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## WHY LETTERS ARE BURNT.

The Suffragists who have been burning and otherwise destroying letters have been doing this for a very plain and simple reason. They want to make the electors and the Government so uncomfortable that, in order to put an end to the nuisance, they will give women the vote.

These militant women are being warned that letter-burning is very unpopular. That is just what they want it to be, because they know that if the electors and the Government liked to have letters burnt, they would do nothing to stop it.

The quiet, patient methods of the law-abiding, non-militant Suffragists are very popular indeed (with those who happen to hear anything about them), and it is just because they are so popular that they are a failure; the Government and the electors being quite content that such pleasant, harmless methods shall continue for ever. The vote has never been given as a prize for good conduct. Women will never get the vote except by creating an intolerable situation for all the selfish and apathetic people who stand in their way.

It is true that in making a difficulty for the Government and for the men voters, the letter-burners may incidentally put other women to inconvenience, but at least those women will be suffering in their own interests and not only in the interests of other people, as is so often the case where sacrifices made by women are concerned. History teaches us that we must suffer to be free, and women, as men have done before them, are finding themselves obliged to pay this price for their liberty.

As for the men who are complaining of the actual or possible destruction of their letters, let them explain why they did not, long ago, force the Government to give votes to women. The men of the country and the dishonest and reactionary Government they have put in office must bear the whole blame and the whole responsibility for the attacks upon the letter-boxes, because, by rejecting every quiet and lawful appeal for the vote, they have driven women to methods of revolution.

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A Review of the Week.

Government's Dishonest Plans Revealed

It is understood that the Prime Minister and the Government, having considered various alternative courses of action, have now completed their plans for dealing with the Suffrage situation. The Franchise Bill will not be dropped on the pretext of lack of time, for Mr. Asquith's pledge to the women must be "loyally" kept. The amendment to delete the word "male" will not, according to the Government's present intentions, be seriously contested, and may actually be passed without a division. The women's amendments will thus be reached, and will be discussed and voted upon one after another. But, as the W.S.P.U. has for the past twelve months prophesied, will be the case, ample provision has been made by the Government to ensure the complete defeat of each amendment in turn, with the result, so Ministers believe, that "the women will be out of the way for years." Throughout this disgraceful transaction appearances are to be carefully preserved, and the ridiculous pretence that Mr. Asquith is "a man of honour" is to be as far as possible maintained.

"Fire Alarms."

On Tuesday night a new form of militancy broke out in London. Fire alarms were rung by Suffragists in different districts and fire-engines were brought out. There is a symbolic fitness in this new scheme for rousing the public, and calling their attention to the great danger and destruction going on in their midst—the sacrifice of hundreds of women every year to the sweating system, the White Slave Traffic, and kindred evils, of which the root cause is the political and economic subjection of women.

Miss Elsie Howey, who was arrested and convicted of destroying three-pennyworth of glass and giving a false fire alarm, has been given the maximum penalty for the offence—a fine of £20 or two months' imprisonment, of which she chose the imprisonment. This sentence may be well contrasted with the case of a man at Aberdeen convicted of indecently assaulting a little girl of eight years old. He was sentenced to a fine of 30s., with the alternative of fifteen days' imprisonment!

John Redmond Silenced.

One of the finest of militant protests took place at Mr. Redmond's meeting at Dalston. Owing to the fact that Mr. Redmond was supplied with a written copy of his speech, the papers were able to give some account of it, but for an hour and a half he was only able to complete one sentence. It was "tragic," said Mr. Redmond, that his advocacy of Home Rule for men should be interrupted by protests against injustice to women. Of course, evil-doers always find it tragic when the day of retribution comes. The silencing of John Redmond has brought rejoicing to every Suffragist worthy of the name. And the Suffragettes have not done with him yet, he may be sure!

More Letter-Box Protests.

Attacks on letter-boxes continue to be reported from all parts of the country. Accord-

ing to the Postmaster General 5,000 letters have been affected. No form of militant protest has ever been taken so seriously by the country as a whole. Window-breaking, once the chief object of criticism, seems now to be regarded as a comparatively tolerable and pleasant mode of action. The starving widow who may lose "the postal note remitted to her for the succour of herself and her children" is being held up as a possible victim of letter-box protests. But those who make the protests are unabashed, because it is to help the starving woman and to make her less dependent upon the postal note of the charitable that they are fighting for the passage of a Woman Suffrage measure, and are protesting, by attacking the letter-boxes, against the treachery of the politicians and the apathy and indifference of a certain section of the electors.

Platitudes and Insincerity.

The so-called Suffrage Conference, held in the London Opera House last week, was neither more nor less than a blind. The whole tone of the speeches made by the politicians who were present on the platform was enough to show this, and the wonder is that any woman could be found to sit and applaud such speeches. Not one word of practical value was uttered by the two Ministers, Sir John Simon and Mr. Acland, nor by the two Labour Members, Mr. J. R. MacDonald and Mr. Arthur Henderson. The question of Nationalist hostility—one of the main factors in the situation—was entirely ignored, and no proof was offered that the Prime Minister's pledge, worthless as it is, is not to be broken again, as it has so frequently been in the past. The chairman, Mr. Henderson, promised, in answer to an interruption, to deal with the Irish difficulty, but carefully refrained from keeping his promise. The main point of his speech was that women should trust the Prime Minister, since there is some shred of political honour left in this country. That may be so, but, unhappily, there seems to be no shred of honour in the Cabinet or in the House of Commons. Sir John Simon, in a speech reeking with insincerity, uttered platitudes of a kind, which however acceptable to a Parliamentary audience, ought not to be tolerated in any gathering of Suffragists.

Only One Militant Society.

Mr. J. R. MacDonald's speech was of a character we have learned to expect. There is something at once sad and humorous in the efforts made by one who has himself completely failed as a political leader, to give lessons in strategy and tactics to the women in the Suffrage movement. Mr. Acland's theme was militant methods, and he expressed his surprise that only one woman's organisation is resorting to militancy. We share that surprise, and we regard the fact as a proof of the injurious effect produced by centuries of subjection. There is, however, no food for discouragement in the present situation, because the militant spirit is spreading and strengthening as the days go by, and it is, after all, political inexperience leading them to trust deceitful politicians rather than cowardice, that deters women from militancy. The W.S.P.U. is proud to perform the duty of upholding the honour and dignity of womanhood until such time as other societies also become militant.

The Most Dangerous of all Enemies.

It is very plain from the speeches at this conference, and also from Mr. Lloyd George's harangue to the Welsh Liberal women, that the self-styled Suffragists in the Coalition have agreed and decided to cover up their treachery by denunciation of militancy. Nobody will be deceived, however, because in the days before militancy had ever been thought of the tactics of dishonest politicians were precisely similar to those they adopt at the present time. Moreover, it can never again be said that the House of Commons is shaken in its convictions by militancy, considering that the biggest party in the House has itself adopted militancy, while every other party, whether Liberal, Nationalist, or Labour, is prepared to do the same under certain circumstances. Mr. Lloyd George's denunciations of militancy are simply mad, wild words, employed to confuse the minds of his hearers, and to disguise from them the fact, always perfectly apparent to the members

of the W.S.P.U., that he is the most dangerous of all the enemies of the Suffrage cause. The omens, he told his hearers, were not quite so propitious as they were twelve months ago. What he really means is, that now that the time for action has come, he is not prepared to make good the assurances which he made in November, 1912.

A Question for Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George says, what the W.S.P.U. very well knows, and hence its demand for a Government measure, that unity is essential to the passage of a Woman Suffrage proposal. How is it possible, will Mr. Lloyd George explain, to unite a non-party majority in support of an unofficial Woman Suffrage amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill, considering:

- 1. That many Conservatives will not support the Norwegian amendment, and many Liberals will not support the Conciliation proposal.
2. That Irish Members are opposed to all Woman Suffrage amendments, on grounds of what they regard as political expediency.
3. That the Coalition, as a whole, is firmly persuaded, in spite of all that has been said to the contrary by Mr. Lloyd George and others, that the passage of a Woman Suffrage Amendment Bill will mean the break-up of the Government.

How does Mr. Lloyd George propose to overcome the three difficulties here indicated?

Mr. MacDonald's Departure.

Mr. J. R. MacDonald sailed for India on Thursday. It would be hypocritical on our part to profess regret at his temporary disappearance from the political scene. He has led the Labour party along paths of ineffectiveness and treachery, and now for a time turns his back upon the stupendous political failure and destruction that he has wrought. To what will he return? To the leadership of the Labour party or to some other position outside its ranks? Unfortunately, there is little sign that the Labour party in his absence will depart from the ways that he has taught. He leaves them, but the spell that he has cast upon them endures.

Mr. Keir Hardie Again.

