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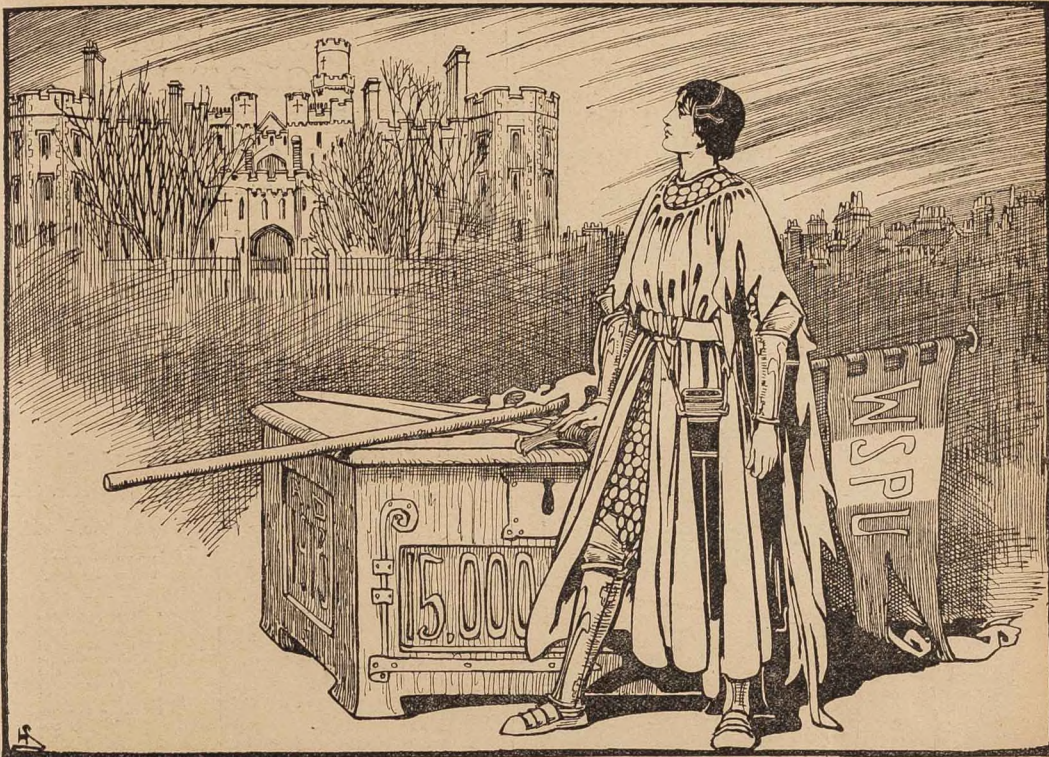
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THE VIGIL.

## MRS. PANKHURST'S MESSAGE.

### A GREAT INSPIRATION.

Mrs. Pankhurst sends greeting to her sister militants. She has heard with inexpressible pride and joy of the magnificent sum of £15,000 raised at the Albert Hall meeting and of the wonderful success of the meeting as a whole. The devotion and generosity that brought the collection of £15,000 into being are to her and to all W.S.P.U. prisoners a great inspiration. To the Government this collection will, she knows, be an unmistakable sign of the unwavering and inexhaustible determination of the members of the W.S.P.U. The political importance of this collection—this act of financial militancy—is very great indeed.

Mrs. Pankhurst's suffering whilst in prison and her consequent bodily exhaustion make her, as they make all militant women, more than ever resolute to pursue the fight. The Government's barbarous and insulting form of licence she will treat with all the contempt that it merits, and she will never admit the Government's right to imprison herself or any woman for rebelling against tyranny and fighting for political freedom.

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### A Review of the Week.

#### Mrs. Pankhurst's Release.

Mrs. Pankhurst was on Saturday last released from prison in a very critical condition after nine days starvation. During her imprisonment she suffered from very great exhaustion and heart weakness, and the Government in delaying her release so long incurred a grave risk for her and for themselves. Since her release she has lain at a nursing home and has been under close medical care. Grossly neglectful as ever, the prison authorities made no proper arrangements for conveying one so ill, but they sent her away sitting up in a cab. In view of the condition of the heart due to starvation, this was most dangerous.

#### Gambling With a Life.

It would be hard to imagine any spectacle more revolting than that of the Government watching Mrs. Pankhurst hour by hour to see how far they dare go in the direction of killing her before ordering her release. Afraid to feed her by force, they nevertheless resolved to put her through as much suffering as they dared. They simply gambled with her life as they have gambled with the lives of other imprisoned Suffragists. The Home Secretary says that he is not prepared to kill a Suffragist prisoner. He is certainly prepared to go very near to doing it. Some day he may go across the border line. The Government's treatment of Mrs. Pankhurst during her imprisonment was madly reckless and cruel.

#### A Cat and Mouse Licence.

The Government are making Mrs. Pankhurst the first victim of their Cat and Mouse policy. The licence issued in her case is undoubtedly the most vindictive and stringent ever issued in the history of our prison system. It remains in force for fifteen days only, at which time Mrs. Pankhurst is expected to return to prison—to offer herself up to another term of persecution such as the one through which she has just passed. The fifteen days are evidently deemed sufficient to enable her to recover strength enough again to suffer what she has suffered already! If she wishes during these fifteen days of respite to change her address, she is forbidden to do so without permission after medical examination. Mrs. Pankhurst declines to hold herself bound by such infamous conditions and the Government will, therefore have carefully to consider their position.

#### The Campaign of Coercion.

The Government is continuing its policy of coercion. Summonses have been served upon Mrs. Drummond and upon Mr. George Lansbury, who are ordered to appear at Bow-street on April 18, charged with being disturbers of the peace and inciters of others to commit crimes and misdemeanours against the peace. The Government has also proscribed the meetings of the Women's Social and Political Union in Hyde Park, Wimbledon Common, and in other public open spaces within the Metropolitan area. We reserve full comment upon these proceedings until our next week's issue, and will merely say that the police leniency displayed to the hooligans in the park, together with the incitement of a large section of the Press, has been the cause of the disorders at the public meetings held by the Union.

£15,000.

The whole world is impressed by the wonderful collection at the Albert Hall meeting. Who will say now that the W.S.P.U. is dwindling and that militancy has injured the Suffrage cause? This collection of £15,000 is the biggest ever raised at any Suffrage meeting, either in our own country or any other. It is a sign of the extraordinary vigour of the Women's Social and Political Union and of the determination of its members to fight the Suffrage battle to a finish. This collection is a tribute to the women in the fighting line—to the women in prison. It is a grand message of defiance to the Government. On the eve of the meeting the newspapers had tried to alarm contributors by giving currency to rumours of prosecutions for conspiracy. These attempts to terrorise them the W.S.P.U. subscribers treated with a fine contempt. Financial militancy to the tune of £15,000 has taken the enemy's breath away. Significant as it is to the Government, this enormous sum of money means even more to those who know the infinite generosity and self-denial which it represents.

#### A Great Meeting.

The Government had by force prevented Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Annie Kenney from speaking at the Albert Hall, but their intention of thereby spoiling the meeting was frustrated. The thought of the absent ones was an inspiration and the actual speakers surpassed themselves. General Drummond presided and Miss Georgina Brackenbury made the financial appeal. Mr. George Lansbury, in the course of his speech, said some very rousing things on the subject of militancy. The Government have decided to institute criminal proceedings against him in consequence of this speech. The meeting was one of the finest and most enthusiastic ever held by the W.S.P.U., and was from every point of view a triumph.

#### The Sins of the Ordinary Press.

The sins of a certain section of the Press have stood out very luridly of late. There have been dishonest and malicious attacks upon W.S.P.U. finances. There have been lying statements concerning the alleged policy of the W.S.P.U. There have been forged and fabricated "disclosures" of militant schemes. There have been virulent attacks upon the militants and incitements to lynch law. There has in short been a deliberate attempt to deceive the public as to the real motives and objects of the W.S.P.U. This serious evil can be attacked in various ways, but there is only one way which is absolutely reliable and satisfactory. That is to increase the circulation of THE SUFFRAGETTE, which gives authoritative statements and detailed news about the W.S.P.U. and about militancy. It is true that THE SUFFRAGETTE appears only once a week but that is in fact its strength. A daily paper must devote its attention to a host of subjects, and therefore cannot concentrate upon any one subject. THE SUFFRAGETTE because it is a weekly is relieved of

all necessity to report murders, Marconi scandals, sport, finance and so forth. The daily papers we must all read, but readers of THE SUFFRAGETTE possess a guide which enables them to check and interpret the statements in the daily Press.

#### "Suffragette" Week.

In order to make a great increase in the circulation and to bring THE SUFFRAGETTE to the notice of a new circle of readers, a special effort is being planned. "SUFFRAGETTE" week will last from April 24 to May 3. It will relate to two issues of the paper; the issue dated April 25 and that dated May 2. All sorts of methods will be employed for increasing the circulation. First in importance is that of securing new subscribers, who will take the paper regularly during the coming year. Street selling is another very important means of gaining new readers and of advertising the paper. Plans for "SUFFRAGETTE" week are set forth on another page. Self-denial-week and the Albert Hall meeting and its collection stand now among the successful achievements of the past. "SUFFRAGETTE" week is the next great enterprise of the W.S.P.U. It is certain that members of the Union will carry through this enterprise with all their wonted energy and enthusiasm, because they realise the fundamental importance of the paper as a means of educating the public and of binding together the militant women in every part of the world.

#### Getting Miss Kenney "Out of the Campaign."

Miss Annie Kenney's trial will, as we reported in our last issue, take place next Tuesday, April 22. The case is of special interest and importance from the legal point of view. *The Saturday Review* congratulates the Government upon having captured Miss Kenney and says:—

This arrest of Miss Kenney is in the right direction. She is a very violent and demonic speaker; and the Government is lucky in being so easily able to put her out of the campaign, at least for a time.

