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XXI.—OUR WOMEN MAYORS.

COUNCILLOR MISS HUDSON, J.P., MAYOR OF EASTBOURNE.

My interview with Councillor Miss Hudson, J.P., Eastbourne's first woman Mayor, will always remain a pleasant recollection with me. She received me most genially and kindly, in spite of the fact that, as she confessed, she greatly dislikes speaking of her own work or speaking in public. Yet the amount and nature of the public work that she has done have been both large and varied, and on the one occasion on which I heard her speak on a public platform, her calm, clear statement of facts and pleasant voice and manner were very striking. In a few minutes, I came to the conclusion that here was a woman far more given to deeds than words, as the following details of her previous activities will show.

In October, 1918, Miss Hudson gave up (owing to reasons of health) her secretaryship of the V.A.D. Hospital which she had held for three years, and went to the London School of Economics for a course of social science. Upon her return home, a vacancy offered for the Borough Council in a Ward which there was reasonable cause to think would adopt a woman candidate, and, after a keen, but in every way pleasant fight, she was elected with a large majority, and thus became the first woman Councillor in Eastbourne. In 1923, Miss Hudson was among the three first women magistrates appointed in Eastbourne. She has always taken great interest in women's work, and was Hon. Treasurer of the National Council of Women for the first five years.

of the Eastbourne branch, being this year its President.

Miss Hudson was the first Secretary of the Women Citizens' Association, which has been largely instrumental in securing the election of the present four women on the Borough Council. She still holds the position of Secretary, after having been President for three years, an office which can only be held for that period. Miss Hudson is Secretary of the Princess Alice Hospital Linen Guild, which she helped to start in 1914. She is a visitor for the War Pensions Committee. On the Council her chief interests have been in maternity and child welfare work (she has indeed been Chairman of the Maternity Home ever since she has been on the Council), in education, both on committees and as manager of many of the schools under the Authority, and in the Watch Committee.

Readers of THE VOTE will be glad to know that there is a policewoman in Eastbourne, also that there is a hostel for women which is run on just the lines of the new Cecil Houses. There is a real need for it, and it could hardly have a better Chairman than our Mayor.

As regards her work as Mayor, Miss Hudson says that she has held office for too short a time to be able to say very much about it, but she finds the work extremely interesting and is greatly enjoying it, although, of course, it is pretty strenuous. In this connection, in view of the fact that many people seem to consider that a woman's domestic duties are incom-



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patible with public work, it was very pleasant to hear that Miss Hudson manages to perform both, and that she believes it the part of a good citizen to undertake both so long as neither is neglected. It was also extremely gratifying to hear that, from the beginning of her term of office, she has received, not only from the Council, but from the townspeople generally, the utmost kindness, and that the Council gives her its fullest and most considerate support. She can say the same of the officials, and has reason to be particularly grateful for the help and advice of the Town Clerk.

I left Miss Hudson with the feeling that Eastbourne is indeed fortunate in having for its Mayor one who will lose no opportunity of furthering its interests and contributing to its welfare in every possible way.

ADA E. FARMER.

MORE ABOUT WOMEN J.P.s.

The *Hampshire Advertiser and Independent* reports that, at a Conference of Hampshire Women Citizens' Associations and kindred organisations, held recently at Winchester, a resolution was carried, moved by Miss Hill, J.P., and seconded by Lady Hort, J.P., that it was desirable to appoint two or more women as Justices of the Peace to each County Bench in the county, and at least one woman to each Borough Court.

The *Kent Messenger* reports that Mr. A. C. Edmonds moved that Gillingham Town Council should congratulate Councillor Mrs. B. J. Parr on her honour in being appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county. Mr. G. A. Blackwell, seconding, remarked that it was an honour which possibly could not be granted to many members of the Council, through their not being qualified. Mr. A. S. J. Treacher objected to Mr. Blackwell's remarks. Alderman H. J. Hepworth was not favourably inclined towards the motion, but thought a strong objection should be sent to the county authorities, who, he said, had ignored the Council's recommendation, made a few years ago, that Alderman Knight should be appointed. The honour had been conferred upon a junior member, and it was "a disgrace," and something was not working satisfactorily. Alderman J. J. Knight also took exception to Mr. Blackwell's remark, and said he would like to know what the qualifications were.

Mr. Edmonds thought one qualification was to be able to adjudicate without undue bias in any political direction. Mrs. Parr said she did not desire the congratulations of anyone, but thought the appointment had undoubtedly been made for services rendered. To be pulled to pieces in the manner she had been was absolutely disgraceful, childish, and probably because she was a woman.

The motion to congratulate Mrs. Parr was carried, Alderman Hepworth voting against.

ARGENTINE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

The *Times* reports that, as a result of the disclosures made recently at Geneva regarding the White Slave Traffic, the Argentine President, Dr. de Alvear, has ordered a strict watch to be kept on the ports. One hundred arrests have been made.