Mr. Keir Hardie has again been prophesying the passage of a democratic Woman Suffrage amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill. Asked for the reasons of his optimism, he replies that the omens in the House are favourable. Political fortune-telling of this kind is too vague and indefinite to satisfy the members of the W.S.P.U. Mr. Hardie declares that if he is wrong in his forecast and women are left out of the Manhood Suffrage Bill, he will do his best to prevent that Bill becoming law. That will not satisfy the Suffragettes. They want the vote, and the mere destruction of the Manhood Suffrage Bill will not give it to them. To oppose the Government unless and until they carry a Woman Suffrage measure is the duty of every Suffragist M.P., and, above all, of every Labour M.P. Mr. Keir Hardie predicts the present Government's continuance in office for the next two years. We understand, therefore, that he and his Labour colleagues are determined to uphold the Government even, if the women's amendments are defeated, and their hope of getting the vote in this present Parliament is at an end.

In and Out of Prison.

The Suffragist protests made on the occasion of Mr. Lloyd George's visit to Aberdeen have had their sequel in the police-courts, when all the women arrested were convicted and sent to prison. They, one and all, resorted to the hunger strike, and after their sufferings had lasted for a few days they were released. The whole episode has aroused the very keenest interest in Aberdeen, where the action of the Suffragists has made a far deeper impression than the oration of Mr. Lloyd George.

Hysterical Students.

When Mr. Birrell delivered his Rectorial address at Glasgow University he was challenged by women, whom he as Cabinet Minister is defrauding of the vote. A number of men students retaliated, for some reason best known to themselves, by breaking the win-

dows and destroying the furniture of the local W.S.P.U. office. The Press describes these mischievous youths as "indignant" students. But why not hysterical students, we should like to know! Or if indignant students, why not indignant women, especially as women have serious political grounds for their indignation and their window-breaking, whereas the students have not!

Liberal Lawlessness.

Members of the Government have much to say at the present time about the lawless methods of the W.S.P.U. They would do well to remember that the methods adopted by themselves and their followers in the Liberal party to get rid of interrupters at public meetings are not only violent but also contrary to the law. On each occasion on which the matter has been brought before the Law Courts the ejected Suffragist has secured damages. Mr. Hawkins, whose leg was broken by the stewards at a meeting addressed by Lord Winston Churchill, was the hero of the leading case, and secured a verdict and substantial damages. We have now to congratulate Mr. Smithies-Taylor, who was ejected from a recent meeting addressed by Mr. Lloyd George, upon the success of the action for assault brought by him against those responsible. The Liberal party would do well to amend its own methods before criticising those of militant Suffragists.

The Christmas Holidays.

Every member of the W.S.P.U. who is going to Switzerland or elsewhere for their Christmas holidays is urged to take with her cards for the weekly At Home at the London Pavilion, and order forms for THE SUFFRAGETTE. In addition, it is advisable to order extra copies of THE SUFFRAGETTE to be sent each week to the holiday address. Thus equipped, every W.S.P.U. holiday-maker will be able to secure new visitors to the Monday At Homes and new readers for the paper. As a result, the Union will be greatly strengthened for the important work it has to do in 1913. Order forms and At Home cards can be had on application to the honorary secretary, W.S.P.U., Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, and instructions with regard to extra copies of the paper should be addressed to the Publisher at the same address.

SWELL THE WAR CHEST!

The Treasurer's Note.

The great success of the Christmas sale at Lincoln's Inn House gives renewed proof of the many-sided activity of the W.S.P.U. The appeal to members to work for the sale was made at a time when great demands were being made for personal service in many other directions, but, as always, our wonderful Union proved equal to the call.

When the sale was opened a week ago the friends who crowded into our pillared hall found stalls covered with gifts of every description, most of these gifts being the work of the skilful hands of our members. After a week's busy selling goods still pour in, and the supply appears to be inexhaustible. New attractions find their place on the stalls every day, and as they appear are eagerly purchased on behalf of the Union. I want to thank all who have helped, and are still helping, in this delightful way to fill the Union's coffers. Our thanks to those who provided the goods and to those who give their time so gladly day in day out in selling what has been so generously given, to the artists who are performing delightful music for our entertainment, and also to the ladies who have undertaken the refreshment of the inner man in the tea-room.

I am persuaded that the already assured success will be maintained by crowds of eager Christmas shoppers. Knowing as I do the unflinching devotion and energy of the members who organised the sale, I can promise all who come to buy and to enjoy that so long as they continue coming there will be stall-holders to sell, and beautiful and useful goods to be bought.

Come, then, and bring your friends to visit the Suffragettes and see the headquarters of which we are so proud, and help to swell the War Chest of the W.S.P.U.

E. PANHURST.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £250,000 FUND.

Table with columns for names and amounts. Includes sub-sections: NOVEMBER 26 to DECEMBER 3, ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED, BALTON BY-ELECTION, DEPUTATION FUND, MEMBERSHIP FEES, etc.

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WHITE FOX DYED JET BLACK.

In purchasing Black Fox Furs, customers are advised to ascertain if the skins are white fox dyed black. Owing to the great demand for this fur, any number of red foxes are now being dyed black, but these do not retain their colour, neither have they the beautiful lustre of the white Siberian skins.



WHITE FOX DYED BLACK SET, as sketch, made from selected White Fox skins bought direct from Nijni Novgorod. Very soft and silky. STOLE 12 Gns. MUFF 6 Gns. Set complete 17½ Gns.



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STOLE 14 Gns. MUFF 12 Gns. The set complete 25 Gns. Catalogue post free. DEBENHAM & FREEBODY

THE HATCHET CHARGE.

Mrs. Leigh to Defend Herself.

At the Dublin City Commission on Tuesday, December 10, before Mr. Justice Gibson...

Mr. Bushé: Yes. Mr. Gerald Byrne, solicitor, said that how the matter stood was...

Mr. Byrne said that Mrs. Leigh would attend the Court on an order from his lordship stating that she was not to be interfered with...

Mr. Justice Gibson asked if he had counsel in the case? Mr. Byrne said that he had not. Mrs. Leigh would defend herself...

Result of the Trial.

As we go to press, we learn by special wire that the jury appointed to try Mrs. Leigh disagreed on all the counts of the prosecution...

LEGAL DEFENCE FUND.

The treasurer of the Legal Defence Fund makes a special appeal for subscriptions for Mrs. Leigh's second trial. Miss Goodfille writes: "Mrs. Leigh and the other women on whose behalf the appeal is made are not only fighting for women's enfranchisement, but are also facing forcible feeding with a rare courage..."

Already acknowledged, £216 0s. 2d.; Miss Eveline Wright, £8. 6d.; Miss H. R. Clapham, 5s.; Miss M. E. Day, 2s. 6d.; Miss E. Hockley, 18s. 1d.; Liverpool W.S.P.U., £3 18s. 6d. Total, £221 14s. 6d.

THE RELEASE OF MISS SLADE.

Her Prison Experiences.

Painful Scenes.

After we had gone to press on Wednesday, December 4, we received the news of the release of Miss Slade. Miss Slade, it will be remembered, was sentenced at Newington Sessions, on November 20, to four months' imprisonment. The following is an account of her prison experiences:— I arrived at Holloway on Wednesday afternoon, November 20, and at once broke my windows and started a hunger strike. I did not break all my windows, feeling more protests would be necessary if I were forcibly fed! Ultimately, all the panes in my cell were broken, amounting to thirty-six. The hunger strike lasted from the Wednesday of the Sunday morning, during which time, with the exception of a little water, I took nothing of any kind to eat or drink. On Sunday morning, November 24, I was forcibly fed with the nasal tube, and this continued twice daily every day until the following Monday...

On the opening day Miss Rosabel Watson's string orchestra performed, and delightful concerts are given every afternoon, with songs from Miss de Morgan, Miss Nelson, Miss Eugène Croft, and Miss Nash, and piano solos from Miss Conder and Miss Russell. Miss Avern Pease has been giving the greatest satisfaction by her sketch portraits, detaining her sitters a few minutes only, and during this week Miss Kathleen Streetfield is giving her time to the "Lightning Sketch" department.

Stalls Re-stocked each Day.

The stall-holders find that the space will only allow of their displaying a comparatively small proportion of goods at a time, and the stock is, therefore, constantly altered and replenished. New contributions continue to arrive, and it would take many visits to discover all the attractions. The jewellery, of which there is an ample amount, is surprisingly lovely, and, with the good lace, Irish crochet, china, antiques, charming basket-work, Chinese costumes, fancy needlework articles, supply all comers with a fine choice of gifts for all tastes and all ages. The special attention that has been paid to the wants of the children must give food for reflection to the visitor who has drawn his or her ideas of Suffragettes from imaginative accounts in the daily Press. The stall for children's clothing has been doing a fine trade in tiny frocks, under-garments, and little warm, cosy woolies, made with loving care by members, many of them not "disappointed spinsters," but young mothers with little families of their own. The toy stall always has a crowd round it, and is well worth a visit, beautifully dressed and fascinating dolls being a special feature. The children and their elders will also enjoy the sweet stall, with its load of glittering crackers and tempting goodies, the home-made sweetmeats being particularly worthy of recommendation. Fresh flowers, fresh butter, and many delicacies for Christmas fare are to be had at the provision stall, all perishable goods of this kind being renewed daily, while orders for such may be booked.

Prison News.

