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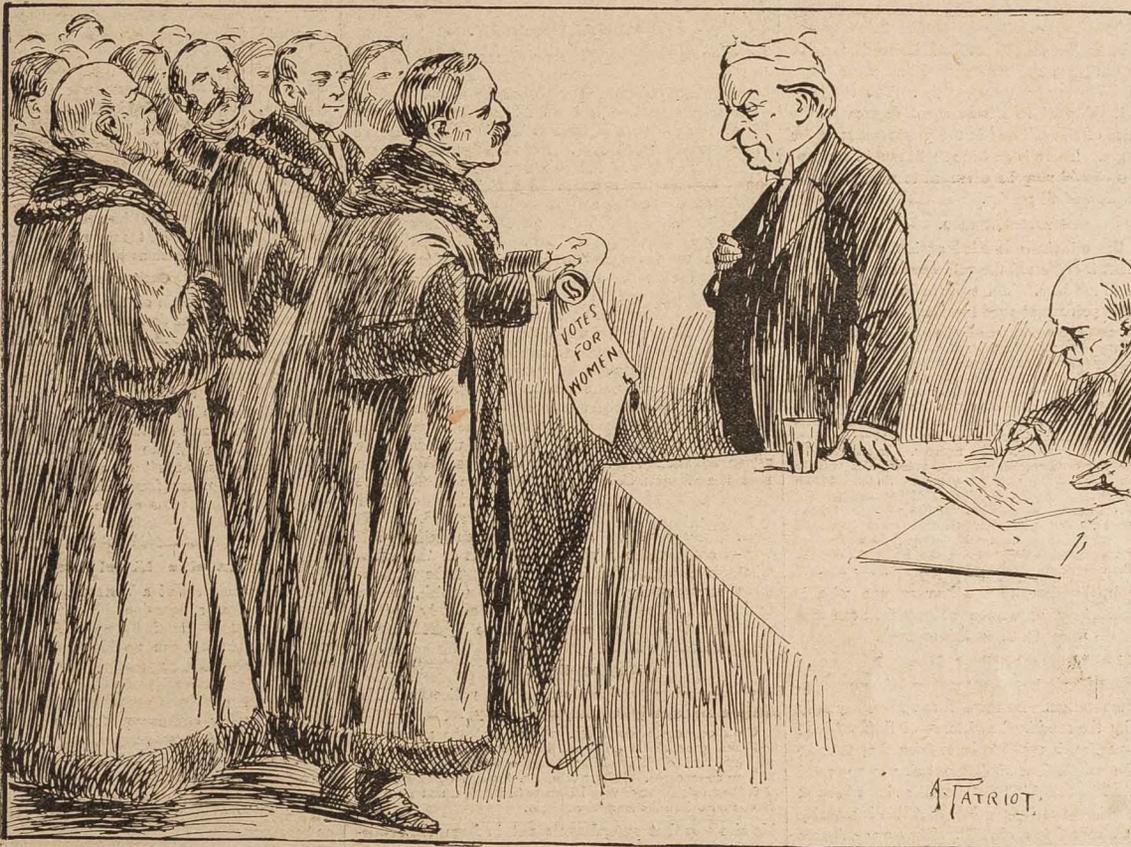
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THE WOMAN'S BILL.



Chorus of Lord Mayors and Mayors from Birmingham, Bradford, Cardiff, Cork, Derby, Devonport, Dublin, Dundee, Glasgow, Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Nottingham, Oldham, Preston, Sheffield, and many other towns: "Mr. Asquith, we want to see this Bill carried into law this Session."

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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.

The Conciliation Committee have drawn up a Memorandum with regard to the Woman Suffrage Bill, which is to be introduced into the House of Commons on Friday next, May 5, by Sir George Kemp. This statesmanlike pronouncement, which we print in full

on page 488 of this issue, we commend to the careful consideration of our readers.

The Formation of the Conciliation Committee.

The Conciliation Committee, it will be remembered, was originally formed at the beginning of the Session of 1910 in the hope of bringing to an end the painful struggle of the past four years, which had converted women of honourable character and law-abiding instincts into rebels against authority. It was composed of influential Members of Parliament drawn from all the parties in the State, who had come together with the intention of drafting and carrying into law a Bill extending the franchise to duly qualified women. The Conciliation Bill of 1910 passed its second reading on July 12 by the overwhelming majority of 110 (299 to 189) and but for the obstacles placed in its way by the Government would have become law that Session.

The New Parliament.

The General Election of December last made so little change in the *personnel* of the House of Commons that when Parliament reassembled in February of the present year the Conciliation Committee was able to meet at once with practically the same members; and a new Bill, the Conciliation Bill of 1911, differing only slightly from that of the preceding year, was immediately drafted. By a stroke of good fortune the first three

places in the ballot all fell to members of the Committee, and the best day available (which, as the Prime Minister had taken all the time up to Easter for Government business, was considered to be May 5) was chosen for the second reading. Sir George Kemp, Liberal Member for North West Manchester, who had won the first place in the ballot, accordingly introduced the Bill.

The Bill of 1911.

The Memorandum of the Conciliation Committee is headed with a list of its members, who, with the exception of the Chairman, the Earl of Lytton, and the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Brailsford, are all members of the House of Commons. They are arranged in groups so as to show the political parties to which they belong. A glance at the list will prove the influential and representative character of the men who are supporting the proposal. The Bill, which will give the vote to women householders, reads as follows:—

A BILL TO CONFER THE PARLIAMENTARY FRANCHISE ON WOMEN.

- (1) Every woman possessed of a household qualification, within the meaning of The Representation of the People Act (1884), shall be entitled to be registered as a voter, and when registered to vote for the county or borough in which the qualifying premises are situate.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act a woman shall not be disqualified by marriage for being registered as a voter, provided that a husband and wife shall not both be registered as voters in the same Parliamentary borough or county division.
- (3) This Act may be cited as The Representation of the People Act, 1911.

The Memorandum, after explaining the effect of the slight alterations which have been made in the Bill since last year, proceeds:—“These modifications have been made with the assent of all the members of the Conciliation Committee, which is unanimous in its desire to make the Bill a settlement that every sincere advocate of woman suffrage may accept without the fear that it may create any artificial party preponderance among women voters.”

Votes for Women Householders.

