

THE WOMEN OF AMERICA ENTER THE FIGHT TO KEEP POLYGAMIST BRIGHAM H. ROBERTS OUT OF CONGRESS.

Every Great Woman's Organization in the Country Pledges Itself to Work for the Purity of the Home and Demands That Roberts Be Unseated—Letters from Notable Women of Many States Support the Crusade—Millions of Signatures Promised for the Petitions of the Anti-Polygamy League—Sunday-Schools Take Action.

The women of America have taken up the fight to unseat the polygamist Congressman, Brigham H. Roberts of Utah. They are fighting for the purity of their homes and the future happiness of their children.

They demand that Congress shall not accept Roberts as one of its members, thereby proclaiming that in America a man may lawfully have more than one wife.

Among the societies which thus take their stand against the recognition of polygamy by the law making body of the Government are the National Council of Women, the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the National Christian League for the Promotion of Social Purity, the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Assembly of Mothers, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of the Revolution, the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Epworth League, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and the Woman's Suffragist Associations and Woman's Clubs of numerous States and cities.

The combined membership of these societies reaches into the millions. Their influence is felt in every city and town. Never before have the women of America united in one tremendous movement for the accomplishment of a great purpose. Never have they been so sure of victory.

The latest influential body of women to join the movement is the American Guardian Society. Its President, Mrs. Helen W. Watts, in a letter printed on this page, announces that it will use its utmost efforts to destroy polygamy. Associated with the Society in the fight is Helen Gould, who proposed the resolutions against the seating of Roberts which it adopted.

Petitions to Congress sent out by the Journal are returning in an ever-increasing flood, filled with names by the hundred thousand. The National Social Purity League alone will try to get a million signatures.

American Female Guardian Society

AND
HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS,
29 E. 29th St. and 30 E. 30th St.

New York, October 18th, 1899.

To the Secretary of the Anti-Polygamy League,
New York Journal Building,
15 Spruce street, New York City.

You cannot use too strong language to express my views in opposition to the seating, in the national body of lawmakers, of the polygamist Congressman-elect, Brigham H. Roberts.

All men and women who believe in the sanctity of the home and in the purity of American womanhood should join in the great national movement to prevent Roberts from taking his seat in Congress.

I will gladly aid your League in securing signatures for the big petition to Congress, and hope to be able to send you many signed petitions before Congress convenes in December.

This matter is one of the most vital to the sanctity of home and womanhood that has arisen in years, and from now until December, when Congress meets, is the crucial time in the movement. To relax our efforts now would be but to fulfil the prediction of Roberts' followers, who said that "these people will cool off by fall and forget all about the matter, and Roberts will keep his seat."

Remember, too, that not only must Roberts be unseated and expelled from Congress, but a constitutional amendment must be passed making it impossible for any polygamist to hold a Federal office in the future.

You may depend upon me to do all in my power to influence my friends and associates to write to their Congressmen, and also to add as many names as possible to the petition you are preparing for presentation to Congress.

Respectfully yours,

Helen W. Watts.

Pres. American Guardian Soc'y Home for the Friendless



President Lillian M. N. Stevens, of the W. C. T. U.

As head of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, she gives her influence to the movement to keep polygamist Brigham H. Roberts out of Congress.

THE SOCIAL PURITY LEAGUE WANTS A MILLION SIGNATURES AGAINST ROBERTS.

The National Christian League for the Promotion of Social Purity hopes to secure a million signatures to the petition asking Congress to unseat Polygamist Roberts. Here is the letter of Mrs. Elizabeth Grannis, its president:

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN LEAGUE FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL PURITY,
Secretary of the Anti-Polygamy League,
New York Journal Building, No. 15 Spruce street, New York City.
We wish to give all the aid in our power for the purpose of preventing the seating of a polygamist in our national law-making body.
We gladly undertake to aid you in securing as many signatures as possible, even to any number of millions, if it is in our power to secure them. From now until December I will take a personal and active interest in this work of securing signatures to anti-polygamy resolutions or petitions to be sent to Congress, and hope to be able to reach the million mark.
Wishing you all success in the good work, very respectfully yours,
ELIZABETH B. GRANNIS, President.

Following are letters from the officers of numerous women's organizations throughout the country and from prominent women of many States.

MRS. M. E. HAWKINS, President Iowa W. C. T. U., Creston, Iowa—I will most heartily give the weight of my name to prevent the polygamist Roberts from taking his seat in Congress.