The four women who were sentenced, three to five days and one to ten days' imprisonment, in connection with Mr. Lloyd George's visit to Aberdeen, started the hunger strike immediately on their removal to prison. So far, the prison authorities at Scotland House have descended to use the fearful weapon of forcible feeding, and the Suffragettes were released from Craiginchies Prison at 7 o'clock on Saturday morning, some days before the expiration of their sentences. Miss Davison was charged on Thursday last with having assaulted the Rev. Forbes Jackson, and was fined 40s. or ten days' imprisonment, and removed to Craiginchies. Miss Davison also started the hunger strike on her arrival at the prison, and was refused the privilege of exercising with the other four Suffragists. Miss Locke, Miss Pollock, Miss Parker, and Miss Humphreys. As a protest against this the four broke the windows in their cells. Miss Davison was released at 8 o'clock on Monday morning, her fine having been paid anonymously.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

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Organisers' Report.

Members have contributed generously beyond all our hopes, but special stalls must have fresh contributions. Mrs. Marshall wishes to remind members that

COME TO OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR.

Large Crowds and Record Sales.

The Christmas Fair is now in full swing. Large crowds attended the opening, which was performed by Mrs. Pankhurst on December 5. This was preceded by an interesting ceremony on the roof, where Mrs. Pankhurst unfurled the purple, white, and green flag, which now floats in splendour over Lincoln's Inn House. Although the crush was naturally greatest on the first few days of the Fair, the daily attendance is still sufficient to tax the accommodation to the utmost. All members will now, in addition to being able to transact their Christmas business successfully, find a merry social function in progress at Lincoln's Inn House. The tea-room has been provided with adequate in size for the numbers who come to seek refreshment after their shopping, and the difficulty has been met by arranging one of the galleries as a lounge, where tea can be taken in comfort.

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MRS. DRUMMOND'S CALL TO WORKING WOMEN.

GREAT AND INCREASING RESPONSE.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

The last week has shown still more clearly that the time is ripe for Mrs. Drummond's appeal to working women. Numbers of letters have been received from volunteers who wish to join the "General" in her great stand for political liberty. They will go with her to the House of Commons, to lay their demand for the Parliamentary vote before the Prime Minister and Mr. Lloyd George, and to insist on its satisfaction. The spirit animating these women is best shown by extracts from some of their letters.

From the wife of a working man:—"As the wife of a working man who wishes to see the enfranchisement of women, I shall be pleased to join in your demonstration, and shall bring others with me." A teacher writes:—"As a working woman—a teacher—I will go with you on the deputation in January. I have been a member of the W.S.P.U. from the beginning, but have never been free to join any deputation or take any part in militant action before, owing to my work." The following is from a woman trade unionist:—"Please add my name to your list of working women to go on deputation to Mr. Asquith and Lloyd George. I have been President of a woman's Trade Union for over seven years, and have worked for women for over twenty years."

Help the Great Scheme.

Mrs. Drummond appeals to every member and every friend of the W.S.P.U. to help with her great scheme. Working women are doing their part in coming forward as volunteers; it is for other women to give them practice and moral support. This can be done in several ways:— All members who have leisure can do so in their names to the Organisers, Miss Gidewell, to help in the London campaign, and to the Provincial Organisers for the campaign among working women in the provinces. Money is necessary to carry out the plans laid down for the campaign. Meetings for working women are to be held every afternoon in all the districts named. The hire of halls for these meetings will cost £10 per week. How many women will volunteer to pay for a week's meetings for the working women of London, so that they may help Mrs. Drummond's message to the women? Then there are the travelling expenses of the speakers and members to whom it is to be explained in their localities. The response has already been great beyond expectation, but it must be still greater. General Drummond writes: "Time is so short that working women must not hesitate a moment, they must mass together in rank upon rank so that our demand will be so overwhelming that no Government dare tamper with a Franchise Bill and leave working women out. Knowing as I do, the determination of working women, I am confident that they will come out in response to my appeal, and that the challenge thrown to them by so-called Democrats will be met in a manner only possible to those who really feel for the uplifting of the oppressed."

Why YOU Should Subscribe.

Quite separate from the expenses of the campaign are the expenses of the deputation itself. When deputations of working men are organised, it is a well-known fact that the rank and file of their fellow-workers make it financially possible for them to go on the deputation by contributing to their expenses. The members of the W.S.P.U. General Drummond says: "I call upon you women to do the same for working women as working men do for their brothers. Make it possible for them to join me. It is up to you to do it." Will every member of the W.S.P.U. and every reader of THE SUFFRAGETTE send a contribution, large or small, to Mrs. Drummond's fund, so that she may go on with her work, knowing that she has behind her the sympathy and practical backing of her fellow-members. All contributions to the fund will be earmarked for this special purpose. A London response has already been forthcoming, and we print below a list of contributions. A third practical method of helping is for members to offer hospitality to the hundreds of working women who are coming from the provinces in response to the call. These women must find a

The Great Campaign in London

We announced in our last issue that arrangements were being made for a campaign in the industrial districts of London. This campaign is now in full swing, and particulars of its organisation are given below:— Committee Rooms: 278, Roman-road, Bow. Organiser: Miss Gidewell.

MRS. DRUMMOND'S CALL TO WORKING WOMEN.

GREAT AND INCREASING RESPONSE.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

The following Organisers have volunteered for these districts:— Poplar—Miss Hockin. Limehouse—Miss Haig. Stepney—Miss Fischer. Bethnal Green—Miss Emerson. Pimlico and Lambeth—Miss Shedden. Fulham and Putney—Mrs. Keeling. North London—Miss Jacobs. Hackney—Miss Hayman. North Kensington—Miss Wylie.

Mrs. Drummond's Fund.

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THE PRESS AND MRS. DRUMMOND.

Mrs. Drummond believes that the time has now arrived when she and the other working women who want the vote must assert themselves, and prove once and for all that the demand for the franchise does not come from leisured, prosperous women only. It would be idle for Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George to attempt to escape the interview with Mrs. Drummond and her colleagues by saying that their views have been expressed already, because the object of these working women is not to ascertain the views of the two politicians, but to deliver to them a mandate. General Drummond's project will be carried out concurrently with all the various militant protests in which other members of the W.S.P.U. are, and will be engaged until the vote is won.—Daily Herald.

HOW TO CATCH 'EM!

Scotland Yard is evidently taxing all its powers of diplomacy to catch at least one of the "Letter-box fends." We hear rumours of many plans to secure this end, and one of these at least deserves an honourable mention. It is this: The inside door of the letter-box in a post-office is left open; a man is hidden behind it watching each letter as it is dropped into the box. The moment he sees anything suspicious-looking he blows a police whistle, and a policeman who is waiting down the road at a discreet distance from the post-office rushes up and arrests the person he thinks has posted the injurious letter. We commend the ingenuity of this Sherlock Holmes-like device, and trust that no innocent anti-suffragist will suffer in consequence.

THE W.S.P.U. IN CANADA.

Miss Wylie's Progress.

Miss Wylie has made remarkable progress in her work in Canada. We quote the following from her report: "The feeling in Montreal in favour of Woman's Suffrage has changed so much in the last twelve months as to cause surprise even in the minds of the most ardent Suffragists. Where coldness and hostility formerly prevailed, warm-hearted support is now met with. The Press, which twelve months ago deliberately refused to open its columns to anything concerning Suffrage, has now completely changed its tone, and invites and welcomes Suffragette news. A Suffrage Society is now being formed, and from many sources I have received messages of congratulation and appreciation. Militant methods are looked at from a different point of view, and their necessity and object explained. I had many opportunities of addressing audiences at semi-private and drawing-room meetings, with eminently satisfactory results."

Strong and Flourishing.

Here, in Fort William and Port Arthur—the twin cities, as they are called—is a strong and flourishing Suffrage Society, presided over by Mrs. Peltier, who is kindly giving me hospitality. On Sunday, November 17, I spoke in the auditorium here, on Monday, on the Y.M.C.A. Hall in Port Arthur; and on Tuesday, once more in the Auditorium, the resolution demanding the Federal Vote for Women that session was carried unanimously. A good collection was taken. Mr. Reid, a Presbyterian minister, who was present, asked me to speak in his Church on the White Slave Traffic, which I shall do to-morrow night; and to-night I have accepted the invitation of the L.L.P. to speak to them in the Masonic Hall. They will have to listen to some home truths on the conduct of the Labour leaders in our House of Commons. In order to show their appreciation of the English workers in the cause, the women here are arranging for a reception to-morrow, and we hope to arrange yet another Suffrage Society to be formed in Port Arthur itself. The women of Canada must now, as I stand shoulder to shoulder to fight for their freedom; for, as cities rise, the accompanying evils rise with them, and only to-night an inquest is being held on a young girl who had committed suicide. The coroner has said he wishes he could have a jury of women to sit on this case. From later news received we learn that the L.L.P. of Port Arthur has passed a resolution to be sent to the Dominion Parliament demanding Votes for Women this Session, and in the discussion which followed Miss Wylie's speech in which she had explained the attitude of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the House of Commons, it was agreed by the members of the L.L.P. that they didn't see any other course open to the W.S.P.U. but to oppose them. From the Canadian Press.