The household suffrage, which this Bill confers on women, is at once the best understood and the most democratic of all the franchise qualifications. It is, as the Memorandum points out, the one existing qualification which is not the subject of party warfare or the object of party suspicion. It includes only responsible women who bear the full burdens of citizenship; but it makes no distinction between rich and poor. It imposes no property test. A woman who inhabits even a single room, provided she has full control over it, may rank as a householder. The household franchise was in a special sense the creation of the House of Commons, which voted in the peculiar conditions that prevailed in 1867 with little regard to party ties. The credit of conferring it belonged in almost equal degrees to the daring genius of Disraeli and to the perseverance of the Radical group. There is an historic fitness in the proposal that it should now be extended to women by the concerted action of all parties.

Married Women.

One of the criticisms levelled against the Bill of 1910 was that it conferred the vote upon comparatively few wives and mothers. The explanation of the Committee on this point is at once lucid and convincing:—

The Bill expressly provides that married women shall not be qualified, if they are not ratepayers or householders in their own right. An appreciable number, however, will be qualified. In Scotland, where marriage is not, as it is in England, a disqualification for the municipal vote, it is a common practice for men engaged in migratory trades, notably seamen, fishermen, and commercial travellers, to arrange that their wives shall be placed in their stead on the register. In Dundee, for example, nine per cent. of the women voters who will be qualified under our Bill are married women. But apart from this direct emancipation, the standpoint of the mother and wife will be sufficiently represented by the widow. Of the women voters in Dundee, over 52 per cent. are widows, and only 37 per cent. single women. In all questions affecting children and maternity, the experience, the instincts, and the interests of the widow cannot differ from those of the wife.

It is difficult, therefore, to see how anyone who is really desirous of seeing women enfranchised can take exception to the present Bill on this account.

Rich Women or Poor Women?

Another exceedingly important matter is the question of class representation. As the Bill can obviously only be carried by the combined assistance of Suffragists of all political parties, it ought to be so framed as to leave unaltered the proportions of different classes possessed of the vote. The Conciliation Committee have been at considerable pains to verify the fact that this is actually the case with regard to their Bill. They quote figures which had been previously obtained by the I.L.P. and the Women's Co-operative Guild, which show that from 80 to 90 per cent. of the women enfranchised would be working women, and they add the result of a special canvass conducted in the constituencies of Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill. In Dundee they found that the middle-class element would be 10.9 per cent., and the working class element 89.1 per cent. In Bangor and Carmarvon they found that the figures would be 25 per cent. and 75 per cent. These proportions are practically the same as those that prevail with regard to the men at present on the Parliamentary Register.

Feeling in the Country.

Whilst Suffragists and Anti-Suffragists, as the result of specially conducted canvasses, have come to entirely opposite conclusions as to the desire of women on the Municipal Register to possess the Parliamentary vote (the questions of the Anti-Suffragists being directed not to the Conciliation Bill but to the question of Adult Suffrage), it is interesting to note that the most important City and Town Councils of the country, who are responsible to women as well as to men, have declared with no uncertain voice in favour of the Bill. These include the Councils of Birmingham, Bradford, Cardiff, Cork, Derby, Devonport, Dublin, Dundee, Glasgow, Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Nottingham, Oldham, Preston, and Sheffield. The full list is given on page 488. At the same time not a single Council has carried a resolution against the Bill.

The Demand for Facilities.

The Memorandum concludes with a demand that the Government shall grant full facilities during the present

Session for the Bill, and points out that three Cabinet Ministers—Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Birrell and Mr. Runciman—expressed last autumn their personal opinion that this would be desirable. “It is worth recalling,” the Memorandum proceeds, “that only nine days were spent upon the Committee stage of the Reform Bill of 1884, with its eleven highly technical clauses, of which the briefest is longer and more detailed than the whole of our Bill. A week ought to suffice for all the stages of our Bill. Next year will probably present a more overloaded legislative programme, and no subsequent year, if the Parliament Bill should be carried, and if the two Houses should chance to disagree, would serve to enable the Bill to be passed into law before the next General Election. . . . The demand is incomparably more and more urgent than any other proposed reform can boast. Women have done enough to prove their zeal and more than enough to merit the attention of Parliament. To exact a further period of agitation from them would be to decree a waste of public spirit and to dissipate energies which women would prefer to spend in constructive work for the public good.”

“P.W.W.” on the Bill.

The prospects of the Bill were discussed by “P.W.W.” in the Daily News for Monday last. After remarking that the Bill is excellently backed by members of all parties, he says that it is confidently hoped that the Speaker will allow a division to be taken on the second reading on Friday, May 5. As to the figures, he quotes a majority of 160 as not unlikely, but remarks that a much smaller figure would be sufficiently handsome. In this connection we may remind our readers that in the divisions on the Parliament Bill the Government majority is usually below 100. He then turns his attention to the question of facilities for further stages, and expresses the view that the Government cannot be expected to give any answer until the Parliament Bill is carried through both Houses. He urges as the reason for this delay that in the event of the Lords throwing out the Parliament Bill the Session will immediately come to an end, and all outstanding Bills will die a sudden death. We dissent entirely from this reasoning. As soon as the Parliament Bill is through the House of Commons the Government will have time on its hands, which it will devote to advancing various Government measures. We claim that the Woman Suffrage Bill ought to be allowed to proceed pari passu with these Bills. If subsequently the Session is brought to a premature end, and all these Bills are cut off short, the Woman Suffrage Bill will of course share a similar fate; but in that event whatever means are devised for reviving the Government measures in the next Session (which, as we understand, is expected to follow immediately without any interval of time) should also be applied to the Woman Suffrage Bill.

Why not this Year?

On the other hand, we are glad to notice that Mr. Wilson sees clearly the dangers of delay, saying:—“The Government, doubtless, realises that the pressure for facilities, if resisted to-day, will be renewed next year, and it might be well to get the Bill out of the way before that heavy Session commences. In any case, Mr. Asquith's pledge means that Women's Suffrage would have to be faced, if and when the Government handles franchise reform.”

He also sees that amendments put in from the Ministerial side extending the scope of the Bill would alienate Tory support, and would alter the measure in such a way that it would no longer be the Bill which has secured favourable resolutions from City and Town Councils.

A Referendum.

He sets out very clearly our objection to submitting the question to a referendum—“There has been a suggestion that the Bill if carried, should be submitted to a referendum. Apart from the great gravity of any such concession to the referendum, it may be said at once that a vote by men, if adverse, would not in the least meet the women's claim or terminate their crusade. They would regard it as a gratuitous injustice.”