These congratulations are the fruit of too hasty and careless reflection. It is true that Miss Kenney's speeches are well calculated to rouse the militant spirit in women, and it is true that her organising power and her political insight make her a formidable enemy to the Government while she is at liberty. Nevertheless the Government are likely to find, as they have found in other cases, that her power to injure them is made even greater by their persecution and imprisonment of her. From the prisoner's dock and from the torture chamber incitements to militancy ring out very clearly and travel very far.

#### Making Excuses for the Labour Party.

We notice that the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies have made no protest against the Labour members' support of the Cat and Mouse Coercion Bill. Nor have they protested against the support given to the Plural Voting Bill. These anti-militants condemn the Government for introducing the Plural Voting Bill. They also censure the Liberal M.P.'s who support it, and having done so they make the following amazing comment on the Labour members' position:—

The Labour Party is in a different position. Still unreleased from their former pledges to vote for the Bill, they find themselves confronted by it before the resolution passed by the recent L.L.P. Conference has had time to be referred back to the constituents of the Labour party at large for confirmation.

To what "pledges" do the anti-militants refer? And why, if Liberals are free to oppose the Plural Voting Bill, cannot Labour men oppose it also? The Labour members are not, as the anti-militants seem to think, pledged to their constituents to support the Liberal Government's programme. Their reasons for doing so are that they are afraid of a general election, and that they have been flattered into giving their allegiance to this unscrupulous and cruel Government.

THE £250,000 FUND.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MARCH 18 TO MARCH 20.

Table listing contributions from various individuals and organizations, including names like Mrs. M. K. Key, Miss L. C. Taylor, and Mrs. M. P. Phillips, with amounts in pounds and shillings.

An Unpopular Bill.

Even if it were true that the Labour members have promised their constituents at all costs to support a Plural Voting Bill, they have certainly none of them promised to support the particular Bill which the Government have brought forward.

The Plural Voting Bill will receive a very lukewarm welcome from the Party officials in those constituencies where its passing into law was a consummation devoutly to be hoped for.

If we ignore the fact that at by-elections, the very time the plural voter is most in evidence, his powers are not in the least curtailed, we cannot ignore the most unsatisfactory arrangements of allowing a plural voter to choose the constituency he intends to vote in just previous to a general election.

It does not require much imagination to picture the work, worry, and confusion which will be entailed at a general election, the Party agent in one division appealing for his supporters to vote where his residence is, and the Party agent for the division where the voter's business is appealing for him to select to vote there.

The Bill is a most unsatisfactory makeshift. It is an absurdity to argue that the Labour members are precluded from opposing a Bill with which even Liberals are dissatisfied.

A Remarkable Pronouncement.

In a very remarkable leading article which we reproduce in full on another page, The Weekly Dispatch declares that the Government by their denial of the vote and by the "pettifogging evasions which are possible under the present so-called system of representative Government," have created what is described as "Outragettes."

The Liberal Party have always been ready to raise an outcry on behalf of oppressed peoples, and yet they refuse, through their leader, Mr. Asquith, to apply their own principles in the cause of the liberation of the millions of women who are the mothers, wives, and daughters of the world's greatest nation.

In Memoriam.

Members will learn with deep regret of the death of Miss Mary Bonham, of Glynne Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea.

After much suffering, most patiently borne, Miss Bonham passed away at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Auerbach, at Cricklewood, on April 8.

Miss Bonham was a very earnest and devoted Suffragist, and took a prominent part in the work of her local union.

As a practical proof of her attachment to the Cause, it was Miss Bonham's custom to provide hospitality for the speakers at the Hastings and Bexhill weekly At Homes. Her loss will be deeply felt both by the many Suffragists with whom she came in contact in this way, and by all members of the Bexhill and neighbouring local unions.

Advertisement for 'The Suffragette' newspaper, stating it is on order at your newsagent's, contains the latest news of the fight for woman suffrage, and is priced 1d. out on Thursday.

MRS. PANKHURST'S RELEASE—PRISON NEWS.

SERIOUS CONDITION OF TORTURED PRISONERS.

MEDICAL REPORT ON MRS. PANKHURST'S HEALTH.

Full Text of the Extraordinary Licence.

Mrs. Pankhurst has defeated the Government. Sentenced on April 3 to three years' penal servitude, she was released nine days later, on April 12.

At about 10.30 a.m. on the morning of that day, a taxi-cab entered the gates of Holloway Prison, returning a few minutes later with Mrs. Pankhurst inside.

There is no foundation for the assertion in the Press that Mrs. Pankhurst's cab passed out of Holloway without its occupant being recognised by the women picketers at the entrance.

The vigilance of the picketers continued unabated throughout the nine days and nights of Mrs. Pankhurst's imprisonment, and three of the women, in their devotion to this labour of love, never removed their clothes during the whole period.

MEDICAL REPORT.

The following report was on Tuesday received from Mrs. Pankhurst's medical attendant:— "Mrs. Pankhurst was released on Saturday morning in a state of great weakness and prostration. She had lost a stone in weight during her imprisonment, and her condition was critical.

Two eminent medical practitioners have been called into consultation, and she is surrounded with the best of care and nursing.

Her general health has improved slightly, but she is still extremely weak and the least exertion exhausts her and brings on symptoms which give rise to anxiety. It has not been possible to inform her yet of the many kind inquiries which have been received."

THE LICENCE.

The terms of the licence on which Mrs. Pankhurst was released, and which we print below, were not accepted by her. Mrs. Pankhurst gave no undertaking whatever, but on the contrary, when the licence was handed to her, instantly tore it up.

SPECIAL ORDER OF LICENCE UNDER THE PENAL SERVITUDE ACTS, 1853 TO 1891.

Whitehall, April 11, 1913. His Majesty is graciously pleased to grant to Emmeline Pankhurst, who was convicted of being an accessory before the fact to a felony under Section 10 of the Malicious Damage Act of 1861, at the Central Criminal Court, on the 3rd day of April, 1913, and was then and there sentenced to be kept in penal servitude for the term of three years, and is now confined in the Holloway Prison.

MISS EMERSON'S SERIOUS STATE.

MEDICAL REPORT.

The following report has been issued by Dr. Mansell-Moulin, with regard to Miss Emerson, whom he is attending:—

69, Wimpole-street, W. Miss Emerson was taken to a nursing home on Tuesday (8th) at 9.30 p.m. It was obvious at first glance that she had lost weight to a serious extent. She was cold, almost in a state of collapse, not quite collected in what she said, and evidently on the verge of a complete breakdown.

The nose was bruised and sore; the throat congested, and the voice hoarse. The temperature was below normal; the pulse small and weak, and the heart's action feeble.

Miss Emerson is still too ill and exhausted to allow of her giving a personal account of her sufferings in Holloway.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

Table listing names of suffragists in prison, their dates when sentenced, lengths of sentences, and places of imprisonment.

MISS STEVENSON'S HEROIC STRUGGLE.

A MESSAGE.

The following message has been received from Miss Ella Stevenson, the account of whose terrible and heroic struggle was published last week:— "I have fought fiercely, but you see they can still keep me, for how long I cannot say. Extraordinary vitality is a splendid thing to have outside prison; it is tiresome inside. I am not downhearted."

MR. HUGH FRANKLIN SUFFERING TERRIBLY.

We understand that Mr. Hugh Franklin is suffering terribly in Wormwood Scrubs. He has now been subjected to forcible feeding for five weeks, and is so emaciated as to be almost unrecognisable. His spirit is still unbroken, but it is a grave complaint that his flesh can hold out much longer. It takes eight warders to hold him down each time the operation is performed, so he is believed, from other prisoners who were being fed.

MISS MARJORIE MASTERS.

Miss Masters, who was sentenced to the excessive penalty of one month's imprisonment for an unsuccessful attempt to break a window at the Home Office, was released from Holloway on Monday morning at the expiration of her sentence. She had been on hunger-strike the whole time, and had endured forcible feeding since the first three or four days. She was removed from the prison in a cab at the early hour of 6.30, with a wardress in attendance.

SENTENCES TERMINATED.

Four Suffragists were released from Holloway on the morning of Thursday, April 10, at the completion of their sentences. Their names are Mrs. Dove Wilcox, Miss Grace Stuart, Miss Dorothy Barnes, and Miss Mary Richardson. They were all sentenced at Bow-street on March 11 to one month's imprisonment, the two former for attempting to present a petition to the King on the occasion of the opening of the House in a taxi in a very exhausted condition.

THE SYMPATHETIC HUNGER STRIKE.

MRS. DOVE WILCOX'S STATEMENT.

The following statement has been received from Mrs. Dove Wilcox:— It was not my intention to hunger-strike when I went to prison because my sentence was for a month, and I knew they could forcibly feed me for that time without letting me out, and it scarcely seemed worth while to run the risk of coming out a physical wreck; but it was impossible to swallow food after Mrs. Pankhurst's arrival. From that moment till departure we refrained from food.

A curious new method seems to be in vogue in Holloway to-day. Guards in taken to turn Suffragettes out from prison as fit as possible, till they start hunger-striking, when immediately the screw is turned on hard. From the time we began till we left solitary confinement was our portion, exercise, chapel, baths and all books were immediately stopped, and all that remained to us was solitude, religious books, our cells and our thoughts.

My sentence terminated a six days' hunger-strike, which fortunately for me just escaped the horror of the forcible feeding, and realising what horrors my noble comrades have endured under the English Inquisition leaves me feeling an extremely lucky woman.

FORCIBLY FED ON REMAND.

Miss Brady and Miss Dean have met with very severe treatment while on remand. They were put in third division cells with prisoners already convicted. They were subjected to solitary confinement and had no books or exercise.

Miss Dean's cell was filthy, and she has been terribly bitten by insects. They began to feed her on Monday, and she had been fed nine times before appearing at the court on Saturday morning.