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The two following extracts are from The Daily News, Port Arthur: "That Miss Barbara Wylie, the English Suffragette, made a deep impression upon those Port Arthur people who heard her at the Y.M.C.A. last evening was quite apparent. She clearly outlined the origin and development of the Votes for Women Movement in Britain, and presented the cause of her sex in a manner well calculated to win sympathy. She even accomplished so much as to convince many of her hearers that the militant methods used in England were justified to some extent at least." "Miss Barbara Wylie addressed a large meeting of the Independent Labour Party by invitation last evening in the Masonic Hall, Fort William. Miss Wylie proved herself to be equally at home in whatever place or whatever subject she is handling, as she surely leading her hearers up through their chosen subject to the question of Suffrage for Women, as points the needle to the Pole. Miss Wylie gave a lucid and descriptive picture of the English Labour Movement in the political world of England which the Fort William Labour Party found particularly instructive and timely in these throbbing days of English politics, and was awarded a cordial vote of thanks for her interesting description of England."

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Methods Wise and Unwise

Nothing matters now but methods, so far as Woman Suffrage is concerned. Let the right methods be adopted by an adequate number of women, and success will follow! At present the Suffrage movement is divided as to methods. Thus the Women's Social and Political Union uses methods that are militant; but the other great organisation, the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, uses methods of another kind. The W.S.P.U. is militant with the object of creating a situation from which the Government and the electors will find themselves compelled to escape by granting votes to women.

Is such a policy politically expedient? Certainly it is; because "Governments move only in response to pressure," and those who are content to be orderly and patient are always kept waiting while the demands of less complacent and accommodating people are being attended to. Is the militant policy of the W.S.P.U. morally right? Unless all the patriots and heroes of past times are now to be accounted as sinners, this militant policy is morally right.

Is it possible that a militant policy shall be successful when adopted by women? Considering the effect already produced by existing militants; considering the complexity and delicate balance of our modern civilisation; considering the ingenuity, courage and persistence of the average woman, a militant policy pursued by women will undoubtedly be successful. So much for the methods of the W.S.P.U. Let us now contrast with it the alternative policy of the N.U.W.S.S. What that policy is we learn from the words of Mrs. Fawcett, who is the president of the society. She said at the Albert Hall meeting on November 5 that the weapon whereby the N.U.W.S.S. hopes to conquer is that of supporting the candidates of the Labour Party. Again, at the London Opera House, she declared herself deeply grateful to the Labour Party for what it has done for the cause of Woman Suffrage, and she repeated her declaration of faith in its future service to this cause.

Now, in the opinion of the W.S.P.U. the policy of trusting in the Labour Party is a profound political mistake. The real fact of the matter is that the Labour Party has betrayed, and is betraying, the Woman's Cause. The Labour Members are strong enough to compel the Government to give votes to women, and they will not do it. Such a failure of duty will hardly bear thinking of! These forty men have the power of life and death over the Government. By refusing to use this power to win the enfranchisement of working women they have deserved not gratitude, but contempt and opposition.

One of the official Labour excuses for the betrayal of working women's interests is, that to oppose the Government would involve the repudiation of pledges given at the last General Election. Repudiation of what pledges, we should like to know! If Labour candidates promised to give a blind, unreasoning and unconditional support to the Liberal Government, then to oppose that Government is contrary to their pledges. But if, as all the world supposed, the

Labour candidates pledged themselves to fight for the measures on the Labour programme, then to oppose the Government in order to win votes for working women is to keep perfect faith with their constituents.

As for the further official argument, that an anti-Government policy is out of harmony with wishes of the Labour rank and file, we cannot assent to that. The Labour Party Conference declared that no extension of the franchise would be acceptable that did not include women. To give effect to this resolution, it is necessary for the Labour Members to oppose the Government, because unless they do so, the Government will persist in giving more Franchise Reform to men (if only in the shape of a Plural Voting Bill) without giving votes to women.

Mr. Macdonald's favourite excuse for supporting the Government at women's expense is to say that the next Government might be just as bad as the present one. The answer to him is, that the present Government would prefer votes for women to loss of office, and that if, as Mr. Macdonald believes, they would prefer defeat, such defeat would be an unforgettable lesson to their successors.

Every woman who is tempted to trust the Labour Party ought to read the letter addressed by Mr. Lansbury to the Administrative Council of the I.L.P. This document appeared in The Daily Herald on December 4, and in The Labour Leader on December 5. Mr. Lansbury says plainly and squarely that, in his judgment, the position taken up by the Labour Party on the question of women's enfranchisement amounts to a gross betrayal. He further declares that instead of being used to secure this and other reforms on the Labour programme, the votes of the Labour Party are being sold for nothing. The Labour Members wander through the division lobbies in support of Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment, while every one of the questions they were elected to support are being neglected, and, says Mr. Lansbury, "during the Parliamentary history of the past fifty years, no more complete failure has been witnessed in any country." He continues: "I can think of nothing more injurious to the Labour and Socialist movement of this country than to have forty Members in the House of Commons for seven years with nothing to show for it except a more enthusiastic devotion to Liberal principles and Liberal measures."

There is no doubt whatever that Mr. Lansbury's censure of the Labour official policy is perfectly sound. Whether it be regarded from the point of view of women's enfranchisement or from that of the political interests of the Labour Party, the present unconditional subservience to the Government is deplorable. The Labour Party may be a weapon, but it has been captured and is being wielded by the Government for their own purposes. Half-a-century, very nearly, has gone by since the Parliamentary movement for Woman Suffrage began. Surely that has been time long enough to show the unfaithfulness of men's political parties, and the futility of patient and constitutional appeal! Even by Liberals it is now being admitted that the Government are playing the traitor. The word "male" is to be deleted from the Manhood Suffrage Bill, but none of the amendments giving women the vote will be carried, since ample provision has been made to defeat each one of them in turn. This account of the matter, derived from a Liberal source, bears upon its face the stamp of truth, because it would be characteristic of the whole insulting conduct of the House of Commons during fifty years to declare that sex ought no longer to involve a political disability, and then to make no provision for removing that disability.

Every day that passes brings its proof that the essential condition of success is to make and to hold the Government responsible for giving women the vote. By depending upon official amendments and worthless pledges, instead of fighting for a Government measure, by trusting to the official Labour Party, instead of relying upon themselves, the non-militants are achieving no useful purpose. They are simply delaying the inevitable resort to militancy until dangerously late, and they are leaving the whole price to be given, all the risks to be run, every sacrifice to be made, by the members of the W.S.P.U.

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

By HERMANN BAHR.

(Translated by special permission of the author for "The Suffragette.")

Hermann Bahr, successful playwright, Social Democrat, and philosopher, whose position in the German literary world is somewhat analogous to that of Bernard Shaw in England, declares his belief in the social and political emancipation of women.

The first time that I spoke in public on behalf of Women's Rights, someone said to me beforehand: "I am curious as to your arguments!" I replied: "In that case you will be disappointed." "How may that be?" he asked. "Because," I continued, "our actions never proceed from arguments, but rather from our inner requirements, and only in order afterwards to justify those requirements do we seek for reasons in reality superfluous." He was astonished, but I stuck to my point.

The Woman Question exists because certain women feel themselves to be suffering an injustice. Whether the woman of the future will still be denied full human rights, or will establish her claim to equality of treatment with man, is purely a question of popular sentiment. Now, questions of popular sentiment cannot be solved by logic alone, neither can they be proved nor disproved by argument.

"A Question of Feeling."

Cannibalism, slavery and cruelty to animals have been discontinued, not at the bidding of reason, but at the bidding of popular sentiment. Why do we no longer devour human flesh? Because we should no longer find it palatable. Why do we no longer keep slaves? Because we should ourselves find it intolerable to do so. Why do we no longer torture animals? Because to see animals suffer gives us personal pain. It does not give pain to the sportsman, and therefore we cannot prove to him that it ought to do so; but all to whom it does give pain could combine, and then it would depend on whether their corporate feelings were strong enough to infect so many people that at last even sportsmen would begin to feel ashamed of themselves. It is always after this fashion that a corporate suggestion operates, and gradually causes a new social ordinance to bear fruit in action and new social ordinance. A change of custom is invariably a question of feeling, and only afterwards becomes a question of force.

When the young bourgeoisie first began to consider the rights of man, it forgot altogether that women as well as men are human beings. And, what is still more remarkable, the women themselves forgot it too. They let the crucial moment slip by without putting in their claim; albeit the period of the French Revolution was rich in gifted and even eminent women. But these, instead of casting in their lot with other women, singled themselves out from the rest. It was enough for them to extricate themselves individually from the conditions under which the women of their time laboured; they were deserters, who opposed their own sex to enrol themselves among the opposite one.

Soon the advanced woman became the "mannish" woman. She modelled herself on man, and took pleasure in masculine habits; she smoked, cut her hair short, rode astride, preferred manly garb, and tuned her voice to a bass. It is natural that this type should at first have served as a deterrent, particularly with women, and more especially with the best women, who refuse to be false to their nature and are not ashamed to be feminine, but, on the contrary, are strongly averse to unsexing and modifying themselves on a masculine model.