Special issues of "Our Women Mayors":—XX. Councillor Mrs. Coxon, Mayor of King's Lynn, March 26th, 1926; XIX. Mrs. F. J. Simpson, Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Northampton, February 26th, 1926; XVIII. Councillor Miss Lucy Dales, Mayor of Dunstable, January 22nd, 1926; XVII. Councillor Miss Edith Neville, M.B.E., J.P., Mayor of Lincoln, December 11th, 1925; XVI. Alderman Miss Smea, J.P., Mayor of Acton, October 30th, 1925; XV. Dame Catherine Hunt, D.B.E., J.P., Mayor of Colchester, March 6th, 1925; XIV. Miss Margaret Wix, Mayor of St. Albans, February 13th, 1925; XIII. Mrs. Eva Hartree, Mayor of Cambridge, January 30th, 1925; XII. Mrs. Ethel Leach, J.P., Mayor of Great Yarmouth, January 16th, 1925; XI. Mrs. M. A. Mercer, Mayor of Birkenhead, December 19th, 1924; X. Miss C. Maude Eve, Mayor of Stoke Newington, November 28th, 1924; IX. Miss Ethel Mary Colman, Lord Mayor of Norwich, January 11th, 1924; VIII. Dame Janet Stancomb-Wills, D.B.E., Mayor of Ramsgate, January 4th, 1924; VII. Councillor Mrs. Alderton, J.P., Mayor of Colchester, November 9th, 1923; VI. Miss Beatrice Cartwright, J.P., Mayor of Brackley, Northants, December 15th, 1922; V. Mrs. Ada Salter, Mayor of Bermondsey, December 1st, 1922; IV. Councillor Miss Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., Mayor of Cheltenham, September 15th, 1922; III. Councillor Miss Christina Hartley, Mayor of Southport, Lancs, August 11th, 1922; II. Mrs. J. M. Phillips, Mayor of Honiton, Devon, July 7th, 1922; I. Mrs. Ellen Chapman, Mayor of Worthing, June 2nd, 1922.

WOMEN AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Woman Wins Hawthornden.

The Hawthornden Prize, of the value of £100, given for the best literary production of the year, whether verse or prose, drama, fiction, essay or poetry, has, for 1926, been awarded to Violet Sackville West.

Women's Successes at Cambridge.

Miss W. L. C. Sargent, of Newnham College, appears among the 18 Wranglers in the Mathematical Tripos Lists, and 14 women among the 40 Senior Optimes. One woman, Miss L. K. Keast, of Girton, was placed in Class I. in the Mathematical Tripos, Part II., and seven women were placed in Class II.

Married Women Banned.

The Leigh (Lancashire) Education Committee has decided upon the impertinence of inquiring into the private circumstances of its married women teachers. If these women fail to prove that they have no means of subsistence other than their teaching salaries, they are to be dismissed. Further, no married women will in future be appointed by this benighted Committee.

Women's Boat Race.

The first women's eights' race over the full Oxford-Cambridge course was won by the Ace Women's Rowing Club over Weybridge, in the good time of 26 min. 57 sec.—six minutes over Cambridge's time for the same course this year.

Women Aviators.

It seems it will not be long before women fly the Atlantic. Two are already making arrangements, Mrs. Phillips, a Russo-American, who plans to fly via New York to London, and Fräulein Basche, who plans to cross via the United States, Newfoundland and Ireland.

Mrs. Massingham, M.P.?

Mrs. H. J. Massingham, who married the eldest son of the late Mr. H. W. Massingham, has been adopted as prospective Labour candidate for the Petersfield Division of East Hants.

Miss Hawkins's New Appointment.

Miss Helen Kathleen Hawkins, M.A., who is at present at the County Training College, Crewe, has been appointed Principal of the Lichfield and Southwell Diocesan Training College, Derby.

French Senate and Votes for Women.

The *Times* reports that the Committee of the Senate, which has been considering the proposal of M. Louis Martin, a member of the Group of the Democratic Left, that women of 25 years and over should have an equal right with men to vote and be elected, has issued a report recommending the Senate not to proceed with the discussion of the measure.

MISS COLLISSON.

It was a happy thought of Mrs. Corbett Ashby to so kindly arrange a delightful tea party at the Forum Club last Tuesday afternoon, to give opportunity to the many friends of Miss Collisson, able Secretary of the British Commonwealth League, to give her their congratulations and best wishes on her Presentation at the Court that afternoon.

Women of the British Commonwealth League were proud of Miss Collisson, and recognised that the women of all our Dominions were represented by her.

IN PARLIAMENT

Children Born in Prison.

MR. CECIL WILSON (Lab., Attercliffe) asked the Home Secretary the number of children born in prisons in this country for each of the last ten years? SIR W. JOYNSON-HICKS: The numbers of children born in prison in England and Wales during each of the ten years from 1916-17 to 1925-26 were 28, 33, 21, 24, 19, 23, 18, 10, 15, and 15.

London Lock Hospital.

