

## IWSA: Woman Suffrage in Practice, 1913.

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Compiled, as Catt says in her foreword to “inform those who desire to learn where women vote, the amount of suffrage enjoyed by women of the various countries, and what woman suffrage in operation has accomplished”.

At the Sixth Congress, June 2011 in Stockholm, participants decided the publication of this small booklet, to show that “women make use of their citizen rights”, “that no dire consequences follow, women do not become unsexed, nor are their homes neglected!” And that the exercise of these rights has been beneficial” to both women and their respective countries.

The three compilers divided the workload between themselves, and decided to print and translate three editions, an English, a French and a German one. The report is international in scope covering Asia, South Africa, Europa, America, Australia and New Zealand.

Information and statistics were collected by means of letters with precise questions to the “Auxiliaries and some of their Affiliated Societies, including other responsible persons”, with differing questions to “already enfranchised countries”, and “countries not yet enjoying woman suffrage for the legislature”. In addition to information collected directly from members, the booklet contains a list of books and other publications referred to in the introduction as well as others listed separately as addendum.

A “ Table of Women Suffrage Dates” is to be found at the beginning of the booklet. Other valuable information contains lists of Officers of the Alliance for the period 1909-1913, of Auxiliaries of the Alliance with dates of their affiliation, of Affiliated Committees – and how to become a Honorary Associate Members of the Alliance. A list of publications of the Alliance closes the exciting discovery.

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