Woman's Individuality.

Nevertheless, these advanced women of a bygone time, these somewhat unpleasing viragos, proved to their sisters that a woman had it in her to set at nought the boundaries convention prescribes for her. Presently they were followed by others who no longer strove to obliterate the difference between the sexes. No, they said, woman is not of the same order as man; she is of her own kind, but she has the same right to her essential nature as man to his. A Frenchman is not a German, a business man is not an artist; but the Frenchman does not wish to become a German, nor the artist a business man; each one has his own peculiarities, of which he is proud; each one claims the right to be wholly himself as Nature has made him, and to determine his life according to his natural propensities.

With every individual something comes to the world that did not exist before him, and will not exist after him, and the desire of his being is to give the fullest expression to this something, whatever it may be. It has been said that every human being is a thought of God, and that God is not in the habit of thinking the same thought twice. This sounds the keynote of our civilisation—respect for the rights of the individual. And woman desires no more than this, to occupy her proper place in our civilisation. She, too, will assert her personality. She, too, will regulate her life according to the inner law of her being in order more truly to express the divine thought she represents. And when she shall have won this right for herself, then, and then only, will it be made manifest what qualities really are "womanly." What we now call "womanly" is mere conformity to the desires of men. So long as woman remains in subjection to man, so long will she modify herself to suit his requirements. Present-day "womanliness" is an invention of men who are apt to find anything in the opposite sex that does not suit them in domestic or sexual relationship "unwomanly."

True womanliness can never appear until woman has the right to show herself just as she really is, whether it be pleasing to man or not. But her right to this much is no longer seriously disputed.

Will Women Ever Have the Vote?

Opportunity to develop and fulfil herself in accordance with her peculiar genius is now allowed to be her due. It is only denied that, in order to do so, the vote is necessary to her. That is the present position. But can it honestly be asserted that one human being can speak for another, or can so perfectly understand another as to exactly anticipate his wants? No one can realise the physical and mental requirements essential to the growth and full development of the individuality of another, failing which he must for ever remain an empty sketch or fragment of what he might be. No one but himself can do this, not even the cleverest or the most just-minded. No woman on earth will ever quite understand a man, a real man; and equally no man on earth will ever understand a real woman; though he be the wisest, the kindest, and the most upright of men, he will yet do her injustice if he seek to regulate her life for her. And as at the present time the outer conditions of our lives are regulated by Parliament, women desire to have a hand in such regulation is by no means superfluous or purely sentimental.

Some day, perhaps, we shall find ourselves to have outgrown our present Parliamentary forms, and personally I live in hopes of the speedy discovery of some less cumbersome instrument of Government. Until, however, this comes to pass, women must make shift with existing machinery.

Will women ever have the vote? It entirely depends upon how strong their sense of injustice is. They will never be enfranchised so long as they do not find it intolerable to obey laws in the making of which they have had no part. But, in any country, the moment this does strike the women as intolerable, and intolerable to such an extent as to render continued obedience to man-made laws impossible, then, and then only, will they immediately be enfranchised.

The Woman Question can never be decided by reasoning, but only by the degree of passion and force evoked in women by their grievances.

"Solely Their Own Affair."

Man's attitude towards the Suffrage question is of no great importance. Many are simply conscious of possessing a privilege that they will never willingly relinquish. It is of no use with them to question the justice of a right founded on a mere matter of birth. They say: "We hold the power once and for always, and what we have we shall not give up." But it would seem that nowadays there are not many such left. Woman Suffrage possesses a far more insidious enemy in the shape of the man who contents himself by merely sympathising with

the movement; for those who give their moral support and nothing else to any cause are always its worst foes. A man of this type will allow in conversation that the women are in the right "from their own standpoint." He does not deny that, according to usual standards every duty implies a right, and that therefore it is unjust on those grounds to require the same civic duties from women as from men, without conferring the same civic rights upon them. Neither does he attempt to defend masculine privilege. All this, however, does not cause the well-intentioned average man actively to espouse the women's cause. He maintains that it is solely their own affair. He means to wait and see how far the women go. When they arrive he will be the first to congratulate—did he not "always say" they would succeed?

Finally, there are a few men in every land who actively exert themselves on behalf of women's rights. They are called Feminists, and are often somewhat looked down upon. They range themselves on the side of the women, not, as is often asserted, because they are effeminate; neither entirely from a sense of justice and a generous impulse to champion the oppressed; neither is it entirely because a superior cleverness prompts them to relinquish a tyrannical monopoly, that man no longer has the power to keep intact; nor, altogether because of a special insight that reveals to them a deep racial necessity to which men must eventually bow because the full force of man's opposition no longer avails to keep it in check. No, these men are chiefly guided in their actions by the conviction that women's influence on politics will be an entirely beneficial one.

The Needs of the Age.

The fact is, it is not so much out of concern for women that these men further the cause of Woman Suffrage, as out of concern for good government; not for the sake of women, but for the sake of politics, because they hope that with women a new element will enter into politics that will enable them to grapple successfully with modern problems. Throughout Europe, politics are found wanting in that they fail to identify themselves with the needs of the Age; and in that they deal with anything and everything rather than with just those matters that are nearest to our hearts. In the national and public assemblies of Europe there is no mention of the great spiritual and social processes now at work. In short, European politics are at the mercy of academic politicians. In their hands politics have become a game, a sport, a technical accomplishment in which one politician tries to outdo another in cunning, in duplicity, in squeezeableness and dexterity; a pyrotechnical display, so to speak, in which there remains no room for our social and spiritual needs.

All this can only be altered by the coming of a new people innocent of all the intrigues and deceptions of political caucuses and wirepulling, a people amongst barbarously unsophisticated, who, in their youthful enthusiasm, shall deal with politics in all earnestness.

It is always said of women that they are notoriously ignorant of politics. But nothing speaks more highly for women than the fact that they are ignorant of what is called "politics" to-day. And further, what matters the present? An old world is perishing; a new one is rising from its ashes.

The basis of all old-world systems is physical force. They exist by virtue of the subsistence of the strong upon the labour of the weak. The basis of the new world-system is mutual help, charity and love. It exists by virtue of the support of the weak by the strong, on the principle that each shall labour, in proportion to his strength, and receive in proportion to his need. We are still far from the goal, but little by little we are getting nearer. And perhaps, in a brighter future, the nations of the earth will rank in order of their furtherance of the March of Humanity towards brotherly loving-kindness. Who has a better title than woman to take part in this great endeavour, for who has suffered more under the law of the strongest, and who has a greater capacity for mutual help, charity and love?

# MILITANCY SPREADS LIKE A FLAME.

## Redmond Routed at Dalston— Pillar-boxes Attacked all over the Country—False Fire-alarms Call Attention to Women's Discontent.

### FULL STORY OF THE WEEK'S MILITANCY.

The flame of militancy has been burning wide and far during the past week. Two Cabinet Ministers, Mr. Birrell and Mr. Runciman, have been challenged and heckled; so has Mr. Redmond, that champion of freedom who has more power but no more conscience than any miserable member of the Government with which he allies himself. All the women who were arrested in connection with the Aberdeen militancy have hunger-struck, and are out—without being forcibly fed, which shows that in Aberdeen at any rate honour and decency have a place in the prison officials' conception of their duty.

But far more compelling to the general public has been the continuation of the "pillar-box" outrages. Those who clamour in private or public about the "cowardice" of destroying letters had perhaps better consider how little protest they make about the cowardice of torturing women in prison! For years women took all the suffering upon themselves with a sublime heroism; the Press, for the most part, only sneered. But a public opinion not susceptible through its conscience must be approached through its pocket; if it cannot understand why women suffer, it must in common fairness be given a chance of understanding why they act! The destruction of letters has been carried on not only in London but all over the country. The attitude of the authorities is characteristic. The Postmaster-General has issued an official statement that no letter has been entirely destroyed, and many postal officials are refusing to accept the letters of the public across the counter.

#### The Public Must Understand.

To admit either in words or by taking real precautions, that the militant attack was a serious thing would, of course, be unthinkable for the official mind; but the public is not to be deceived by such lies or appeased by such insolent indifference; it knows how serious the situation is, and its widespread and growing feeling is one of anger with the authorities that could protect it—by giving the vote—and won't.

On Tuesday evening a large number of false alarms were given to fire-stations, some of them being completely successful in "drawing the fire-engines."

The uneasiness of the public is naturally showing itself in various petulant ways—as a preliminary, no doubt, to that understanding of the real trouble which alone can stop militancy. Most remarkable is the clamour for militant methods on the part of the Press! Open lawlessness of the most violent and horrible kind—the lynch law which we deplore when it occurs in other countries—has been advocated; and the silly young students of Glasgow who smashed the Suffrage windows were only taking the advice of grave professional politicians! Well, militant women, having a cause at heart, have long ago shown that neither "law" nor lawlessness can frighten them; but it is not time the party papers gave up their sickeningly hypocritical pretences that they "disapprove" of militancy. They disapprove of humble, patient, self-sacrificing strife in a great cause, the militancy of religion; what they approve is simple, thoughtless, brutal, hooliganism, the militancy of the gutter.