And he concludes by remarking that Liberalism should hesitate before alienating the women workers whose services have won so many victories for progress in the past.

Maternity Insurance.

At the Queen's Hall meeting on Monday last, after listening to an interesting speech by Mr. Macnaughten, the audience had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Pankhurst, who dealt in particular with the scheme of insurance which the Government are preparing. She asked the important question, Is there to be any insurance of mothers? In view of the condition of the people, of the national health, and the rate of infant mortality, she claimed that insurance of maternity was specially urgent. Perhaps men might say that although it might be important it was so expensive. That ought not to be a reason, she said, for refusing to get it done if it was necessary. This was one illustration of the immediate need of women for the Parliamentary vote, for until they possessed it women's point of view would never be duly considered in any scheme of insurance or social amelioration. We reproduce an extract from her speech on page 491 of this issue.

Public or Private Grievances.

An interesting comment upon the attitude of the

Bench towards protests made by men and women Suffragists will be found in the account published in the Daily News for Friday last of the trial of a man in Mansfield for publicly thrashing a Councilor in the Market Place. The only defence put forward was that the Council had annoyed the defendant by constantly referring to his bankruptcy and his “unpaid gas bills.” In fining him 30s. and costs the Bench expressed the opinion that he had not been properly treated by the Council and that he had received great provocation. They expressed their sympathy with him. For a far slihter offence Mr. Franklin was sentenced, at Bow Street, last December, to six weeks' imprisonment without the option of a fine and no sympathy was expressed for him by the magistrate. The difference would seem to be due to the fact that the Bench can understand and appreciate a private grievance, but utterly fails to recognise the sense of public wrong which prompts such a man as Mr. Franklin to choose the only form of protest which is open to him to express his indignation.

Women Teachers Demand the Vote.

There is no mistake about the spirit of the women teachers. As we anticipated, the defeat by the men delegates of the Suffrage Resolution in the N.U.T. Conference has only made them more determined to win their point. Our readers will learn with interest of the enthusiastic meeting held by them on Thursday evening at Aberystwyth, when Miss Claghorn made a stirring speech, and a resolution in favour of Woman Suffrage was carried without a dissentient voice. They are determined that next year, unless the vote is already won, the resolution shall be brought before the Conference as a substantive resolution, and women teachers have learnt that they must bestir themselves in their local organisations to secure its passage.

Cheltenham.

Whatever the result of the by-election in Cheltenham, there can be no doubt that the electors have been very much interested in the campaign of the W.S.P.U., and that many votes will be cast to-day against Major Mathias on account of the attitude of the Government towards Woman Suffrage. Those who are not yet convinced that to be voteless is to be politically non-existent, should note the fact that on Tuesday night the Liberals tried what the Morning Post describes as the “new experiment” of excluding “women and children” altogether from their mass meeting. We can imagine that some of the women supporters of Major Mathias are beginning to ask themselves whether, after all, self-respect should not precede party allegiance.

Resignation of a Liberal Woman President.

Another president of a Women's Liberal Association has sent in her resignation. Mrs. Homan has written to the Cornish Union of Women's Liberal Associations, regretting that she can no longer remain their president, and giving as her principal reason that she is very disappointed at the attitude of the present Government with regard to Woman Suffrage. This attitude has taken away her enthusiasm for the Liberal party, to which she has always belonged, and for which she has always worked.

Florence Nightingale on Methods.

Some letters from Florence Nightingale, published in the Nursing Times of April 15, throw an interesting light on her opinion as to ways of getting reforms accomplished. In reference to the establishment of the Army Medical School, she wrote in April, 1864:—

The War Office seems now willing to listen to some kind of terms. They are frightened. . . . Don't be conciliatory. . . . You may think I am not wise in being so angry. But I assure you when I write civilly, I have a civil letter. And nothing is done. When I write furiously, I have a rude letter. And something is done (not even then always, but only then). . . . I am weary of seeing them break their pledges. These words, written nearly fifty years ago, will be echoed by Suffragists who have tried civilly and are now driven by Government inertia or active opposition, to try—other methods! Suffragists, too, are weary of broken pledges.

A W.S.P.U. shop has been opened at Clacton-on-Sea, and is attracting a great deal of interest.

THE DEPUTATION.

We are still enrolling names for a possible deputation, and many more have been received since last week. The following extracts from letters we have had show what a strong intention exists amongst our members to make a determined protest against any trifling with the Conciliation Bill.—

If we do not become enfranchised after May 5, the W.S.P.U. must revert to militant tactics, much as I dislike the idea of it. Otherwise, Parliament will go on ignoring all the efforts we are making.

When I left England in February, my chief trouble was that I could not be one of the next deputation, as I was afraid it would take place before I got back. Now, however, as it has been delayed, I hope to be home in time for it, if you will be kind enough to put down my name.

I write to say that should a deputation be necessary, I wish to offer my services. I have so long admired the brave women who have gone to prison for the cause, but I have always been prevented from joining them before; now circumstances have altered, and you may depend upon me.

Will you put down my name for the next deputation, if one is necessary? It seems to me that every member ought to come forward now.

We shall be glad if intending volunteers will send in their names to 4, Clements Inn.

“FANNY'S FIRST PLAY”:
Who Wrote It?

Who is the author of “Fanny's First Play”? Most people have an opinion on the question. Nobody is quite sure. If the audience knew the secret, some of the delightful fooling of the epilogue would lose its sharpness of point. Rumour whispers “Bernard Shaw”—whispers it loudly in the boxes and stalls, speaks it audibly in the lounge of the Little Theatre. But Suffragists will find reason from internal evidence in the play to suspect that it was written by a woman. And we should not be surprised, while we should be highly delighted, to hear one day that “Fanny” and “Diana” (of Dobsons) are sisters. It is a bold conjecture. For if the play is not by Bernard Shaw, very warily have the traps been laid to catch the playgoer. But in the action of every one of the women of the play we think we recognise subtle indications that the author or, at any rate, one of the authors (for the play may be a collaboration) belongs to the freemasonry of women. And it is by these indications that the secret, some of us fancy, has been transmitted. It will be interesting to see whether we are right or wrong.

The play, we are warned in the introduction, is not a Play, but a Conversation. Whether or no we concur in this verdict, it is vastly entertaining and stimulating, and wholly enjoyable. The perpetual challenge to all the intellectual and critical faculties intermingles and interchanges so quickly with jest and downright force that the mind is kept keenly on the alert from start to finish, and one comes home with the sensation of having battled with the waves of the Atlantic, glowing with the shock, and tingling with the sense of being alive. Throughout the play there are innuendoes full of significance to “Militants,” though the uninitiated might sit through all the acts until the very end without any idea that allusion was being made to the Suffrage Movement.

