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**"THE REAL DEVIL."**

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Nations—of Europe, Asia, Africa, and America—were represented by 2,000 Delegates at The International Woman Suffrage Alliance Congress, Budapest, June, 1913.

## OUR POINT OF VIEW.

### That Million and a Half: How is it Paid?

We are often asked where the million and a half sterling actually comes from which Mr. Lloyd George says the Exchequer would lose if the demand of married women to be recognised as individuals, able to earn and pay taxes on their incomes, were justly met. We publish with pleasure the following note on the subject from Mrs. Kineton Parkes, secretary of the Women's Tax Resistance League. She writes: "If," said the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the deputation from the Women's Tax Resistance League, 'I should amend the law in the way you desire, by making husbands and wives separate taxable units, it would create an annual deficit of one and a half millions to the Treasury. Where,' he added, with a pathetic smile, 'should I get that money?' Echo answers 'Where?' Echo also suggests that 'where there's a will there's a way,' and we are absolutely convinced that if only Mr. Lloyd George, having realised the absurdity, as well as the injustice of the law as it stands at present, really desires to alter it, he, a past master in the art of amendments, could undoubtedly find the way. As to where he would get the million and a half, there are many suggestions we might feel inclined to make, but our position is that it is the business of the Chancellor of the Exchequer himself, and certainly not ours, to answer this question.

To the question which is constantly being asked: 'Where does the million and a half actually come from?' we are willing enough to make answer, as it is the whole pivot upon which turns our great desire to see the law altered without further delay. We say without hesitation: 'Out of the pockets of women whose incomes are so small that if they were single instead of married they would be entirely exempt from taxation.' If a married woman is earning an income under £160, she pays no tax until she marries; then at once the Revenue authorities seize the opportunity to add it on to her husband's and tax the joint income. Exactly the same happens to any small sums of money she may have invested; they are taxed at the source, and the husband alone can claim rebate. It is clear that this money is collected entirely by robbing married women, and the method is particularly unjust and serious because it affects the poor and not the rich. As the Women's Tax Resistance League, like every other Suffrage Society, is out for justice to women, it will be readily understood why we are agitating to have this law altered under the Revenue Bill, which will very shortly be introduced in the House of Commons."

### Liberal Women's Latest Effort.

The Liberal women—some of them—are making a new effort on behalf of Woman Suffrage. We trust that it will be bold enough and strong enough to withstand blandishments and futile promises; then we might hope that the women, who have the key of the situation in their hands, will not be satisfied with pious pronouncements and ineffective protests, but will determine to fight to a finish. The new movement is called the Liberal Women's Suffrage Union, and is the outcome of the rejection at the last annual meeting of the Women's Liberal Federation by 600 votes to 300 of the simple resolution from Tunbridge Wells that no Liberal Association should be eligible for membership of the Federation unless it abstains from working for anti-suffrage Liberal candidates. This lamentable rejection took place while the Dickinson Bill was under discussion in the House of Commons, and, of course, strengthened the hands of the opponents of Woman Suffrage, who naturally pointed to the figures and said that till women agreed about the Woman Suffrage question, men need not trouble about it. When it was too late the Liberal women bewailed the unreliable promises of Members of Parliament. The new "forwards" have Mrs. Eva Maclaren for their chairman, Lady Aberconway as vice-chairman, Mrs. Heron Max-

well and Mrs. Francis Acland as hon. secretaries, Lady Cowdray and Lady Norman as hon. treasurers; their local habitation is at 29, Denison House, Vauxhall-bridge-road. Mrs. Acland, writing in the July *English-woman*, explains the growth and aims of the new Union, whose policy is defined as follows:—

To promote among Liberal women such a strong conviction of the need of women's enfranchisement that they shall take all possible constitutional means to secure the adoption of Liberal candidates, and that they shall abstain from working for any anti-suffragist candidate.

A welcome feature of Mrs. Acland's article is the recognition by the new Union that a generation of "general docile usefulness" has resulted in the presence in the "No" Lobby on May 6 last of "Liberals who know very well that the women who worked for them at the last election had good reason to count on their support for suffrage." Mrs. Acland is exceedingly anxious that the Liberal Party should have the honour of enfranchising women. Her desire would be more likely to be fulfilled, and speedily, if not only the new Union but all Liberal women would stand firm together in "bringing to an end the miserable situation of a Liberal Party at loggerheads with an essentially Liberal movement." We wish the Union success in the evidently difficult task of teaching Liberal men and women "to sacrifice even immediate party advantage to ultimate party renown."

### A Ray of Sense.

Mr. Justice Phillimore has had a brilliant idea, which he communicated to the grand jury at the Surrey Assizes on June 30. It might have been original, judging by the way the Press has gushed over it; but the novelty of a wise suggestion from an ancient judge cannot be allowed to pass unnoticed. It is none other than the appointment of policewomen, specially, said the learned judge, to deal with cases of the unmarried mother. That policewomen exist in the United States, in Norway, Germany, and in other countries, and that women have long been protesting against law made and administered by men only, has not penetrated far into the judicial mind. Has Mr. Justice Phillimore, we wonder, ever heard of Judge Mary Bartelme, of Chicago? If she could sit side by side with him here, he would be less ready to deliver superfluous homilies to Suffragettes in the dock, and would hear from her how mixed juries of six men and six women would go far to prevent miscarriages of justice. We welcome in the July *English-woman* the discussion of women and the jury system as a problem of the day, and the strong protest made against the absence of women from the Court when a wronged woman or child has to face a male jury and counsel.

It is not a good omen for justice (says *The Englishwoman*) when its weapons are in the sole hands of those who know the strength of temptation to wrong doing, but can never know the bitterness of the injury inflicted.

The male jury system is an inheritance from the past, a form of the "Real Devil," of which Mrs. Perkins Gilman spoke so ably, and it will have to be jettisoned with other prejudices and traditions, so that together man and woman may work for justice and progress.

CHARMING STUDIES OF CHILDHOOD.—Near the Little Theatre, at 21, York-buildings, Adelphi, there is on view a collection of water-colour drawings of children by Miss Gertrude Charlton. The originality of these drawings shows a close sympathy with the beauty of childhood. No lover of children as they really are should miss this little show, which is open daily (free) until the end of next week.

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### AT HEADQUARTERS.

**Summer Campaigns.**—The Clyde Coast Campaign, which will be in charge of Miss Alison Neilans, and the Devonshire Coast Campaign, in charge of Miss Constance Andrews, begin this week. Helpers will find a ready welcome at either of them, the headquarters of the former being 11, Mountstuart-road, Rothesay, and of the latter, 5, Wellswood-road, Torquay. Next week Miss Trott and Miss Taylor go down to Tankerton to prepare the way for Mrs. Merivale Mayer, who will be our chief speaker in that district. Miss Anna Munro will begin the campaign in North Wales, July 24, further particulars of which will appear in later issues of *THE VOTE*.