LT.-COL. FREMANTLE (U., St. Albans) asked the Minister of Health if he has received complaints with regard to the management of the London Lock Hospital; if he is in a position to reassure the public on the subject; and, if not, in view both of the grants made to it by public authorities and of the national importance of the work which it undertakes, will he direct an inquiry to be made? MR. CHAMBERLAIN: The hospital in question is a voluntary one, and my hon. and gallant Friend will appreciate that the general management of voluntary hospitals does not come under my review. Any grants to this hospital in respect of specific services are made by local authorities, principally by the London County Council. I understand that the Council have given notice of withdrawal of their grant in connection with a general review of their arrangements for the venereal disease service, and I have concurred in their proposed action. In these circumstances there seems no reason for any inquiry. LT.-COL. FREMANTLE: If the right hon. Gentleman was specially asked to do so by the Board of Management, would he be prepared to appoint a Committee of Inquiry? MR. CHAMBERLAIN: Yes. If the Board of Management made a request to me for an inquiry into the general management of the hospital, I should be prepared to consider that question.

Children's Home (Inspection).

MR. CECIL WILSON (for Mr. PETHICK-LAWRENCE) asked the Home Secretary what steps he is proposing to take to implement the proposals of the Child Adoption Committee relating to the inspection of homes and institutions for poor children or young persons, which are wholly or partly supported by voluntary contributions? SIR W. JOYNSON-HICKS: I propose to take these recommendations into consideration in connection with other recommendations made by the Young Offenders' Committee, which, in both cases, involve amendments of the Children Act, 1908.

School-leaving Age.

MR. R. RICHARDSON (Lab., Houghton-le-Spring) asked the President of the Board of Education whether he has considered the resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Association of Education Committees urging that legislation should be passed, providing that, within a period not exceeding six years from the present year, it shall be legally obligatory for children to attend school up to the age of 15; and whether, in view of the statement in his letter of January last to the Chairman of the Consultative Committee, to the effect that his reason for not carrying out the recommendation of the Consultative Committee as to the raising of the school age was that, by so doing, he would disturb the plans of local education authorities, he is now prepared to introduce legislation providing that the age of compulsory school attendance shall be raised to 15 at the date recommended by the annual meeting of the Association of Education Committees? LORD EUSTACE PERCY: I have seen a report of the resolution in the Press, but the Association has not communicated with me on the subject. The hon. Member appears to have forgotten that last January I invited local authorities again, as I had already done two years ago in Circular 1,358, to formulate their views on the question of the school-leaving age, and that, in March, I asked them to undertake comprehensive surveys of the ultimate requirements of their areas in respect of post-primary education. I hope this resolution indicates an intention on the part of authori-

ties to undertake such surveys, which few of them have yet done. Meanwhile, authorities are aware that I am prepared to consider proposals for raising the statutory age of school attendance to 15, and I have recently approved proposals submitted to me by the authorities for Cornwall and Plymouth.

Palestine (Child Labour).

MISS LAWRENCE (Lab., E. Ham, N.) asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether he has any information showing that children 7 and 8 years old are employed in the match factories at Acre; and whether he will state the regulations in force in Palestine with regard to child labour? MR. AMERY: The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. As regards the second part, there are not at present in force in Palestine any regulations relating to child labour, but I have under consideration draft legislation of which one effect would be to prohibit the employment in industrial undertakings of children under 12 years of age. MISS LAWRENCE: Will the right hon. Gentleman inform himself with regard to conditions in these factories? MR. AMERY: Yes. I will try to do so.

International Settlement, Shanghai.

MR. PETHICK-LAWRENCE (Lab., Leicester, W.) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he is aware that the Chinese are complaining that girls of 15 years of age are being introduced into *maisons tolérées* for the soldiers in the international area at Shanghai; and whether he proposes to take any action in the matter? MR. LOCKER-LAMPSON (Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Affairs): His Majesty's Consul-General at Shanghai telegraphs that, so far as he and the Shanghai Municipal Police have been able to ascertain, there is no foundation whatever for this report. All remaining licences for houses of ill-fame in the International Settlement were withdrawn on December 31st, 1924, by order of the Municipal Council. MR. PETHICK-LAWRENCE: While welcoming the hon. Gentleman's reply, may I ask whether any steps have been taken to make this *démenti* known to the Chinese authorities? MR. LOCKER-LAMPSON: I think the hon. Gentleman's question and the answer will give it publicity.

Telegraph Instrument Duties (Women).

MR. DUCKWORTH (Lib., Blackburn) asked the Postmaster-General the reasons for the new policy in the telegraph service whereby women are to replace men in considerable numbers; how many men will thus be affected; whether any established Civil Servants will be dismissed; and how much the saving to the nation will be? SIR W. MITCHELL-THOMSON: The decision to increase the proportion of women on telegraph instrument duties follows the extension of the use of typewriter-keyboard instruments which are specially suitable for operation by women, and the decrease during recent years in the proportion of nightwork. No dismissal of established officers is involved. The saving over any given period cannot be precisely estimated, as it depends on the occurrence of vacancies; but it will eventually reach a substantial figure.

Arcos, Ltd. (Police Search).