#### Home Ruler Interrupts.

"Mr. Redmond, I have been a Home Ruler all my life. You are dragging the cause in the dust; you cannot have freedom for Ireland without 'freedom for women.'" Here an Anti-Suffrage gentleman who protested against the treatment of interjectors was thrown out and his coat torn!

Mr. Redmond again attempted to speak, but again and again in vain. Women were marched out, pushed out, carried out, and men were hurled out, punched out, chucked out, and among them a Liberal, who had protested against violence, was "set upon" by his stewards, with the result that he, who had always voted "Liberal," has found that for the future he would "always vote against them."

When Mr. Redmond at last spoke a word, it was indeed the most weary, and he looked at the audience, for it must be confessed that such an atmosphere was entirely destructive of all real discussion of "Home Rule for men only."

"The principle," began Mr. Redmond, "the principle," rang like a clarion from a woman in the dress seats. "The principle," she cried, "the protesters were there to vindicate, and to the end their protests were felt. Something of amusement was felt by the Suffragists when they heard the steward's demand before the meeting began, 'There are four ladies in a box; they have locked the door, you must have them out.' On persistent measures being taken, and the police sent for, the ladies were found to be the 'manager's ladies,' so they were left in possession!"

A lady on the platform, perhaps feeling that the worship of freedom on that platform was but a "shoddy" show, rose and left the theatre. One word in conclusion, whatever Mr. Redmond's betrayal of the woman's cause may lead to of tragedy for his own, he did not permit himself to emulate Mr. Lloyd George in Wales; neither by look or word did he encourage the brute element in his stewards; indeed, he candidly rebuked them when he had a chance. And it had its effect, as had the protests of the public; the men and women who were ejected last week were much less horridly treated than those who protested first.

#### A Man's Impression.

The Chairman, who posed as a guardian of peace and equity, succeeded only in conveying an impression of callous impassivity. Mr. Redmond's speech seemed to the writer to be lacking in spontaneity, essayed to speak. Turbulence immediately arose all over the theatre. It was quite clear that Mr. Redmond was not to have it all his own way. A protester in the upper circle also asked, in a loud voice, the very relevant question, "Why are you opposed to 'Women's Suffrage'?" Mr. Redmond began again. A man seated behind me cried out, "I protest against the treatment of that woman," and for doing so was similarly expected. The violence used was quite unnecessary, and it gave rise to disturbance, which, like that caused by a stone thrown into water, rapidly extended over the whole area.

Order having been in part restored, Mr. Redmond made another attempt; but before six words were uttered, there were expletives, hootings, catcalls, and universal confusion. So great was the noise that the questions asked, and criticisms made, were in numerous cases indistinguishable. After many minutes the Irish leader attempted to dilute upon the principle of Home Rule, when a Suffragette in the dress circle exclaimed in a ringing voice, "What do you know about principles? This was left free to discourse eloquently on the fascinating theme, 'Great Events,' little dreaming that a humble act in the history of one of the great world dramas had just been played out before his unseeing eyes.

M. McP.

#### Students Wreck W.S.P.U. Shop

Angry that women, who have forced upon them a war against the long odds of ignorance and tyranny, had ques-

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#### WOMEN REMIND MR. BIRRELL OF HIS DUTY.

Mr. Birrell's rectorial address to the students of Glasgow was so broken in upon by the protests of Suffragettes that for a time it seemed hopeless that he would ever be able to get through with good-tempered satisfaction and sympathy, and Mr. Runciman's closing remarks were wasted. From the rear, where, in spite of his tall body guard, I was able to give him a smart tap with a rolled copy of THE SUFFRAGETTE, from the side, and from a motor-car drawn up by the side of his own, he was assailed by questions which, of course, he found it convenient not to answer, especially when the rights of the numerous women farmers in the district were mentioned.

As soon as his motor began to move the inspector removed his hold, and I quickly mounted the brako from which the two "honourable gentlemen" (Messrs. Brace and Runciman) had spoken, and made my protest against the tyranny and treachery of the Government. The suggestion of "Give me a clap" was vigorously responded to by men and women. "You have right on your side," said a man.

#### Mr. Birrell Annoyed.

"There can be no representative Government until women have the vote," came in clear, ringing tones from the balcony when Mr. Birrell a few minutes later spoke of a representative Government. "The lady is quite right," said Mr. Birrell, "that interruption was perfectly justifiable." Less polite was his comment on the next interrupter. "If that lady had any sense," he remarked testily, "she would know that I was on her side." It was hardly to be wondered at that the unfortunate orator was beginning to lose his temper. He watched, with grim satisfaction, his tormentor (the eighth on the list) making her exit from the hall. When the pandemonium consequent upon her ejection had subsided, Mr. Birrell, assuming the perusal of his manuscript with a kind of desperate patience, proceeded to attack the Disraelian dictum that "events were of greater importance than the most sublime speculations." He could not agree; in fact, he would "pluck up courage flatly to deny it." Why he denied Disraeli's famous saying remained unexplained at that particular point, for a woman, rising suddenly in the gallery, suggested to Mr. Birrell the advisability of "plucking up courage to put his Liberal principles into practice and giving women the vote."

The mention of the name of John Stuart Mill brought Mr. Birrell's eloquence for the eleventh and last time to a sudden standstill. "John Stuart Mill," cried a lady who was sitting very near the platform, "he was a man—live up to that ideal, Mr. Birrell!" Then, at last, the Lord Rector was left free to discourse eloquently on the fascinating theme, "Great Events," little dreaming that a humble act in the history of one of the great world dramas had just been played out before his unseeing eyes.

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#### MR. RUNCIMAN AT BARRY.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

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#### THE NEW TACTICS.

##### FALSE FIRE ALARMS.

False fire alarms given in various parts of London last night are supposed to be the latest form of militant Suffragette tactics. The call was given in most instances at public telephone boxes, but in at least two cases by street fire alarms. The following are places where the fires were falsely reported to have broken out:—

- Chepstow Villas, Borough High-st.
- Bywaters, A.B.C., Tottenham
- Lincoln's Inn, Court-road.
- Fields, Egerton-gardens.
- Holland Park-ave, Eccleston-square.
- Poultry, Cambridge-square.

A young woman was detained by the police last night. It is stated that, without noticing a police-constable, who was standing "in the shadow," she broke a street alarm at Holland Park. The policeman secured her and conveyed her to Notting-hill station. Twice last night the Manchester fire brigade was called out to false alarms given by telephone in a female voice.—Daily Mail.

##### BOGUS FIRE ALARM.

#### WOMAN SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

Nine false alarms which reached the London Fire Brigade by telephone last night are attributed to the militant Suffragists. Mr. Greenwood, prosecuting, said the latest acts of madness on the part of the Suffragists appeared to be to go about to the different alarm stations giving false alarms of fire. He would only point out that, if these false alarms had been given on an evening such as the occasion of the fire at Barker's, of Kensington, the men of the Fire Brigade would have been called away from their proper duties, and there would have been a great loss of life.

It appeared that Police-constable Carter was on duty at Holland Park last evening when he saw the defendant go to a fire alarm post, break the glass with her elbow, and ring the alarm three or four times. She then walked away. He followed her, and said, "Where is the fire, miss?" She replied, "Over there," pointing in the direction she had just come from.

#### Offered to Pay.

The constable bore out Mr. Greenwood's statement, and evidence was given by Mr. Henry Brain, station officer at the fire station at Ladbroke-road. He said that in consequence of the alarm two steamers and ten men were called out. The defendant, on being asked by the magistrate what she had to say, observed: "I would like to say that this arises directly out of the action of the Government in using coercion towards us."

Mr. Garrett said he could not listen to a political speech in the court, and the defendant said she only wanted to be called out. The defendant, on being asked by the magistrate what she had to say, observed: "I would like to say that this arises directly out of the action of the Government in using coercion towards us."

afternoon he found that a quantity of black liquid of a corrosive character had been poured into the receptacle. A large number of letters were badly burned, and in many cases the addresses were undecipherable. The box is situated in King's Bench Walk, and, as a rule, contains many legal documents of the highest value.—Daily Herald.

#### Business Men's Own Postmen. Dojng Suffragists.

A busy London business man said to a representative of The Daily Citizen: "We are not greatly perturbed because we are perfecting alternative arrangements. The more important of our letters go mostly within the confines of the city, and we can easily send them by hand. Our staff is large, and we have augmented the number of our porters, so that we are getting on nicely. Letters for the country which are not especially urgent are going by

policemen, and members of the veteran corps and the corps of commissionaires are supplementing their incomes in similar ways.

London people, to whom certainty of delivery is of more moment than expense, have a motto of their own for a great many occasions, and they are using it now—although not so freely as they may be relied upon to do if further outrages, take place. It is "try Jaggars."