**Mrs. Despard's Reception.**—We ask our readers to keep Thursday evening, July 10, free to come to Mrs. Despard's Birthday Party at Caxton Hall. This will also be the first opportunity we shall have of publicly welcoming Mrs. Despard, Miss Nina Boyle, Miss Eunice Murray, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, and Mrs. Harvey on their return from the International Women's Suffrage Alliance Congress at Budapest. A specially attractive programme has been arranged, and we rely on our friends to see that Caxton Hall is crowded on this occasion. Tickets, including refreshments, are one shilling each, and can now be obtained at the W.F.L. Office, or at Caxton Hall, on the evening of the 10th.

F. A. UNDERWOOD.

### FLOWER DAY.

Saturday next, July 5, will see many members of the W.F.L. selling flowers in the street, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Birthday Fund. The pitches are being arranged in the City and the West-end, and sellers will be in the City from 9.30 to 2.30, and in the West-end from 11 to 7 p.m. If you have not already sent in your name to help, please do so now, either to sell or give flowers or help in the office?

Our very grateful thanks for the ready response that the members have made to our appeal for their help, and to those who have so kindly sent donations to buy flowers.

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## HOW HUNGARY PROTECTS THE CHILDREN.

HOTEL RITZ, BUDAPEST, June 21, 1913.

Dear Fellow-Members,—Although I do not propose to give you any detailed account of the Congress which closed yesterday—as this has been done by Miss Boyle, who was present throughout its sessions—I think you will be glad to have a few words as to my own experiences and my general impressions.

Mrs. Harvey and I had a delightful journey. I was struck, as I have often been before, by the fine cultivation and the prosperous-looking villages and small towns in Belgium, where women appear to do a great part of the work in the fields. We reached Budapest late on Tuesday night, and were warmly welcomed by Miss Schwimmer and other Hungarian friends.

On Wednesday we found the Congress in full swing. Yesterday it closed with a fine banquet given to delegates and other guests by the Hungarian women's societies.

As to my impressions during these four days; they have been so numerous and varied that it is difficult to put them into words. One that will ever remain is of the genial and gracious spirit of hospitality in this Hungarian city. The whole community seemed set to do us service. Boy Scouts were everywhere—helping, directing, taking messages to and fro. Our friend, Mrs. Harvey, who with Miss Murray's help, has sold over 400 VOTES—our Budapest issue—had valuable assistance from these chivalrous young citizens. It was the same with others. There was never any danger of losing our way. We had only to look a little puzzled and guides offered themselves at once.

The Congress sessions were held in a lofty hall, beautifully decorated with flags of all nations. The discussions since we arrived had to do principally with the constitution. But to me by far the most interesting features of this great gathering of representative women from all over the world took place outside the Conference proper. An afternoon meeting was held to discuss the White Slave Traffic. The object of another was to exchange advice and experience as to how to bring different types of women into active co-operation with those who are demanding the Suffrage—society women, hand-workers, mothers of families, professors, and politicians. Two valuable contributions were given—one by Miss Isabella Ford, the other by Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago. The former dealt with the question from the point of view of her own wide experience in the North of England, and the latter struck a fine note when she said that compassion and help to the individual were good, but we had got beyond them. What we demand now and what we must teach the woman-worker to desire is justice, for that is the word of the future.

Still more memorable was the public meeting held in the great Congress Hall on Saturday. It was intended for those who had not been able to find room in the hall during the week. The hall was crowded from end to end; many of the men were standing. The great proportion were, I was told, Hungarians.

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and I could not but admire the patience and sympathy with which they listened to the English speeches addressed to them. The speakers were Mrs. Perkins Gilman, Dr. Anita Augsburg, Mr. Keir Hardie, Mrs. Cicely Corbett Fisher, and myself.

#### A TOUR IN THE COUNTRY.

DEBRACZIN, June 22.

Very early the following morning, Sunday, we left Budapest with a party of Congress friends from England, America, Germany, Sweden, Finland, and Holland on an excursion, led by a Minister—an inspector of schools—who has played a very large part in organising the schools and institutions which he has invited us to visit, and I am writing now in a small Hungarian town, Debraczin, at the end of a long and interesting day.

Our first halt was at Kisujzallas, a large village in which is one of the largest centres for training the girls in sewing and embroidery and supplying the various homes and institutions with clothing and other necessaries. Although it was Sunday and a holiday, some of the elder girls sat at their embroidery-frames to let us see their work, and a very large and light room was filled with women at sewing-machines worked by electricity.

We heard that no less than 56,000 children are maintained by the State in Hungary; some are put out with foster-parents, others are in schools. The children—not adopted, as many of them are by these parents—are taught a trade and generally mothered by the State until they are able to earn money for themselves; and, judging by the brightness and cleverness of the girls, who wore white dresses specially made and embroidered by themselves for this little festival, they will be an acquisition in the industrial world of Hungary.

It was interesting and instructive to hear of the effect this new industrial departure has had upon the villages. In Kisujzallas there used to be severe distress, especially amongst the women, and three years ago two or three hundred applied for relief. Two years and a-half ago this industry was started. No less than 800 women are constantly employed; wages to the extent of 200,000 crowns are given, and the result is that two years ago only two women applied for relief, and last year there were no applications at all.

We lunched together in great goodwill, the burgo-master, the village priest, and schoolmaster giving speeches of welcome, some of them in English, and the guests responding. Then we took train to Debraczin where we were received with a speech of welcome from the Mayoress and were greeted everywhere by the townspeople, the peasants from outside in their Hungarian dress, and their children. Carriages were put at our disposal and we drove from point to point—the Town Hall, the old church, where a professor bade us welcome and told us how in 1848, Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot and hero, had unfurled his banner there. The military came round the church, and he was ordered, in the name of the Austrian Kaiser, to break up the meeting. "In the name of God," he answered, "I bid the people stay." And so the first Hungarian Diet was held.

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We ended our long day by a visit to the asylum for children, which is so dear to the heart of our guide. It is in a pleasant garden, at the gates of which many of the people of the town were waiting to bid us welcome. We were told that no apparently destitute child was denied admittance. "Care for the child first and then make inquiries," is the practical motto of these good people. We went upstairs and found a number of small babies in their little cots. These we greeted with smiles and good wishes, while, on the landing outside, the Minister explained the work and gave eloquent testimony to its value.

The most interesting event of the day was the gathering together of many of the State's children in the garden of the institution to greet us. These are the little ones cared for in foster-homes, and as we noticed one after another, the mothers came up and we had translated to us the little story of how the children had been given, and of the many years during which they had cared for them. Most of the children looked splendidly well, and all were well cared for. It is good to know that Hungary is one of the countries which is beginning to see in what its true wealth consists.

