On the question of woman's suffrage Governor Johnson said:

We have had three municipal elections in California since the woman's suffrage amendment was adopted. In the bitter contest in Los Angeles the women registered in many districts in a greater proportion than the men, and they voted in a greater proportion than the men, and they voted quite as intelligently and discriminatingly as the men. One judge, who presided at an election, told me that there were four men who asked instructions as to how to vote in the Los Angeles election and he said that in each case these instructions were given by women who happened to be present. In the beginning I was not an ardent advocate of equal suffrage, but I thought it should be left with the people. I insisted, without taking any side, that if a large proportion of the people wanted the question submitted to them, it was their right to have it. [See pages 202, 223.]

The Anti-Imperialist League.

The Annual Meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League was held November 30, 1911, in Boston, with an adjourned meeting held January 9. From the report of the meetings just published we learn that the League has by death lost from its list of Vice-Presidents—

The Hon. George Frederick Seward, of New York, an experienced and able diplomatist; the Rev. Professor Charles Marsh Mead, of Connecticut, a skilled and learned writer; Mr. David Stroud Burson, of Indiana, the oldest official and probably the oldest member of the League; General Roeliff Brinkerhoff, of Ohio, a hero of the Civil War and prominent in social reform; the Hon. Edward Morse Shepard, of New York, an illustrious publicist of the highest ideals; and the Hon. Louis R. Ehrich, of New York, whose heart and life were illuminated by universal human sympathy.

The League has added to its list of Vice-Presidents the names of—

the Hon. Cyrus Cline, a member of the national House of Representatives from Indiana; Judge Edward Osgood Brown, of Illinois; the Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, a member of the national House of Representatives from Alabama; the Hon. Eugene F. Kinkaid, a member of the House of Representatives from New Jersey; Mrs. Maria Freeman Gray, of California; Miss Emily L. Osgood, of Massachusetts; the Hon. Samuel W. McCall, a member of the national House of Representatives from Massachusetts; Mr. Jackson H. Ralston, of the District of Columbia; Mr. Joseph Fels, of Pennsylvania; and Professor William Edward Dodd, of Illinois.

Moorefield Storey was re-elected President of the League; David Green Haskins, Jr., was re-elected Treasurer, and Erving Winslow was re-elected Secretary.

The Anti-Imperialistic League had many matters before it for attention during the year covered by the report. Of its work the League says:

It may be repeated that the thing chiefly to be regarded by the Anti-Imperialist League is the condition of the United States rather than the condition of distant lands. We regret suffering and wrong in remote countries, but we regret especially the wrong-headedness of those at home who cause, or assent to, injustice by the United States toward those remote countries, and we oppose any development of imperialism here.

While paying attention to our relations with our South and Central American neighbors, and with Mexico, the League has especially protested against the sale to the sugar trust of "the friars' lands" in the Philippines, and has stood for the ultimate independence of the Filipinos.

Honors to William Dean Howells.

The 75th birthday of the venerable dean of American literary men, William D. Howells, was celebrated at a banquet given in his honor by Colonel George Harvey, in New York on the 2d. The speakers included President Taft, Hamilton W. Mabie, Winston Churchill, Basil King, William Allen White, and Augustus Thomas.

The Massachusetts Men's League for Woman Suffrage, at its dinner in Boston, February 28, sent the following greeting to Mr. Howells:

The Massachusetts Men's League for Woman Suffrage, with many of its friends, gathered at dinner at the Twentieth Century Club in Boston, to celebrate the notable advances of our cause in the last year, send heartfelt greetings to you on the eve of your seventy-fifth birthday. We remember with profound gratitude the sympathy and service for our cause of Emerson, Longfellow, Whittier, Higginson and so many of the great literary leaders of the past; and we rejoice that in you, our most eminent and revered man of letters today, this high tradition is so highly sustained. In adding honor to our cause and to yourself by accepting prominent place in the New York Men's League for Woman Suffrage, you reinforced every worker for the cause in the country; and in declaring as you have recently done that you had heard arguments against woman suffrage but never yet a reason, you touched with memorable and influential trenchancy the injustice and emptiness of the conventional opposition. It is because you have ever been a conspicuous and courageous lover of justice more than because of your literary fame, so dear to all American hearts, that we are grateful for your recognition of the justice and the urgency of the great movement for the rights of women; and on this anniversary, when your countrymen unite in tribute to you for so many services, we desire to express our gratitude and honor for your service to the cause in whose behalf we are met together here.