Miss Brady has been fed seven times, beginning on Tuesday. Attempts had been made to feed them both the cup, but both resisted stoutly, to the nasal tube had been used. It took seven to eight wardresses and two doctors to feed Miss Brady. Latterly Miss Dean's strength was very much reduced, and she was not able to offer so much resistance. Both of them heard screams and choking, coming, as they believed, from other prisoners who were being fed.

FORTHCOMING RELEASES.

Miss Mabel Muriel Scholefield and Mrs. Mary Louise Miles are to be released on Saturday, April 19, at 8 a.m., having completed the full term of their three months' imprisonment.

MISS ANNIE KENNEY'S TRIAL.

Readers are reminded that Miss Annie Kenney's trial takes place at Bow-street on Tuesday, April 22, at eleven o'clock.

PRISONERS' FUND.

All Suffragists whose sympathies are concentrated upon the brave, fighting women in Holloway at the present time, are reminded that a very practical way of showing their admiration is by supporting the fund. There are many expenses connected with prisoners which have to be met.

Carefully acknowledged:— Miss Elizabeth Reid, 10s.; Miss P. Pease, 2s. 6d.

THE UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT. AN IMPRESSION OF THE ALBERT HALL MEETING.

By MILDRED E. MANSEL.

To attempt to give an idea of the Albert Hall Meeting seems like trying to define dynamic energy or to take soundings of an unfathomable sea.

"A New and Far More Serious Phase." And yet, according to all publicly accredited augurs, every signal was against us, every element present in the situation that could bar our success.

What was the answer? A hall in which every seat was booked throughout the house, from stall to boxes, tier over tier, to the gallery; and cheques, promises, gold, gifts of jewellery, flung back in scorn of intimidation, and even inspired by it, into the treasurer's basket amounting to that astonishing record of £15,000!

"Let Us Be Worthy of the Future."

What an audience it was, even amongst W.S.P.U. audiences! At first a pent-up sensation about it, as of an instrument strung up to the utmost pitch, almost beyond sound or endurance, and yet it was strong.

A clarion call was the General's speech—clear, firm, and breezy in tone. Then an ovation for Mr. Lansbury and his appeal for three more cheers because of his belief that, "a kind of spirit moves from masses like this"; and he asked us to do it.

Point by point his magnificent speech was followed with quick-brained, whole-hearted response as he passed from the political plane—the relentless exposure of enemies—the Government, the Irish—of false props, the Parliamentary Labour Party—of shams, men's high-sounding attacks on all militants, except those in high places, to the heart of the subject with its moral and spiritual appeal.

"Make Your Sacrifice." But "deeds, not words," was the keynote of the meeting, as Miss Brackenbury reminded us in her beautiful earnestness: "We cannot take this sacrifice made for us by Mrs. Pankhurst without throwing in our own sacrifice, too.

And so the real business of the meeting began—the strengthening of the financial arm of militancy! Promises and cheques sent up in an increasing stream for every sum, great and small, from the cheque for £1,000 to the bag of farthings from the old pensioner, cheques from hunger-strikers in prison, from working women saved out of miserable earnings; reckless giving, sacrifice at every turn.

"We Shall Go On!" We had backed up our leaders and given our answer to the Government—to torture in prison, to indeterminate sentences on political prisoners, to coercion and treachery.

So buoyant, rejoicing, close-knit in fellowship, this army of the holy—stronger, more determined and powerful than ever—unconquerable through sacrifice—left the Hall. And the General's last words were for all who would hear them—"We shall go on!"

IN A SUNLIT LAND.

By a Converted Non-Militant.

The Octopus of modern times is the great Suffrage Movement, the tentacles of which reach forth to grip and to arrest, to wind about one's being, leaving, where it does not hold for all time, an impression which never altogether fades.

The sunshine destroys microbes; it destroyed for me an insidious but somewhat sickly microbe, a microbe that was steadily dying of atrophy as the mind opened to a wider grasp of its subject—the microbe of doubt as to the policy of militant methods.

One of the pleasantest memories of a pleasant visit to the land which I love is the memory of the vivid personality, the charm and unselfish devotion of the first militant Suffragette it has been my privilege to know.

It was an accident that made me acquainted with a name which conveys as much to the Englishwoman of to-day as would the name of a leading statesman.

My sympathies had always gone out to the brave women who did and risked so much. I felt that they were the real workers—the women who were leaving out the road which we hope to march along; but I had never quite understood the reason, the necessity for doing these desperate things which set people gasping—I wanted to know.

To-day we go our different ways, both of us still pursuing the sunshine, which I trust will bring to the one who so sorely needs it the health to go on with the work which ill-health will never force her to abandon.

Durban, February 28.

A READABLE STORY.

"New Wine and Old Bottles" is a very readable story of a small country town in the Cotswolds, and of all the trouble which ensued therein when newcomers from a bigger world outside had the audacity to organise a Pageant for the neighbourhood.

"SUFFRAGETTE" WEEK, APRIL 24 to MAY 3.

DOUBLE THE CIRCULATION.

SCHEMES FOR EVERYBODY.

SEND IN YOUR NAMES.

Now that the Albert Hall meeting is over, members of the Union in all parts of the country are concentrating on making "Suffragette Week" (April 24-May 3) an unparalleled success.

The dates of the week have been so arranged as to include two issues of the paper—that of April 25 and that of May 2. All plans are complete.

PAPER-SELLING AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS.

A RESPONSE WE NEVER DREAMED OF.

The special scheme of sending sellers to different Society functions to sell The Suffragette is growing extensively. It is really wonderful how eager the public are to buy our paper when it is put within their reach.



Princess Sophia Dhuleep Singh selling "The Suffragette" outside Hampton Court Palace, where she has a suite of apartments.

outside Drury Lane. Here we have had a response we never dreamed of, and it all goes to prove how utterly ignorant the ordinary Press are of the sympathy we get from the public.

ANOTHER GOOD IDEA.

"THE SUFFRAGETTE" AT LIBRARIES AND CLUBS.

A special effort is being made to provide the various clubs, factory workers' institutions, women's labour societies, dining rooms, hospitals, and similar places, with a copy of THE SUFFRAGETTE each week.

Who will help, either by canvassing or subscribing towards the cost of providing a weekly copy of the paper for one or more of these institutions?

WEST-END SHOPS.

It is essential that workers especially should have the paper brought to their notice. During SUFFRAGETTE week we want the assistance of a great many sellers for the pitches that will be opened outside the West-end shops after business hours.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- 1. Increase the number of regular readers by obtaining yearly, half-yearly or quarterly subscriptions.
2. Canvass newagents and get the paper shown in public libraries.
3. Raise a special poster fund for posters to be shown at important railway stations in your district.
4. Make a special effort with street sales, and start new pitches if possible.
5. Chalk the pavements to advertise the paper.
6. Arrange for an advertisement cart. Poster parades should also be held.
7. Get a boat on the river or stall in the market, to advertise and sell the paper.
8. Women's clubs should be canvassed and the paper supplied to them. Special work done among women in offices, factories, shops and schools.
9. Arrange for all professional and leading men in your district to get a copy of the paper in "Suffragette" Week.
10. Get advertisements of "The Suffragette" thrown on to the screen at theatres and cinematograph entertainments.

For information as to how the above schemes can be carried out, write to— MRS. DAGRE FOX, Hon. Gen. Sec. for "Suffragette" Week, LINCOLN'S INN HOUSE.

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There has been a splendid response already to our appeal for money to show posters at railway stations. The following additional posters are already on view: Oxford-circus, Waterloo Station, Strand Tube, Temple, Bond-street Tube, Holborn Tube, Piccadilly-circus, Marble Arch, Liverpool-street Station, King's-cross, Guston Station, Charing-cross, St. Paul's, Holborn Main Line, London-bridge.

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MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL. GET REGULAR SUBSCRIBERS.

In addition to all the schemes for advertising THE SUFFRAGETTE and increasing the street sales, a special effort is being made to increase the number of yearly and half-yearly subscribers to the paper. This means that we increase the body of regular readers, which as a means of increasing the influence of the paper is the most important work of all.

POSTER PARADE IN WEST-MINSTER.

One of the features of SUFFRAGETTE Week, April 24 to May 3, will be a special poster parade which will take place daily round the Houses of Parliament. Plans for elaborating this scheme are already under consideration.

A NEW READER.

The following letter has been received from a sympathiser:— Dear Editor,—Failing to find Mrs. Pankhurst's speech for her defence in my daily paper, I bought THE SUFFRAGETTE, and by reading that am fully convinced that the malignant Press and treacherous Government are entirely responsible for the militancy taking place by the exceedingly brave women in your Union. I for one will never condemn them.—Yours sincerely, A SYMPATHISER, April 14.



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The Present Situation.

The Government are in a difficulty. Even if they prefer to remain permanently in this difficulty rather than pay the price of escape, the public will not allow them to remain in it. In other words, the public will not tolerate the destruction of its letters, dwelling-houses, and other property simply because the Government object to giving votes to women.

The Government, aided and abetted by certain newspapers, have for a long time succeeded in fooling a large section of the public by means of the preposterous argument that the blame for political turbulence and disorder rests upon the shoulders of the oppressed and not of the oppressor. They have also sought to silence public protest against the continuance of attacks on property by declaring that they had a means of suppressing militancy other than that of giving women the vote.

To-day everybody plainly sees that the Government are destitute of all effective weapons against

the Suffragettes and that they are powerless to enforce the law or protect property. All that they can do is to torture the bodies of the heroic militant women, whose will and spirit are unbreakable.

The Cat and Mouse Bill will fail just as all existing laws have failed to check militancy. The Government have introduced it with a double purpose. They want the power to put a Suffragist prisoner again and again under torture in respect of the same offence. Hitherto a woman after one spell of starvation or of torture, left prison to return no more unless she again broke the law. The Government, furious at seeing their victims escape after passing through a single ordeal, are seeking power to inflict repeated torture, allowing a released prisoner just so long a period of liberty as will make her physically capable of coming again under the torturer's hand.