We go on with our tour to-morrow.

Specially happy are we to find that the Women's Congress and its aims has helped to create a public opinion very hard to rouse. Miss Rosika Schwimmer and others have felt this. Soon we may be having good news from Hungary.

#### MOTHER AND CHILD: A STATE DEPARTMENT.

BUDAPEST, June 25, 1913.

Dear Fellow-members and Comrades,—I have already written about the first day of our excursion into the Hungarian villages and towns to visit the institutions and homes in which the children are provided for, who have, from any cause, lost their natural guardians, or whose parents are too poor or too ignorant to be able to care for them properly. First I will say a word about the system. Child and mother protection has formed actually, for the last two and a half years, one of the State departments. It is administered by a chief inspector, Herr Ruffi, who was our guide during the journey, and a staff of doctors, each of whom is responsible for one of the asylums into which the children, many of them very young infants, are received until they can be placed out with foster-mothers. Every effort, however, is made not to separate mother and child. In case of illegitimacy or extreme distress through the father's illness or desertion, the mother is cared for during the time of her trouble and is given such State help as will enable her to care for her child properly during the first year of its life. Sometimes she mothers and feeds another child. In case of extreme delicacy on the part of either mother or child, they remain in the institution where they have been received. When they are healthy and strong they are put out in the villages. Motherless children are given to foster-parents. The devotion of these good people to their little charges is very touching. In some cases they have no children of their own; in others their own children, boys and girls, have gone out into the world. One of the secrets of success is, I think, to be found in the honour shown to these foster-mothers by the State. In a great agricultural village—Nagyszalonta—which we visited on Tuesday, June 24, we had evidence of this. Dr. Edelmann, who, by the by, has undertaken to be secretary of the first Men's League for Woman's Suffrage in the city of Nagyváro, looks after no less than 220 boarded-out children. We had the advantage of his companionship on our tour round the village and we were struck by the confidence which exists between him and the foster-parents and by his knowledge of each individual child. It is the doctor who keeps and who sends up to headquarters reports of the children's health, and although the age of putting out the children or of giving them industrial training is fixed by the State at twelve years, he may

determine whether it is advisable for them to remain with their foster-parents for a longer period. The mothers who have succeeded in training and rearing their charges are given a testimonial by the State. "In the name of Eternal Humanity" this beautifully illustrated inscription begins. It goes on, addressing the mother by name, to relate what she has done for the nation and for the human race, and to thank her heartily for her services. This is signed by the Ministers in power at the time and is kept in the family as a very precious heirloom.

I return to our special experiences. Nagyváro, which we visited on Monday, June 23, is a particularly bright and prosperous little town. We were received by some of the principal townspeople, and I was at once introduced to the President of the Women's Suffrage Society, and to other women exceedingly keen about woman's enfranchisement. We lunched gaily together, and I heard, to my great joy, of the place women are taking in the life of the town. One bright and clever girl, who has a position of considerable importance in a financial company, succeeded some time ago, by her courage and wisdom, in gaining the consent of the principals to a change in the hours of work for all the girl-clerks. Formerly they were kept in their offices until 8 p.m.; now they leave at 6 p.m. She pointed out that the girls, having time for a life of their own, would work with more energy and hope, and that if ever there was urgency she was certain they would gladly respond to the extra strain. She was quite right, as the principals in the company have admitted. To me it is a great delight to find that women everywhere are beginning to demand, and often to obtain, a human life for themselves and their sisters.

In the afternoon we visited an admirably appointed asylum in which infant children are received, returning in carriages to the Town Hall, where a Woman's Suffrage meeting was held, and where admirable addresses were given in English, French, German and Hungarian, by the delegates and our Hungarian friends. Later in the cool of the evening, we were driven out to a park and pleasure-resort outside the town, and were entertained in a finely hospitable way. Again there were many speeches. One of the good pieces of news we heard was that a Men's League for Woman's Suffrage had been actually formed as a result of the afternoon meeting.

Still more interesting was our visit to Nagyszalonta. The stately Burgo-master came to meet us at the station, and gave us an address of welcome in Hungarian, to which, after it had been translated, I responded, in the name of the guests, in English. We drove then to the Town Hall, where we had another fine reception, after which, as Mrs. Harvey and I had to return in the afternoon to Budapest, we were taken by Herr Ruffi, Dr. Edelmann, and the young Hungarian lady who helps to look after the children, on a little tour of visits to their homes. But of all this I hope to tell you more later.

#### NO CHILD NEED DIE OF HUNGER.

In the meantime I am sure you will rejoice to know that in Hungary at least, no child need die of hunger or neglect, and no young mother need be driven to despair. Those responsible for the guidance of this fine and deeply interesting nation have discovered that their country has no grander asset than its sons and daughters, and that to care for these in their childhood is to increase the health and prosperity of the whole nation. I was glad to be told that, although men started this scheme on account of their racial feeling, they have sought, throughout, the counsel and the help of women, and that the result has been a decided advance in the Woman's movement.

I desire also to offer my tribute of gratitude to Madame Szirmai, who will, I hope, later contribute an article to our International Column; for it was she who induced us to join the excursion, and she was its inspirer and its skilful and untiring organiser. Yours fraternally,  
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To be honest, it was a trembling and depressed Suffragette who took up her stand on the steps of the Congress Hall on the Wednesday evening, in spite of the bold face she showed the policeman who wanted to turn her out of a particularly advantageous position. Evidently he had no "rule" or "regulation" by which to deal with an innocent and uncomprehending smile, for, scratching his head perplexedly, he disappeared and returned with a "higher power" who, having sternly eyed the offender as became his position, was disarmed by her submissive appearance; so with courteous bows and friendly gestures he gave her to understand that she need not move. Later on, being "officially" established, she was able to confront another would-be disturber with such an assured air that he, too, left her unmolested.

The front page held well in view attracted considerable attention, and it was not long before THE VOTE was the centre of an admiring crowd of all nationalities and callings, including porters, boy scouts, policemen, soldiers and the ever-present photographer. But she was a wary Suffragette. Seeing, she saw not, and managed to evade the awful moment to the verge of madness—for the photographer who, in despair, appealed to the mighty arm of the Law which interposed itself between the crowd and the camera, and when the stern eye of the law unmistakably bade her quit her folly of resistance, there was nothing for it but to yield with an extremely apologetic air which, she felt sure, would add considerably to the value of the snapshot!

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Of course there were slumps in the market, bad ten minutes when nightmare visions of a visit to the office to report "dead failure" would not be suppressed, then, suddenly, in as many seconds, a dozen copies sold like wildfire!