Suffragists are working so hard that they rarely get an evening off. But when they do, they could hardly be so entertained and stimulated anywhere as in the Little Theatre, and none better than they will be able to enjoy and appreciate “Fanny's First Play.”

E. P. L.

GETTING NEW READERS.

With the second reading debate on the Conciliation Bill coming on next week many men and women up and down the country, who have hitherto treated the question of woman suffrage with indifference or given to it at most spasmodic attention, are beginning to ask themselves what does it all mean? They are anxious to know more about it; they are willing to read what the Suffragettes are saying, and to try and understand their point of view. This is the time when the most effective work can be done with the paper. The street sellers are finding that they are able to dispose of twenty where before they could only get rid of a dozen. And new readers can be made all over the country.

April 17—April 22.

Table with 2 columns: Name and number of copies. Includes names like D. G., Miss Key-Jones, Mrs. Hutcheon, etc.

The following have obtained subscribers who get their papers locally:— Miss Blacklock, 2; Miss M. Foster, 2; Miss N. Hoffman, 2; Miss E. Keen, 2; Miss E. Saxon, 2; Miss A. Davies, 3; Miss L. Clutterbuck, 1; Mrs. R. L. Wobham, 1; Mrs. Frank Corbett, 8.

The list of new readers obtained during the past week is a healthy sign of activity, and the wonderful way in which many of our members have determined to let no obstacle prevent them from doing effective work.

One member writes:— I am at work from early morning until late at night, am lame, and have an invalid mother, but will try to get an hour or two on Friday evenings to go round selling the paper. I am well known here, and everyone knows I am a Suffragette.

Mrs. Davies writes from Llanwrtyd Wells:— I have been wondering how I can help. I cannot go about much, as I have a very young baby and no nurse, so an very much tied. I have decided to write to a number of people about here and ask them to take the paper, and enclose a copy of Votes for Women with each note. I have so little time, that I must do the letters when I can snatch a moment. I have seen the newspaper, and she will display a poster every week. She supplied a copy to the local reading-room for me all through the winter. I will show the poster here if you like just to advertise the paper. Lots of people pass during July and August, and I would also say where the paper is to be had.

“A Highland Minister” writes to another member of the Union:— I am reading Votes from end to end weekly; and there is not a weak paragraph in any issue I have read. There are excellent

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Kensington Town Hall, Friday, May 5.

On the evening of May 5, every Suffragist in the country will be intensely on the qui vive as to the result of the Second Reading of the Women's Bill in the House of Commons. The evening papers will be eagerly scanned for Parliamentary news, and readers will naturally be anxious to know what is the significance of the political situation. In order to meet that very natural and legitimate interest, a meeting has been arranged to take place in the Kensington Town Hall at eight o'clock on the evening of May 5, when Mrs. Pankhurst will take the chair, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will make a pronouncement on the political situation, and will outline the programme for the immediate future. Tickets: Stalls, 2s. 6d.; area, 1s.; gallery, 1s. (all numbered and reserved); back area, 6d., should be secured immediately of Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., and from the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

Free Meetings.

Owing to the Queen's Hall not being available, the usual Monday meeting will be held for the next four weeks at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, at 3 p.m. The Pavilion has been recently redecorated, and will prove a pleasant place of meeting. The meeting next week promises to be of exceptional interest, owing to the nearness of the second reading of the Women's Bill, on May 5. A large audience is therefore anticipated at the Pavilion on Monday afternoon, when besides Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., those present will have the pleasure of hearing Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, who has just returned from her tour in America. At the Steinvay Hall, on Thursday evening, May 4, at eight o'clock, the speakers will be Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B. These meetings are held weekly, and admission is free. Similar meetings are held throughout the country in all centres where the Union is represented.

Important Meetings.

In view of the second reading of the Women's Bill on May 5, and of the great Procession and Demonstration on June 17, many meetings are being arranged all over the country in addition to those announced on page 498 et seq. The following will be held within the next fortnight: Mrs. Pankhurst at the Festival Concert Rooms, York, to-day (Friday), at 8 p.m.; at Doncaster Corn Exchange, to-morrow (Saturday), at 8 p.m.; at the Empire Palace, Barnsley, on

Sunday, April 30, at 8.15 p.m.; at the Albert Hall, Sheffield, on Monday, May 1; and at the Town Hall, Assembly Rooms, Rotherham, on Tuesday, May 2; Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Ipswich, on Wednesday, May 10; Miss Vida Goldstein at Hitchin New Town Hall, to-day (Friday), at 8 p.m.; at the Spa, Felixstowe, to-morrow (Saturday); and at the Hampstead Conservatoire, on Saturday, May 6. Lord Robert Cecil will also speak at Hitchin New Town Hall, to-day (Friday), at 8 p.m.

Albert Hall, June 17.

Members wishing to attend the great Demonstration at the Albert Hall on Saturday, June 17, are reminded to secure seats for themselves and friends at once, as tickets are selling rapidly. All the boxes and 1s. seats are now sold out, and only a limited number of amphitheatre stalls at 2s. 6d. are left. Good upper orchestra or balcony seats (6d.) may be had if application is made now to Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Miss Hambling, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., makes a special appeal for stewards for this meeting. Members only are eligible.

Men's League Dinner.

The Men's League for Woman's Suffrage will give a dinner in honour of Miss Vida Goldstein, at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, on Thursday, May 4, at 7.30 p.m. Amongst the other speakers will be Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Tickets (4s. each) may be obtained at the League Offices, 156, St. Stephen's House, Westminster.

Important Meeting at the Caxton Hall.

An important public meeting under the auspices of the Men's Political Union will be held at the Caxton Hall on Monday evening, May 15, when Miss Vida Goldstein, Mr. Hugh A. Franklin, Mr. Nevinsom and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Mathew will speak, Mr. D. Cameron Swan in the chair. Reserved seats (1s. and 6d.) may now be booked at the Men's Political Union offices, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C. This will be Mr. Franklin's first appearance in public since his release from Pentonville Prison on April 7, and it is hoped that members will do their utmost to make the meeting widely known, especially among their young men friends.

Festival of Empire.

