

VOTES FOR WOMEN

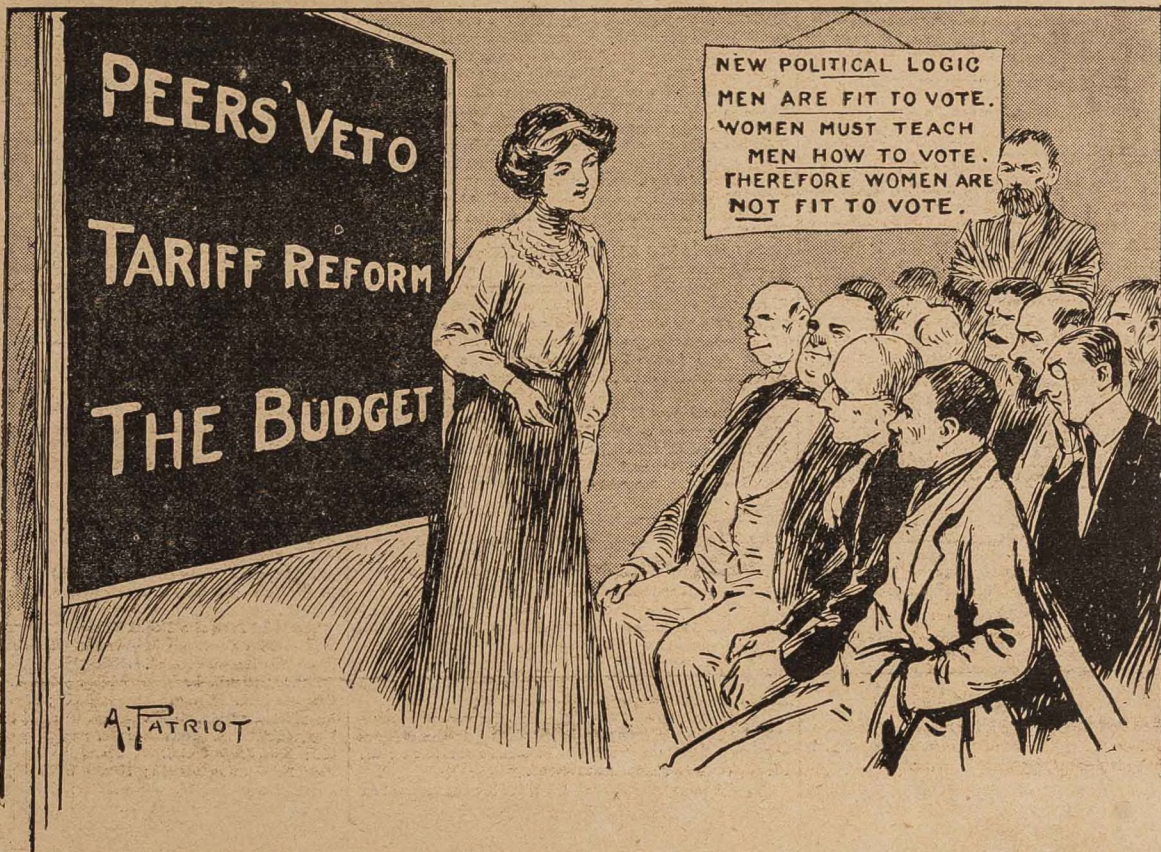
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The strong point [of women at elections] is in educational work. . . . In quiet cottage talks the political district visitor can explain things to her fellow-women, who can ask questions when they do not understand; and she can put it in a different way, more simply, or more vividly, until they see the point as she does. Then the wives explain it to their husbands. The men may be slow-witted, but the wife has the advantage over the visitor of always being on the spot. She can talk to her husband at breakfast of the tax on tea, or on wheat; and at night she can pity him as he smokes his pipe for having to pay so much extra for his baccy—or she can denounce the Lords and explain the blessings of a Single Chamber!

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

"Is it not time that the Liberal party in all seriousness should ask itself where it stands and what it means on this great and pressing matter of the enfranchisement of Englishwomen?" This is the question which *The Manchester Guardian*, the great Liberal paper of the North of England, asks of its readers in its leading article of Wednesday last. Were

the women Turks or Finns, it remarks, Liberals would have all sorts of sympathy with them, and would acknowledge the incalculable loss suffered by those who depress and degrade them. It proceeds:

The question is not one any longer to be trifled with or treated by a policy of masterly inactivity and meaningless professions. Are we for or are we against the grant of the full right of citizenship to some at least of our sisters and wives? And if we are for it, how and when do we propose to give effect to our conviction and to put an end to the long and needless struggle in which numbers of the best and brightest women in the land are wearing out their lives?

This question so clearly put by the *Manchester Guardian* is one which all Liberals have got to face to-day. If they propose to sacrifice the enfranchisement of women on the altar of party loyalty they must admit the bankruptcy of their principles and they must be prepared for the disruption of their party. If on the other hand they mean to uphold the principles of democracy by securing that women shall have the vote, they must take steps to force the leaders of their party to abandon their policy of opposition to the women's claim.

Liberals Must Act Vigorously.

Vigorous and speedy action by Liberals all over the country is necessary to bring this about, and nowhere will it be more effective than in the by-elections in Walthamstow and South Shields, where the whole policy of the Government is being submitted to the electors. A vote for the Liberal candidate in either of

those constituencies is a vote in support of this policy; a vote against the Liberal candidate is a vote given in criticism of the conduct of the Government. This adverse vote we ask the electors to give to mark their displeasure at the way in which the Government have hitherto treated the question of women.

In South Shields.