That forcible feeding may be renewed every time a prisoner is dragged back to prison has been admitted by the Home Secretary. Yet he had the audacity to pretend until the truth was dragged from him, that this Bill for confirming and increasing the torture of prisoners was a Bill to prevent it!

A foretaste of the Cat and Mouse regime is given by the infamously-framed licence issued in the case of Mrs. Pankhurst. Having reduced her to the very lowest ebb of strength and sent her out of prison at the point of death, the Government expect her to return to prison at the end of fifteen days there to submit to the same terrible experience! A murderous policy indeed! It remains to be seen whether the Government dare to pursue it further.

Mrs. Pankhurst has torn her licence to shreds. She absolutely refuses to abide by its conditions. The Government may, perhaps, seize her by force; but if they do they must prepare themselves to bear the guilt and burden of her death.

The Cat and Mouse policy cannot in the case of any prisoner be carried through without causing death. One period of forcible feeding is enough to endanger life. That fact proves the impossibility of frequent repetition of forcible feeding, release, and re-arrest. The Home Secretary has said that he is not prepared to take the responsibility of killing a Suffragist prisoner. If that is true, then he cannot carry out his cat and mouse scheme. If it is not true—and he does not always speak the truth—then he will torture a prisoner on cat and mouse principles until she dies.

That will not stop militancy, and well the Government know it. What it will do is to destroy the Government—unless the men of this country are even more destitute of all sense of freedom and justice and common humanity than the present attitude of their elected representatives would lead one to suppose.

We have said that the Government have introduced the Cat and Mouse Bill with two ends in view. The first is to increase their power of torture. The second is to postpone the day of their surrender to militancy. If they had not at this point brought forward some measure of coercion they would have been obliged to admit themselves powerless to stop militancy except by giving votes to women. So long as the public will tolerate such futile shifts and evasions as the Cat and Mouse Bill, so long will the Government continue to produce them.

But meanwhile militancy will continue. This seems now to be understood by everybody, and the failure of the Cat and Mouse Bill is taken for granted.

What will happen when the Cat and Mouse Bill has become law and its failure has been fully demonstrated? Upon what will the Government then rely as a bulwark against Votes for Women? They have been advised to try to break up the W.S.P.U. They tried that once before without success. Next time they would have an even smaller success for forewarned is forearmed. They are being urged to make a financial attack. That also would be an utter failure.

All such spiteful and impotent assaults upon the credit of the Government and prove to women how ludicrous and contemptible and undignified and cruel the other sex can be at their worst. For their own reputation's sake men would be wise to put a stop to the Government's present behaviour. This exhibition of male hysteria is bringing all men into contempt and is causing women to regard them as the inferior sex.

The crisis is truly a grave one for the Government in particular and for men in general. As for the militant women, they are serene and strong in the knowledge that their militant army is growing and will continue to grow, and that their militant crusade is founded in right and is destined to triumph.

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

THE GOVERNMENT AND WHITE SLAVERY.

No wonder the Government resist the enfranchisement of women! The reason of their Anti-Suffrage policy is plain. We should as soon expect the White Slave traders to welcome Votes for Women, as we should expect the Government to welcome that reform.

The fact is that the Government are themselves White Slavers and upholders of vice. That is why they dare not meet the judgment of women voters.

That the Government are bad employers, and are thus responsible for driving women into slavery, is a notorious fact. Working women have no power to elect Members of Parliament, and so cannot get the protection of an adequate fair wages clause such as working men, through their votes, can obtain. Sweating is, therefore, rampant in connection with the employment of women on Government contracts. But that is not all, and that is not the worst.

The Government are directly responsible for a large measure of White Slavery. They are, in effect, procurers of women for the vicious pleasures of men in the Army and Navy.

The state of affairs in India is thus described by the Friends' Association for Abolishing State Regulation of Vice:—

The following system is now in existence practically throughout the Indian cantonments—the permanent military stations:—

1. Certain houses, set aside for immoral purposes, are definitely permitted by the local authorities of the Government of India in the cantonments, with the understanding that the keepers of these houses will abide by the regulations of the Cantonment Code.

2. When a British soldier is found by the medical officer of the regiment to be suffering from disease caused by vice, he is questioned as to the supposed origin of that disease, and if the woman accused lives in one of these houses, she is forthwith surgically examined by the medical officer, and, if found diseased, is turned out of the house, with the choice of either leaving the cantonments or of proceeding to the "voluntary" hospital belonging to the Government. She is not allowed to return to her original residence until discharged from the hospital in a supposedly "fit" state to resume her former occupation.

Under such regulations the British Government does that which no Government ought to do, gives a vested interest in houses of ill-fame, under such circumstances, is absolutely legalised. This tends greatly to the slavery of the women occupying such houses.

From a purely medical point of view, under such a system, the Government affords a false security, and holds out a wrecker's light to men frequenting such houses. The impossibility of the avoidance of the malady, except by avoidance of its cause, is becoming more and more recognised by experts.

Many of the White Slaves of these brothels, sanctioned and supervised by the Government, are, it is said, mere children. How are they obtained, and what happens to them when they become hopelessly diseased and thus "unfit for use" by the officers and soldiers?

The British Committee of the International Federation for the Abolition of the State Regulation of Vice have lately had a correspondence with the India Office, in which they have urged in vain that the present infamous system shall be ended.

The Government's infamous conduct where the womanhood of India is concerned has only to be known to make British women more determined than ever to win the vote. Under the rule of men, Indian women have been and are being enslaved, degraded, destroyed.

These awful wrongs are being visited upon innocent women and children in the mother country. Many soldiers return from India diseased, and they infect their unhappy wife and offspring.

The evil is stated by the Friends' Society for Abolishing State Regulation of Vice in the following terms:—

There are now 70,000 young Englishmen, soldiers, stationed in these cantonments. They are sent out from this country at the rate of 13,000

every year, and after five years of education in the principles of State-sanctioned vice, they are sent back to this country at the same rate, less the number of deaths, and, their time being expired, are scattered all over the towns and villages of the land, there to spread the poison of this teaching. Further than that, Indian officers who have served on these Cantonment Committees, when they come back to England, in large numbers of cases become members of various public bodies, up to Parliament itself, and so form a leaven in the ruling circles of Society, similar to that set at work by their subordinates amongst the mass of the population.

If all women realised these facts more plainly there would be no anti-Suffragists left. We doubt whether there would be left even any anti-Militants!

Let women consider the words of an ex-official who for many years had charge of the Government chaklas or brothels. Said he to Dr. Louisa Martindale, author of "Under the Surface":—

I cannot speak too strongly against them. Many a young boy or man comes out to India pure and good. It is the presence of the Government chaklas that first puts taint into his head to lead a vicious life. Many resist for a time, but when they see their friends and their superior officers making use of these, and when they are given to understand that the medical inspection makes it safe for them to go, sooner or later they give way and follow the example of the rest. But to start with—they don't want it.

Miss Elizabeth Robins in her book, "Where Are You Going to?" makes a charge against the naval authorities to which no answer has been forthcoming. It will be remembered that the sister of little Bettina, who is swept innocent and unsuspecting into the whirlpool of vice, is herself saved by a man who tells her of the real nature of the house into which she and Bettina have been entrapped. In order to enlighten her, he tells her of how the very Government of the country fosters and encourages vice. Into the mouth of this man Miss Robins puts her charge against the naval authorities. First she refers to the case of India. She makes the man say:—

Take India—I've been there. I know an official who had charge of the chaklas. You don't know what chaklas are? Your father knew. If you'd gone riding round the cantonments, you'd have seen. Little groups of tents. A hospital not far off. Women in the tents. Out there it's no secret. They're called "Government women." The women are needed by the Army. So there you are. Then the indictment runs on:—

Even Governments (he said) had to recognise human nature and shape their policies accordingly. I was too young to remember all that talk in the Press some years ago about the mysterious movements of British battleships in the Mediterranean. Instead of hanging about Malta the ships had gone cruising round the Irish coast. Why? The officials said, For good and sufficient reasons. The chorus of criticism died down. The "reasons" were known to those who had to know. Not enough women at Malta. The British fleet spent some time about the Irish coasts. "Human nature!"

So a Government who have nothing but insult, treachery, and torture for women are ready to minister to the vices of men.

The soldiers and sailors may ask for healthier quarters or higher pay, and these things may be denied to them because they cost money; but their vices the Government are quite willing to encourage because they cost nothing more than the slavery, disease, and death of women.

The Government may defend themselves by saying that vice is indispensable for health reasons. Then we ask them this question:—

You have in addition to soldiers and sailors one other class of men under your control. They are the men locked up in prisons, some of them for a long term of years. Do you provide Government women for men prisoners?

This inquiry goes to the very root of the matter, as a little consideration will show. And the women of the country are entitled to have an answer to it because their health and happiness are so gravely threatened by the Government's dealings in White Slavery and the Government's encouragement of Vice.

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

"THE OUTRAGETTES."

AN APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT FROM A LEADING NEWSPAPER.

The following article appeared as a leader in The Weekly Dispatch of April 13:

A new kind of woman has been created by the present Government, and the sooner she disappears the better for law and order and national dignity. This new woman is the Outragette. She began simply as one asking that women should have votes. Later she became a Suffragette and then a Militant, and finally, exasperated by the pettifogging evasions which are possible under our so-called system of representative government, she became an Outragette, a window-smasher, a rioter, wrecker, and incendiary.

The Outragettes are now a formidable, though small, section of the women's movement, and not the least element of their strength is that they have in Mrs. Pankhurst a leader capable of heroism and martyrdom. No one who followed her trial the other day at the Central Criminal Court will ever forget the burning passion of her defence, the high resolution which she proclaimed, just as have all those men and women who in the past have fought and suffered for our liberties. No one can condone an organised attack on society, but dull would we be of mind if we could not thrill at the spectacle of a brave woman defying the whole force of government and law.

