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Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31, 1887.

The women are here again pleading piteously and eloquently for their rights, and telling the old, old story of their wrongs, just as they have done in Washington every successive winter for nineteen years. Many of the faces on the platform are familiar from their frequent journeyings to this Mecca of their hopes and every year there are some new ones.

There is something at once sublime and pathetic in their persistence. They are undismayed. Opposition is nothing. Disappointments are nothing. Yet nobody knows better than these women that they have expended a good deal of their strength upon men of straw, instead of on their husbands, and sons, and brothers.

During the very hour of the opening of their convention here, the senate rejected their proposed amendment to the constitution, giving woman the right of suffrage, by a vote of thirty-five to sixteen. The ladies of the convention are jubilant over this triumph. "Defeat exclaimed Miss Anthony, why no, it is a triumph for us. We have on our side one-third of the United States senate. This is the first time, continued she, that we ever got a vote on our amendment at all. We have accomplished a great deal in securing recognition." When asked what right she had to claim one-third of the senate as friendly to woman suffrage, she picked up the printed record of the vote and said, "Well, there were sixteen senators who voted for the bill. Of the absentees we count on Allison, Aldrich, Cameron, Chase, Dawes, Frye, Miller, Plumb, Sabin and Sanford as our friends. She had some doubts about Harrison, of Indiana. There are eleven of them, who with the sixteen that voted, said she, make in all twenty-seven senators on our side."

Miss Anthony proceeded with "ghoulish glee" to state their future plan of action. In the case of senators who are known as their opponents, when they come up for election again, great effort will be made to prevent their return to the senate. In Kansas the women would work for the election of members to the legislature who would promise to support for the United States senate only some man pledged to vote for their amendment.

She mentioned that they had five hundred women making speeches throughout the country, and that Mrs. Francis Willard, who is now here, was at the head of half a million women, all pledged to women suffrage. These women had discovered that prayers and tears were ineffectual to get rid of saloons when the man's vote brought the saloon into existence "and they are with us," said she, "because they want to vote on this one question."

Both congress and the social world of Washington have been busy during the week. Besides dismissing the woman suffragists, and disposing of the Canadian fishery trouble, by passing the retaliatory bill, the senate again rejected the Mr. Mathews, the colored lawyer from Albany, as recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia and then settled down to the discussions of Agriculture and Experiment Stations. The house representatives has given its time to consideration and appropriation and society has whirled in on an incessant round of gaiety.

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