The battle at South Shields is nearly over as we go to press, and before this issue of the paper is in the hands of our readers the result will be known. The defeat of the Liberal candidate, in view of the enormous Liberal majority at the last election, is perhaps too much to hope for, but the splendid work put into the campaign by the Suffragettes cannot fail to have an important bearing on the final figures. A remarkable feature of the election has been the tremendous interest shown by the women of the constituency in votes for women. The largest halls taken by the Women's Social and Political Union have been packed long before the commencement of the meeting. Miss Christabel Pankhurst's week-end meetings became scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm, and hundreds were turned away unable to obtain admittance. South Shields has given one more proof that the people of the country are heartily in support of the principle that women who pay rates and taxes should have the vote.

Walthamstow.

There are still a few days before the poll in Walthamstow, and these days will be utilised to the full. The past week

has shown what can be done by vigorous propaganda and has illustrated the fact that the electors take much more interest in the live question of Votes for Women than the twaddledum and tweddledoo of the party electioneers. Space prevents us from doing adequate justice in these columns to the magnitude of the campaign or to the enthusiasm shown by the people of Walthamstow, but a brief description of some of the more important meetings held by the Women's Social and Political Union will be found on page 52. The principal item of the remaining days of the election is the great procession to-morrow (Saturday) which will culminate in a mass meeting in the Walthamstow Palace Theatre at 4 o'clock, when Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst will all be present and address the meeting. Simultaneously the Men's Political Union will hold a meeting in the Conway Hall, at which Mr. Duval, who will have been released from prison that morning, will be the principal speaker.

Bravo, Scotland!

Scottish Liberals have shown their faith in sound Liberal principles by carrying at the Conference of the General Council of the Scottish Liberal Association two resolutions on Woman Suffrage. The first was in support of the principle of the enfranchisement of women. The second expressed approval of the Conciliation Bill, and called upon the Government to give facilities for the final stages this autumn. In favour only secured nine votes, while the majority in opposition of the resolution consisted of several hundred.

Irish Women Adopt Vigorous Measures.

Mr. Birrell is visiting Ireland, and finds that Irish women also are determined to take their part in winning the enfranchisement of their sex. On his arrival he was asked to fix a time convenient for himself to receive a deputation on the subject of Woman Suffrage. He refused accordingly, at his meeting at Dublin, he was confronted with women interrupters, who pointed out that, as he had denied them access by deputation, this was their only opportunity of approaching him. He also found himself heckled in the street by women when in Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Mr. William Redmond, who was present, then stated that he was authorised to say that Mr. Birrell would receive a deputation of Woman Suffragists on Friday.

Mr. Runciman on the Bill.

Replying to a deputation of Woman Suffragists in Dewsbury on Tuesday, Mr. Runciman expressed his support of the Conciliation Bill, but said that the Government could not give time for it to be passed this year. As to next year he saw no reason why it should not be carried.

For my part I should consider the request a perfectly fair one and should support it to the best of my ability, but you will believe that I am quite sincere when I said that next year is so full of political possibilities that I cannot tell you now definitely what even my own attitude will be.

This is the old story of "Jam to-morrow, never jam to-day" with the addendum "and perhaps not even jam to-morrow."

Deputation to Mr. Pease.

"No sufficient demand has been shown for such a constitutional change," said Mr. Pease to a deputation of woman suffragists who waited upon him in Sheffield. But Mr. Pease failed to indicate any real test other than those already successfully applied to discover the demand. It is surely rather absurd to talk of a street canvas and such-like means when the organised bodies of women have given an emphatic expression of their opinion in favour.

Men Suffragists in Prison.

Mr. Duval and Mr. George Jacobs are to-day in Pentonville serving a week's imprisonment for the part they played outside the City Temple last week. Their trial at the Guildhall before Alderman Hanson, reported in an adjoining column, was marked by a complete disregard of the recognised principles of criminal law. The case of Mr. Duval related entirely to what passed between him and Mr. Lloyd George. The prosecution failed to summon Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. Duval asked for his attendance as a witness in order to substantiate the version given by the defence. Mr. Lloyd George wrote that another engagement prevented him from attending on that day, but the Alderman refused to adjourn the case in order to allow his presence. Mr. Jacobs was accused of assault, sworn to by two policemen, one of whom admitted that it might have been a push. The police evidence was contradicted by the unshaken testimony on oath of the defendant and two reliable witnesses. The Alderman, however, found him guilty. This meant either that he decided to place implicit reliance on the police evidence in defiance of opposing testimony, or that he considered the mere presence of Mr. Jacobs in the crowd, and his ejaculation to the police, "Do not hurt him!" a punishable offence. A further disgraceful thing was the false statement made by the prosecution that Mr. Duval was a professional agitator. Recalling Mr. Lloyd George's own reference at Newcastle to "hirelings," we are tempted to suppose that this deliberate insult was prompted by the Chancellor himself.

Items of Interest.

Space precludes a mention of the many meetings held by the W.S.P.U. during the past week. These include meetings in the Queen's Hall and the Memorial Hall, London, and in many of the principal halls throughout the country.

The North of England Society for Woman Suffrage held an important meeting on Tuesday night in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, of which we give a brief report in another column.

A W.S.P.U. deputation waited on Mr. Stuart-Wortley M.P. in Sheffield last week. He expressed the hope and belief that Woman Suffrage would shortly be carried. Another deputation was received by Mr. Alfred Bird, M.P. The Kent Education Committee have refused to pass a resolution excluding married women teachers.

The *Daily Graphic*, in a leading article which we quote in full elsewhere, urges the necessity of giving women the Parliamentary vote.

MEN SUFFRAGISTS SENT TO GAOL.

Mr. Lloyd George Pleads Another Engagement.

The adjourned charges against Mr. Victor Duval, hon. secretary of the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement, and Mr. George Jacobs were heard at the Guildhall on Monday last at 3.30 by Mr. Alderman Howson.

