

Others, JANE A. TURNBULL and Others, MARY SMITH and Others, ELEANOR BALLANS and Others, JANE SOMERVILLE and Others, and SALOME PICKETT and Others.

THE petitioners pray that the House will pass a Local Option Extension Act, giving all women of mature age the power to vote.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

29th October, 1884.

No. 10, Sess. I.; No. 14, Sess. I.; No. 20, Sess. I.; No. 49, Sess. I.; No. 82, Sess. I.; No. 84, Sess. I.; No. 85, Sess. I.; No. 86, Sess. I.; No. 87, Sess. I.; No. 88, Sess. I.; No. 89, Sess. I.; No. 90, Sess. I.; No. 91, Sess. I.; No. 96, Sess. I.; and No. 108, Sess. I.—Petitions of M. B. PECK and Others, C. BIRRELL and Others, F. BARROWMAN and Others, J. MORRISH and Others, E. PITT and Others, M. J. RICHARDSON and Others, R. LEE and Others, G. DEE and Others, J. ULBRIDGE and Others, J. MARTIN and Others, R. CLARK and Others, R. HARRISON and Others, W. T. CHAPMAN and Others, J. HOSKINS and Others, and B. O'CONNOR and Others.

THE petitioners pray that the House will pass into law the Local Option Extension Act introduced by Mr. M. W. Green, M.H.R.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

30th October, 1884.

No. 161, Sess. II.; No. 162, Sess. II.; No. 228, Sess. II.; No. 279, Sess. II.; No. 280, Sess. II.; No. 489, Sess. II.; No. 498, Sess. II.; No. 506, Sess. II.; No. 521, Sess. II.; No. 524, Sess. II.—Petitions of J. E. TROLLOPE and Others, E. RANDLE and Others, A. JAMESON and Others, M. JONES and Others, A. J. DALLOW and Others, L. GRIFFIN and Others, C. BRIDGMAN and Others, H. C. SNOW and Others, J. BOWIE and Others, and G. W. J. SPENCE and Others.

THE petitioners pray that the House will pass a Local Option Extension Act, giving women power to vote.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that it is not necessary for them to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

30th October, 1884.

No. 157, Sess. II.; No. 229, Sess. II.; No. 241, Sess. II.; No. 242, Sess. II.; No. 243, Sess. II.; No. 244, Sess. II.; No. 245, Sess. II.; No. 264, Sess. II.; No. 268, Sess. II.; No. 276, Sess. II.; No. 277, Sess. II.; No. 278, Sess. II.; No. 315, Sess. II.; No. 346, Sess. II.; No. 347, Sess. II.; No. 348, Sess. II.; No. 361, Sess. II.; and No. 362, Sess. II.—Petitions of JOHN H. SCOTT and Others, J. EDSON and Others, W. HOGG and Others, E. J. MATTHEWS and Others, A. C. W. MILLAR and Others, S. COOMBS and Others, S. MACFARLANE and Others, J. LILEWALL and Others, C. B. STONE and Others, A. M. MCCALLOM and Others, T. MCKENZIE FRAZER and Others, R. P. BAVIN and Others, S. GRIFFITHS and Others, T. FROST and Others, J. B. SAYERS and Others, T. COOKE and Others, J. FLETCHER and Others, and E. GOODISON and Others.

THE petitioners state that they are convinced that only elected Committees under the Licensing Act can give general satisfaction.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that it is not necessary for them to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

31st October, 1884.

No. 518, Sess. II.; No. 519, Sess. II.; No. 525, Sess. II.—Petitions of JOHN MCKAY and Others, Otago; PETER MALLON and Others, Gore; and F. A. LUCK and Others, Kihikihi, Waipa.

THE petitioners, Roman Catholics, ask that their schools may be placed on an equality with the other schools of the colony.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that it is not necessary for them to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

31st October, 1884.

No. 485, Sess. II.; No. 486, Sess. II.; No. 503, Sess. II.; and No. 517, Sess. II.—Petitions of G. B. INGLIS and Others, P. MCGILL and Others, J. CLARK and Others, and A. BEST and Others.

THE petitioners, residents of the colony, pray the House will so amend the Education Act as to provide for the daily reading of the Scriptures in all the public schools of the colony.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that it is not necessary for them to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

31st October, 1884.

No. 530, Sess. II.—Petition of J. W. KING, Auckland.

THE petitioner states that he is the oldest English native of the Colony of New Zealand, and prays that some provision may be made for him in his old age.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make

4th November, 1884.