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THIS little Book has been suggested by the enquiries constantly made at the various offices of the NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE, in the hope that it may afford in a short compass the information most frequently asked for.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, and the Editor would be much obliged for any corrections or suggestions for a future edition.

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*January 1st, 1881.*

## CHAPTER I.

### RECORD OF EVENTS.

1866. First Petition for Women's Suffrage signed by 1500 women.  
First Committee for Women's Suffrage.  
Alexandra College, Dublin, founded.
1867. Supplemental charter granted to London University admitting women to special examinations.  
*May.* Mr. J. S. Mill introduced his amendment to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to women.  
*Nov.* National Society for Women's Suffrage founded.
1868. *April.* First public meeting on Women's Suffrage held in Manchester.  
"La Donna," first woman's paper in Italy, established.  
*Sept.* The revising barrister in Manchester decided against the claim of 5,750 women to be entered on the register of Parliamentary voters.  
*Nov.* Women's Suffrage declared illegal by the Court of Common Pleas.  
This year the University of Montpellier opened its medical degrees to women.
1869. *April.* "Le Droit des Femmes," first women's paper in France, established.  
*May.* "National Women's Suffrage Society," U.S.A., fndd.  
*Aug.* Municipal Franchise Amendment Act, restoring to women their right to vote in municipal elections.  
*Oct.* Temporary college for women opened at Hitchin.  
*Nov.* "American Women's Suffrage Society" founded.  
This year Women's Suffrage was adopted by legislative enactment in the territory of Wyoming.  
The first Women's Congress was held in Berlin.  
Lectures to women by University professors started in St. Petersburg.
1870. *Jan.* "Women's Journal," Boston, U.S.A., established.  
*Feb.* The Bill to remove the Electoral Disabilities of Women introduced for the first time in the House of Commons.