SIR JOHN SIMON (Lib., Spen Valley) asked the Home Secretary whether, on the occasion of the recent raid on Arcos and the Russian Trade Delegation, any police-women were of the police party; and whether, in view of the fact that such a raid might necessitate the searching of women, he will see in any future case, where women are likely to be searched, that police-women are included in the police party? SIR W. JOYNSON-HICKS: It was not found necessary to search any women on the occasion referred to; but, if it had been necessary, experienced police matrons would have been employed for the purpose. All police forces recognise that women should only be searched by women, and employ for this purpose either policewomen or other suitable women.

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THE HOUSE OF LORDS REFORMS ITSELF?

Last Monday, the House of Lords began a three days' debate on the question of its reform. VISCOUNT FITZALAN, of Derwent, moved a resolution to the effect that the reform of the Second Chamber was of urgent importance, and that the House would welcome a reasonable measure limiting and defining membership of the House and dealing with the defects which are inherent in the Parliament Act. He hoped there would be some elected element from outside and some smaller proportion nominated by the Government of the day as Lords of Parliament for a period. Without the last-mentioned element, he did not see how a Labour Government could be properly represented in the House—but he had nothing to say about women in the House of Lords. The DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH moved an amendment that further discussion of the question was inopportune and unprofitable. He did not like the idea of elected Members in that House—the professional politicians, he called them—and was anxious to know the views of Ministers on the matter. "We know the views," the Duke added, "or half the views of the Secretary of State for India (Lord Birkenhead). We know that he dislikes the ladies. We have yet to learn whether he dislikes the gentlemen." He had the grace to say that our people are to-day better informed on political problems of the day, both men and women (the italics are ours), than at any other time, but he uncompromisingly opposed the Viscount's resolution, declaring "The first reason is that your Lordships owe it to yourselves; the second reason is that you owe it to your ladies; and, finally, your Lordships owe it to your fellow-citizens of the British public, who say, and say with some justice, that a peer who does not believe in himself cannot expect others to believe in him. (*Can pomposity go further?* we ask.) The EARL OF ARRAN moved another amendment urging that the matter should not be dealt with until after the electorate had had an opportunity of expressing its views. The noble Earl made no mention of women in his long speech. The LORD CHANCELLOR was also concerned about the representation of the Labour Party in the Upper House, but made no reference to the representation of women. The chief reforms he advocated on the part of the Government were: That the House shall consist of not more than 350 Members (the number is now approximately 740), and shall be composed, in addition to Peers of the Blood Royal, Lords Spiritual and Law Lords, of (a) hereditary Peers, elected by their Order, and (b) Members nominated by the Crown, the numbers in each case to be determined by Statute; that, with the exception of the Peers of the Blood Royal and the Law Lords, every other Member of the reconstituted House of Lords shall hold his seat for a term of years to be fixed by Statute, but shall be eligible for re-election. Further, any Peer not elected to the Upper House should have an opportunity of presenting himself for election to the House of Commons. VISCOUNT HALDANE advised their Lordships to do nothing at present. He reminded them: "There is the question of whether women are to be introduced here, as they have been introduced in the other House. That is a broad question of principle, in which some take one view, and others more strongly take another view. It has been decided by Parliament; it has been decided by the public; and we shall, in a few days, see how far this House has responded to the changes in feeling which have taken place since the question was last debated here." The EARL OF SELBORNE gave his blessing to the Lord Chancellor's proposals, although he reserved the right of final judgment until he saw those proposals in print; but he had nothing at all to say about women's membership of the House of Lords. LORD TEMPLEMORE supported the Lord

Chancellor's proposals. He said the attendance in the Upper House was lamentable and showed signs of becoming worse, and referred to the Divisions on important measures since this Government took office. On the Second Reading of the Tithe Bill, the number of those who voted was 54; on the Rating Bill, 71; on the Electricity Bill, 127; on the Merchandise Marks Bill, 76; and on the Motion of Lord Russell, condemning the Government's action in reference to the Closure, 123. He added: "The measure that apparently most stirred the House was the Bill of my noble Friend, Lord Astor, dealing with Peeresses, in which Division 206 Peers voted. I do not complain of that, and still less of the result, for I hope it will be the same next Monday. I only say that the importance to this House and the country of that Bill is very little compared with some of the measures I have mentioned."

From the Members' presentation of their own case, one is very much tempted to ask if the House of Lords is worth reforming. We repeat that the most urgent reform is the inclusion of Peeresses in their own right in the Upper House. Since all legislation (with the exception of Money Bills) has to come before both Houses of Parliament, it is ludicrous at this time of day to maintain one of those Houses as an exclusively male preserve and to debar women from its discussions on subjects which concern them as much, and sometimes even more, than they concern men. We further add that no scheme of reform will be acceptable to women unless there is provision in it for the inclusion of women.

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES.