The charges related to the scene outside the City Temple on Monday in last week, when Mr. Lloyd George arrived to address a meeting.

Mr. Duval was charged with using insulting and threatening language and Mr. Jacobs with disorderly conduct and assaulting a police-sergeant. The evidence against Mr. Duval was that of two policemen, one of whom alleged that he saw Mr. Duval catch hold of Mr. Lloyd George's arm and heard him call him a traitor and a villain. The evidence against Mr. Jacobs was that of the sergeant, who testified to receiving a blow in the chest from Mr. Jacobs, and of a constable, who said he saw the blow given but admitted it was more in the nature of a push.

Mr. T. G. Vickery, the assistant City solicitor, attending on behalf of the police, said they considered this a very serious matter. It was really monstrous that anyone was to be subjected to impertinent abuse and liable to be assaulted while in the exercise of his undoubted right in a free country of discussing the social conditions of his time in the event of his political opinions not being to the liking of some of the audience. It was perfectly clear by the defendant's own admissions in this case that there was a deliberate attempt to molest the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and but for the interference of the police there might have been serious consequences.

"It is quite obvious," continued Mr. Vickery, "that the defendant is a professional agitator, and that he attended on this occasion for the express purpose of airing a grievance on a particular political question in which he was interested. Therefore for these reasons the prosecution look upon this as a serious case."

Mr. Savill (chief clerk): Of course, Mr. Lloyd George does not attend here.

Mr. Vickery: No, it is the police who are prosecuting. Mr. Lloyd George has been asked by the defendants, as I understand, to come here, and you will quite understand that it is out of no want of respect for this Court that he does not come. He is down in the country carrying out a long-standing engagement, and I submit that his attendance is totally unnecessary.

Detective-sergeant McNulty deposed that on the occasion in question he was awaiting, with Inspector Jones, the arrival of Mr. Lloyd George in Plumtree-court. As the Chancellor alighted from his car the defendant Duval put his hand over the witness's shoulder, got hold of the Chancellor by the collar, and said, "Lloyd George, you're a scoundrel, and a traitor to the women's cause." The defendant was seized, and made to release his hold. Afterwards he was taken into custody.

Mr. Duval's Reply.

Mr. Victor Duval said that he had asked Mr. Lloyd George to come and give evidence, as he was the person directly concerned. He had received the following letter:—

DEAR SIR.—In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, I am desired by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to say that he regrets that he has been compelled to leave London to-day to fulfil some long-standing engagements, which will involve the continuance of his absence next Monday.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. HAWTREY.

Under these circumstances he asked for a further adjournment, in order that a time might be found convenient for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to attend.

The Alderman refused to grant a further adjournment for this purpose, and said the case must go on.

Mr. Duval pointed out that in this case if the magistrate considered the Chancellor's evidence irrelevant, then the whole case of the police against him as touching his dealings with Mr. Lloyd George was also irrelevant, and the charge ought to be dismissed. What he had done was to ask Mr. Lloyd George whether the Government would grant facilities to the Women's Conciliation Bill—a Bill which had been carried through its second reading by 110 votes, and which—

The Alderman, interrupting, said he was not there to hear a political speech.

Mr. Duval then referred to the statement made by the prosecution that he was a professional agitator. This was totally untrue. He had never received a penny for his work for woman suffrage. He was no more a professional agitator than Mr. Lloyd George, who was paid £5,000 a year by women as well as men.

He called witnesses, who deposed that there was a crowd collected before Mr. Lloyd George arrived and that Mr. Duval's action had not caused a disturbance.

The Alderman said the evidence was convincing—overwhelming; that the Chancellor was taken hold of, and that abusive language was addressed to him. He would impose a fine of 40s., or in default seven days.

Mr. Duval: If I paid the fine I should be admitting my guilt. I will go to prison. What division?

The Alderman: The second division.

Mr. Duval: Surely this is a political offence.

The Case of Mr. Jacobs.

Mr. Jacobs was then placed in the dock, and denied the charge of assaulting the police. Giving evidence on his own behalf, he deposed that all he had done was to call out to the police, "Do not hurt him," because he thought they were maltreating Duval. Cross-examined, he said he supposed that this remark had angered the police.

Mr. Henderson, giving evidence on behalf of Mr. Jacobs, said he was close to the prisoner the whole time; he had not assaulted the police in any way, but he saw that when Duval was arrested an accidental collision took place between Jacobs and the sergeant. His testimony was unshaken by cross-examination.

Mr. Franks gave similar evidence.

The Alderman said that there was nothing but negative

testimony to rebut the charge of the police; that Mr. Jacobs had deliberately placed himself in an unwise position, and if gentlemen ran these risks they must take the consequences. "Forty shillings or seven days." Mr. Jacobs also decided to go to prison.

WELCOMING THE PRISONERS.

It is understood that Mr. Jacobs will be released from Pentonville at 2 p.m. to-day (Friday), and Mr. Duval on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. The Men's Political Union are organising a breakfast in their honour at the Eustace Miles Restaurant to-morrow (Saturday) morning at 9 a.m. Tickets can be obtained from the offices of the Union at 13, Buckingham Street. Price 1s. 6d. each.

The M.P.U. will also take part in the procession at Walthamstow on Saturday afternoon, and are holding a meeting in the Conway Hall, at which the ex-prisoners will speak.

A further demonstration will be held in the Caxton Hall on Tuesday evening, November 1, at 8.30 p.m., to be addressed by Mr. Duval, Mr. Jacobs and others.

VOTES FOR WOMEN COMPETITION.

We are now in a position to announce the result of the VOTES FOR WOMEN Competition, and to tender our thanks to those who have displayed such untiring efforts on behalf of the cause. The work that they have done is of the greatest value in building up the organisation of the movement.