MRS. J. C. BURROWS, wife of Congressman Burrows—I am much interested in this movement against the seating of Roberts and gladly lend my name to the universal protest by the women all over the country.

MRS. MARY A. KENNY, President of the Southern California Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Long Beach, Cal.—The purpose of the Anti-Polygamy League receives my heartiest approval. If the weight and moral influence of my name can help the League in the work I willingly permit its use.

MARY SMITH HAYWARD, President of the Nebraska Woman's Suffragist Association, Chadron, Neb.—I am strongly opposed to the admission of Brigham H. Roberts to the next Congress, and hope he may be retired to private life.

LEILA O. PHILLIPS, Secretary Y. P. S. C. E., Richmond, Va.—You may enroll my name as a member of the Anti-Polygamy League, and I am willing to do all that I can to further such a cause. I am glad to throw whatever influence my name may have into so good a movement, and I pray that it may succeed.

MRS. M. A. POLLARD, President Indiana Christian Women's Board of Home Missions, Kokomo, Ind.—I heartily endorse your movement and I pray that your efforts will succeed in unseating Brigham H. Roberts in the next Congress.

HUSAN E. W. BLAKELBY, President Woman's Good Government Club, Kingman, Ariz.—I will gladly add my name to a committee who will work earnestly for the final suppression of polygamy, and will use all my influence to that end.

MRS. C. HELEN PLANE, Second Vice-President Daughters of the Confederacy, Atlanta, Ga.—I am in hearty sympathy with the Anti-Polygamy League.

MRS. JOHN TUCKER, Corresponding Secretary Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, Newark, Ohio—I shall be very glad to be enrolled as a member in the National Anti-Polygamy League, and trust we may be able to prevent Polygamist Roberts from taking his seat in Congress.

MRS. W. R. BELKNAP, President the Woman's Club, Louisville, Ky.—The Woman's Club of Louisville desires to express its unanimous indorsement of the Anti-Polygamy League and has voted that the president of the club send her name as a member of the National Committee organized for the purpose of extending influence against the danger which besets our country in the seating of a Mormon in our next Congress.

MARY WOOD ALLEN, M. D., Superintendent World's W. C. T. U., Ann Arbor, Mich.—I reply promptly and with great heartiness that I shall feel very glad to be associated with those women and men who are banded together to fight this great evil.

HELEN M. GOUGAR, President Hillsdale Home, Hillsdale, Mich.—I am in most hearty accord with the work proposed by the National Anti-Polygamy League, and gladly lend my name and influence against

the seating of Mr. Roberts in the United States Congress.

MRS. J. T. WHITLESSEY, Director International Board of Women and Young Women's Christian Association, Elizabeth, N. J.—I am greatly interested in the intended work of the Anti-Polygamy League, and consent most heartily to become a member of your committee, and promise to do all in my power to assist your good cause.

MRS. HENRY SANGER SNOW, President Daughters of the Revolution, Brooklyn, N. Y.—It gives me great pleasure to join a committee on organization of the Anti-Polygamy League. May your good work be crowned with success.

MRS. SUSIE V. T. ROOT, ex-Superintendent Purity League, St. Paul, Minn.—The communication of the Committee on Organization of the Anti-Polygamy League just received, if my name will add anything to the National Committee desired by Mr. Hearst, proprietor of the New York Journal, for the good work he is willing to undertake, I shall be very glad to have it so used. My knowledge of the workings of Mormon elders in my own city recently increases my interest in the good work you conduct.

MRS. CHARLES GRAVES MATTHEWS, Secretary The King's Daughters and Sons, of Charleston, S. C.—I willingly send my name to be added to the Organization Committee of the Anti-Polygamy League, and trust that the committee will meet with the success they deserve in their noble

efforts against this blot on the purity of our country.

MRS. GEO. H. DE COLYER, President Y. W. C. A., Cincinnati, O.—I most heartily will give my name and influence if it will keep Roberts from taking his seat. I feel that it would be a terrible calamity for the whole country.

MISS H. FRANCES JONES, Corresponding Secretary Pennsylvania W. C. T. U., Philadelphia, Pa.—We heartily join as an Organization and as individuals to the National Anti-Polygamy League. We are in accord with your purpose and will gladly do all we can to help it pass that "right shall win the day."