France, Germany, Holland, America, Finland, Russia, Sweden, Norway, etc., was any country unrepresented? "How much?"—"How much?" was heard in every European language, and the price (about 2d.) was paid without demur but far too slowly for the seller, who took it as quickly as possible after long hunts for purses and for coins as she made frantic efforts to change 5-crown pieces or 10-crown notes while eager customers waited to be served.

French money, German money—any money had to be taken, if none who asked were to be sent empty away. Once an Italian lady stopped her carriage and her little son came to buy. As he ran down the steps, looking eagerly at the attractive setting of the "foreign" paper, he brushed against the railway porter, who was joyfully holding out his nickel, and before the smile of thanks had time to fade, with quick, firm tread came a spick-and-span Hungarian officer; he handed over his contribution with a military salute.

It was hot and tiring, but the attention could not be allowed to flag for one instant, or precious and never-to-be-repeated opportunities would have been lost. Much coaxing was often necessary; at one time Countess Teleki's article clinched the bargain, at another the French or German translation of our policy. But fatigue was forgotten in gratitude to the boy scouts, who were unflinching in their attentions; it was a new and amusing experience to be positively "fathered" by one of them. And so the sales went on, sometimes quick, sometimes slow, always interesting, but the brisk disposal of nearly eighteen dozen copies on the Thursday considerably reduced that dreadful pile which disappeared entirely on the evening of the last day of the Congress in an enthusiastic disposal of sixty-four copies in five-and-twenty minutes!

K. HARVEY

(Hon. Head International Department).

### IN THE PARKS.

#### Hyde Park.

The Women's Freedom League held their usual weekly meeting in Hyde-park on Sunday morning. In spite of the great heat a large and sympathetic crowd gathered round the van and listened with great interest to Mrs. Tanner's speech, which lasted nearly an hour. At the end of the address many questions were put, and Mrs. Tanner's replies elicited frequent laughter and applause. There was no interruption, and the audience seemed loth to disperse, even when the meeting was declared at an end. Miss Holmes again proved herself a most graceful and efficient chairman.

#### Regent's Park.

Speaking for the Mid-London Branch of the Women's Freedom League, Mrs. Bracher had a very interested audience last Sunday morning in Regent's Park. Her subject was "Equal Suffrage in New Zealand," a country from which she had recently come and in which she had lived for twelve years. Her description of the up-to-date methods and institutions of this colony convinced the audience that the women's vote there had certainly not proved a clog on the wheel of the State machine. The chair was taken by Miss Underwood, and many questions were asked and answered.

#### Brockwell Park.

A very good meeting was held in Brockwell-park on Sunday, June 30, when Miss Helena Normanton, B.A., made a telling speech to a large and attentive audience. She dealt with the child life of the nation and gave many instances of the practical work of Margaret Macmillan. Miss Reed presided and there were no interruptions. THE VOTE sold well.



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## DEAD.

We are continually being told that the Women's Suffrage Cause is dead. Statesmen—and others—evidently have a profound belief in the power of suggestion; or possibly these persistent heralds of death have adopted the tenets, as certainly as they have copied the methods, of Christian Science. If they continue to state persistently that Women's Suffrage is dead, why then it will be dead; that appears to be the line on which they shape their tactics; statement, statement, and again statement, and if the statements are only sufficiently reiterated, sufficiently widely spread, the falsehood in them is bound to become truth. Mediaeval alchemists and their faith in the possibility of transmuting one metal into another are not in it with Mr. Lloyd George and his backers in their evident belief that they can transform the existent into the non-existent by "words, words, words."

Foolish little fellows! Products of Mrs. Futility Partington in her marriage with Mr. L. Government—her latest matrimonial alliance. For Mrs. Partington, bosom friend of that decorous dame, Mrs. Grundy, is never a widow long. No sooner is the opposition to one forward movement decently buried, than she espouses the opposition to the next, and faithfully and devotedly attaches herself to the latest of her loves. And she does not confine herself to the home, not she. She accompanies her consort on the platform, is with him in the newspaper column, holds his hand in the magazine article, wipes the tear from his eye in the after-dinner speech.

Indeed they need support, do Mrs. Partington's partners, and none more than her latest spouse. For these Suffrage women are most annoying. When Mr. Partington (for each successive husband takes his wife's name) states that the Woman's Cause is dead, it is most disconcerting to have that same Cause preached Sunday after Sunday in the Park; not only preached but listened to; and that in spite of the police protection which was designed to take the place of Mrs. Partington's broom. It is so inconsiderate of women, when Parliament has adjudicated to them the rôle of mice and Mr. Partington has constituted himself the cat, so very inconsiderate, in spite of claws and whiskers to continue to run.

Dickory, dickory dock,  
The mouse ran up the clock.  
The clock struck one and down mouse run,  
Dickory, dickory dock.

So very inconsiderate to go and make the clock strike one when Mr. Partington was comfortably tucked up in the idea that the hands really had been put back, and had just assured the public that it was only half-past eleven. And, when an effort has been made to swallow the vermin whole, how physiologically disgraceful it is to disagree with the cat.

Of course, with such shameless women as that in it, the Cause ought to be dead. And yet—and yet—the

cry is still: "They run!" So that the latest conundrum is: If you can't kill the mice, how can you kill the Movement? And the answer—Mr. Partington's answer—is: Say it's dead, and then all the other women, the women who haven't been put into the position of mice, will be swept back into the home and will sit down there and leave the Law Givers to go on their way rejoicing. Rejoicing—in their prowess, their wisdom and the wide significance of their initials; since these chosen vessels of the alphabet L. and G. stand alike for Law Givers and Liberal Government and Lloyd George. How can women prevail against such a combination? Of course, their Cause ought to be dead. It must be dead. It is dead, L. G. says.

And yet, look on! Look on a hundred years! If you can leap over to Budapest your gaze will perhaps be clearer; but here, even here, in London, if you will climb up out of the limited vision of the streets, and stand quiet on the house tops, and let your eyes look beyond party and the present, you will see wondrous things. Graves no doubt; graves in which will lie the mortal parts of men; but none so great as to contain the Woman's Movement. The form of it no doubt will have crumbled into dust, the present form of revolt, of struggle, of pain; but the spirit of it will be incarnate in the life of the world. In the schools of those days children will be taught of the rise of the Movement, the strife, the victory; names ranked now with the names of criminals will be sung in verse, extolled in fiction and revered in fact; ideals mocked at now will be accepted as a standard below which to fall were shame. Graves there will be; some, of men honoured now, forgotten then; some to which the world will come in pilgrimage; the graves, always green, of pioneers.