Mrs. Pankhurst was never intended to be a law-breaker. Surely her qualities of devotion to the good of her fellow-women marked her out to be a law-maker. Yet the Government, led by men whose chief cleverness lies in evasion and their ability to play tricks with parliamentary procedure, have made Mrs. Pankhurst a law-breaker, have called into existence this wild tumult of Outragettes, women only in name and form, so completely have they been transformed into furies.

If we believe in democracy, in the moral truth that every human being is an end in itself, and does not exist to serve another's purpose, there is not and cannot be a single sound argument against admitting women to the full right of citizenship. The democrat is not going to be put off by the disgusting nonsense which has been put forward in the name of medical science, by such hopelessly confused arguments as were some time ago stated with a great parade of learned jargon by Sir Almoth Wright. Votes for Women is no more a question to be settled by physiologists than by lawyers or political intriguers.

The Liberal Party have always been ready to raise an outcry on behalf of oppressed peoples; and yet they refuse, through their leader, Mr. Asquith, to apply their own principles in the cause of the liberation of the millions of women who are the mothers, wives and daughters of the world's greatest nation. Never was the utter insincerity of Liberalism made clearer, and never has its lip-loyalty to democracy had worse consequences than the transformation of decent Englishwomen into the wild tribe of Outragettes. The smallest gleam of political insight would show our muddle-minded politicians that the cause of Votes for Women is irresistible, despite the excesses of a section of its supporters. In the name of common sense and national honour, we ask the Government to try for once to put its belief in democracy to the test and confer on the women the full rights of citizenship.

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THE REIGN OF TERROR—CONTINUED DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

Militancy Throughout the Country. MANSION BURNT DOWN. COUNCIL SCHOOLS FIRED. CRICKET PAVILION DESTROYED BY FIRE. Widespread Attacks on Pillar Boxes.

THE PRESS ON "NO ARRESTS."

The most startling feature attributed to militancy this week has been the burning of a fine seaside mansion at St. Leonards lately occupied by Mr. Arthur Du Cros, M.P. The damage is estimated at £10,000.

A cricket pavilion at Tunbridge Wells, was on April 11 completely destroyed by fire. The structure included dressing-rooms, refreshment bar and manager's office.

On April 9, a haystack valued at £100 was destroyed near Notting-ham.

On April 14, a great sensation was caused by the finding of a bomb inside the railings at the Bank of England.

On April 12, the Shipcote Council Schools at Gateshead-on-Tyne were set on fire, and damage to the amount of £50 was done before the flames were extinguished.

A pavilion on the Killarney Golf Course has been fired, telephone wires have been cut, and windows have been broken.

M.P.'S HOUSE BURNT OUT. ALIGHT FROM END TO END.

During Monday night the seaside mansion recently occupied by Mr. Arthur Du Cros, M.P., a fine house known as Levetleigh, was discovered to be on fire.

It was shortly after two o'clock when the flames were first noticed by a resident in the neighbourhood.

For over six hours the firemen laboured, but this morning only the bare walls are standing.

During the operations of the brigade two or three explosions were heard in various parts of the premises.

Levetleigh is one of the biggest houses in St. Leonards, and stands in Duneside, surrounded by extensive grounds.

During Mr. du Cros's residence the house was elaborately decorated and fitted up at great cost.

A quantity of Suffragist literature was found in the grounds.

PRECAUTIONS AT ASCOT.

It is stated that every precaution is being taken to ensure the safety of the stands at Ascot, and to protect them against attempted arson or other form of damage.

COUNCIL SCHOOLS FIRED. EXTENSIVE RAIDS ON PILLAR-BOXES. "SEE ASQUITH." FIRE BRIGADES CALLED OUT.

The Shipcote Council Schools at Gateshead-on-Tyne were fired on Saturday morning. The damage is attributed to Suffragists, who are supposed to have effected an entrance by breaking panes of glass at the back of the premises.

Labels also were discovered bearing the following inscription:— We are in earnest. For all the damage see Asquith; release Mrs. Pankhurst.

After a time the fire was extinguished, but not before £50 worth of damage had been done to the building. No arrests were made.

CRICKET PAVILION BURNT TO THE GROUND. FLAMES ROAR LIKE A FURNACE

The handsome pavilion used by the Kent County Club in the Nevill cricket ground at Tunbridge Wells was burned down early on Friday morning, April 11. The damage is estimated at £1,500.

The fire is attributed to Suffragettes, but no arrests were made.

The groundsman was aroused by the continuous barking of his dog, and on looking out of the window saw what appeared to be a ball of fire on the opposite side of the road.

His grasp of the situation, and in a few seconds was on the scene. Very little could be done in the way of salvage, however, owing to the rapidity with which the flames were gaining ground, and the intense heat.

The fire presented a magnificent sight, and could be seen for a very good distance around. The fierce glare of the blazing woodwork mingled with weird effect with the soft light of the approaching dawn.

The flames roared like a furnace, and the "sissing" of the water from the firemen's hose as it fell upon the blaze was mingled with the incessant crackling and spluttering which told of the fast advance of the fire.

Tongues of flame shot up from the roof for a considerable distance, and soon one part of the building in front was a mass of blackened ruins.

The rafters supporting the corrugated iron roofing fell one by one, crashing into the seating below, and sending up showers of sparks.

When the caretaker of St. Inke's Church, Abercarn, opened the church door he found that a quantity of oil had been placed on the matting along the south-west aisle.

An empty bottle which had contained oil and some vessels which had contained petroleum were also found, and on the matting was a partly-burnt match.

On Tuesday it was found that someone had ripped the corrugated iron roof, apparently in an endeavour to enter, and left a card inscribed "Votes for Women."

HAYSTACK FIRED.

Early on Wednesday morning, April 9, a haystack worth about £100, standing in a field just beyond the borough boundary at Wollaton, near Nottingham, was destroyed by fire.

A tin canister was discovered close by, together with a copy of THE SUFFRAGETTE for April 4. Inscribed prominently upon the back of the publication were the words: "We demand a Government measure."

It is reported that a plate-glass panel in a doorway of the Longley Golf Club, Huddersfield, has been smashed, and the secretary has received an unsigned postcard to the effect that the sentence on Mrs. Pankhurst must be avenged, and threatening to do damage to the green.

Some private telephone wires are reported to have been cut at Seven Kings.

At Torquay a black liquid contained in an uncovered tin was placed in a pillar-box. Attached to the tin was a label bearing the words: "From the Suffragettes—to the Man in the Street. Show your disapproval of spoilt letters. Force the Government, to provide State insurance for letters."

At Sloane-square post-office phosphorus was placed in the letter-box, with the result that the post office caught fire and three fire engines had to be summoned to put out the flames.

The following morning a postman stood outside the building holding a bag to receive the letters and explaining the sad occurrence to passers-by.

Many pillar-boxes in the Finchley and Finsbury districts of Hampstead were fired on Tuesday night, April 8, and quantities of letters were destroyed.

Shortly after three o'clock on the same afternoon, the post office officials discovered smoke issuing from the pillar-box outside Parliament-street Post Office. Water was obtained and the flames were quenched.

The contents of the letter-box were damaged by both fire and water.

TELEPHONES DAMAGED. NO VOTES, NO PEACE.

It is reported that telephones have been rendered useless at several Underground stations. The telephones which have been damaged are at Blackfriars, Mark-lane, Bishopsgate, London-bridge, Holborn-viaduct, and the Bank.

The following messages were discovered: "A message for the Government (the worst we have ever had)." "Release Mrs. Pankhurst."

"Enough of torture. England is being disgraced," and "No Votes, No Peace."

Over a dozen telegraph and telephone wires were discovered yesterday morning to have been cut at Box, a few miles from Bath, and an attempt had been made to sever a wire which would have had the effect of causing the Great Western Railway Company temporarily to close Box Tunnel and divert all the traffic.

The damage is attributed to Suffragists.

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Found Near the Burnt Cricket Pavilion.

ATTEMPT TO FIRE A CHURCH.

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BOMB AT THE BANK. GUNPOWDER IN A MILK-CAN.

A great sensation was caused at the Bank of England about three o'clock on Monday afternoon by the discovery by the police of a bomb which had been placed inside the railings around the Bank.

It is thought by the Press that the bomb had been placed there by Suffragettes.

A policeman on duty in Bartholomew-lane noticed a milk-can standing close to one of the pillars of the building. He picked up the can, and while he was examining it smoke began to rise.

Suspecting that the can contained an explosive, the constable rushed to the fountain outside the Royal Exchange and plunged the can into the water.

On examination later at Cloak-lane police station the milk-can was found to be a well-constructed bomb containing about two ounces of gunpowder, some hairpins, an electric battery and wire attached to a small chronometer watch, apparently set to explode the powder at 11 o'clock.

The Bank was searched by detectives, and was afterwards strongly patrolled by police. No arrest was made.

"A CALL FOR JUSTICE."

It is reported that on April 9 wires were cut in several public telephone boxes in Dundee. The following messages were left behind: "No Vote, No Peace."

"A Call for Justice to Mr. McKenna."

At Ilford on April 11 the fire alarm wires in three streets were found to have been tampered with, and one of them was a sheet of paper with the words upon it: "Votes for Women."

Early on Monday morning, April 7, it was discovered that "Votes for Women" had been painted in several places on the front of the residence of Mr. Pointer, M.P., at Sheffield, a black fluid having been used.

WINDOWS BROKEN. A SHOWER OF GLASS.

On the night of April 11 two plate-glass windows in the offices of The Standard, in Shoe-lane, Fleet-street, were broken by a Suffragist.

The timekeeper states that he was standing by his desk at nine o'clock when suddenly there were two loud reports, and a shower of glass flew past his head.

Turning to the windows, about four or five feet from where he was standing, he saw that both the panes were broken. He ran out of the building, accompanied by one of the workmen, who seized the arm of a woman who was walking leisurely away.