Members are reminded that at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace, which opens on May 12, the W.S.P.U. have arranged to have a special kiosk (between the main bandstand and the Australian building) where literature and colours will be sold.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

The Rev. T. Rhondda Williams' speech published in VOTES FOR WOMEN on April 14, is now issued as a leaflet, price, 9d. per 100, 6s. per 1,000, post free.

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"Another of Bernard Shaw's extravagantly meaningless utterances!" exclaim many people who have not sufficient wits ever to be able to understand Bernard Shaw's writings at all. "Iconoclastic, would-be breaker-up of Home Life!" rise, in indignant chorus (and, of course, from their "proper sphere" of the Home) the voices of our friends the Anti's.

But let any intelligent, unprejudiced man or woman read the whole context of the above and the following passages from the new volume of Mr. Bernard Shaw's Plays, and then say honestly whether that witty aphorism is not really merely a plain, simple, unvarnished statement of a very hard and serious fact.

Home life, as we understand it, is no more natural to us than a cage is natural to a cockatoo. Its grave danger to the nation lies in its narrow views... its petty tyrannies, its false social pretences... and all the other ills mentionable and unmentionable, that arise from excessive segregation. It sets these evils up as benefits and blessings representing the highest attainable degree of honour and virtue, whilst any criticism of or revolt against them is savagely persecuted as the extremity of vice... A woman, entirely preoccupied with her affection for her husband, a mother entirely preoccupied with her affection for her children, may be all very well in a book (for people who like that kind of book); but in actual life she is a nuisance. Husbands may escape from her when their business compels them to be away from home all day; but young children may be, and quite often are, killed by her cuddling and coddling and doctoring and preaching.

So far, Bernard Shaw himself, in one of his Prefaces: now for the very amusing, practical illustration of the foregoing sentiments in the words of the actors of the play, "Getting Married."

Collins (greengrocer and alderman, holding forth to the Bishop's wife about his own wife): She's a born wife and mother, ma'am. That's why my children all run away from home.

Mrs. Bridgenorth (the Bishop's wife): Did you ever feel inclined to run away, Collins?

Collins: Oh yes, ma'am, yes; very often. But when it came to the point I couldn't bear to hurt her feelings. She's a sensitive, affectionate, anxious soul; and she was never brought up to know what freedom is to some people. You see, family life is all the life she knows; she's like a bird born in a cage, that would die if you let it loose in the woods... She never understood that married people should take a holiday from one another if they are to keep at all fresh. Not that I ever got tired of her, ma'am; but my! how I used to get tired of home life sometimes!

All of which sayings, grave and gay, bear forcible witness to the truth and justice of that chief tenet of the advocates of Women's Emancipation—that, although the woman's place certainly is the home (for those who are lucky enough to have one!), to limit woman's sphere entirely to the home only, and to make the boundaries of that home the four walls of a single house, or perhaps even of a single room, is to defeat the very ends for which those who command this false and forcible imprisonment of guiltless persons are ostensibly working. For to act thus is, in reality, not to preserve but to shatter the home. Moreover, all companionship between men and women, between husband and wife becomes an impossibility... because the woman has a 'sphere' of her own, that of house-keeping, in which man must not meddle, whilst he has all the rest of human activity for his sphere: the only point at which the two spheres touch being that of replenishing the population."

Although none of the plays nor the prefaces is in any way written with relation to the Woman's Movement, nevertheless the work abounds with the most weighty and important matter and arguments in support of almost every single one of the claims set forth by women of the present day in advocacy of the great National need for the Political Enfranchisement of Women. Take for instance the very significant passage following:—

The political emancipation of women is likely to lead to a comparatively stringent enforcement of sexual morality (that is why so many of us dread it); and this will soon compel us to consider what our sexual morality shall be... At all such points the code will be secured up by the operation of Votes for Women, if there be any virtue in the franchise at all. The result will be that men will find the more ascetic side of our sexual morality taken seriously by the law. It is easy to foresee the consequences. No man will take much trouble to alter laws which he can evade, or which are either not enforced or enforced on women only. But when these laws take him by the collar and thrust him into prison, he suddenly becomes keenly critical of them, and of the arguments by which they are supported. Now, we have seen that our marriage laws will not stand criticism, and that they have held out so far only because they are so worked as to fit roughly our state of society, in which women are neither politically nor personally free: in which, indeed, women are called womanly only when they regard themselves as existing solely for the use of men... Both men and women will be forced to behave morally in sex matters... they will have to make a revolutionary change in their habits by becoming in fact what they only pretend to be at present.

Precisely what all thinking women have reasoned and known for a long time past.

On marriage Bernard Shaw's view is precisely that

* "The Doctor's Dilemma" (and other Plays), Constable, &c.

of Cicely Hamilton as set forth in her book, "Marriage as a Trade."

One that disposes of the conventional assumption that it is in the faithful discharge of her home duties that a woman finds her self-respect. The truth is that family life will never be decent, much less ennobling, until this central horror of the dependence of women on men is done away with.

He sees, as every thoughtful woman sees clearly, that the root of the whole evil is, really, an economic one. He goes on:—

It is in the general movement for the prevention of destitution that the means for making women independent of the compulsory sale of their person, in marriage or otherwise, will be found.

His views, in fact, altogether, coincide absolutely with these words printed on the Self-Denial Cards of the W.S.P.U.: "The underlying cause of very much misery, sin and disease in the world is the present legal, political, and economic helplessness of women."

The very logical proposition that, as woman's chief and most important labour is that of being a Wife and a Mother, then that labour should receive its due monetary recognition like every other form of honourable labour, has no stronger advocate than G.B.S.

After arguing the many reforms necessary with regard to the marriage and divorce laws, the economic slavery of women, and much else (and having in a previous portion of the book made the significant statement that "the criminal law is no use to decent people. It merely helps blackguards to blackmail their families"), Bernard Shaw thus sums up:—

And take and deal with all the consequences of these acts of justice instead of letting yourself be frightened out of reason and good sense by fear of consequences. We must finally adapt our institutions to human nature. In the long run our present plan of trying to force human nature into a mould of existing abuses, superstitions, and corrupt interests produces the explosive forces that wreck civilisation.

Is not that, in almost identical language, the very warning that the W.S.P.U. has more than once publicly given to the Government?

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SUSAN.

By Dora de Beké.

Down in Southern Ohio, some fifty years ago, Susan Oliver enjoyed the distinction of being the better half of Samuel B. Oliver, and the reputation of being a model wife, mother and housewife.