You may kill, oh you who have the power, who have the prisons and the police and all the weapons of the law at your command. You may kill, one woman or many; but you cannot kill the Movement. Nor can you slay the song that women are singing. Blood you may have if you will, but never silence. For those who are in prison still testify, and those who are dead, yet speak.

G. COLMORE.

### LEICESTER BY-ELECTION.

In charge, Miss Anna Munro.

Result.	
Mr. Gordon Hewart .. .. .	10,863
Mr. A. M. Wilshere .. .. .	9,279
Mr. E. R. Hartley .. .. .	2,580

Liberal majority .. .. . 1,584

DECEMBER, 1910.

Mr. E. Crawshay-Williams .. .. .	13,238
Mr. J. R. MacDonald .. .. .	12,998
Mr. A. M. Wilshere .. .. .	7,547

Liberal majority .. .. . 5,691

The Leicester by-election was noteworthy for the keen interest the electors showed on the subject of Woman Suffrage. To any who had predicted that Votes for Women was dead so far as the public were concerned, a flying visit to Leicester would have been an eye-opener. Although there were over a dozen various associations taking part, it was at the women's meetings that the largest and most orderly crowds were to be found, and the keen and intelligent heckling further demonstrated the serious attention which the subject evoked. From early morning until midnight the people were eager to listen, so our campaign against the Government candidate will have far-reaching results; it had the immediate effect of reducing very considerably the Liberal majority. Miss McLean helped very ably during our week of strenuous work. THE VOTE, badges and literature were sold and good collections taken.

ANNA MUNRO.

AN EXPLANATION.—Mrs. Bracher, the author of last week's article, "In New Zealand—Where Women Vote," writes to say that though the Children's Courts deal with many criminal assault cases on little children, some come before the Supreme Court.

## "THE REAL DEVIL."

LECTURE BY MRS. PERKINS GILMAN.

Mrs. Perkins Gilman's name is one to conjure with; it conjured a huge audience into the Portman Rooms on June 30 to hear her speak, under the auspices of the Women's Freedom League, on "The Real Devil." With the power of a thinker, the attraction of a skilled lecturer, the fascination of a "live" personality at grips with conditions to-day, the charm of an irresistible smile and an infectious humour, Mrs. Gilman captured the rapt attention of her audience, established that sympathetic link which made them receptive to the unfolding of her argument, and relieved all possibility of too great tension by interludes of driving her points home by her wise and witty poems.

She explained at the outset that her aim was a serious and honest attempt to show what was the Real Devil which had kept the human race back and resulted in the conditions we deplore to-day. By brilliant argument and convincing illustration from life she proved that the grip of the past is the Real Devil which hinders progress to-day; we allow the beliefs which have been suitable to past ages to dominate our present conditions. Mrs. Gilman told how she asked a group of college women in America, women with trained intellects, what they thought of some problem in social ethics, and their reply was: "I wonder what Professor A. or Professor B. would have said on the point." Instead of thinking for ourselves on our own affairs we are dominated and overwhelmed by the dead weight of the past. Shelley put human capacity very clearly and truly in his lines:—

We look before and after  
And sigh for what is not.

The trouble is that we only use half of this dual capacity and spend our time in looking behind.

Things which have looked big and important to us as children are found in later years to be not nearly so big and important as we imagined. This is a physiological quality of the mind, as also the power of old people to remember things that happened in bygone days while present-day affairs leave them unimpressed. In a child's brain impressions are vigorous and clear. The old savage, said Mrs. Gilman, had his brain full of the enormous size of the bears he had killed and the tremendous distances he had run, while the primitive child to whom he told these stories did not know they were not true; there were no records or descriptions of them, only grandpa's word! So there arose the race myth of the Golden Age in the distant past, which comes from the physiological peculiarity of the aged brain, unchecked by recorded literature. A child is taught to respect its parents and ancestors who get greater and more wonderful the farther back they go; it would be legitimate for the mind of a race to be prostrate at the feet of its ancestors if we were descended from superior beings, but it is not legitimate when we know we have ascended. So our brains are stuffed with baseless traditions; no other creature has this record; man only is handicapped by ancestor worship—a great hindrance to social development.

The Real Devil, she insisted, is this persistence of the race mind, dragging our past along with us and considering it our greatest asset; 99 per cent. of our thought is taken up with what our ancestors have done; 1 per cent. with what we might do for our children. Mrs. Gilman referred with appreciation to H. G. Wells' description of the wisest men in the world met together to discuss what could be done for the benefit of the human race and compelled to think only of the unending, continuous stream of babies which came pouring through a spout into the hall in which they sat. "We can see them in a hall," she said, "but not in the world."

With another parable from her magazine, *The Fore-runner*, which was not only brilliant but arresting, Mrs. Gilman delighted her audience. People woke up one day to find that they had forgotten everything they knew except how to do their own work and the facts about their families. The children did not mind, but

the older people felt a terrible vacuum; they rushed to the libraries and found that all the books had disappeared except those on natural science; with the records gone no one could tell who was most honourable; the literary critics were helpless, they had no standards by which to measure. A curtain had dropped between the past and the present, and the result was that everyone said they must get busy and do something and find out new ways of doing it!

It is an enormous misfortune, added Mrs. Gilman, that our mental area is almost monopolised by memory; we need to cultivate the power to see ahead. A child has usually a fine, vigorous imagination—sometimes called lying—but by the time he or she is trained and taught constructive power is lost and the mind is loaded with accumulations of the past. With the last century came a sunburst of science and we are now beginning to understand law—not laws, which are made and unmade as legislators see fit.

Her advice to her hearers was to try to escape the dead weight of the past by studying some natural science—botany, zoology, ethnology, &c.—and see how things live and work; then having nibbled at some 'ology, pass on to sociology. "What is the matter with our people to-day?" is the great question. If we unloaded our brains of the weight of the past and put into practice what we know will fit the needs of the present, it would be impossible to be content for twenty-four hours with the dirt, disease, and crime which are allowed to exist owing to the everlasting persistence of the ideas of our pre-social grandparents, the blighting influence of the dead hand—the Real Devil. We are for ever living behind ourselves, not even abreast of ourselves; we have never done our own thinking. Why leave things as they are? Why not change them? If, said Mrs. Gilman, we write down the real gifts of the past, the things which have lifted us to where we are to-day—not the perpetual killings—we shall find that not one of them has a monument, not one a great inscription. The principal value of the entire record of human life is to teach us what not to do, how to avoid pitfalls and follies and learn how to deal with the problems of to-day.

In England, she observed, the Woman's Movement is a dominating question. What is keeping it back is not reason, or justice, or expediency, but the same Old Devil of old tradition and prejudice. It has been met at all stages of the growth of the race, but there is no need for us to grow at the snail's pace of our ancestors any more than to travel, as they did, on camels.