Class A.

The First Prize for the largest number of order forms for the paper sent in during the months of July, August, and September, falls to Miss Lockhart, of 42, Pembroke Road, Kensington, who secured the magnificent total of 27 new subscribers to VOTES FOR WOMEN. A VOTES FOR WOMEN Bicycle is being inscribed with her name, and will be presented to her.

The Second Prize, of a Gun-metal Watch, falls to Miss Armstrong, of 23, Well Walk, Hampstead, who secured 19 orders.

The Third Prize, of a Bound Volume of VOTES FOR WOMEN, falls to Mrs. Jackson, of 224, Ashley Gardens, S.W., who secured 15 orders.

Mementoes will be presented to Miss G. Jeffery, 52, Upper Bedford Place, W.C., who secured 12; Miss A. B. Churchill, 11, Nightingale Place, Woolwich, who secured 11; and to Miss E. K. Dowding, Brook House, Little Eaton, Derby, who secured 11.

Class B.

The First Prize, for the greatest number of copies sold individually during the three months, falls to Miss M. E. MacKenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough, who sold the splendid number of 1,797 during the period. A Bicycle, duly inscribed, will be presented to her.

The Second Prize (a gun-metal watch) falls to Mrs. Akeed, 15, St. Helens Gardens, N. Kensington, who reached the total of 1,652.

The Third Prize of a Bound Volume of VOTES FOR WOMEN goes to Miss Constance Marsden, of 82, Redcliffe Gardens, South Kensington, who sold 1,448 copies.

Mementoes will be presented to:—Miss I. C. Gorrie, 3, Cameron Park, Edinburgh, who sold 877; Mrs. Yates, Oakhurst, Harrop Road, Hale, Cheshire, who sold 840; Mrs. J. A. Hill, Glenamur, Waterloo Park, near Liverpool, who sold 692; Miss Jessie Smith, 81, Somerville Road, St. Andrew's Park, Bristol, who sold 688; Miss S. Wylie, 29, Bassett Road, North Kensington, W., who sold 604; Miss O. Bartels, 23, Acacia Grove, Dulwich, S.E., who sold 561; and to Mrs. Bainbridge, 37, Princes Road, Holland Park, who sold 506.

Class C.

The Charing Cross Pitch wins the Pitch-Selling competition with a total of 4,066 copies. The Captain, Miss K. Kelly, will accordingly be presented with a Gun-metal Watch, and all her regular Sellers with a Bound Volume of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

The Second Prize falls to the Victoria Pitch with a total of 3,396 copies. The Captain, Mrs. E. Casey, will be presented with a Bound Volume of VOTES FOR WOMEN, and her regular Sellers with a memento.

Class D.

The winner of the First Prize in Class D for Local Unions is the Kensington W.S.P.U., with the splendid figure of 6,506 papers sold during the three months.

The Second Prize falls to Kilburn, with a total of 2,740 papers sold.

Class E.

Scottish women are to be congratulated on the splendid total reached by Edinburgh, which sold 6,293 copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN during the three months.

Bristol and Sheffield run very close for the Second Prize with 2,950 and 2,939 copies respectively. It has been decided to give a Second Prize to each of these Country Campaigns.

Class F.

The Poster Competition has proved in some ways the most difficult. Alas, for the faithlessness of man! Many of the newsgroups who promised to display posters regularly have very shortly given up doing so, and out of a very large number of promises sent in to the Circulation Manager of VOTES FOR WOMEN on behalf of newsgroups, only a small number have actually been kept. Miss König, of 32, Howitt Road, Hampstead, wins the first prize, with nine posters actually shown, reduced from a very much larger number originally promised. The second prize we are not yet able to announce, as a further inspection has yet to be made. Miss König will receive a Gun-metal Watch.

Gratitude is a sense of favours to come, and in expressing our appreciation of the splendid work which has been accomplished, we look forward with confidence to the work being carried on by many of our readers in the future.

THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" ON THE BILL.

(Leading Article of Wednesday, October 26.)

In the general hush of our politics—surely an exaggerated act of deference to the discussions of the party leaders now going on behind closed doors—there are, happily, voices which are not afraid to make themselves heard.

Last night a great franchise meeting was held in the Free Trade Hall, and the chief speakers were two distinguished and very admirable Conservatives. Happily Sir George Kemp was in the chair, and several other Liberal members supported him on the platform, and thus the historic and, we must devoutly hope, yet living and disinterested association of Liberalism with every movement for the enlargement of civic responsibility and freedom was in part at least maintained. But it is not time that the Liberal party in all seriousness should ask itself where it stands and what it means on this great and pressing matter of the enfranchisement of Englishwomen? Were they but Turks or Finns we should have all sorts of sympathy with them, and note, as philosophic observers are frequently found to note, the vital consequence of the position of women in the State, the incalculable loss suffered by those who depress and degrade them, and the wonderful power which comes in time of stress and national conflict to those who can draw upon the whole of the moral and material resources of a free community. We do not expect or demand unanimity. We shall always have the deep deposit of Conservative feeling in some men who in current politics come fairly up to the standard of accepted Liberalism, just as on the other side we shall find men and women like Lord Lytton and his sister, nursed in the atmosphere of political and social Conservatism, coming by force of spirit and honesty to be leaders and almost apostles in what some regard as a revolutionary cause. But if we cannot have unanimity we can at least have the courage of our convictions. The question is not one any longer to be trifled with or treated by a policy of masterly inactivity and meaningless professions. Are we for or are we against the grant of the full right of citizenship to some at least of our sisters and wives? And if we are for it, how and when do we propose to give effect to our conviction and to put an end to the long and needless struggle in which numbers of the best and brightest women in the land are wearing out their lives?