Now Samuel was a shining light in the local meeting-house of the small township on Sundays, and the sharpest, coolest, and consequently most prosperous man of business during the week; his sharpness during six days being overlooked by his fellow townsmen, because it enabled him to be liberal in his donations to the church on the first. His wife was a real helpmate; she toiled all the week, and ungrudgingly toiled on those Sunday mornings when her husband entertained the preacher, because of the distinction it conferred upon him (her husband) and the reflected glory the honour of preparing the feast shed upon herself.

But Susan Oliver was only human, and she often longed to be able to get clear away from her many and varied household cares and the drudgery and monotony of seven days' work in almost every week. She sometimes longed just to go forth into the woods that looked so tempting in the summer sunshine and to feel that she could with a clear conscience enjoy but one hour's absolutely undisturbed communion with nature, and the luxury of one unoccupied hour.

She was not a Suffragist—if such a thing existed fifty years ago—but just a domestic woman, proud of her family and her housewifery, and only longing for a respite when she was over-worked and over-tired.

It happened one week that Susan had been unusually busy. There had been bushels of peaches to can, an extra "fall" washing; dresses to be made for her girls now growing rapidly into "misses" in their teens, and a hundred other things to be seen to. So Susan had looked forward to the coming Sunday as a breathing space.

But woman—sometimes—proposes and le bon Dieu—or perhaps man—disposes. Late on Saturday evening Samuel Oliver entered the family living-room.

"Susan," said he, "The preacher will come here to dinner to-morrow and I have asked Elder Sampson same time, and I guess two of preacher's friends are coming too." Susan made no reply. Her thoughts had taken wing to the larder, where a substantial meal with thick jelly and that crisp sweet crust was destined for the Sunday meal. But that she could not set before the preacher, the presiding elder, and the preacher's friends. So, whilst other folks, dressed in their best, were enjoying the beautiful Sabbath day, she would have to clean chicken, to bake and to stew over the hot stove! And she so longed for a little rest on this one day! Her usual silence caused her husband to turn from gazing out of the window and to address her again.

"You don't object, Susan, surely?" "Oh no," said Susan faintly. Being a good housewife, of course she was pleased to welcome her husband's guests. But her voice trembled and tears of disappointment filled her eyes. "I don't feel but about staying home from meeting, for of course I can't go if four people come to dinner." The tears and the disappointment were not noticed by Samuel, and so unusual were they in his good and obedient wife that he would scarcely have known how to treat them had he noticed them.

So early the next morning Susan began her labours, trying to feel a little honoured that she was permitted to spread the feast for the preacher, presiding elder, and their friends; but an unwonted feeling of rebellion that she should have to give up this one day in seven arose in her soul, and wiped out the honour.

The guests arrived, and Samuel, who had, of course, attended the morning service, enjoyed the further advantage of listening to the words of wisdom that fell from the lips of the divines whilst Susan had to be satisfied with the crumbs she gathered as, with red face and perspiring brow, she laid the cloth and set before the company the tempting viands she had prepared. As the meal progressed she was duly complimented, and her good housewifery highly commended, but somehow the words of praise failed to touch the right spot, and fall all flat. In her journeys to and from the kitchen to the table, she had been able to catch a little of the weighty conversation going on, and her attention had been arrested by a woman's name; a woman of whom she had vaguely heard, but of whom she knew nothing definitely, for her work was only just beginning. She was a pioneer advocate of the rights of women, and men everywhere were indignant that their superiority should be questioned by this daring innovator or member of the "inferior sex." The preacher, who had thoroughly enjoyed his well-prepared dinner, had inveighed against this masculine "she," and had contested the authoress with Samuel Oliver's wife, greatly to the said authoress's discredit. Jest and wit, sarcasm and innuendo at the latter's expense were handled from mouth to mouth, and Scripture was quoted to prove masculine superiority and feminine inferiority.

Susan however, began dimly to comprehend that there was justice, truth and right in this New Woman's propaganda, despite the fact that the divines were dead against her doctrines, which they lashed and withered with their powerful masculine arguments.

"A woman's proper place is the kitchen," proclaimed the preacher. "She is in her right place there, she belongs to it. Does not Scripture plainly prove my statement?" he questioned as he regarded the assembly. Samuel Oliver and his guests unanimously agreed, and appeal was made to Susan for confirmation, but somehow she did not hear; her attention was claimed by one of the children.

"Tis for the sake of the woman themselves that I say their right and proper place that God made 'em for is the home and the children," said Elder Sampson with conviction. "They are the weaker sex, they can't battle with the world like men—and life isn't a picnic for us—they ain't made that way. Now here before us we've got a shinin' example of what a woman oughter be; what now, Samuel, do your good wife say to these new-fangled ideas of women's equal rights with men? We'll jest take her opinion; she'll be with us, I know."

But Susan must certainly have become suddenly deaf; at any rate she made as though she had not heard a syllable, and then, remembering that something of importance required her instant presence in the kitchen, she left the company and passed by the back door out of the house. Arrived at the corner, where she was sure that none but God could hear or see, she raised her clenched fists to high heaven, and whilst the tears streamed down her hot face she cried aloud, "God bless the woman who asks for equal rights with man! God bless her, and let her have 'em."

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FAIR PLAY FOR OUR BILL.

We are within a week of the second reading of the Conciliation Bill, for which a large majority is assured. The Government will then be asked to grant the facilities necessary to enable Parliament to proceed with the Bill through all its stages.

The Government will give facilities in the next Parliament for effectively proceeding with a Bill which is so framed as to admit of free amendment.

Now, the essence of this pledge is that it shall be fulfilled this Session, and, indeed, a refusal to grant facilities this Session will be evidence that the Government do not intend to fulfil their pledge at all.

In the first place, this Session is obviously the most

convenient of any Session of this Parliament for the passage of the Woman Suffrage Bill. Since the beginning of the Session business has proceeded in the most leisurely way. According to Mr. Snowden, M.P., "there was never any need for robbing private members of their time; the Government have not been at a loss to give a day to the Opposition when it was wanted for the purpose of further obstruction; nearly five whole days were given up to the discussion of a few unimportant supply estimates, and the Government seem to aid and encourage this frivolous waste of time."

For the third Session is, of course, too late. The Labour Party know that, and have insisted upon having the Bill for the reversal of the Osborne Judgment carried through the House of Commons this year. Why is the third Session too late? It is too late because of the Constitutional conditions created by the Government's Veto Bill.