The Women's Freedom League has sent the following questions to each of the three candidates at the Brixton by-election:—

1. Will you, if elected, support the Government in its proposal to enfranchise women at the age of 21 and on the same terms as men, and do all in your power to get the promised Bill through in time to enable women to exercise equal voting rights with men at the next General Election?
 2. Will you, if elected,
 - (a) Support every effort in Parliament to secure equal pay and equal opportunities for women (whether married or unmarried) and men in the civil and local government services?
 - (b) Press for women's equal right with men to retain or change their nationality?
 - (c) Urge the separate assessment and separate taxation of the incomes of husbands and wives?
 - (d) Support the right of married women to choose for themselves whether or not they shall take remunerative work outside their home; and urge that neither sex nor marriage shall be a bar to appointments under any body dependent on public funds?
 - (e) Resist all legislation which seeks to impose restrictions on the work of women, which are not also imposed on the work of men?
 - (f) Urge the Government to consider the position of unemployed women, and to arrange that, in all schemes devised for the training and employment of the workless, proportionate provision shall be made for women and men?
 - (g) Press for legislation making it compulsory on Watch Committees and Standing Joint Committees to appoint an adequate number of women police as well as an adequate number of men police?
 - (h) Insist upon the recognition of an equal moral standard for men and women, and the raising of the age of consent for girls to 18, with a similar protection for boys?
- Signature.....

CONSERVATIVE WOMEN AND EQUAL FRANCHISE.

Mrs. Costello, of the Conservative and Unionist Central Office, made an excellent speech at Strood last week in support of "The Proposed Franchise Bill." The *Chatham Observer* reports:—"Her first reason for the need for passing the Bill was that of the follower of Mephistopheles, who, when asked by the old lady enjoying the hospitality of Hell why he was beating her, replied: 'Well, if I don't, some other devil will!' The Bill was inevitable, for any Party coming into power would make its passing one of its first actions. The speaker went on to point out that the vote was a weapon which should not be withheld from any section of the community, and that women and girls earning their own living needed it as much as anyone else; factory girls and women without the residential qualifications were debarred from voting at present. To describe the women in question as 'flappers' was absurd, for less than one-third of the new voters would be under 25 years old. There was no need, in any case, to be scared of girls of 21 taking a share in the government of the country, for at that age they were liable to taxation and might become doctors, barristers, and Members of Parliament—they could sign a death certificate or perform an operation which might be a matter of life and death, yet they could not vote—indeed, if girls of that age were not qualified to vote, they would never be. From a different point of view, the speaker mentioned that sex disqualifications had been removed when women were allowed to vote at 30, so people who asked 'Why should girls vote at 21?' might as well be asked 'Why should the age be 30?' Mrs. Costello concluded by saying that girls would be better trained in politics by being given the vote early, and more likely to form a reasonable judgment and get the political sense than if they were suddenly plunged into them at the age of 30."

At the close of a successful meeting of the Women's Section of the Wentworth Division Conservative Association, held at Darfield, Mr. Tom Cherry, a local Tory stalwart, broke in with a challenge. Referring to what he called the "flapper vote," he questioned the wisdom of women having a ruling hand in the destinies of the Empire. "Put them into the hurly-burly of the political arena," he said, "and you will find they are lacking. Face them with such problems as the Chinese situation or nationalisation of industry, and you will find they need political education." The challenge, according to the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, was promptly accepted by Mrs. A. Dallas, who reminded Mr. Cherry that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, and so women were going to play a bigger part than ever in politics. Mrs. Green, of Penistone, the principal speaker, said she had no desire to enter into a controversy on the spot, but she proceeded at once to make a brilliant speech on the Chinese situation. We do not know if Mr. Cherry stopped to hear it, but we are not told that he made any further remarks.

IN MEMORIAM.

GILES.—On Wednesday, June 15th, after a very short illness, Winifred Giles, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Watterson, of Morecambe.

Mrs. Giles joined the Women's Freedom League many years ago, and was a very enthusiastic member. She then spent some years in Australia, and, on returning to England, worked in journalism and in international and social questions. She organised the Suffrage Pavilion at the Wembley Exhibition, and had just joined us as London organiser and started to work up the Equal Franchise meeting at Golder's Green of July 1st.

Her early death, so tragic and sudden, has removed an arresting and lovable personality, and is a great grief to all her friends. To her husband, two little boys, parents and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

THE LEAGUE COUNCIL.

Important matters of special interest to women's organisations were dealt with at Geneva last week. Sir Austen Chamberlain presented a report dealing with Child Welfare, when it was decided to ask Governments to furnish information concerning the effect of the cinema on the child's mind. The Council also instructed the Secretariat to send a questionnaire to Governments, for their optional reply, on the subject of the protection of illegitimate children, and a resolution of the Child Welfare Committee concerning the age of consent.