The Conciliation Bill, so called, in support of which the meeting in the Free Trade Hall was held last night, was an attempt to open up a road along which we might safely travel. Broadly speaking, it would give the Parliamentary vote to those who already enjoy the municipal vote—that is to say, to women ratepayers—but it would remove the disability which excludes married women (except by an absurd anomaly, in London, in Scotland, and in Ireland), and it would give a vote to the occupier of premises worth £10 a year. The first of these categories would account for about 95 per cent. of the million, or million and a-quarter of the new voters and the second for the remaining 5 per cent. The Bill has been called a Conciliation Bill, because, as Lord Lytton explained last night, it does conciliate and bring into line every kind of organised suffrage society, and there can hardly be a doubt that, broadly speaking, it represents the greatest common measure of agreement among those who support its principle. Two main objections have been taken to it, and they were taken in the course of the debate on the second reading in the House of Commons with greatest force by Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill, both of them friendly to the enfranchisement of women. It was objected that the Bill as drafted could not be amended in the sense of enlargement because of the restriction imposed by its title, and it was objected that it is "undemocratic" because the women whom it would enfranchise would not be a fair sample of the whole mass of women, but would belong in a disproportionate degree to the propertied and Conservative classes. Lord Lytton dealt with both these matters last night. He and his friends are perfectly willing, as indeed they declared themselves during the debate, to recommit the Bill in respect of its title if the Government are prepared to give the additional time for debate which this enlargement of its scope would necessitate. They are prepared, also, as we understand Lord Lytton, to abandon the proposal to include a £10 occupation franchise in their Bill, or at least they would so limit it as to make it impossible to manufacture even the smallest number of "faggot" votes. If this be done, the problem for Liberals then resolves itself into an inquiry as to the true definition of the term democratic. We all of us in these days want to be truly democratic, and it is grievous when we are on the point of enfranchising a new class of voters obviously well qualified and quite impartially chosen to be pulled up by a sign-post proclaiming "No road for democrats."

What are the facts? They are not matter of inference; they are matter of knowledge. In London, as we have said, the bar against the married municipal woman voter does not exist, and Mr. Charles Booth, in his laborious and invaluable census of occupations, has discovered that of the 185,942 women occupiers in London 94,940, or more than half, were women doing other than domestic work, and the vast majority of these are working women, charwomen, office keepers, landladies, dress-makers, waitresses, and the like. Of the remaining 90,000 odd it has been calculated on material supplied by Mr. Booth's inquiry that about 70,000 keep no servant:

Independent inquiries carried out in other places confirm these estimates; in the manufacturing districts of the North the proportion of manual workers is even greater. It results that at least 80 per cent. of the women to be enfranchised under the Conciliation Bill would be working women. What is there undemocratic about this? It is a fair representation of all classes of women, with a great preponderance of working women, who most need the protection which the vote would give them. Mr. Lloyd George and those who think with him would like an even larger proportion. We have no objection, but there are two things to be said. An Adult Suffrage Bill is the only obvious alternative to a non-party Bill like the present. It could only be carried if introduced on the authority of the Government of the day and pressed forward with its full strength. What prospect is there of a Liberal Government under the leadership of Mr. Asquith which would be willing to undertake this task? If there is any other alternative it is for those who oppose the limited Bill to find it, and not only to find it, but to find means by which to give effect to it. For this is not a matter which will brook trifling. The women's claim is not going to wait indefinitely; it is not going even to wait very long. There are plenty of Liberals who mean business in this matter, and it is likely soon to be found that the Liberal women, to whom Lord Lytton last night appealed as virtually arbiters of the situation, mean business also. It would be intolerable if on an issue of this kind, going to the very root of political principle and involving a great question of human right and freedom, the Liberal party should suffer itself to be misled or hindered in its necessary and historic task of liberation. Speaking at Dewsbury yesterday to a deputation of Liberal women, Mr. Bunciman declared it to be impossible that time should be found for the further stages of the Bill before Christmas. That is only another way of saying that the Government did not wish to provide the time. But even though the Bill should be lost for this session—and we hope a vigorous attempt will be made to save it—that ought not to happen without a definite undertaking that, on the assumption, of course, that there is not an early General Election, full time should be provided for its next session. This is the day of party arrangements, and if ever there was a case for an agreement between parties there is a case for finding time, not for one stage only, but for all the stages of the Conciliation Bill.

PLAIN SPEAKING IN MANCHESTER.

The North of England Society for Woman Suffrage held a mass meeting in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday night.

Sir George Kemp, who was in the chair, said he was in frank opposition to those who thought that the question of Woman Suffrage ought to be postponed until the Second Chamber difficulty had been disposed of.

Lord Lytton, in moving the adoption of the resolution calling upon the Government to provide facilities, defended the Conciliation Bill against the charges made against it. He appealed most earnestly to them not to drive the supporters of the Bill throughout the country to exasperation. They were not making an unreasonable demand, and they wanted the Government to believe that they meant business. (Cheers.) But the fate of Women's Suffrage was not inseparably bound up with the fate of this Bill. If this Bill died the movement would not die. On the contrary, it would increase in vehemence, earnestness, and force. (Cheers.) At present they were fighting not the Government, but the anti-suffragists, and provided the neutrality of the Government was guaranteed they were working in the right way. But if the neutrality of the Government failed them they would have to reconsider their position.

Lady Betty Balfour, in seconding the resolution, said that there seemed to be two courses open to the Government. One was to allow this Conciliation Bill to go forward, to observe strict neutrality, and to let the House of Commons decide. A more difficult course, in view of the fact that this was not a party measure, would be for the Government to come forward with an alternative Bill.