The general manager of the District Messenger Company stated: "The absolutely certain way of getting out of the difficulty is to send for one of our boys. They never have failed yet, and short of being actually kidnapped by suffragists they will not fail now."—Daily Citizen.

#### WINDOW-SMASHERS AT WORK.

##### Attack on Local Post Office.

Recently three windows at Catford Cliffs Post Office, near Bournemouth, were smashed by someone who is believed to have been armed with a muffled hammer.

The sub-postmaster is Mr. L. G. Cosh, who has held that position for a number of years, and with Mrs. Cosh lives on the premises. At a quarter past one this morning they were awakened by a sound like a dull thud on a door. Mr. Cosh came downstairs, but could find no one about; later, however, the cause of the noise was found to be explained by broken glass inside the premises.

In each of the three windows, which are about 8ft. high and 4ft. across, there is an oval-shaped hole from which cracks radiate in all directions. It was also a muffled instrument, for the sound heard was not that of any sharp substance striking glass. No sound of any vehicle or anyone escaping from the spot was heard. The suggestion is that the work is that of a sympathiser of the militant Suffragists. The "militants" held a big meeting in Bournemouth last night. But the windows smashed are not Government property. Mr. Cosh had taken the precaution to insure them.

#### QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

##### Protection of Cabinet Ministers.

In the House of Commons, on Monday, December 9, Mr. Newman asked the Prime Minister whether his attention had been called to the force of detectives, plain-clothes officers, and others, who are required to observe the mansions and residences of Members of the Cabinet, and accompany them on private or official visits to other parts of the country, and to the force of police now employed to maintain order on the occasion of any public meeting being addressed and in connection therewith, whether he is in a position to give a rough estimate of the cost incurred by the employment of detectives and other agents in this observing Members of the Cabinet, and whether an opportunity will be afforded the House of discussing the outlay of public money on the above services?

Mr. McKenna: The Prime Minister has asked me to reply to this question. From time to time the public interest may demand that the police should devote special attention to a particular form of lawlessness, but it would be undesirable as well as impossible to state the extra cost to the public thereby involved.

##### Damaged Letters.

Earl Winterton asked the Home Secretary if he is able to state the approximate number of letters in pillar-boxes destroyed wholly or partially by Suffragist agitators since October 1; and how many persons have been apprehended in connection therewith? Mr. Herbert Samuel: Some 5,000 letters have been damaged by injurious or inflammable substances, but not a single letter is known to have been destroyed. With respect to all of them, except thirteen letters and seven post-cards, the sender's address on which was rendered illegible my officers have succeeded either in forwarding them to their destination or, if the addresses were undecipherable, in returning them to the sender's address, if any was given. A number of letters and post-cards remain in the Returned Letter Office awaiting inquiry. One offender was convicted at Manchester on November 22, but there have been no further apprehensions.

#### WAR ON LETTER-BOXES.



Photo by [unclear] Clearing a Fleet Street Paint-stricken Letter-box. [unclear]

#### PILLAR-BOX OUTRAGES.

Reports of new pillar-box outrages come in daily from all parts of London and the suburbs—the city being specially popular in this way. Besides London, almost every large town in England and Wales is being attacked, while Scotland and Ireland are by no means immune. From among the hundreds of Press comments which have reached us on the subject, a few specially selected ones are published below.

##### Independent of Pillar-Box.

The secretary of an important society explained that he had only to place a card in the window the other day. "Men wanted for delivering circulars," and the response was such that in thirty minutes he was entirely independent of the pillar-box so far as the printed matter of his society was concerned. Work has thus been found for a good many people who would otherwise have been on the unemployed market, and men of proved trustworthiness, such as army and navy pensioners, retired

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"MARRIAGE."

In "Marriage" Mr. Wells states a problem which no one living in this generation can be quite unconscious of. The difficulty of attaining to a happy married comradeship, especially in the middle classes as they are to-day—where one partner, in the function of sole breadwinner to the family is often overworked, and the other partner, "the spending partner," as Mr. Wells calls her, tends in many cases to be hard put to it to find occupation and amusements sufficient to fill an empty life.

The problem has been faced, I suppose, by all thoughtful women and by no inconsiderable number of men. Olive Schreiner has given us her solution of it in "Women and Labour"; Charlotte Perkins Gilman hers in "Woman and Economics"; the crusted anti-suffragist answers it by the two alternative expedients of declaring it (a) to be entirely the woman's fault, a thing quite unavoidable owing to the natural frailty and depravity of women, or (b) entirely non-existent. The problem may be and has been faced from a dozen different angles. It is irritating of Mr. Wells that he never attempts to face it at all. He simply states it—and runs away from it.

What is My Part?

The answer which Trafford finds in the end is not the solution of that problem at all. It is the answer to quite another question, one to which every one of us, bachelor and spinster as well as the married folk, must find a satisfactory reply if we are to find rest or happiness. Is this life just chaos? Am I here just to pass the time till I die? Or is there some great purpose to be fulfilled in which I too must play my small part? And if so, what is my part, where is my niche in the great scheme of things? And Trafford finds an answer, or at least, something as near to an answer as most of us can ever hope to attain to. But what about Marjorie? Apparently her part in the scheme of things is to furnish Trafford's library, to read the books he is interested in, to listen to his writings! The whole conclusion seems but an up-to-date rendering of "He for God only, she for God in him."

An Innate "Anti."

Taking the book as a whole, two things stand out clearly. In the first place what an innate "anti"—in spite of his firm determination to appear advanced on the woman question—the author is. Again and again the cloven hoof shows through, often enough quite unintentionally, in his scorn of unmarried women, "a pack of spinsters and duffers"; in his scorn and distaste for old women, in his whole attitude towards women; above all, perhaps, in his quaint conviction that if Trafford's problem is solved Marjorie's will ipso facto be solved along with it. And in the second place one closes the book with the conviction that whatever genius Mr. Wells possesses (and few will be found to deny that he does possess, at all events, remarkable talents) does not lie in the direction of character drawing. He takes immense pains with his characters, of course, and his observation is both accurate and minute, but there is nevertheless something lacking, he somehow fails to give us the atmosphere of character and personality (that atmosphere which he conveys so wonderfully when describing nature, as for instance, in snow-covered Labrador), perhaps it is that he takes too much pains. With the possible exception of Mr. Pope—a masterly, if somewhat exaggerated sketch—the characters do not stand out vividly to us, nor does each present itself as one perfect whole.

M. H. M.

\* "Marriage." By H. G. Wells, London: Macmillan and Co. Price 6s.

Programme of the Week.

Table listing various events, dates, and locations from Friday, December 13th to Friday, December 20th, including meetings, lectures, and social events.

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When men are fighting for better conditions they have two weapons—trade unionism and the vote. You can combine, but you can't vote. You have only one weapon. Is that fair?

You may be told that the vote doesn't really help the men. That is soon settled. Ask the men if they would give up their votes and fight for better conditions without!

You may be told that the Government isn't really against Votes for Women—that it will deal with the question sooner or later! In the first place, the Government has frankly said that it won't; and in the second place, sooner or later is no good, because it means never. Unless you press for your rights, any Government will always prefer to attend to comparatively little things that will catch the votes of men who already have votes to catch.

Remember, too, that the Labour party, which ought to be your party, has broken its promises in this matter and given way to the Government. Lastly, if you feel it all isn't worth while for you, that you can't make the effort, that you can get along somehow without the vote, remember that there are many worse off than you. There are the women who work such long hours in such abominable conditions that they lose their mental and physical health, and cannot even grasp the idea of the vote; there are the women driven into the streets to earn a crust of bread for their children; there are the women who have ill-luck, and lose their jobs, and make mistakes, and grow hopeless, and may kill themselves because the State offers them no decent refuge, no honourable help. So long as working-women stand up for your sisters! Rally to the great democratic Union that is fighting the battle of all who are poor and burdened and oppressed! Stand by those who are striving and suffering to make the world better! Join the W.S.P.U.!

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Phillips, of Falmouth, wife of Dr. Phillips, and mother of one of our best-known organisers, Miss Mary Phillips. Mrs. Phillips was a firm believer in the militant movement, and was a member of the W.S.P.U. Although in failing health for some time past, she would not send for her daughter, because she felt the movement needed her services. Up to the very last she thought only of others. The sympathy of all members of the W.S.P.U. will go out to Dr. Phillips and to Miss Phillips in their great sorrow.

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Lewisham. Mrs. Bouvier held a splendid meeting at Catford on Sunday. Members are reminded of Saturday afternoon at the office.

North Kingston. Members and friends are reminded to attend cake and candy sale at office on Friday and Saturday before Christmas.

North-West London. Several strangers among audience on Thursday greatly enjoyed Miss Della Wilkins's most interesting address.

Pinner. Most successful meeting held Cocoa Tree, Thursday. Both Mrs. Mansell Month and Dr. Barbara Khaykovsky made profound impression on crowded audience.

Streatham. Many thanks to all who have so kindly sent contributions to Christmas sale. Further gifts of home-made goods will be gratefully received.

West Ham. A Christmas sale will be held from Dec. 20-24, inclusive. Promises of goods have already been received.