She at once admitted that she had broken the windows, and was asked to return with them to the office. She did so, and soon a policeman who had been notified of the window-smashing appeared on the scene.

In the woman's possession was a little hammer wrapped in black cloth.

The woman said that her name was Esther Gill, portrait artist, of 2, Hillside-road, Notting Hill-gate. Asked why she had smashed The Standard office window, she replied, "Because of your leaders in last Friday's and last Saturday's papers."

"What do you particularly object to?" "Chiefly to the references to our leader, Mrs. Pankhurst."

A large crowd which had collected was dispersed by the police.

BOWLING GREEN DAMAGED.

It is reported that Suffragists have torn up the turf on Ballahouston bowling-grounds at Glasgow. A number of Suffragist leaflets were found on the ground.

THE ATTEMPT AT KELSO. SUFFRAGISTS SENTENCED. TWO MORE ARRESTS. A SOLEMN FARCE.

As the result of investigations carried out by the Edinburgh City Police, two elderly ladies were arrested last night in their house in the Bruntsfield district on a warrant in connection with the attempted incursion at Kelso racecourse last Friday week.

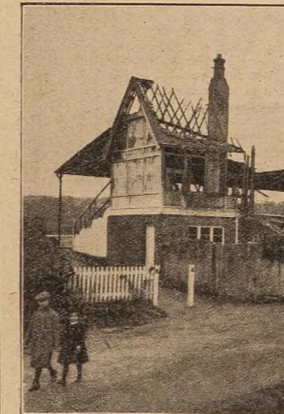
The two suspects, who are sisters, were brought to the Central Police Office and detained in the cells there all night. This morning they were taken to Kelso, where they appeared before the Sheriff, and made a declaration.

This afternoon they returned to Edinburgh, and were met at the Waverley Station by a number of sympathisers, with whom they exchanged a few words. They were taken in a taxi-cab to the Carlton Prison.

Bail was fixed at £100 each, and was forthcoming within an hour or more of their arrival in Edinburgh.

The following has been sent us from Edinburgh:—The names of the two ladies are Miss Agnes and Miss Elizabeth Thomson. Both ladies are missionaries, and have done a very great deal of useful work. They are much loved and respected. Both have already suffered imprisonment for the cause of womanhood.

A MASS OF CHARRED WOOD.



The Burnt Cricket Pavilion at Tunbridge Wells.

TURF CUT AT DUTHIE PARK. "RELEASE MRS. PANKHURST."

Early on Tuesday morning, April 8, at Duthie Park, Aberdeen, it was found that the words, "Release Mrs. Pankhurst," had been cut in large, prominent letters on the turf, just in front of the palm house. The cutting had been neatly and skilfully accomplished. In the word "Release" the letters measured about 12 feet by 3, the lines forming the letters being about three inches in width and depth.

The characters of the other words were of a smaller size.

Not content with this, the person or persons concerned painted on the door of the palm house in large letters in black paint, which showed clearly against the white background, the words: "Votes for Women."

MR. BIRRELL'S "ADVENTURE."

Mr. Birrell, who went to the Kingsway Theatre on Saturday afternoon to see The Great Adventure, was addressed at the close of the performance by Miss Nancy Lightman, a member of the Women's Social and Political Union, from a seat in the pit.

"Why don't you resign from this Government?" she asked. "How can an honourable man be a member of a Government that does in this way? You know perfectly well that the 'Cat and Mouse' Bill is absolutely useless!"

The incident caused some surprise, but there were cries of "Bravo!" from the audience.

MR. BARNES AT BOURNE-MOUTH. WOMEN EJECTED.

At a meeting organised by the Bournemouth Co-operative Society, held at the Coronation Picture Theatre on Sunday night, April 13, Mr. G. N. Barnes, M.P., was reminded of the dissatisfaction and indignation felt by women at the attitude of the Labour Party towards the Suffrage question.

The following account has been received from one who was present. As soon as Mr. Barnes rose to speak he was greeted with the cry of "Votes for Women," and a man and a woman were ejected.

A woman then reminded Mr. Barnes that women helped to pay his salary. The woman was ejected, but went on talking to Mr. Barnes all up the gangway.

The previous questioner then asked Mr. Barnes to make a statement, and also inquired why he had not voted against the Cat and Mouse Bill. Mr. Barnes sat down, and the chairman rose and asked the women if they would consent to be quiet. They said no; they could not wait any longer; the matter was urgent.

Mr. Barnes, rising again, said he appreciated the sincerity of the women, but that he had come to speak in co-operation, not on Suffrage; he was a sympathiser. Here there were further interruptions, one woman calling out, "Deeds, not words."

At length the stewards climbed over the seats, and two more women were ejected.

WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION—FEW ARRESTS. UNEASINESS OF THE AUTHORITIES.

An aspect of militancy which is causing uneasiness to the authorities is the fact that, despite the increased vigilance of the police, the authorship of the militant forms of protest is seldom detected.

"Since the campaign of destruction resumed in January (says The Morning Post) there has been a steady increase in regard to the raiding of pillar-boxes, false fire-alarms, cutting of telegraph and telephone wires, dismantling of call-boxes, destruction of flower beds and green houses, burning and cutting up of golf greens and tennis grounds, with minor annoyances, such as the stoppage of keyholes—a whole terrace of houses at a time being treated in this way—the painting out of house numbers, or the painting of suffrage mottoes across the doors. Yet not half a dozen arrests altogether have been made for any of these offences, totalling to thousands in number during the past two or three months."

The Manchester Guardian gives the following summary of the damage committed and the arrests effected.

Table with columns: Estimated damage, Arrests, and a list of locations such as Kew Gardens Orchard, Regent's Park Pavilion, etc.







AUSTRALIAN WOMEN AND MR. HARCOURT. "WE LOSE OUR POLITICAL STATUS."

A letter has been sent to Mr. Lewis Harcourt by Miss Vida Goldstein on behalf of the Women's Political Union of Victoria, expressing their regret that as Secretary of State for the Colonies he should adopt a passive attitude to the enfranchisement of women in the United Kingdom...

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Vigorous preparations for an active by-election campaign against the Government candidate in Whitechapel are being made.

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W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE SUMMER FESTIVAL.

Now that the great Albert Hall meeting is over, members are asked to concentrate their attention upon the Summer Festival and Sale of Work which is to be held in the Empress Rooms, Kensington, from June 3 to 13.

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CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE PROPAGANDA WORK OF THE W.S.P.U.

Printed below are reports from various local and provincial Unions, which furnish striking proof of the enormous amount of educational and propaganda work that is being done week by week in all parts of the country by the Women's Social and Political Union.

In addition to the administration of their own schemes and the raising of their own funds, these local and provincial organisations contributed large sums to the central funds at the Albert Hall Demonstration, and are now concentrating on making SUFFRAGETTE Week as successful as they recently made Self-Denial Week.

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Balham and Tooting. Members please note meeting Bijou Hall, Wednesday, April 23, 8 p.m. Chair, Miss Gibbs; speakers' names later. Members meeting 12, Foxbourne-road, April 30, 8 p.m. (Hon. Sec. Mrs. Cockesidge, 12, Foxbourne-road, Balham.)

Barnet. Members are asked to send in their half-yearly subscription (2s.) as soon as possible. (Hon. Sec., Miss M. A. Mace, Selbourne, Hadley.)

Bermondsey and Southwark. The winter campaign has proved so successful that it is hoped to continue the work outdoor and indoor meetings are now being arranged; canvassers and speakers warmly welcomed.

Bowes Park and District. Many thanks to Mr. Greenfield for his paper given last Tuesday. Members are congratulated on their splendid response to Self-Denial Fund; £22 was presented at Albert Hall meeting as a contribution from local Union.

Camden and Tottenham. A meeting will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Tottenham, on Wednesday, April 23, 8 p.m. Chair, Miss Taylor. Speakers are asked to help make this meeting successful. Tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d. may be had from Mrs. Pankhurst, 12, Foxbourne-road, Balham; Miss Wright, 15, Sheepcote-road; Mrs. Mundy, 88, Northwhite-road; also at 23, Butler-avenue, where a meeting will be held on Friday, 19th.

Canterbury and Dulwich. A strenuous spring campaign is being organised, and both indoor and outdoor meetings will be held. The Bermondsey and Southwark Missions has been most encouraging. Arrests and convictions are not in ordinary course reported to the Home Office, and even in the case of persons received in prison, the connection with the Suffrage agitation is not necessarily known.

Chelms. Today (Friday) Miss Minna Sheppard is giving an address on "Life in the Desert." Will members offer for paper-selling on pitch and at evening meetings? Please send in parcels for jumble sale as soon as possible. Articles of every description acceptable, gratefully acknowledged. Miss Downing, 5s. donation. Self-Denial Fund was £24 12s. (Hon. Sec. Mrs. Haig, Shop, 308, Kingsway, Tel. 2858 Kensington.)

Clapham. Members who were absent from Albert Hall will be pleased to know that a purse containing £26 10s. was presented as a result of efforts of Self-Denial. Everyone is reminded of jumble sale which takes place shortly. Parcels urgently needed, and can be sent to office at any time. Paper-sellers at jumble are wanted at once. (Hon. Sec. Mrs. C. Strong, Office, 84, Elphinstone-road.)

Croydon. A country walk has been arranged for Saturday, April 19. Mrs. Wallis, of Croydon, has kindly promised to give us. Tickets 6d. each. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Day, 10s. worth of chocolates; Miss Shale, 5s.; Mrs. Inglis, 1s. 4d.; Miss Elay, 1s.; Miss Walter, 5s.; Mrs. Cockesidge, 1s.; Mrs. Arnes, 2s. 5d.; Mrs. Arter, 1s.; Mrs. Org. Sec. Mrs. Cameron-Evans, Shop, 50, High-street.)

Ealing. Thanks to Miss Taylor (who has opened our campaign here for the last three years) and Mr. Tom Norris, who spoke for us on Sunday, April 6; also thanks are due to local police, who were present in numbers to keep order. Fortunately, their services were not required on this occasion.