Mr. G. G. Armstrong spoke in support of the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Miss Margaret Ashton, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman and the speakers, said that the present Government, which was constantly claiming that the will of the House of Commons should prevail, was standing between the House and the fulfilment of its will. The Government was in an entirely false position. Because the majority behind the Bill was not a party majority the Government thought they could overrule it. She warned the electors that if to-day it was the turn of women to-morrow it would be the turn of men to be voted down by a Government which had got out of the control of the people's representatives. (Cheers.) They also asked men to tell the Prime Minister, who was so hard of hearing when women were concerned, that it was time that the inequality of women was removed. (Cheers.)

Mrs. Swanwick seconded the resolution. They were weary, she said, of talking. Not one woman on that platform would not rather be doing something else instead of demonstrating to those who did not want to listen. She would like the women present to tell their men that the love of liberty was as strong in women's hearts now as it was in the hearts of men of a bygone generation, and if the men of to-day had that burning love of liberty their fathers had and fought for, women would not have had to fight so hard for their freedom. Women were ready to go to prison themselves and to risk their lives for this cause. If they were asked to do it they would do it.

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Nearly every woman has to say sooner or later whether she wants a vote. Of course, all the nice girls do not care one way or the other. Because only tiresome, rather vulgar people care about anything, except being quietly happy or humorously reconciled to fate! The only woman who possesses other than a philosophic interest—or want of interest—in this constantly recurring topic of conversation is an utterly impossible and intolerable creature, who wears a "grey tailor-made dress and a man's collar and a black tie."

Of course, this horrid Miss Custer comes to a bad end. And her punishment is described in a whole chapter that stands by itself. "In which," says the index, "Our Lady of Misrule hears the worst." We commend it heartily to the readers of this paper as a lesson and a warning.

This bold, bad leader of the Suffragettes is holding forth to the members of the Union, when—but we must give just as it stands the one and only thrilling bit of narrative in the whole book:—

The door was flung open and in burst a girl as though pursued. She closed it and held the handle in her right hand, as they do on the stage, and pressed her left to her heart as she leaned back rigidly. Her face was white and she panted. "Whatever is it?" someone asked.

"Magda," she exclaimed.

"Well, what about her?"

"Tell us quick."

"Is she ill?"

"The girl moved to a chair and sank into it. "Worse than that," she said.

"Not dead?" exclaimed Miss Custer.

"Worse," said the girl.

A shudder ran through the room, and Miss Custer's lips became hard and contemptuous.

"Engaged I suppose?" she said, with a terrible coldness.

"Worse," said the girl.

"My God!" said Miss Custer, in a whisper, "Married!"

They looked at each other in dismay.

Now this is harrowing enough, but wait and you shall hear the further retribution that befell this most unwomanly woman.

Miss Custer, who had been staring at her cigarette smoke with large, despairing eyes, got up. "Well," she said, "I'm going out. This marriage is too horrible, too ghastly. You'll all do it, I expect. I can't trust one of you. You're all hopeless when one of these frauds comes along. The world wasn't made for serious people, it was made for the weak and treacherous." She disappeared.

And our joy in this just retribution is yet to be completed by the vision of Miss Custer sinking from circle to lower circle of Mr. E. V. Lucas's Inferno. The suggestion of a punishment terrible indeed is to come in the concluding words of the chapter. In fact, words fail, and the imagination has to move forward by the aid of asterisks.

She knew what Napoleon felt not only at Waterloo but at St. Helena. And her knowledge did not stop there. Perhaps she knew also what Magda's feelings were. . . .

I wonder whether it is the Anti-Suffragette or the Suffragette that Mr. E. V. Lucas is trying to tease! I think both. He probably considers that this most entertaining chapter will please and amuse a great many people and that it won't hurt us. There he is right. We have had too many of the world's real hard knocks to take in anything but good part a little elder-brotherly teasing. We have grown too well used to looking in distorting mirrors to be horrified at the reflection we find there. And a very good thing, too!

Talking of novels, Mr. Ingleside says: "I don't hold with novels that make you miserable, hardly, indeed, with those that make you think. I even have a theory that novels should not be true to life at all." Again he says: "The novel has no mission but to provide an escape." That is to say, an escape for awhile from facts. There are few facts and there is no strain upon the mind or the emotions in "Mr. Ingleside," but plenty of pleasant gossip and a great deal of very beguiling talk. And it ends, nobly, humorously, and with the resigned acceptance of things as they are, which is the philosopher's nearest conception of happiness.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

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FASHIONS IN FUR.

It seems remote, and yet some of us can remember when fashions in fur were unknown!

In those days, when one had furs—though generally speaking one had *not* furs, since only the most expensive kinds were used—the generic stood for a seal-skin jacket, a sable cape or tippet, and a sable or ermine muff. The jacket in all its artlessness descended changelessly from generation to generation, regardless of any physical differences in its inheritor, and the muff and tippet or cape were equally conservative.

Ah, well! Much water has flown under the bridges since then. Consider the charming variety of the furs now worn, of their combination, the manner of their make up, and—of their price. Musquash, seal, coney, squirrel, nutria, caracul and mole, to mention only a few of the newcomers, were undreamed of in our grandmothers' days. Yet now Dame Fashion glories in them all, and adapts them exquisitely to her needs.