With regard to the Traffic in Women and Children, Sir Austen Chamberlain reported that the most recent Committee on the Traffic in Women and Children had recommended that stern measures should be taken by the various Governments against foreign procureurs and souteneurs, and that Governments should supervise the conditions under which girls of less than 18 years of age were allowed to go abroad with contracts of employment. The Committee also expressed its intention of publishing the information obtained from the various Governments in respect to licensed houses. In moving the adoption of this report, Sir Austen said the Committee had found it impossible to proceed usefully with a discussion on the control of prostitution until a publication of the report should be approved by the body of experts, and he therefore moved that this report, together with the observations of the Governments, should be published on August 1st. Mr. Vandervelde (Belgium) approved the publication of the report, but said that August 1st was too early a date by which to enable distant countries to make their observations, and it was decided to give the Governments until the end of September to make their observations, to call a meeting of experts in the middle of November to examine the replies, and to publish the document as soon as possible after the experts' report. The report, therefore, cannot be published much before the end of the year.

JUDGE AND GIRLS.

Judge Crawford is reported as declaring helplessly, during a case he was trying, that he could not understand girls. That he so obviously shares this disability with many of his colleagues is the reason women desire to become judges. It is bad luck on prisoner or witness if the Bench cannot understand them.

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While Oxford has decided to limit the number of its women students in the ratio of one woman to four men, and the House of Lords stolidly refuses admission to any one woman among its 740 men Members, a curious story comes from Swansea. The Borough Engineer reported to the Corporation that Miss E. Norman, shorthand-typist in his department, had informed him that she will tender her resignation shortly, as she is about to get married. The *Daily Express* says she stated that Miss Norman had rendered excellent service, and it would be difficult to replace her; he also reported that, as the work in his department had increased considerably, he recommended that two shorthand-typists be appointed in the place of Miss Norman. The Committee decided to advertise for two male shorthand-typists!

MRS. DESPARD'S
BIRTHDAY PARTY.
Caxton Hall,
TUESDAY, JULY 5th, AT 7 P.M.
Come early and bring all your friends.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—ANNUAL REPORT.

We welcome the sixth Annual Report (1926-27) of the Consultative Committee of Women's Organisations, the new address of which is 3, Bedford Square, W.C.1. This report is admirably put together. Fifty-seven women's organisations (among which is the Women's Freedom League) are represented on this Committee, the objects of which are:—

(1) To collect and communicate information of mutual interest respecting the activities of the constituent societies or the political situation generally.

(2) To consult together on questions of policy and methods of action.

(3) To recommend action to its constituent bodies to be carried out by them jointly or severally.

During the past year, the Consultative Committee has held seven ordinary meetings, and the subjects discussed included Factory Bill, Legitimacy Bill, Lead Paint (Protection Against Poisoning) Bill, Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Bill, Women Jurors, Married Women's Employment, Equal Pay in the Civil Service, Need for More Women Sanitary Inspectors, Need for More Women Parliamentary Candidates, Amendment of the Law regarding Testamentary Disposition of Property, and—no less than five times—Equal Franchise.

Addresses by experts have been given at the close of the Committee's business proceedings on matters of current importance. Miss Constance Smith, of the Home Office Department, gave a careful examination of the Factory Bill; Mrs. Thornburgh, of the Food Education Society, discussed catering in schools and other institutions; Mrs. H. M. Swanwick, Editor of *Foreign Affairs*, gave a review of the situation in China; Mrs. Gordon Wilson, Secretary of the Association of Assistant Mistresses in Secondary Schools, dealt with the shortage of accommodation in Secondary Schools; and Lord Astor explained the provisions of the Liquor (Popular Control) Bill. One very interesting debate took place on the proposition: "That protective legislation for women is not desirable." Miss Doris Stevens, Vice-President of the Woman's Party of America, proposed this, and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., opposed, their supporters being respectively Mrs. Abbot, of the Open Door Council, and Miss Manicom, of the Workers' Union. Lady Astor and Dame Adelaide Anderson took part in the debate.

Individual members may join this Committee on the payment of 7s. 6d. per annum, and take part in the discussions, but they are not entitled to vote.

The President of the Consultative Committee is Lady Astor, M.P.; the Vice-President, Mrs. Wintringham; the Chairman, Lady Galway; the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. de l'Hôpital; and the General Secretary, Mrs. White, from whom all information can be obtained.

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THE BAR EXAMINATIONS—WOMEN'S SUCCESSES.

The following 17 women were successful in the Trinity examination of students of the Inns of Court, held in Lincoln's Inn Hall, at the end of last month:—

Roman Law.—Eva Louise Roberts (Inner Temple); Patricia Hackett (Inner Temple); Mildred Dunbar Miles (Middle Temple).

Constitutional Law and Legal History.—Alix Hester Marie Kilroy (Lincoln's Inn); Sophy Sanger (Gray's Inn).

Criminal Law and Procedure.—Mildred Mary David (Middle Temple); Phyllis Lucy Morgan Blake (Gray's Inn); Edith Vera Cohen (Lincoln's Inn); Margery Lawrence (Inner Temple); Enid Mary R. Russell-Smith (Lincoln's Inn).

Real Property and Conveyancing.—Marie Angela Carryer (Middle Temple); Dorothy Travers Wolfe (Lincoln's Inn).

Final Examination.—Ira Donovan Lorde (Lincoln's Inn), who was fourth in order of merit, and gained a Certificate of Honour in Class I; Florence Earengy (Middle Temple); Betty Fox Slade (Middle Temple); Isabel Cogan (Middle Temple); and Pauline Elinor St. Clair Stephens (Lincoln's Inn).