If we would only put the Real Devil behind us and keep him there and face facts with an open mind, we could in three generations make more progress than has been accomplished in three thousand years; we should do what we thought best; not what they thought best. Mrs. Gilman's practical and earnest suggestion with regard to fighting the Real Devil was that we should take an inventory of our thoughts and opinions and see how far they are *ours* or *theirs*; casting away the outworn, we should move more freely, face our own problems with a newer power, set our faces towards tomorrow and strive to improve the conditions of the human stock.

The chief value of the Woman's Movement, she insisted, was that women were working, not for themselves, but for the race; only one-half of the race had taken part in its management; the other half was capable of wide development to the infinite benefit of all concerned—man and woman standing together against the Real Devil.

After the lecture many questions were asked to which Mrs. Gilman gave wise and witty answers. We are glad to know that she enjoys to speak to Freedom League audiences. The pleasure is mutual for the welcome given to her on June 30, when Miss Underwood made a happy introductory speech from the chair, was only surpassed by the hearty response which followed Miss Munro's graceful tribute of thanks at the end of the meeting. We wish Mrs. Gilman *Bon voyage* and *Au revoir!*

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**RECEPTION TO PRISONERS.**

Mrs. Clarendon Hyde and Miss Janet Bunten received a cordial welcome at the Caxton Hall on Tuesday evening after their fortnight's imprisonment. Both were presented with handsome bouquets as a sign of the League's appreciation of their services.

Miss Sidley, in the absence of Miss Boyle, spoke from the point of view of the political and militant department, and noted the inconsistencies of the Home Office in the way it first discarded and then claimed power over magistrates.

Miss Hyde, who was received with much applause, said no one liked to go into a small cell and hear a perpetual scrubbing-brush; she had few complaints to make, but she objected to the manner of the chaplain, who remarked that she was in for obstruction, the same charge as might be made against any drunken woman. He did not know the number of Suffrage societies in existence, but described them as two only—militant and non-militant—and the militants were all the same.

Miss Bunten, who was introduced as a great worker in Scotland, said she should not make a speech as she was Scotch, and was therefore cautious, and would not say things without due preparation. To be in prison a fortnight was not very terrible, but for a long period it must be very trying indeed. Twenty and a-half hours out of every twenty-four in solitary confinement were not conducive to good health and clear thinking.

Mrs. Nevison spoke in her usual witty way, showing up the idiosyncrasies of the Government. Had Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman been in office the women would not have been persecuted in the manner they were now. Mr. Asquith, she remarked, belongs to a past stone age. This Government is the worst one that has been in power since the time of the Cabal. Forceful feeding is a thing that shocks even Russia. It is necessary to face the worst, and then find the remedy, and this is what Suffragists are prepared to do. Miss Andrews compared Holloway and local prisons to the disadvantage of the latter. Suffragettes had brought about prison reform, and were anxious to bring about Parliamentary reform. Miss Underwood took the chair, and the gathering was most enthusiastic.

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**TAX RESISTANCE.****Miss Anderson's Sale at Woldingham.**

Miss Anderson's sale took place at Woldingham, under the joint auspices of the Women's Freedom League and the Tax Resistance League, on Saturday, June 28, when a reproduction of G. F. Watts' famous picture, "Hope," after some spirited bidding, was sold for £4 10s. As this sum was sufficient to satisfy the demands of the Government, further lots were withdrawn.

Miss Munro, in a most able introductory speech, explained the militant policy of the Women's Freedom League, which refuses to pay Imperial taxes so long as women are unfranchised, and breaks bad laws in order to mend them. One way by which women can to-day call attention to their grievances is to withhold the lubricating power which enables the great political machine to run with well-oiled wheels.

Mrs. Kineton Parkes gave an interesting account of the work done throughout the country by the Women's Tax Resistance League, whose motto is: "No Vote—No Tax." In spite of the Liberal doctrine that Taxation and Representation go together, every week this most illogical Government seizes the property of unfranchised women who refuse to pay Imperial taxes. In return for the payment of direct Imperial taxation men receive a receipt from the Government in the form of a ballot paper, but Miss Anderson—a woman who can earn sufficient by her brains and industry to make income tax possible—is regarded as unfit to say how the money she contributes to the State is to be expended.

Mr. Cameron Grant spoke upon the greatest evil of our time—the White Slave Traffic—and in level tones and unimpassioned language declared it was not only a moral question but a question of the rights of our common humanity, of citizenship, and elementary justice between fellow human beings. Giving facts about the Commission appointed to investigate the subject in America, he quoted the words of a special investigator appointed by President Roosevelt: "It is a traffic with local, interstate, national, and international ramifications, having the complete outfit of a large business, large capital, representation in various countries, well paid agents, and able and highly salaried lawyers. At a low estimate 15,000 fresh girls were imported into New York in one year, and in the year 1909 a profit of £40,000 was made by one syndicate. These syndicates employ their own doctors, and have their own graveyards; in one nameless grave alone 451 bodies were found by the authorities. Mr. Cameron Grant made out a very strong case for women's enfranchisement, as the only means by which this question will be dealt with effectively. The diabolical traffic has spread its net in England. In the American States where women have the vote great advances for the benefit of the community have been made. This matter, he insisted, must be stripped of false prudery, and the question discussed by sane men and sane women, not from sentimental reasons but for the betterment of the State. Men and women together have built up happy homes; together they will build a happy State."

**W.F.L. CAMPAIGNS.****Scotland.**

Arrangements for our Clyde Campaign during July and August have now been completed, and Miss Neilans will be established as organiser in Rothesay from July 1. The top flat of a villa (11, Mount Pleasant-road, Rothesay) has been taken; it has four beds, hot and cold water, bath, &c., and a lady has very kindly undertaken the duties of housekeeper for the two months. Helpers, who stay in the house and can afford to pay, may have board and lodging for about 17s. 6d. per week, but if helpers are not able to pay the full amount, the Scottish Council will be very glad to meet their wishes in this matter. Will ladies who can help communicate with me as soon as possible, giving exact dates of the time they can spend with us, so that a helpers' time-table may be made up?

Our Scottish organiser, Miss Broughton, has been hard at work in Paisley; on July 1 she began work in Montrose, and will go to Stonehaven on July 14. Helpers for this district are urgently required. Miss Shennan, of Glasgow, has generously promised help for the fortnight in Montrose, and Miss Steven, in Stonehaven, from July 21-28; but the more help we have the more work we can do. This part of the country is quite new ground, and therefore it will be all the more difficult to make headway. Who will come over and help us?

We have to thank the subscribers who have given so generously to the Organiser Fund, and to say that all donations to this Fund will be acknowledged once a month in THE VOTE.

