

# SUFFRAGISTS AT TORRY.

## WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

A large audience assembled in the gymnasium of Walker Road Public School last night, when a meeting was held under the auspices of the Women's Freedom League. Miss Maloney, London, presided, and the other speakers were Mrs Kennedy, Aberdeen; Mrs Billington-Greig, and Mrs Saunderson, Forfar.

Miss Maloney, in the course of a long address, explained the object of the women's agitation, and then introduced Mrs Kennedy, who moved a resolution calling upon the Government to extend the franchise to women. They were not there that night discussing the present basis of the franchise, but they were there to look at the political situation as it was. Many of them agreed that the present basis was not satisfactory, but they were not to deal with that. Apart from the question of basis, they found that the women, on account of their being politically powerless, were handicapped wherever they turned. They did not want to make this agitation appear to be a war between the sexes, because if it were, women would not come to the men and ask them for help. It was rather a demand that the men of the country should help the women to get what the men's forefathers had fought for. (Applause.) They were prepared to stand by the men, as they had done before, but they wanted the men to respond with something more than sympathy—that word was beginning to stink in the nostrils of the women. (Laughter.) They wanted the men to transmute their sympathy into votes. (Applause.) They could do this by exercising their political power on the side of the women, and if they did this, they would vote against the Government. (Applause.)

Mrs Billington-Greig, in seconding, said that so long as they left women unprotected they would undersell men in the labour market and push them out of employment. They should make it an open field, and the job the man could do best the man would get, and the job the woman could do best the woman would get, but they would never have that ideal state of matters in the labour market until they allowed the women to have political power, and to get rid of the feeling that it was a misfortune to be born women. (Applause.) It was a very bad feature of this country that the majority of the people who could not get enough to live upon were women—women who were paid wages that were