Miss Russell-Smith and Miss Kilroy were the first two women to gain admission to the Civil Service, in direct competition with men, under conditions which admit women to the higher Government posts with salaries of £3,000 to £4,000. All old members of the Women's Freedom League will note with interest and pleasure the name of Mrs. Earengy in the list of those who have passed the final examination. Dr. and Mrs. Earengy are old members of our League. In pre-suffrage days, Dr. Earengy's admirable little book, "Women under the Law," was the constant companion of our speakers.

EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN.

GOLDERS GREEN MEETING.

We are organising a Garden Meeting, to be held at 8, Heath Gate, Hampstead Garden Suburb (by kind invitation of Mrs. Corbett-Fisher), on Friday evening next, July 1st, to call for the immediate introduction of the Prime Minister's promised Franchise measure, giving votes to women at 21, on the same terms as men. Speakers include Miss Phipps, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Anthony, and representatives of the local women's societies. Miss Underwood will be in the Chair.

The Parliamentary candidates and the local M.P. are being invited to be present.

We urge all our members and friends in the constituency to come and bring their friends and make it a success.

Invitation tickets from 144, High Holborn. There will be coffee at 8 p.m., speeches at 8.15 p.m., and a collection for the campaign.

BRIXTON BY-ELECTION.

A successful meeting, arranged by the Equal Political Rights Campaign Committee, was held in Rushgrove Street, Brixton, on Monday this week. The speakers included Mrs. Ewen, Miss Froud, and Mr. Victor Duval. The following resolution was passed, and will be sent to the three candidates:—

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WHERE TO GO.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

LONDON AND SUBURBS.

Thursday, June 30th, at 8.15 p.m.

Informal Tea Party at the Minerva Club,

56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.

Competitions, Games, and Short Readings

by Miss Wall.

Friday, July 1st, at 8 p.m.

Equal Political Rights Campaign. Garden

Meeting at 8, Heath Gate, Hampstead Garden

Suburb. (See page 198.)

Tuesday, July 5th, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Despard's Birthday Party at Caxton Hall.

Thursday, July 7th, at 8.15 p.m.

Minerva Club Branch. Birthday Public Meeting at the Minerva

Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C. Speakers to be

announced later.

Friday, July 15th, at 5 p.m.

Meeting of Organisation Sub-Committee at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.

Saturday, July 16th, at 10 a.m.

National Executive Committee Meeting at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.

PROVINCES.

Friday, July 1st, at 3.30 p.m.

Ashford. Garden Party. Further details later.

Friday, July 1st, at 3 p.m.

Rye Branch. Meeting at The Monastery. Speaker: Dr. Lewin,

an "Born healthy—Keep fit." The Mayor, Councillor G. Ellis, J.P.,

in the Chair.

Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p.m.

Hastings Branch. Garden Party at "Rossiana," Pine Avenue.

Address by Dr. Lewin.

Saturday, July 2nd.

Pertsmouth Branch. Garden Party at Rowland's Castle, given by

Mrs. Whitehead.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Saturday, June 25th, at 3 p.m.

The Polytechnic. Poetry Recital by Miss Marjorie Gullan and

Verse-speaking Choir. Tickets 3/6, 2/4.

Saturday, June 25th, at 5.30 p.m.

Equal Political Rights Campaign. Meeting in Hyde Park arranged

by the Six Point Group.

Sunday, June 26th, at 7.30 p.m.

Equal Political Rights Campaign. Meeting arranged by St. Joan's

Social and Political Alliance, at "Jack Straw's Castle," Hampstead

Heath.

Monday, June 27th, at 2.30 p.m.

Meeting in Caxton Hall, arranged by Standing Joint Committee

of Industrial Women's Organisations. Speaker: Mrs. Barbara

Wootton, on the work of the Economic Conference of the League

of Nations.

Monday, June 27th, 4—6 p.m.

Garden Party, Aubrey House, 11a, Aubrey Walk, W.8. Dame

Millicent Fawcett, G.B.E., Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, and Dame Rachel

Crowdy. Tickets 2/6, from N.U.S.E.C., Dean's Yard, S.W.1.

Monday, June 27th, at 8 p.m.

The Speech Club, Minerva Club, Brunswick Square. Symposium,

Five-minute speeches on "My Pet Avar ion."

Wednesday, June 29th, at 9 p.m.

Reception. British Commonwealth League, Lyceum Club. All

women M.P.s are expected.

Thursday, June 30th, at 2.40 p.m.

Parents' National Educational Union. Annual Meeting open to

Members and Friends. Dr. Cyril Norwood on "The English

Tradition in Education." Mr. Michael Franklin on "Impressions of

American Life and Education." The Most Hon. the Marchioness of

Aberdeen and Temair in the Chair.

Thursday, June 30th, and Friday, July 1st, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

At the Royal Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi. Conference

arranged by the British Commonwealth League, on "The Social

and Industrial Positions of Women of other than British Race

governed under the British Flag."