A. B. JACK, Hon. Sec. Scottish Council.

**Devonshire.**

The Headquarters of the Devonshire Campaign will be at Torquay, where Miss Frances Howard has taken a house for the accommodation of the campaigners. Miss Andrews will be in charge, and will be glad to hear of members and friends in the district who can help in any way. The campaign will begin on July 3, and meetings will be held at Exmouth, Exeter, Sidmouth, Teignmouth, Dawlish, Newton Abbot, &c. Will anyone able to help kindly communicate with Miss Andrews at 5, Wellswood-road, Torquay?



## AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO LADIES

**T**HE woman of to-day occupies a far different position in the sphere of influence and activity than did even her own mother, so rapid has been her advance. With her entry into business life and the professions fresh needs have arisen. These have been catered for in many directions, but it was left to Mr. Thomas Farrow, the founder of Farrow's Bank, Ltd., to foresee the necessity for a Bank entirely devoted to women, and three years ago, at 29, New Bridge Street, he opened the First Women's Bank in England—**FARROW'S BANK FOR WOMEN**. The advent of this branch was received with general acclamation, and its progress has been rapid. Here ladies find a courteous and obliging staff of their own sex, ready to assist them in any and every detail of Banking and Finance. The growth of the business has so extensively increased that it has become a paramount necessity to remove to larger and more commodious offices, and suitable premises have been acquired at No. 143, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.

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**LONDON AND SUBURBS.—Clapham.**

The Clapham Branch will hold a garden-party by kind permission of Mrs. Gauld at 32, Buckleigh-road, Streatham-common, on Saturday, July 19, at four o'clock. Tickets 1s., from W.F.L. Office, Robert-st. Croydon:—Office, 32a, The Arcade, High-street.

Flowers, carefully packed, should be sent to Mrs. Sanders, 16, Campbell-road, West Croydon, to arrive on Friday evening, July 4; or to 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, to arrive by first post on Saturday, July 5. Will members and friends remember that the Cake and Candy Sale, on Thursday, July 10, will be the last before the holidays, and the committee hope that the third sale will be the most successful. Mrs. Abbott will be glad of early promises of contributions for that sale. Members, who can spare a few hours, are wanted to sell flowers in London on Saturday, July 5. At the "At Home," on June 26, Miss Underwood spoke on the work of the W.F.L. The address was particularly useful to members who have recently joined the League and interesting to all. Miss M. Staricker would be glad if all members would make purchases from the Merchandise Department, and by so doing help both the Branch and THE VOTE.

**Gravesend.**

Gravesend is beginning to talk "votes for women" owing to the activities of the Freedom League. At our Branch meeting on June 23, the members were delightfully surprised by the presence of Miss Constance Andrews, who had arrived for a few days' organising work with us. Fortunately, we had a full muster of members. A meeting was held on Friday, June 27, in the Labour Hall for women only, when Miss Andrews gave a most delightful speech to a very enthusiastic audience, and we expect more new members as a result. Badges, literature and THE VOTE sold well. We have two new members to report, both of whom we are specially pleased to welcome. The discussion on the Town Council over the proposed Suffrage literature stall in the Market bore good fruit, and also the gigantic meeting which never reached maturity. We shall arrange another open air meeting shortly. Miss Andrews' visit has been a source of great pleasure to all members, and we thank her very much for coming. A good contingent of Gravesend members will take part in our Suffrage Flower Day in London on Saturday.

The following resolution was passed unanimously at our last Branch meeting, and a copy has been sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, and the Gravesend Member, Sir Gilbert Parker:—

"The Gravesend Branch of the Women's Freedom League emphatically protests against the continued torture by the Government of Mrs. Pankhurst and other political prisoners, made possible by the Prisoners' Temporary Discharge Act, considers that such treatment can only lead to irreparable consequences, and further is an incitement to women to greater violence. We regard the Act as worthy of the 'iron maiden' and the rack period, and unworthy of a civilised age, and therefore demand that the Act be immediately suspended and then repealed."

For private reasons Miss Boorman has been compelled to resign the hon. secretaryship of the Branch, a fact which we deeply regret, as we all appreciated her so highly, but she is still working enthusiastically for us. Miss Whitehead, 4, John-street, has kindly undertaken to act in her stead. The next Branch meeting will be on Monday, July 7, at "Aysgarth," Grange-road.

**Harrow.**

Our Strawberry Tea on Saturday last was a great success in every way, and we were favoured by ideal weather. The hearty thanks of the Branch are due to Mrs. Mottershead, A.R., Manchester, C.M., and the Misses De Lany, Miss Wilson and Mrs. Smith-Spark, for the concert which they provided, also to Mr. Kennedy for the splendid way in which he ran the Houp La. In this Branch Union is strength, and the united effort of our members has certainly scored a victory, Stamford-hill and Tottenham.

Members and their friends are asked to remember the garden meeting kindly arranged by Mrs. Harbord at her house, 91, Mount Pleasant-road, Tottenham, on Thursday, July 3, at 6.30. A good attendance is hoped for earnestly, and due remembrance of a substantial kind is required for our Birthday Fund. Various attractions will be in evidence on Thursday.

**Thornton Heath.**

A Branch has been formed in Thornton Heath in honour of Mrs. Despard's birthday. A meeting was held at 86, Bensham Manor-road (by kind permission of Mrs. Morrison), on Wednesday, June 25. Mrs. Terry was in the chair, and Miss Underwood made a most interesting speech, explaining why we need the vote, and the methods used by the W.F.L. to obtain it. The meeting resulted in new members. Our best thanks are due to Miss Underwood, Mrs. Duncan, and Mrs. Terry, who so kindly came to Thornton Heath and gave us a good start. We are hoping soon to become a flourishing Branch, as many friends have promised to join us.

**PROVINCES.—Brighton and Hove.**

Members are reminded of the Cake and Candy Sale at Mrs. Budd's garden party, and are asked to send contributions and bring friends. It will be held at "Nürnberg," Palmeira-avenue, Hove, on Saturday, July 5, at 3.30 p.m. Tickets, including tea, 1s. each, to be obtained of Miss Hare, or Mrs. Budd, or at entrance. The Jumble Sale will be on Monday, July 7, and members are asked to send articles to Miss Hare before that date, or a cart will be sent round to collect that morning if a post card is sent to Miss Hare. By means of these two activities we hope to obtain a substantial sum for the Birthday Fund.

**Burnage.**

At the Branch meeting on June 23 three new members were enrolled. A plan for a house to house distribution of leaflets was adopted, and the hon. secretary was instructed to purchase suitable leaflets. Members readily volunteered as distributors. It is hoped by this means to get at women who cannot be reached otherwise.

