secretary.

Fully believing that "in union is strength," we have associated ourselves with the National Woman's Suffrage Association, so that we may more effectively prosecute the aim and end we have in view, namely, the enfranchisement of women and placing her upon a higher plane politically than she occupies

today. To become an auxiliary of the national association we are required to pay a fee of 25 cents each. For the first fifty enrolled members we are entitled to three delegates, and for each additional twenty-five members an additional delegate. Our enrollment should be as large as possible, because we not only want to show to our eastern sisters that we are in real earnest and have the cause of woman's political advancement at heart, but it gives us greater influence in the councils of the national association, at the last meeting of which we had two delegates to represent us, and I am pleased to say that our cause was most ably and satisfactorily presented.

For the benefit of the associations now being formed throughout the Territory, who may perchance adopt our present by-laws, I will say that after having worked under them for three months, we find that they need amending. This was under consideration at our last executive session, and we hope soon to complete and publish an amended and more perfect set.

In placing our initiation fee at 25 cents we were laboring under a misunderstanding as to the amount per member to be paid to the national association. Now we learn that instead of it being 25 per cent. of our fee it is 25 cents per member, and as the matter now stands our treasury is empty of funds. But to increase the fee now would be an injustice to incoming members, so it has been decided to allow the present charge for membership to remain to the end of the year, when the fee will be increased.

Associations wishing to become auxiliary to us can do so upon application and payment of 10 cents for each member enrolled by them.

For the government of our meetings and executive sessions we have adopted "Roberts' Rules of Order" and recommend them to all new organizations.

Ladies should take an interest in this matter and aid us to place woman side by side politically with her husband and brother. Our fathers contended that "taxation without representation" was a wrong, and if it were so a hundred years ago, it is no less so today. There are many women in this Territory who pay taxes and yet have no voice in the selection of public officers through whose hands this money is disbursed. I am satisfied that when women hold the franchise universally we shall not only have a better administration of public affairs, but greater economy in all public expenditures; and I therefore urge upon the ladies to come forward at once and enroll their names in the great cause for which we are struggling.

A vote of thanks was given to the speakers and the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Secretary; to be published in the papers. Several ladies came forward and enrolled their names as members. The movement is worthy the support of the women of Utah and we hope to hear of branch associations all over the Territory.