

THE LETTER BOX

Correspondents to the MARYLAND SUFFRAGE NEWS are requested to address all communications for the Letter Box to Mrs. B. J. Byrne, Ellicott City, Md.; to use one side of paper only, to leave space for heading, write legibly, and have letter in such condition that it can be forwarded immediately to the printer.—Ed.

A Maryland Woman Writes of the Victory in Massachusetts.

Dear Editor:

This bit of description in a letter which has just come from my sister in Cambridge, Mass., may interest some of the readers of the NEWS:

"I went to the State House yesterday to the legislative debate on the suffrage amendment. But, dear me, though I was in plenty of time I hadn't a show for a seat. Both the women's and men's galleries were packed with women, the corridors were full of women, and out on the steps there was a crowd of women, which I joined, it being so much cooler there than inside, and I imagine the speaking was better also. Four or five women spoke so sensibly, so logically and so appealingly that I don't see how the many men present could fail to be convinced. Margaret Foley made the best speech. She is a fine figure of a woman, with a splendid deep voice.

"The speaking went on until a message came with the news that the amendment had carried, 196 to 33 (such cheering!), and the band struck up 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' the crowd joining in the chorus. Then we formed in ranks of six and marched down Park, Tremont and Boylston streets to suffrage headquarters, the band playing all the way. It was thrilling to see the girls in the big stores crowding to the windows, waving yellow shirtwaists, transfer slips, brushes, or anything else they could pick up that was yellow. There were a lot of expressions of sympathy all the way, and as we rounded into headquarters, 600 strong, the big U. S. and suffrage flags were simultaneously hoisted.

"As I left the singing and jubilation was still going on. It was exciting, and made the tears come to my eyes to think that I was present at the final victory for which women had been petitioning the Legislature every year for six years."

With hopes that our turn for rejoicing will come soon, yours,
MARGARET L. SEWALL.
Forest Glen, Md., Feb. 22, 1915.

A Little Encouragement Now and Then—

Dear Editors:

Enclosed is \$1, for which please send me the MARYLAND SUFFRAGE NEWS one year.

I would have subscribed the first

of the year, but after reading your papers I sent them to my friends and lost your address, hence my delay. Your paper is all right, and every right-thinking woman ought to take it.

Wishing you success, I am,
Sincerely yours,
MRS. E. E. DUNHAM,
Towson, Md.

INQUIRY COLUMN

Inquiry:

Are there any towns in Maryland where women can vote at the municipal elections?

Answer:

At Arundel-on-the-Bay, a summer resort about five miles below Annapolis, all women who own property or whose husbands are taxpayers are entitled to vote for the Board of Commissioners, seven in number, upon whom afterwards devolves the task of choosing a mayor for the town.

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LAMP OF SACRIFICE.

A carter was driving a wagon along a country lane, when the wheels sank down deep into a rut. The rustic driver, stupefied and aghast, stood looking at the wagon, and did nothing but utter loud cries to Hercules to come and help him. Hercules, it is said, appeared, and thus addressed him: "Put your shoulders to the wheels, my man. Goad on your bullocks and never more pray to me for help until you have done your best to help yourself, or depend upon it you will henceforth pray in vain."

Self-help is the best help.—*Aesop's Fables.*

If we suffragists are to get our load along its way we must rely upon our own efforts.

Voluntary contributions from those who have seen the light of suffrage (Lamp of Sacrifice) is the best help.

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