Fulham and Putney. Members annual meeting will be held Wednesday, May 7, 8.30 p.m. It is hoped that Miss Macaulay will speak and that there will be a record attendance. Open-air meetings recommence on April 25. £23 was sent up from this branch at Albert Hall meeting (including members' collecting-cards).

Hackney. The office at 40, Medion-road, kindly placed at our disposal temporarily by Dr. Elizabeth Wilks, is no longer available, so that all communications should be addressed to the Hon. Sec. at 39, Pembury-road until further arrangements can be made.

Hamstead. The "At Home" kindly given by Mr. Bull at Prince Arthur-road Library on April 7 was most successful. The most interesting feature was the presentation of the Speeches of Miss Emma Wylie, Miss E. Whitley, and Mr. Bull gratefully appreciated.

Harrow. A meeting will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Wednesday, April 23, 8 p.m. Chair, Miss Taylor. Speakers are asked to help make this meeting successful. Tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d. may be had from Mrs. Pankhurst, 12, Foxbourne-road, Balham; Miss Wright, 15, Sheepcote-road; Mrs. Mundy, 88, Northwhite-road; also at 23, Butler-avenue, where a meeting will be held on Friday, 19th.

Kensington. Thanks to all those members who contributed so liberally to Self-Denial Fund, amount raised being £177 12s. 9d. A house-to-house canvass of members was made, when collecting envelopes were left and afterwards called for; amount raised in this way was £143 7s. 8d., the remaining £24 5s. 1d. was amount sent in on Self-Denial collecting-cards. Miss Douglas presented purse u Albert Hall. Members were present on Saturday in procession to Holloway, the black flags used in Tower Hill procession last autumn were carried. Special thanks due to Miss Gordon, Miss Burdett, and Miss Fox for their help in carrying local banner. Over £18 worth of Albert Hall tickets were sold in shop. More paper-sellers needed. Will anyone volunteer to sell on Saturday mornings at High-street pitch? Sales very good this week, but more sellers wanted. Gratefully acknowledged from Miss Kemp: 10s. for Self-Denial Fund. (Hon. Sec. Miss Postlewaite, Shop and office, 145, Church-street, Kensington. Tel. 2116 Western.)

Kingston. Grateful thanks to all who helped at great Surbiton meeting. Members are reminded of appeals for jumbles, and are asked to send in articles suitable for this. The Great Bridge drive at Mrs. Winch's a complete success. A future series will be arranged shortly. A library is now being started. Paper-sellers and members are asked to help by lending books and borrowing them. Members are once again reminded of the Aberdeen Cate-Penny scheme which is on view at the office.

North Islington. Many thanks to members for generous gifts of money and articles, which resulted in a purse of £14 being sent up at Albert Hall. Will those willing to help at prison meetings please let secretary know, this branch being responsible for two meetings weekly. Welcome to two new members, Miss Peck and Mrs. Crosby, and gratefully acknowledged from Miss E. V. Adams, 3s. 4d., "continued Self-Denial." Tea and sweets always on sale at office, which is open every evening at 7 and on Saturdays at 5. (Hon. Sec. Miss C. Bryer, Office, 19, St. Thomas-road, Finsbury-park.)

Southend-on-Sea. Will members make an effort either to sell or give away their jumble tickets; things are coming in well. More helpers are wanted for selling on Monday. Sunday meetings are larger than ever before. Miss Jarvis had a splendid hearing last Sunday. Paper-sellers wanted. Many thanks to following ladies who have sent in their boxes: Miss Dart, £14 6s.; Mrs. Flynn, 11s. 2d.; Miss L. Tyson, 1s. 8d.; Miss D. Tyson, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Crosby, 2s.; Mrs. Hart, 11s. 10d.; Mrs. and Miss Huish, 2s. 6d.; Miss Clifford, 2s. 9d.; Mrs. White, 5s. 5d.; Miss B. Blackman, 11s. 6d.; Mrs. Blackman, 11s. 5d.; Miss Dalglish, 8s. 4d.; Miss Chilton, 1s. 6d.; Miss Hovenden, 2s. 1d.; Mr. W. E. Hart, 4s. (Self-Denial). (Hon. Sec., Miss Leonora Tyson, Shop, 5, Strubbery-road.)

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Sydenham and Forest Hill. There will be two more meetings at Foresters' Hall (see list of meetings), and Mrs. Lamartine Yates has kindly consented to give a lantern lecture at Lordship-lane Hall, Wednesday, May 7. Will all who can help in any way in preparing for this meeting call at office as soon as possible? (Hon. Sec., Miss Metcalfe, Shop, 6, Imperial-buildings, London-road.)

Lewisham. Thanks to Miss Froud for speech last Sunday to a very attentive and large crowd.

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Scarborough.

Miss Millar Wilson's meeting on April 11 was a great success. Miss Key Jones took the chair. Audience most enthusiastic and sympathetic; splendid collection and seven dozen copies of THE SUFFRAGETTE sold at meeting and Saturday morning in street. Will all members make special effort now to advertise Mrs. Drummond's meeting at 4.30 on Thursday, May 1, 8 o'clock. Call at shop for tickets and bills to distribute all over town. (Hon. Sec. Miss Nora Vickerman. Shop, 33, St. Nicholas' Cliff.)

Sheffield.

Mrs. Baines' open-air campaign continues till April 25. Will members attend in full force? Paper-sellers for SUFFRAGETTE Week commencing April 24 please volunteer at once. Members and friends are asked to begin work at once for sale of work to be held from June 3 to 15. Promises to be sent to local sec. or Miss Morris. Library has again been enlarged; many thanks to those who have given large parcels of books. French and German books have been added. (Hon. Sec. Miss E. M. Schuster. Shop, 26-28, Chapel Walk.)

York.

Members urged to concentrate on General Drummond's meeting and make it a splendid one. Helpers wanted for cracker and poster making, canvassing, chalking and stewarding. THE SUFFRAGETTE has had splendid sales; more sellers wanted. Many new subscribers have joined finance scheme; more wanted. Grateful thanks for contributions to Albert Hall collection. (Org. Miss Key Jones. Hon. Secs. Mrs. Coultate, Miss Agnes Sufield. Office, Colby Chambers, Coppergate.)

NORTH-WESTERN COUNTIES.

Liverpool.

A series of open-air meetings was held last week, thanks to Miss Jarvis. Special members' meeting Wednesday at office, 7.30 p.m. Every member is urged to be present. Gratefully received—Self-Denial Fund: Mrs. John Edwards, £2 5s. 6d.; Miss Hatch, 5s.; Miss Craig, 5s.; Mrs. A. Heisterington, 10s.; Mrs. Kelly, £10; Mrs. Webb, £10; Mrs. Martin, 10s.; Miss M. B. Barr, 5s.; Mrs. Oldham, 5s.; Mrs. Inlakh, 5s.; Mrs. Manford, 5s.; Mrs. Wheeler, 5s.; Miss Helen Gordon, £1 10s. New subscribers to office fund: Mrs. Clark, Miss H. Gordon. Will every member please give at least 6d. a month to office fund? Over £85 was sent from Liverpool to Albert Hall. Members are congratulated. Please reserve jumbles for sale to be held next month. (Org. Miss H. Jollie. Office, Canning-chambers, 2, South John-street.)

Manchester.

It is hoped all who are able will be present at Onward-buildings, Deansgate, to-night (Friday) at concert arranged by Miss Edith Russell. Admission by programme, 2s., 1s., and 6d., which may be had at office or hall. The cases of Mrs. Forrester, Miss Maister, and Miss Briggs have been sent to the Assizes, which commence on April 22. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend Assize Courts during trial. Amount raised at Jumble sale was £12—not £8, as stated last week. £20 was sent to the Albert Hall meeting. There is still a gold chain and purse, £5, for sale, and a lady's silver card case, 2s. Will members please pay their monthly contribution more regularly? (Hon. Sec., Miss K. Wallwork, 32, King-street West.)

Wallasey.

Will members please note that during summer months a meeting will be held on 21st Monday in each month. Mrs. Criddle, 21, Martin-lane, Liscard, has kindly lent her drawing-room for this purpose. Next meeting will be on Monday, May 5, 8 p.m., when it is hoped that every member will be present. (Hon. Sec., Miss Lee, 36, Belvidere-road.)

SCOTLAND.

Bo'ness.

Mrs. Blair addressed interested audience on "Why Woman Suffrage Appeals to Me as a Mother and Home Maker." An animated discussion followed, and a good collection was taken. Next meeting Tuesday, April 22; speaker, Miss Murrel Scott. (Hon. Sec., Miss H. Murray.)

Dundee.

A spirited debate between local members of Socialist Labour Party and of the W.S.P.U. took place at offices of latter on Wednesday, April 9. Will members attend in strong force on Wednesday, 23rd, at office, when, among other things, plans will be discussed for still further increasing circulation of THE SUFFRAGETTE. Suggestions will be heartily welcomed. Advantage was taken of Dundee holiday on Monday, 7th inst., to hold a stall at the Fruit and Flower Market to exhibit W.S.P.U. goods and literature. "Votes for Women" rack was a great attraction, and good propaganda work was done among visitors to stall. The Saturday market stall one of the most useful bills of work done in Dundee, and best thanks are accorded to those who so faithfully give up part of their holiday to make stall a success. (Org., Miss F. Parker. Offices, 61, Nethergate.)

Edinburgh.

Edinburgh members were delighted with Mrs. Crawford's meetings. Many strangers attended evening ward meeting. Mrs. Grievie, of Collieston, is resisting her Imperial taxes. Her goods will probably be sold at Douglas and Smart's Sale Rooms, Portobello, on Friday, 18th; but please see evening papers, and

support Mrs. Grievie in this form of protest by attending a large number. A public meeting will be held immediately afterwards, and will be addressed by Miss M. Burr Murdoch and Miss Melrose. Members will be glad to know that Miss Barbara Wyllie will speak in Edinburgh on Thursday, May 1. (Hon. Sec., Miss Macdonald. Office, 27, Frederick-street.)

