

THEY ENTER A PROTEST.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS THINK THE CEREMONIES AN EMPTY FARCE.

The members of the New-York State Woman Suffrage Association were the only people who looked with disfavor upon the grand pageant yesterday in celebration of Liberty's unveiling. They had been denied a part in the ceremonies on Bedlow's Island, and when they applied for a position in the naval parade had been advised to go on the same boat with the Cercle Français de l'Harmonie. To emphasize their disgust at this treatment by the male managers of the pageant the women hired a boat for themselves, and without asking anybody's leave took up one of the most favorable positions for viewing the ceremonies on the island. They chartered the steamer John Lenox, and it started from the West Twenty-first-street pier at 1 o'clock with 200 members of the association and their friends. There were 25 men on board besides the crew. Among the company were Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, Mrs. Caroline Gilkey Rogers, Mrs. Mary Seymour Howell, Mrs. Marguerite Moore, Matilda Joslyn Gage, Harriet R. Shattuck, Miss Ray Hall, Mrs. Margaret A. Parker, and Mrs. Belle Thompson.

Immediately after the veil had been drawn from before Liberty's face Mrs. Blake called an indignation meeting on the lower deck. After denouncing the ceremonies just witnessed as a farce she offered resolutions declaring "that in erecting a statue of Liberty embodied as a woman in a land where no woman has political liberty men have shown a delightful inconsistency which excites the wonder and admiration of the opposite sex," and other sentiments of a like sort. The resolutions were unanimously carried, and were followed by speeches from Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Howell in a similar strain. Mrs. Shattuck read a poem and Miss Ray Hall, of Brooklyn, sang an anthem prepared specially for the occasion.

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