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The present Parliament will last until (at the expiration of two years from its first passage through the House of Commons) the Home Rule Bill becomes law. After that the cement which holds the present Administration together will have gone, for Mr. Redmond, having won Home Rule, will care no more to keep the Liberal Government in power: indeed, one foresees a possibility that he may actually turn them out of office on account of their education policy.

Therefore we call on the Prime Minister to carry out the promise he has made to us by giving facilities for the Conciliation Bill this Session. A refusal to give facilities this Session we should take as a proof that the Government are determined so to engineer matters that, in spite of their pledge, women shall still be voteless when this Parliament comes to an end.

Christabel Pankhurst.

SOME AMERICAN IMPRESSIONS.

By E. Sylvia Pankhurst.

Just as in England and indeed in every country of the world, so in America the Cause of Women's Enfranchisement is marching on. The movement varies very greatly, however, from town to town, and State to State. Perhaps it is in New York City and Boston that the women are working with greatest energy, yet they have the longest and hardest fight before them, for the Eastern character, like that of the English, is conservative and stubborn.

The franchise was won in Colorado 16 years ago, but there was no great stir or struggle for it, and consequently there was not that great solidarity amongst large masses of women that we have developed here. Much criticism and abuse has been hurled by anti-suffragists against the women voters of Colorado, and though they form but a minority of the electorate, they are blamed for all the old abuses that existed before they were enfranchised.

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Whilst in the city I was invited by the women members of the Legislature to visit the State House. The Speaker then asked me to address the House, and to tell them of our great English women's movement.

In Washington State the franchise was only won a year ago, but the women fought a long, brave fight to obtain it, and already have made a striking use of their new-found power, having recalled several corrupt public officials by means of the referendum.

California's Need.

The need for the reform in California is very urgent. In the first place, some of its laws are grossly unfair to women. For instance, there is that which deals with what is called the "community property."

I also enclose £10, the result of my own self-denial—for not only have I denied myself during Self-denial Week, but during the whole of last year have I gone entirely without entertainments of any kind. This money I now send to the cause. To realise how much this has been a denial to me, one can then realise that to give up all concerts, theatres, entertainments has been to me a greater denial than it would be to others stronger and able to go about and see more of the world.

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Women's wages in California, as everywhere, are far lower than they ought to be and, added to this, the factory Acts for their protection are inadequate and badly administered. Whilst I was in Los Angeles there was a strike of women engaged in the fruit-canning industry. The employer had proposed a reduction of their already low wages, which the workers had refused to accept.

In San Francisco, where the Suffragists seemed to me to be showing more energy than in Southern California, the newspapers were full of revelations in regard to the awful white slave traffic, the kidnapping and torture of helpless girls, and the impunity with which these abuses were carried on with the virtual sanction of corrupt officials.

Women's Power in Kansas

The women of Kansas have already far greater power than their sisters in most of the States. They vote for the school committees and municipal councils. The town of Hunnewell has just elected a woman, Mrs. Ella Wilson, to be its mayor, and, declaring that the management of the saloons, dancing and "pool" halls is discreditable to the town, she has, in her turn, appointed Mrs. Rose Osborn to be chief of police, in order that she may help her to abolish abuse.

Kansas is fortunate in having a number of women in its capital city, Topeka, who thoroughly understand politics and are skilful and energetic lobbyists. Lobbying is most necessary in America, and in many places it is unfortunately less well done than here.

The Temperance women are also especially strong in Kansas. This year they have decided to devote all their energies to securing the vote.

All over America the Suffragists declare that they have gained hope and inspiration from our own great British movement. In the early days of our long struggle it was we who drew our inspiration from them. Our movements act and react on each other. We may spur each other on to renewed zeal. We and the world have much to gain from our joint effort.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

The following list of contributions includes all the offerings received at the Treasury on March 30, but not all those received on March 31. During these two days the Self-Denial Collecting Cards which had been sent out to the members, were pouring back again by every post in such numbers that it was almost impossible to keep pace with the task of tabulating them.

Women in ever-growing numbers are becoming conscious of the fact that the fundamental cause of very much human misery and degradation is the economic helplessness of women, which is an inherent result of their political helplessness. They are beginning to realise that it is useless to dribble away their money in subscriptions to political and philanthropic societies which are playing at reform, while the first step to real reform is to unshackle the hands of those who are the moral hall of the community, of those who by very virtue of their sex are specially fitted to deal with the problems affecting human life and human welfare.

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Enthusiastic Meeting Demands Facilities for the Bill.

The vigour with which the women teachers took up the challenge of the men delegates at Aberystwyth and showed in unmistakable fashion their determination to win the vote...

After the matter had been twice brought before the Conference in the form of a resolution to suspend the standing orders and hold a special sitting on Thursday evening, at which the question of woman suffrage only should be discussed...

But the matter will not end here. The women teachers throughout the Union have learnt a great lesson, which they will put into practice during the coming year.

The immediate and most important work which the women teachers now see before them is to make their power felt in a society of which they form the majority.

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WOMEN ON LOCAL BODIES.

Miss Louisa Dympha Ellis has been appointed chairman of the Brentford Board of Guardians. She was appointed to serve on the Board eighteen years ago and has held the post ever since.

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CHELTENHAM BY-ELECTION.

Polling To-day, Friday, April 28. Candidates—Aga Gardner (C.), Major Mathias (L.), W.S.P.U. Committee Room, 64, High Street.

The strenuous campaign of the Women's Social and Political Union must have left no elector (indeed, no man, woman or child) in the constituency in doubt as to the reason of their fight against the Government nominee.

The by-election voters, reinforced by Miss Brackley, Miss Marsh, Miss Ansforth, Miss Douglas Smith, and Miss Geraldine Lyster, with Miss Vera Holme in charge of the Union's volunteers, have been hard at work up to the last.

Two excellent indoor meetings were held at Charlton Kings, addressed by Miss Brackley and Miss Platman.

Whatever may be said against the militant Suffragists as regards their methods, it must be admitted that they are animated by that fine sincerity which manifests itself in liberal giving of money to the cause.

Tramendous enthusiasm marked the return visit of Mrs. Patrick Lawrence to Cheltenham, on Monday evening last.

Results just to hand from over a score of Western and Midland Western cities (of America) where municipal elections on various subjects are being held show that the women voters have scored notable victories.