At the moment coats of musquash and seal coney are quite *en fureur*, and are likely to retain favour, since they are light, warm, becoming and inexpensive. There are a number of new ideas, too, as to their formation this season, and many are trimmed with beaver, fox, or skunk. I contrasted delightedly some of these coats that I saw and loved at Debenham and Freebody's the other day with the old time jacket. Really it was difficult to believe that they were even descendants, so beautifully and tactfully were they adapted to the variations of the "human form divine"—the "little and good" folk, by the way, should be specially grateful! The price of these coats ranges from fifteen guineas for a long seal coney, and from twenty-five for a musquash one. Think of having to exercise your imagination in order to realise that the winter world is cold for such a sum! But, as a matter of fact, you can be snugly comfy for much less money if you invest in one of Debenham and Freebody's driving and travelling coats of coloured frieze—such charming colours too—lined with squirrel and collared with opossum. These coats, in fact, are but five guineas, and in company with a moleskin stole and muff, whose price is a guinea less, they strike me as being quite notably good investments. The muff is large, since muffs are as immense as ever, the stole a good width and length, and the skins of the best quality, *mais cela va sans dire* at this Wigmore Street establishment, where only the thoroughly good enjoys the *entree*.

Some very daring combinations of black and white fox, mounted *au naturel*, for stoles and muffs, are to be seen, but the effect is somewhat startling and hard. There is, however, no doubt concerning the modishness of black fox; on the prevailing black velvet it is doubly desirable. But be sure that you have the real Alaska fox, soft, silky, and jetty black. Luckily, however, this is not extravagant counsel, for at Owen's, in Westbourne Grove, I saw a beautiful three-skin Alaska fox stole, of splendid quality, for but eight guineas, a two-skin muff to match being 98s. 6d. Both were, of course, lavishly decorated with tails. At the same establishment I interviewed also some of the fashionable seal coney coats that we have just been talking of, for the truly wonderful price of £4 18s. 6d., and marvellous value for the money they were, since they were full length, silk lined, and thoroughly well cut.

Fur trimming imposed on fur coats and stoles is evidently going to be as *chic* as it is for gowns; a charmingly original model at Peter Robinson's (Oxford Street) embodies this idea quite beautifully. Imagine a luxuriously long seal coney coat, slightly draped to one side, and continuously edged with fine skunk. The effect was singularly graceful—but, of course, it should be seen to be properly appreciated. As another instance of this mode, take a wide ermine stole and immense pillow muff, edged with glistening bands of black Alaska fox, which is to be found in the same smart salons. It is only one of many ermine treasures, for this firm makes a speciality of the royal peltry, at practically all prices—a fact ermine lovers will be glad to know. *Par exemple*, an extremely desirable set, called the "Cyrano," the long two skin wide scarf of which costs but five and a half to seven and a half guineas, the ermine muffs to match being but three and a half to four and a half guineas.

Muffs and stoles must surely have reached the limit of their largeness. The large muff is sensible in that it keeps one warmer than the small one, but the muff of to-day is more than large. As to the stole, in some instances it is frankly called a shawl. The cape-stole is a new introduction. It is exactly what its name implies, the stole ends being large enough to give the appearance of a coat front.

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And consecration to a noble cause.

To us an inspiration thou hast been;

Thy eloquence is purifying fire;

Thy lovely face transfused we have seen—

To somewhat of thy zeal we would aspire.

Heaven speed thee onward, woman strong and sweet,

High priestess, called to set thy sisters free.

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WOMEN AND THE CONFERENCE.

There seems now to be little doubt that the Conference called originally to consider a means of adjusting the differences between the two Houses of Parliament has entered upon a much wider field, and is reviewing the whole Constitution.

1. No agreed settlement of the Veto question is possible unless the whole Constitution of the United Kingdom be reformed.

2. This reconstruction must include, not only the reform of the Upper House and the definition of its powers over finance and legislation, but also Home Rule in the widest sense, Redistribution, Franchise, and Imperial representation.

3. A "golden moment," as Mr. Gladstone phrased it, for this attempt has come.

4. The present Conference must disband, and a new Conference be called, with a wider mandate, fuller allowance of time, and possibly an enlarged personnel.

Before we consider the proposals for constitutional change as they affect our movement, let us ask what it is that has caused the Party Leaders to meditate this stupendous constitutional transformation? The answer is—the tactics of the Irish Party.

It is surmised by "Pacifists" who are contributing a series of letters to the Times, that the Liberal and the Unionist members of the Conference are agreed that constitutional changes ought to be guarded by a Second Chamber at least as strong as the present one, though of a different composition, but that matters of legislation of the ordinary sort do not require equally rigorous securities.

The militant spirit amongst women themselves, which is the ultimate guarantee of the triumph of this movement, burns as brightly and clearly as ever. Members of the Women's Social and Political Union are to-day as though in the first fervour and vigour and enthusiasm of the earliest days of the movement.

Christabel Pankhurst.

"the will, to turn out Mr. Asquith's Government if 'Home Rule' is not secured either as a part or as an immediate consequence of the constitutional settlement." But although the Liberal leaders are in the more immediate and obvious danger from the attacks of the Irish Party, the Unionist leaders seem also to be fully persuaded of the desirability of placating the Irish and ridding themselves of the presence of an enemy who is prepared to attack them also when they next take office.

The proposal that Home Rule shall apply all round does not blind either its authors or the public to the fact that the Irish party has brought the English politicians to their knees. What a triumph, this, for the policy of independent opposition inaugurated twenty years ago by Parnell, and threatened by Mr. Redmond at the present day!

The members of this Union, whose policy is the same, will turn to their work of opposing the Government with greater heart and hope than ever. Critics of our policy have warned us that to oppose the Government of the day would have no effect more substantial than the substitution of another Government equally hostile to our claim, which, upon the continuance of our policy, would be succeeded by the Party originally displaced, and so on ad infinitum.

The anti-Suffragist answer is of a similar character. It is quite true that the rate of wages does in the main in the first instance depend on the supply of labour and the demand for labour, but both these factors (supply and demand) are in their turn, as I shall show, to be influenced by votes.

The Meaning of the Law of Supply and Demand. The operation of the law of supply and demand can best be understood from an individual case.