Glasgow.

During time of Mrs. Pankhurst's imprisonment pavement in front of shop was often blocked by great crowds reading Mrs. Hector's printed notices in window. One member, Miss Morrison, brought in seven signed membership cards on one day. Four hundred SUFFRAGETTES were sold during first three days of Mrs. Pankhurst's imprisonment. Members are asked to call for tickets to give out in Anderson for women's meeting in Cranston-hill Hall on April 23. Mrs. John Murray, Miss Finn, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Keisall, and Miss Soga are thanked for contributing books to library. (Org., Miss Underwood. Office, 502, Sauchiehall-street.)

Speakers' Class.

Hon. Education Mistress, Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin-avenue, W.; Hon. Sec., Miss L. Blundell, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.

New members are to be congratulated upon the interest of their speeches last Friday. The subject for to-night will be "Military." All communications regarding the above class should be made to Miss L. Blundell. Miss Leo's private classes take place every Saturday at 41, Norfolk-square, W., by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton, at 4 p.m. Full particulars of these classes can be obtained from Miss Leo.

RULES.

1. Members of the W.S.P.U. only are eligible. 2. The class is held in Lincoln's Inn House every Friday, at 7.45 p.m. sharp. 3. Entrance fee, 3d. weekly; proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature. 4. The library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or put by post before the next class. 5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted except intending speakers.

Bow and Bromley Speakers' Class.

Instructor, Miss Rosa Leo; Hon. Sec., Miss Hilda Gargett, 4, Stonard-road, Palmer's-green, N. (to whom all communications with respect to this class should be addressed).

RULES.

1. This class is formed for members of the W.S.P.U. Men desirous of speaking on behalf of Votes for Women are also eligible. 2. The class will be held on every Monday evening at 7.45 p.m. sharp, in the Upper Room, Out and Out Mission, Tredegar-road, Bow, E. 3. A charge of 1d. weekly will be made. 4. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted except intending speakers.

REPORTS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES.

Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement.

A final and urgent appeal is made to members and friends to get their tickets for dramatic performance at the Cripplegate Institute by the "Edward Terry" Dramatic Club on Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m. (doors open at 7.30 p.m.), in aid of the William Ball Fund. Tickets (4s., 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d.) can be obtained at M.P.U. office, at Kensington W.S.P.U. shop, from Miss Vibert at Women's Press, and at the door. Mr. E. Shaw and Miss Rogers had a good hearing from a very large audience at Regent's Park on Sunday, and on Monday a meeting was held at Shepherd's Bush to protest against the forcible feeding of Mr. Hugh Franklin, who has been offering a fierce resistance to this form of torture for over five weeks. Next week Mr. H. J. Gillespie will address a series of meetings in Bristol and Bath under the auspices of Bristol M.P.U. Branch (Hon. Sec., Mr. H. M. T. Lehmann, Shirehampton, near Bristol). For meetings see programme. Good progress is being made with the Leeds branch of this union, and members and sympathisers in the West Riding of Yorkshire are requested to communicate with the Hon. Sec., Mr. S. R. Campion, 14, Hovingham-terrace, Harehills-lane, Leeds. Will all members in this district do their utmost to promote the success of Mr. Lambury's meeting in the Albert Hall, Leeds, Tuesday, April 22, 8 p.m.? Already acknowledged, £1,869 9s. 9d.; Anon., £2; Mrs. U. K. Westbrook (special donation), 10s.; Miss L. Franklin, £1; Mr. F. W. Pedrick Lawrence, £2; O. F. S., O. F. (special donation), 5s.; Dr. Morison, 1s.; Mr. H. Stanley Jevons, 1s. 6d.; Miss A. C. G. Wright, £1 1s.; sundry receipts, 1s.; membership fees, 7s.; £1,918 1s. 3d. (Hon. Sec., Victor Duval. Offices, 13, Buckingham-street, Strand, W.C.)

Men's Federation for W.S.

Members are again to be congratulated upon splendid way in which they came to support of speakers of W.S.P.U. As a result of their efforts the speakers were again able to obtain a hearing on Sunday last in Hyde Park, in spite of the added difficulties of so vast a crowd. The W.S.P.U. meetings outside Holloway Prison badly need the presence of men supporters, and Secretary will be grateful if every member will immediately let him know how much time in the week he can spare for this purpose. (Hon. Sec., Victor Duval. Office, 28, St. Paul's-chambers, Ludgate-hill, E.C.)

Irish Women's Franchise League.

On Tuesday, April 7, Mrs. Sheffington, presiding at weekly meeting, paid tribute to

Miss Marjorie Haider and Mr. Fred Ryan, whose deaths will prove such a deep loss to the League. Miss Bourke-Dowling dealt with the "Cat-and-Mouse" Bill. Miss Cahalan, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Quinn, and Mr. R. Ryan contributed to a bright discussion. The League is making special arrangements for paper-selling during Spool Week, opening next Tuesday. A successful meeting was held at Portlinton Town Hall by Mrs. Skeffington and Mrs. Cosans on Friday last. Speeches of support were made by the Rev. Dudley Fletcher and the Rev. W. Merrick. Meetings will be held at 8 p.m. in Town Halls of Bantry on April 16, Bandon on 17th, Skibbereen on 18th, and sympathisers in those districts are asked to attend. Mrs. Cosans and Mrs. Conery will be the speakers. Members are asked to make preparations of gifts for SUFFRAGETTE Week, from May 1 to 6, when a Suffrage Shop will be taken and street-selling of all kinds in aid of funds will be undertaken. Gifts of country produce, flowers, sweets, cakes, jams, marmalade, &c., are requested to be sent in before that date. (Office, Ancient Concert, Buildings, Great Brunswick-street, Dublin.)

The New Constitutional Society for W.S.

The Society is taking part in the White-chapel by-election; speakers and workers will be asked to help should communicate with the office at once. Funds urgently needed. Donations should be sent in at once to treasurer, Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, is organising a band of ladies to promenade round the House of Commons on Monday and Tuesday, W.S.P.U. Shop, Totterdell-street, Westminster. Volunteers, especially among constitutionalists, are earnestly needed, and should communicate with Miss McGowan, 79, Claverton-street, S.W. This Society is also organising a band of women wearing colours of the N.C.S., for street-selling of all Suffrage papers. Volunteers for this work should send in their names to the secretary at this office. On Saturday, April 19th, a drawing-room meeting will be held at 40, Lowndes-square, by kind permission of Mrs. Cameron-Head. Miss Abadam will speak, and Mrs. Cecil Chapman will take chair. Cards of admission can be obtained from the office. At next office "At Home," Tuesday, April 22, Mrs. Portwee will read a paper by Dr. Lambert on "Isen and Women." Hostess, Mrs. Rundle. On Sunday, April 20, 12 o'clock, usual meeting will be held in Hyde Park. SUFFRAGETTES are most earnestly entreated to attend these meetings and support the speakers. (Office, 8, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightbridge.)

Women's Tax Resistance League.

The Women's Tax Resistance League has arranged to hold a public meeting in Carlton Hall on Monday, April 22, when principal speaker will be Earl Russell and Mr. Israel Zangwill. The subject will be "The Altitude taken up in regard to the Taxation of Married

Women in the forthcoming Finance Bill." Further particulars will be announced in a few days. (Sec., Mrs. Kinson Parks. Office, 10, Talbot House, 98, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.)

The Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, Liverpool.

A whist drive will be held Saturday, April 19, 7 p.m., at 18, Colquitt-street, Liverpool. Tickets may be obtained by applying to Miss Florence Ross, Hon. Sec., 66, Park-road South, Birkenhead.

The Church League for W.S.

April 18: Edinburgh branch meeting, Rev. C. Hinchliff. April 19: Brighton and Hove branch meeting, 3 p.m., at office; Miss Whitlow on "Work of a Teacher of Domestic Economy." April 21: Finance Committee, 6 p.m.; executive, 7 p.m., 6, York-buildings, Adelphi. April 22: Cardiff meeting, Rev. C. Hinchliff. April 24: Cardiff meeting, Rev. C. Hinchliff. (Office, 6, York-buildings, Adelphi.)

Irish League for Women's Suffrage.

The fortnightly meeting on the 15th was a very representative one, and the able speaker, Dr. Miller Maguire, held his audience from beginning to end with his scholarly address. The concert entertainment in support of Irish League promises to be a huge success, judging from number of outsiders who are purchasing tickets, of which only a limited number has been issued. (Office, Emerson Club, 19, Duckington-street, Strand.)

The Catholic Women's Suffrage Society.

The office hours are 4 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is hoped to hold a public meeting in Fulham at end of this month, and friends are asked to write to Secretary and volunteer to give out handbills of meeting outside the Catholic churches on the Sundays before. Full particulars and date of meeting will be published next week. (Acting Sec., Miss Monica Whately. Office, Room 55, Berars-street, Oxford-street.)

The Forward Gynic Suffrage Union.

A well-attended meeting of the F.S.U. was held at Essex Hall, Strand, on Monday, April 7. The secretary was in the chair. Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck dealt with the contrast between the words and deeds of Cabinet Ministers. Mr. Charles Gray spoke of the spiritual motive underlying the militant. Mrs. Mansell-Monlin gave a graphic account of the North Wales campaign, and also told the audience of Miss Llewellyn's military-cymmer. Thursday, April 17, at 6.30, Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m.; Bangor, Friday, April 19, at 4 p.m.; Portlaoise, Saturday, April 19, 6.30 p.m. The 10 a.m. meeting is held by request of the miners, who are working on the night shift. Mrs. Davies and local speakers will speak at the meeting. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. M. E. Davies, 53, Wandsworth Bridge-road, Fulham.)



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