THE W.S.P.U. "CHAUFFEUR." We may or may not agree as to the merits or demerits of the Suffragette propaganda, but it is hard not to admire the skillful driving and smart uniform of a motorist supporter of their cause.

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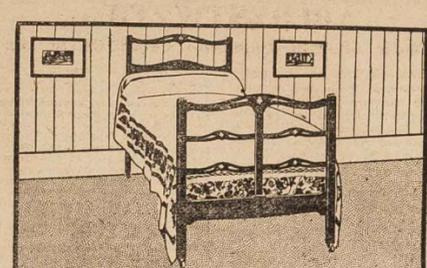
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 Tola, 415, Charing Cross, Organizer, Mrs. Wylie. Will members who are able to give time for speaker meetings please send in their names to the organizer as she is anxious to hold as many meetings as possible in Glasgow and neighbourhood during May. Stewards, paper-sellers, and chairmen are needed. Miss Wylie feels that it will better suit the convenience of members during the summer months to have all At Home meetings on the evening or earlier in the week. The seats in the boxes for the Albert Hall Demonstration are all sold. Members requiring tickets for other parts of the Hall should make immediate application. Gratefully acknowledged: Misses Johnstone 5s., Miss Mitchell 5s., Miss Anderson 5s., Miss Dunn 5s., Miss Campbell 5s., Mrs. Turner 10s. 3d., Mrs. Macfarlane 10s. 3d., Mrs. Wright 10s. 3d., Miss Maria Smith 10s. 3d., Miss A. M. Hamilton 10s. 3d., Miss Burnett, Jun. 10s. 3d., Miss Cook 5s., Friday, April 28, 1911. Lower Town Hall, 5 p.m. Wylie, Chair. Mrs. Underwood 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29—Charing Cross Hall, At Home, Mrs. Kington Parkes, 5 p.m.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.
 Hon. Election Mistress—Miss Rosa Luo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Eight Avenue, W. Hon. Secretary—Miss Helen G. Clements Inn, W. G. A great many outdoor meetings must be held between now and June 17, in order to advertise the great Procession and Demonstration. It is therefore hoped that members will give all the time they can spare to the Speakers' Class. There are 12 classes and many more will join the classes. These commence on Monday, Friday, April 28, when a lively debate on "Militant Methods" will be held. All the members of the Speakers' Class turn up in force and be prepared to argue on either side. Mrs. Macfarlane kindly gave an At Home. To-day (Friday) she will speak in Latham, and tomorrow (Saturday) in Ormeau Park. Subscriptions, etc., for the Great Campaign on May 8 are earnestly solicited, and may be sent to 22, Wellington Place on that day.

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 Hon. Secs., Miss Phyllis Ayton, 10, Edith Road, West Kensington, and Miss Cynthia Maguire, 15, Carlton Vale, Maida Vale, N.W. Members of the Clerks' W.S.P.U. have undertaken to be entirely responsible for the organization of the Clerks' "Sensographer" and "Civil Servants" contingent in the Procession on May 17. This will entail a great deal of work in advertising, canvassing and holding meetings for business women, and offers of help are gratefully accepted. The next members' meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, in Room 68, 4, Clements Inn, at 6.30 p.m.

THE ACRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.
 2, Robert Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 1214. President: Mrs. Forbes Robertson. Organizing Secretary: Miss Joan Dugdale. An interesting meeting will be held to-day, Friday, at the New Reform Club, 10, Adelphi Terrace, W.C., at 5 p.m., when Mr. Arthur Price will lecture on "Feminist Women of the Seventeenth Century, and the Influence of the Feminist Movement on the Women of the Nineteenth Century." Open to members and their friends, who are cordially invited. Tea, after the meeting, in the League Office (opposite New Reform Club). The meeting at Home will be held in the Grand Hall, Criterion Restaurant, on Friday, May 5, at 2 p.m. The Hon. Mrs. Henry, Miss Margaret Farquharson, M.A., Joseph Clayton, Esq., and Sir Francis Vane, Bart., will be the speakers. Miss E. Wheeler Wilson will be the reader of the paper, "The Awakening," to be sung by Miss Mariel Terry.

CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.
 President: The Bishop of Lincoln. Offices—11, St. Mark's Cr. secant, Regent's Park, N.W. The following meetings are arranged:—May 2, The College, Worcester. Rev. Canon Wilson, Speaker; Rev. O. Himsell, M.P., at 10, Henson Rooms, Worcester. Chairman, Rev. J. E. Fallois; Speaker, Rev. O. Himsell. May 6, Drawing Room, Meeting, Miss Barlow, 83, Dalton Lane, 3 p.m. Friday, May 5, will be observed as a Day of Intercession when the Royal College of the Savoy will be open all day for private prayer, and addresses will be given, at 11 and 5 p.m. by Rev. O. Himsell, and at 6.30 by the Chaplain, Rev. Hugh B. Chapman. Members wishing to walk with the League in the Procession on June 17 are requested to send in their names as soon as possible to the Organizer.

CONSERVATIVE & UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.
 45, Dover Street, W. The Kensington Branch held a most successful meeting at 35, Bassett Road, North Kensington, by kind permission of Mrs. Heal, on April 26. The chief speaker, Dr. Yancy Kin, Superintendent of the Imperial Training Women's Medical School and Hospital, Dublin, gave an interesting address on the part of women in China. The other speakers were Mrs. A. Stone Hurst, a recent convert from the Anti-Suffragists, who made his first speech on our side, and Miss Keeling, P.L.G. Lady Orms was in the chair, and the majority of those present were strangers, who were keenly interested in the speeches.

FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.
 Hon. Org. Sec.—Rev. Edward Clark, 1, Burns Road, Harlesden, London, N.W. Hon. Cor. Sec.—Miss Hatty Baker, 35, Hartington Villas, Hove. All are invited to the Suffrage Service, St. Ambrose, Central Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, E.C. 4, on Thursday, May 4, at 8 p.m. Brochure: Rev. T. Phillips, B.A., Distributor of handbills still needed to make known in Free Churches. Kindly apply to W. E. Rogers, 43, Chancery Lane, Highgate, or to A. Foster, Esq., 68, Coombe Road, Strand City, E.C. 4. The Church League invite members to their Day of Intercession, May 5, at 2 p.m., when they are taking part in a meeting (W.S.P.U.) at Redhill, and in the (London Society) at Redhill, May 12, and a third at Lausanne Public Hall, Crovins, May 4, with other local societies, at 8 p.m.

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