**Chester.**

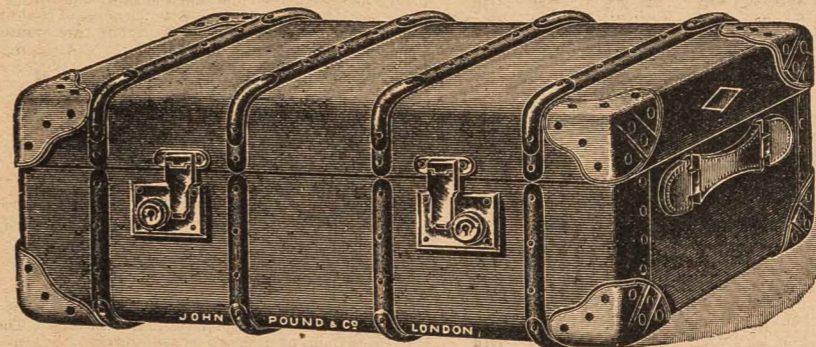
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and Miss Davies were the speakers, and the audience, which consisted chiefly of farmers, labourers, and their wives, showed great interest in the speeches. Opponents asked various questions, and several of them expressed satisfaction with Miss Neal's explanations, one interesting man (reminiscent of Dickens's Pickwick) who, earlier, had brandished his stick to emphasise his opposite views, on leaving offered to get signatures for us to a memorial to the anti-suffragist Member of the division. THE VOTE sold well.

**Ipswich.**

At our last Branch meeting, held on Thursday, at 22, Queen-street, arrangements were made for holding meetings in the villages near, Mrs. Hoosack kindly undertaking to speak and Mrs. Hutley and Mrs. Cooper to deliver literature. Mrs. Hutley gave readings from "The Coming Order," and discussion followed. Mrs. McCreery presided. Next Thursday the speaker will be Mrs. Hoosack. Chair—Mrs. Hutley.

**Middlesbrough.**

After committee meetings on June 23 and 26, arrangements were made for our open-air campaign in July. Mrs. Schofield Coates kindly offered her garden, and it was arranged to hold a Garden Book Party there on Saturday, July 19, instead of at Mrs. Richardson's which is further away. Mrs. Schofield Coates will be hostess on this occasion, and provide afternoon tea. Miss Janet Heyes will speak, and there are to be various competitions and entertainments. The proceeds are in aid of Mrs. Despard's Birthday Fund, so it is hoped that members and friends will come prepared to spend and give liberally.

Last Wednesday night the Vote sellers went to Stockton, and disposed of a large number of copies at the L.L.P. rooms. On the High-street our reception was not so friendly. During an adjournment for refreshments at a café we found most of the people in the café were interested in our Cause and bought copies of THE VOTE. Along the theatre queues we were much more successful than last week.

On Thursday night, again, we went into the town, where our efforts attracted an enormous crowd, who seemed to suspect us of sinister designs. Two friendly policemen endeavoured to disperse a few hundred boys, but with no effect. Even when we got on to the car, the boys ran after it for a long way, rousing the town by their shouts.

**Portsmouth and Gosport.**

The second of the series of open-air meetings will be held on Monday, July 7, on Southsea-common, near Clarence Pier, at 8.0 p.m. Speaker—Rev. G. W. Thompson; chair—Mrs. Whetton. On July 9 members and friends are invited to a picnic on Portsdown-hill. Meet at Cosham tram terminus at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Proceeds to go to the Birthday Fund. The Jumble Sale has been fixed for Saturday, July 19. Time and place will be announced later. Many thanks to Mrs. Speck for inviting her friends and neighbours to have a Suffrage talk with Mrs. Whetton. They were all very interested, and a new member joined the Branch.

**SCOTLAND.—Edinburgh.—Suffrage Shop, 90, Lothian-road.**

Our new premises looked very attractive on Saturday, and were ready for the Sale that marked their formal opening. Miss A. C. McLaren presided over a very good attendance of members and friends, and

in a happy little speech introduced Councillor Crawford, who declared the Sale open. Contrasting the Sale with the "Sweated Industries" Exhibition, held here recently, he brought out the connection between the two, and remarked on one point of similarity—neither should be necessary in an age of so-called civilisation! Miss Jack moved votes of thanks, which were heartily accorded, to all who had worked so hard to get our new shop into order, mentioning especially the labours of Mrs. Thomson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Jackson. Thereafter the Sale proceeded merrily until late in the evening, and a substantial sum was realised. Teas were dispensed by Mrs. Jackson and her assistants, delicious ices were made (and contributed) by Miss Gardiner, and strawberries which had also been gifted by members were easily disposed of. Many copies of THE VOTE were sold in the street by a few members who went among the crowd drawn to the attractively arranged window. It is impossible to mention all who helped, but Miss Nannie Brown's "White Elephants" cannot be passed over in silence! An anonymous gift of a sovereign from "A Friend" is gratefully acknowledged. The open-air meeting held last Wednesday was a very large one, and after Miss Jack and Miss McLachlan had spoken, an Australian gentleman kindly volunteered to speak from personal experience of the benefits of Woman Suffrage, and Mr. Andrew Young once more gave convincing proof of his belief in the movement. On the preceding evening a huge meeting was held at the Mound in support of Mrs. Arcliffe Semet's scheme for a Men's Deputation, and was addressed by Miss Jack, Miss Nannie Brown, Miss McLachlan and Mr. Trainer. On this occasion another Australian interrupted to say that Woman Suffrage in Australia was a complete failure. He had been an unsuccessful candidate for Parliament! Comment is superfluous. The "At Home" on July 9 will be the closing meeting for the summer, so we hope that we shall have a good muster of members and friends.

**Paisley.**

On Saturday afternoon, June 21, a very successful open-air meeting was held in the Abbey-close. A large and most orderly crowd gathered round the platform and gave the speaker (Miss Ada Broughton) a very attentive hearing. Miss Broughton explained how the vote would affect working women. The audience expressed the wish to hold another meeting on the following Saturday, and it was arranged to do so. Over forty copies of THE VOTE were sold and a collection taken. A Branch meeting was arranged for Monday evening to give the members an opportunity of meeting Miss Broughton, the new organiser, and discussing with her plans as to the future work of the Branch. Meetings were arranged and suggestions made. It was decided to arrange an American tea or a Jumble Sale to be held in the early autumn for the purpose of raising funds to enable the Branch to carry on a progressive winter's work. Further particulars as to these functions will be given later. During the week several good open-air meetings were held in different parts of the town. The audiences were large, orderly and appreciative. On each occasion Miss Broughton was the speaker, and in her addresses she set forth the aims and policy of the Freedom League. Much Suffrage literature and seventy-two copies of THE VOTE were sold at these meetings. The Branch has been much encouraged and strengthened by the addition of several





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