Thursday, June 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

Equal Political Rights Campaign. Meeting at Highbury Corner

arranged by the National Union of Women Teachers.

Monday, July 14th, at 1.15 p.m.

Electrical Association for Women. Coaches leave 26, George

Street, W.1., 5/6 return, to visit Aisler, Little Hampden, Great

Misenden. Mr. Lewis y B. Atkinson will speak on "Recollections

of the early days of the Modern Electrical Age."

Saturday, July 16th, at 5 p.m.

Equal Political Rights Campaign. Great Trafalgar Square

Demonstration for Votes for Women.

EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN.

DEPUTATION TO THE EAST ISLINGTON M.P.

As a result of a meeting held by the Mid-London Branch of the Women's Freedom League last March, in the Central Library, Holloway Road, N., Major Tasker, M.P. for East Islington, received a deputation of constituents, on the question of Equal Political Rights, at the House of Commons, on Thursday last, June 16th. Mrs. Flowers introduced the deputation, which included Dr. Knight (Hon. Treasurer of the Women's Freedom League), Mr. Clayton, Mrs. Flint, Mrs. and Miss Potter (our Islington members), Miss Michael and Miss Alexander (National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship), Mrs. Foulkes Smith (Women's Co-operative Society), Miss Butler Bowden (St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance), Miss Helen Fletcher (The Young Suffragists), and a representative of the National Union of Women Teachers.

As there was no other space available, the deputation stood for an hour and a half in the Lobby of the House of Commons, endeavouring to persuade Major Tasker to support the Prime Minister when he redeems his pledge by bringing in a Bill to grant to women the vote at the age of 21 and on the same terms as men. But Major Tasker, who sat throughout the interview, confessed, while he could see no logical reason why women should not have the vote at the age of 21 if men did, he could not promise to support any measure which would grant the Parliamentary franchise to women at the age of 21, as he was in favour of raising the voting age for both sexes to 25.

OPEN-AIR MEETING AT Highbury Corner.

The same evening, at the meeting organised by the Women's Freedom League, Mrs. Flowers, from the Chair, gave Major Tasker's constituents an account of the deputation, urging them to write to their Member and ask him to support the vote at 21.

Mrs. Zangwill and Mrs. Mustard spoke. Great enthusiasm was shown, and many questions brought a lengthy meeting to a close.

OUR OPEN COLUMN.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

Women and the London Lock Hospital.

Sir,—We, the Committee of the Paddington Women's Local Government Association, are deeply interested in the disclosures about the London Lock Hospital for Women, in Harrow Road, which are now finding their way into the Press, and warmly appreciate the letter of its Ladies' Committee which appeared on June 6th.

For the last two years, our Association has been working to have some suitable women elected on the Board of Management of the Hospital, as a means to reform. In November, 1926, we addressed a letter to a number of the Governors, urging the obvious advantages of such co-operation. Our letter was cordially supported by The Association for Moral and Social Hygiene, The British Social Hygiene Council, Inc., The National Council of Women of Great Britain, The National Women Citizens' Association, The Kensington and Paddington Society for Equal Citizenship, The Paddington Propaganda Committee of the British Social Hygiene Council, and The Paddington Women Citizens' Association. Certain of the Governors expressed their approval. We also wrote to the Chairman of the Board, asking them to receive a deputation from our Association and those supporting the letter; our request was refused.

The main obstacle to our efforts has been, throughout, the assurances of the officials of the Board that a Ladies' Committee is responsible for the internal management of the hospital. The Ladies' Committee itself, however, did not confirm this statement and expressed warm approval of our efforts. On March 17th, at the Annual Meeting of Governors, a woman Governor, who shares our views, raised the question of the need for women on the Board. She reports to us that "it was explained and insisted on" by members of the Board "that the Hospital and Home in Harrow Road were managed by a Committee of Ladies." Yet, on April 7th, the matron, assistant matron, and a sister were dismissed by the Board without consulting the Ladies' Committee, who expressed strong disapproval, and asked in vain for reasons.

In the *Evening News*, of May 17th, Mr. Deacon, the Chairman of the Board, is reported to have said that "the ladies . . . had nothing to do with the management, the management is in the hands of the Board."

We think that the public may well wish to know more about a hospital where the nature of the management is so ambiguous where two Ladies' Committees have resigned in succession, and where the new matron is the fifth within nine years.

(Signed) LAURA FRANKLIN, President, Paddington Women's Local Government Association; ALICE LEGGATT, Chairman of Committee, Paddington Women's Local Government Association; EMILY CARTER, Member of Committee; HELEN MACKLIN, Member of Committee; MARY STEWART KILGOUR, Hon. Secretary.

AN INVITATION.

The Minerva Club Branch invites all its friends and friends of the Women's Freedom League to an Informal Party on Thursday evening, June 30th, at 8.15. There will be competitions, games, etc., and Miss Wall will be there to give short Readings. All proceed to go to the Birthday Fund. Please come.

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