MRS. W. H. JELLMAN, President National Science Club, Washington, D. C.—Most assuredly I will join a committee of the Anti-Polygamy League and most willingly give my weight and moral influence that my name can bring.

MRS. MAMIE M. CLASLIN, Corresponding Secretary Nebraska W. C. T. U., Ord, Neb.—I am only too glad to add my name and testimony to the great movement to prevent the seating in Congress of that violator of our laws, Brigham H. Roberts. I shall be very glad to have my name added to the list of those who at once begin a systematic effort to arouse public interest and protest.

MRS. J. JEFFERSON THOMAS, Treasurer United Daughters of the Confederacy, Atlanta, Ga.—It will afford me great pleasure to become a member of an organization having for its object the exactment of

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS PROTEST AGAINST ROBERTS AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE NATION'S CHILDREN.

The Rev. W. L. Southerton, superintendent of the Baptist Temple Sunday-school of Brooklyn—Under no consideration would I approve the seating of Brigham H. Roberts in Congress. Such an action would be harmful to the interests of morality and Christianity. The youth of this country should not be compelled to look on such a man as a "representative" citizen and a Government official.

Superintendent R. J. Gaines, of the Bethany Baptist Sunday-school of Brooklyn—I protest against the seating of Brigham H. Roberts. The man's principles are all wrong, and his presence in Congress would exert a harmful influence on the young people of the country. I hope public sentiment will compel the House of Representatives to unseat him.

Superintendent George J. Smith, of St. Mark's Episcopal Church Sunday-school, Brooklyn—If Mr. Roberts is a polygamist he would be wrong to seat him. He thinks the people of the East should have nothing to say on the question, but every section of the country has the right to express its opinion on such a subject. Neither the Government nor the people sanctions polygamy, or looks with approval on those who practise it.

Superintendent J. M. Knox, of the Sunday-school of the Reformed Church on



Helen Miller Gould.

the Heights, Brooklyn—I am opposed to the presence in Congress of Brigham H. Roberts or any other man having more than one wife. It is not yet decided whether the Sunday-schools of Brooklyn, as a union, will take up the matter. The next meeting of the union will be held in November.

Superintendent Theodore K. Hazard, of the Sunday school of the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn—The Sunday schools and churches of the United States should make a unanimous protest to Congress against the seating of Brigham H. Roberts or any other man holding his views.

Superintendent Thomas G. Shearman, of Plymouth Sunday-school, Brooklyn—Utah ought never to have been admitted as a State, but Congress voted and we have got to take it just as it is. Roberts is entitled to his seat in the House, but Congress, by a two-thirds vote, can expel him on charges that he is a polygamist or on any charge that may elect to bring against him.

Superintendent L. Bradner, of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension Sunday-school—Whatever may be the legal aspect of the seating of Mr. Roberts, it must in the end remain true that a man whose con-

ception of the family life transcends the clear moral sense of an overwhelming majority of the citizens of the country is not a fit person to be placed in the position of legislator for the nation. Whatever threatens the welfare of the family strikes at the nation's happiness.

Superintendent William Brown, of the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church Sunday-school—With all other good citizens I am unalterably opposed to giving Brigham H. Roberts a seat in Congress. His election is one fruit of the mistake that was made when Utah was admitted to the Union as a State.

Superintendent Otto Koehn, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday-school—Every Christian hopes that Brigham H. Roberts will not be seated in Congress. It is an outrage that polygamy should flourish in a State of the American Union. If Mr. Roberts has three wives, then he should be punished by the law, just as any other man who contract bigamous marriages.

Superintendent Ralph Walker, of the Sunday-school of St. Peter's Episcopal Church—Congress should not recognize Brigham H. Roberts as one of its members. I am opposed to polygamy and all those who practise it. Every effort should be made to keep Roberts out of the National Legislature. I am heartily in sympathy with any movement having that purpose in view.



President May Wright Sewall joins the fight.

The Chief Executive of the National Council of Women expresses her sympathy with the campaign against Roberts, of Utah, and joins the Anti-Polygamy League organized to oust him from Congress.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE PROMISES TO AID IN KEEPING ROBERTS OUT OF CONGRESS.

The Epworth League, the great organization of Methodist young men and women, has promised to co-operate in the movement to unseat Polygamist Roberts out of Congress. Here is the letter of General Secretary Rev. Edwin A. Scheell, of the League, pledging the aid of that organization in the movement.