There was always a large number of capable girls out of work, consequently they commanded comparatively low wages. Latterly domestic service has gone somewhat out of favour among girls. Mistresses find a difficulty in getting servants, and so, in order to tempt them to take up this work, they have been obliged to offer higher and higher wages and to give better and better conditions.

"We have to give them what they want or they will leave us, and we do not know where they will find others." The first is a case of the supply being in excess of the demand, the second of supply and demand being about equal, and the third of the demand exceeding the supply, and it should be noted that a very small difference in supply or demand may make a great difference in wages.

When we put in place of the girls seeking domestic service the whole number of women offering themselves for all the different vocations of life, professions, business, factories, home work, etc., and in place of mistresses the whole range of employers we have the problem of supply and demand as it applies to women's labour in general.

And taking the whole range we do not find an increase of wages corresponding to that of domestic servants. We find on the contrary that in a very large number of women's occupations wages have remained stationary, and that in many others they have actually gone down. Thus in his book "Labour in the Longest Reign," Mr. Sidney Webb says:—"Women's wages for unskilled labour still gravitate, as a rule, pretty closely to the subsistence level, below which they can never have sunk for any length of time."

Now how will women's votes affect this? In the first place, legislation controlled by the vote has a direct effect upon the supply of labour, both as to its quantity and as to its quality. Hardly any industrial or educational legislation or departmental instructions can be put into effect without altering supply.

Christabel Pankhurst.

WOMEN'S VOTES AND WAGES.

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence. Chap II.—Supply and Demand.

"Wages are not to be altered by Acts of Parliament, they are determined by the law of supply and demand." This is the favourite answer given by educated people to the statement of Suffragists that the wages of women will be raised when women get the vote.

The ancients used to wonder as to what supported the earth. At last an answer was supplied—the earth rested on Atlas; but a little thought showed that this was not sufficient. What did Atlas rest on? Then it was said that Atlas rested on an elephant; but again came the question—what did the elephant rest on? A tortoise. And in this unsatisfactory position, of the earth ultimately resting on a self-suspended tortoise, the ancients left the problem.

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The operation of the law of supply and demand can best be understood from an individual case. A few years back the number of girls willing to enter into domestic service was much in excess of the demand, there was always a large number of capable girls out of work, consequently they commanded comparatively low wages.

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Tuesday, 1.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Horniman Hall, Croydon, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 2.—Mrs. Pankhurst in the Public Hall, Ipswich, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 3.—Miss Christabel Pankhurst at St. Andrews, 3 p.m. In the Gillian Hall, Dundee, 8 p.m. Friday, 4.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Montgomery Hall, Sheffield. Miss Pankhurst in the Music Hall, Edinburgh.

Saturday, 5.—Mrs. Pankhurst in the Cambridge Hall, Southport (afternoon). Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Bristol Pageant.

Sunday, 6.—Mrs. Pankhurst at St. George's Hall, Bradford, 6.30 p.m. Monday, 7.—Mrs. Pankhurst in the Albion Hall, Leeds, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 10.—Great Meeting at the Albert Hall, 8 p.m. Tuesday, 15.—Parliament Reassembles.

[A very large number of other meetings will be found announced on pp. 52, 58 & seq.]

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only under the absolute compulsion to provide for themselves and the family. Thirdly, suppose that widows with young children were provided by law with a special maintenance so that they could devote themselves to those duties of motherhood which Anti-Suffragists call so sacred, but which they do nothing to secure. That would reduce the supply of the worst-sweated labour, which is forced to accept starvation wages and monstrous hours as the only alternative to breaking up the home and going into the workhouse.

Fourthly, suppose the technical training of girls in suitable occupations was carried out much more thoroughly than at the present time (this might be the direct result of a law or be brought about in consequence of a departmental minute of the Board of Education), then the quality of the supply of female labour would be improved.

I have selected these hypothetical changes which might be effected by votes, not because they will necessarily be the ones to be made by women when they get the vote, but because they illustrate the general proposition that the vote will give women the power to influence the supply of women's labour.

In the next chapter I shall deal with the power of the vote to influence the demand for women's labour.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

W.S.P.U. members are always proud of their Albert Hall meetings, and justly so. The one to be held on Thursday, November 10, will be one of the most important, coming, as it does, a few days before Parliament re-assembles, with the passing of the Conciliation Bill hanging in the balance.

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Tuesday, 1.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Horniman Hall, Croydon, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 2.—Mrs. Pankhurst in the Public Hall, Ipswich, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 3.—Miss Christabel Pankhurst at St. Andrews, 3 p.m. In the Gillian Hall, Dundee, 8 p.m. Friday, 4.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Montgomery Hall, Sheffield. Miss Pankhurst in the Music Hall, Edinburgh.

Saturday, 5.—Mrs. Pankhurst in the Cambridge Hall, Southport (afternoon). Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Bristol Pageant.

Sunday, 6.—Mrs. Pankhurst at St. George's Hall, Bradford, 6.30 p.m. Monday, 7.—Mrs. Pankhurst in the Albion Hall, Leeds, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 10.—Great Meeting at the Albert Hall, 8 p.m. Tuesday, 15.—Parliament Reassembles.

[A very large number of other meetings will be found announced on pp. 52, 58 & seq.]

Christabel Pankhurst.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

Over £300 this week! And this is the first stride towards the new goal. Last week we overstepped the old boundary to the extent of £128. We are now nearly half-way towards the new, the 77th thousand. Two more weeks should see us safely arrived there. And then comes the Albert Hall meeting. And we shall have one of our record collections, and show the Government that the women are in dead earnest, and are prepared to make every effort and every sacrifice to attain that enfranchisement which is theirs by justice and by every right.

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