Westminster and St. George's. Miss Kelly attracted large audience at Grey-coat-place, Monday, Dec. 2. Tea-shop will probably be opened on or about Dec. 17 at 17, Tottil-street, Westminster.

Wimbledon. Thanks to Mr. Gerald Gould and Mrs. Welles last week's members' sale was a great success. Queen's Hall has been secured for Monday evenings from Jan. 27 onwards.

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Nottingham. Christmas sale will be held at office to-day (Friday) and to-morrow (Saturday), 3 p.m. Members and friends urged to attend and help.

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Newbury. Last week's afternoon meeting was full the room seating 100. The lecture on solids 32c. and both were great successes. Members are now concentrating on filling the room for Mrs. Louis Fagan, if possible, on Friday, Dec. 13.

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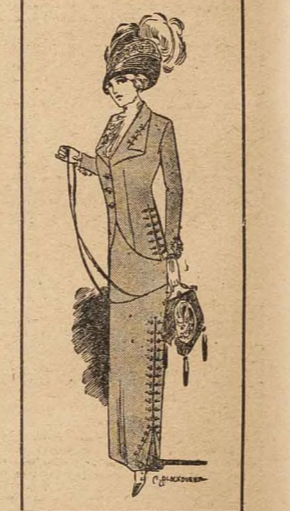
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Bradford. Monday's tea well attended, much business being discussed. There will be a tea on Dec. 16. On Dec. 20 shop will close for Christmas holidays, reopening Monday, Dec. 30.

Doncaster. Who will subscribe to a poster at railway station? Organiser congratulates members on most successful meeting on Dec. 4. Splendid speeches by Miss Ada Sufield and Miss Browne. Grateful thanks to hon. sec. Mrs. Woodhouse, for refreshments, Dec. 14, assistants, and to Mr. and Mrs. Gervas for arranging re-stewards. Mrs. Woodhouse offers to start a finance scheme for Doncaster.

Leeds. Many thanks to Mrs. Swales for her interesting lecture on "White Slave Traffic" at Socialist Cafe last Monday. - More paper-sellers needed. Members thanked for their contributions to Christmas sale. Tuesday's tea; hostess, Miss Fordworth. (Hon. Sec. Mrs. Henry Cohen. Office, 3, Cookridge-street.)

Newcastle and District. Miss Eden and Mrs. Crow gave interesting accounts of their experiences at Bolton by-election. Members will hear with regret that Dr. Alice Burn is leaving for Cheltenham after New Year. On Wednesday Dr. Burn will speak in office at 8 p.m. A large gathering is expected. Volunteers especially wanted for paper-selling during Christmas holidays.

Scarborough. Many thanks to Mrs. and Miss Piper for their sale on Dec. 3 when Miss Millar Wilson spoke. Thanks to all those members who brought friends and helped to make meetings a success. Will any member offer to take Miss Newton's place on Thursday afternoon at shop, as she has left town for winter? Many thanks to her for all her past help. (Hon. Sec. Miss N. Vickerman. Shop, 35, St. Nicholas Cliff.)

Sheffield. Mr. Gray's meeting most enthusiastic; his speech made great impression on all present. All kind friends and members who have so generously contributed towards sale are most heartily thanked. It is hoped that a considerable sum will be realised. Members who have not yet sent in contributions can still do so, as sale will continue until Christmas. The Secretary will be glad to have names of people willing to join Mrs. Drummond's deputation at once. Office closed Dec. 25 and 26. (Hon. Sec. Miss E. M. Schuster. Shop, 26-28, Chapel-walk.)

York. Office tea most successful. Hostesses, Miss Wherran and Miss Robertson. Tea and work parties will be continued after Christmas. Jumble sale is postponed, so parcels can still be sent in. Will members see that Dr. Helen Jones' meeting-office, Dec. 17, is packed? Cake and Apron Sale, office, Dec. 19. Tea, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Organiser will be grateful if every member will make a point of bringing friends. The SUFFRAGETTE sellers still wanted. Apply either to Organiser or Mrs. Coultate at office. (Org. Miss Key Jones. Office, Colby Chambers, Coppergate. Tel.: Central 692.)

Manchester. Enthusiastic demonstration held in Free Trade Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 3. Speakers, Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. George Langtry. Miss Taylor presided. Many new members made

and record collection taken. Best thanks to all who helped. At monthly meeting on Friday last, the Rev. A. E. Cornbeater gave very interesting address. Next monthly meeting, Friday, January 10. Speaker, Mrs. Aldridge. (Hon. Sec. Miss K. Walkwork. Office, 32, King-street West.)

Preston. There will be no meetings until first week in January. Will friends remember that the paper will be sold each Saturday at Fishergate pitch from 11.30 to 12.30 p.m.? Inquiries can be addressed to Mrs. Leach or the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Rigby, 28, Winkley-square.

Scotland. Aberdeen. Cake and candy sale realised nearly £10. Heartiest thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a success. Members asked not to forget Suffrage play, How the Vote was Won, which takes place in the Central Hall, Skene-street, on Monday, Dec. 16. Tickets, 1s. and 6d. (Hon. Sec., Miss E. Fussell. Office, 7, Bon Accord-street.)

Dundee. Many thanks to Mrs. Bruce for her successful "At Home" given in Miss Brackenbury's honours' literature sales exceptionally good at evening meeting, thanks to energetic stewards. Next week lantern lecture tour will be in full swing. Volunteers for chalking, bill-distributing, and canvassing urgently needed, also stewards for meetings. Subject lantern lecture is "History of the Millitary Campaign, from October, 1906, to the Welsh Riots, 1912. Members urged to make this widely known. (Org., Miss F. Parker. Office, 61, Nethergate.)

Edinburgh. Miss Muriel Scott addressed audience of about 300 in rooms of Galashiels Literary Society last Saturday. Her speech on military literature was listened to with great interest. Thanks to Mrs. Grievie and Mrs. Stewart for their kindness in giving such a splendidly attended "At Home" in New Cafe for Miss Brackenbury, whose speeches were thoroughly appreciated. As a result many women joined the Union. Miss Francis Parker (Gantab) will give lantern lecture in the Royal Hall, Pitt-street, to-morrow at 8 p.m. Miss Hudson will preside. Christmas sale to-morrow week. Please do not forget contributions. (Org., Miss Lucy Burns. Offices, 27, Frederick-street.)

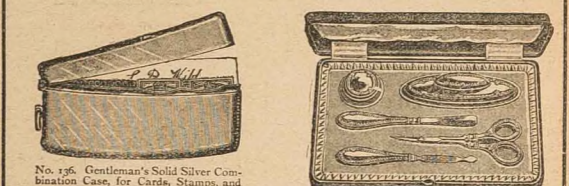
Glasgow. Miss Brackenbury's meeting at Helensburgh, on Dec. 6 very sympathetic. The Rev. Mr. Grey presided. Miss Brackenbury's lantern lecture in Berkeley Hall was same evening well attended. The £1 prize offered by Mrs. John for competition prize was equally divided between Mrs. White (for beautiful embroidery) and Miss Keppie (for hand-painted d'oyeys). Mrs. Lawrence Henderson also gave a third prize of 2s. 6d., awarded to Miss Margaret Robertson for embroidered nightdress case. Another competition will shortly be announced. Mrs. Drummond will visit Glasgow from Dec. 20 to 22. Members who can help at that time urgently requested to give in their names. (Org., Miss Laura M. Underwood. Office, 502, Sauchiehall-street.)

MEETINGS OF OTHER SOCIETIES. Friday, December 13. Actresses' Franchise League. Criterion Restaurant. Fourth birthday party. Miss Gerlie Millar, Miss Eva Moore, the Langie Male String Quartet, Miss Victoria Drummond, and others. 3 p.m. Monday, December 17. Church League for Women Suffrage. Westminster Church House, the Great Hall. Great mission meeting. Miss Abadan, Rev. G. West. Roushail Chair, Miss A. Maude Royden. 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 17. New Constitutional Society for Women's Suffrage. Knightsbridge, 8, Park-mansions-arcade. At Home. Mrs. Bradford. Hostess, Mrs. Perceval Dunsmuir. 3 p.m. Irish League for Women's Suffrage. Emerson Club, 19, Ducking-hill-street, Strand. 3 p.m. Miss Agnes Kelly. Chair, Miss Patricia Hoey. Thursday, December 19. Forward Cymric Suffrage Union. 69, Wimpole-street, W. Hostess, Mrs. Mansell Moulton. A Song and Violin Recital. Our readers are reminded of the Song and Violin Recital to be given by Lady Sybil Smith and Miss Mary Law at 2, Camden-hill-square (by kind permission of Mrs. Brackenbury), to-day (Friday), at 3.30 p.m. Tickets price 5s. each (including refreshments). Proceeds to defray the expenses of the W.S.P.U. East-End campaign.

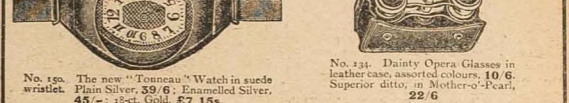
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