EPWORTH LEAGUE,
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
Central Office,
67 Washington street, Chicago.
Rev. Edwin A. Scheell,
General Secretary,
To the Secretary of the Anti-Polygamy League, New York City:
Your letter is just received asking the co-operation of the Epworth League in the anti-polygamy movement—that is, to keep Roberts out of Congress.
We shall be glad to co-operate in it, and with your permission I will ask the General Cabinet to approve the suggestion and appoint some member of it to represent us officially. Fraternally yours,
EDWIN A. SCHELL.

a constitutional amendment making a polygamist ineligible to hold office.

MRS. STOKING KNAGGS, President Michigan Equal Suffrage Association, Bay City, Mich.—Your letter with reference to forming a National Anti-Polygamy League was duly received, but sickness prevented an immediate reply. I shall be very glad to lead my name, such influence as I may possess and also any assistance I may be able to give personally to the objects of such a league, believing them to be of grave importance.

MISS ELLA M. POWELL, President of the Atlanta Relief Association, Atlanta, Ga.—I am glad to do whatever I can to aid in this movement, and shall be glad to have my name used in this way.

MRS. S. M. WALKER, President Nebraska W. C. T. U., Lincoln, Neb.—I am delighted with the thought that some aggressive and systematic effort will be made against the admission of Brigham H. Roberts to our next Congress. You can depend upon the earnest efforts of the "White Ribbon" force of our State to do all in their power to resist this public insult to the women of the land.

MRS. ISAAC A. BARBER, wife of Congressman Barber, of Maryland—I would be pleased to have my name on the roll of your organization.

LORA A. MARSH, United Society of Free Baptist Young People, Hillsdale, Mich.—I am glad to do whatever I can to aid in this movement, and shall be glad to have my name used in this way.

MISS E. LAYTHE SCOVELL, President Minnesota W. C. T. U., Minneapolis, Minn.—I shall be glad to lend my name as moral support to any movement you may inaugurate for the death blow to Mormonism of polygamy.

MRS. BETTE D. WALKER, Secretary Massachusetts W. C. T. U., Boston, Mass.—I heartily approve of the organization to prevent the seating of Polygamist Roberts in the Fifty-sixth Congress and will gladly give my name to the committee protesting against the same.

MRS. J. H. WILLIAMS, Jr., Secretary Lewis County W. C. T. U., Port Leyden, N. Y.—It will be a pleasure for me to join the League for the presentation to Congress of a petition for denying membership, etc.

GIDDINGS SPEAKS FOR 190 SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

President Silas M. Giddings is at the head of the Brooklyn Sunday-School Union, which is composed of 190 Sunday-schools. He says:

"The practice of polygamy is grossly immoral from the Christian standpoint, and I certainly oppose the seating in Congress of a polygamist of any man whose life would constitute a bad example to the children of the country."

"I hope the House of Representatives will receive such a tremendous and overwhelming protest from the people that it will heed the public demand, and take such action as will prevent the recognition of Roberts as a member of that body."

"SILAS M. GIDDINGS."

THE JOURNAL'S ANTI-POLYGAMY PETITION.

Please sign this and secure as many other signatures as possible and attach and send them to the Journal. The time has arrived for sharp, quick and decisive action in the great national movement to cast out an avowed polygamist from the halls of Congress. All who believe in protecting the purity of the home should join this movement at once and send in their names for the monster petition to Congress.

To United States House of Representatives:

The undersigned earnestly petition you to reject or expel Brigham H. Roberts, Congressman-elect from Utah, and to submit a constitutional amendment disqualifying Polygamists from holding office.

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ADDRESS.....

MAY WRIGHT SEWALL IS FIGHTING ROBERTS.

President May Wright Sewall, of the National Council of Women, takes her stand against Polygamist Roberts in the following letter:

To the Secretary of the Anti-Polygamy League, New York City:

In response to yours just at hand, I write to authorize you to add my name to those already included in the organization committee for the constitution of a National Anti-Polygamy League.

I am entirely in sympathy with your communication and with your objects. I believe that the preservation of the purity of the home is a fundamental condition to the perpetuity of our Government and the uninterrupted moral development of our people.

With kind regards, I have the honor to remain yours very sincerely,
MAY WRIGHT SEWALL,
President of the National Council of Women.

MRS. MARY B. BROUGHTON, President W. C. T. U., the letter in a systematic effort to prevent the