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# Notes and Comments.

# Resignation of the Editor.

Mrs. Swanwick resigned the Editorship of this paper on uly 18th, and this is the last issue which will appear under her direction. Miss Clementina Black will, for the present, be acting editor.

# Women's Suffrage and Home Rule.

In the Daily News and Leader of Monday is an article by Mr. H. W. Massingham suggesting that there should be one more "formal appeal to the electorate" before Home Rule is sent to the Lords. It may not be without interest in this connection to draw attention to an article in The Freeman's Journal of August 10th, in which it was pointed out with pride that in the ourse of this session some 500 meetings had been held in Great Britain in support of Home Rule. We have no means of discovering how many meetings there have been in support of Women's Suffrage during that time, but the National alone held over 1,000 important meetings. It seems likely that 3,000 would be well within the mark. In the autumn of 1910 t will be remembered that 4,200 meetings were held in three months in support of the Conciliation Bill. If it comes to support in the country," there seems no question as to which of the two measures claims precedence.

# The Llanystumdwy Incident.

A correspondent objects that in last week's short paragraph of twelve lines alluding to the Llanystumdwy incident, we did not express our horror and condemnation of the brutality shown to ne women. She says that others will feel as she does. Probably. But a paragraph is not a manifesto or a treatise, and this paragraph made one point, which we think an important and interesting one, and perhaps not quite so often made by Suffragists, and therefore worth making. One can't say everything every time, and last week, and many times before, we have explicitly stated our condemnation of brutality, and we have never at any time printed a line to suggest that we conloned or advocated brutality. But when one observes the ndifference shown by the mass of decent men to these brutalis, it is not unprofitable to try and find the explanation of this ndifference, and we think the explanation is to be found very argely in the average man's exasperated scorn for "nagging. lany hard-working Suffragists and convinced anti-brutalists, who were present at the National Union's Albert Hall meeting last year, found the silly interruptions of Mr. Lloyd George a

very severe strain upon their resolution not to retaliate; it made some of them realise how such irritations might affect halfbaked, half-savage men and women who are not Suffragists, and who have no convictions about brutality. Of course, we recognise the shameful cowardice of the men who mauled the women in Wales; of course, we recognise the remarkable courage of the women who know they are loosing hell by their pipe; of course, we do not for one moment accept the plea that Mr. Lloyd George did all he could to check the brutalities, any more than we believe Mrs. Pankhurst could not stop militancy if she chose. These are merely the usual political fictions

### Shaw, the Idealist.

Most people will find Mr. Bernard Shaw's contention that "political crimes are the worst of crimes" a very hard saying; but he was perfectly consistent with himself. You can't be a Socialist and hold that so much of the world's happiness should be vested in the State, and not also hold that offences against the State are the greatest of all, since they attack liberty and happi-Cause, 2, Robert Street, Adelphi, W.C. The Editor, however, accepts ness in their stronghold. That is to say, you cannot unless you are a sentimentalist, and at one and the same time freely condone, or even admire, offences against government while calling for more and yet more government. We may admit that the ideal state ought not to be resisted, but the ideal state would consist of ideal persons, and most of us feel that until persons approach rather more closely to our ideal we do not want to place all our happiness in their hands. We doubt whether popular opinion will ever endorse Mr. Shaw's opinion, and he is probably the last to imagine that it ever will.

# Men Whom Ladies Receive.

On August 8th we published a communication from Mr. John Cowen, of Colombo, on the white slave traffic as carried on in Crown Colonies, and especially in Colombo. We have now received some numbers of a little weekly news sheet, entitled The Christian Watchman, printed, published, and edited by Mr. John Cowen, who has courageously decided to cleanse Colombo by the only possible way-the way of light and air. In the first number (June 29th) there is a description of the impressions derived by a watcher of the "tolerated" houses of Colombo, so strangely placed in a street called "Reclamation Road," and of how the mere presence of a quiet observer with a note-book shamed some of the English men who frequent these houses, and whose demand it is that creates the supply of children of 11, 12, and 14 for purposes of prostitution. The writer declares that most of the patrons of these houses are not soldiers nor sailors and passengers, but resident Englishmen; "they are all men apparently of comfortable circumstances. Some of the young men show signs of good education, careful upbringing, and the influence of a good home. They are men who might, as far as appearance goes, be received by any lady in her drawing-room "—and we would add, " and marry that lady's daughter, and transmit to the innocent girl the wages of sin—death, disease, sterility, suffering and shame." How long will women let such things be when they know them? Not long, we think, and therefore we acknowledge with gratitude the courage of Mr. Cowen in publishing them. The paper can be ordered from Mr. John Cowen, c/o. Y.M.C.A., Racquet Court, Colombo (single copies, 25 cents; one month, Rs. 1.)

# What Is and What Might Be.

We are not surprised to hear that the London Teachers' Association has declared against Women's Suffrage, although the women members preponderate largely over the men. We have headed this paragraph with the title of Mr. Holmes' great book, because if you have read that book you can understand and allow for the elementary-school teacher who has not yet begun to understand the use of liberty and personal dignity. It is the worst feature of a system such as that Mr. Holmes describes that it kills individuality and personal pride. Egeria " would be sourly looked upon by our bureaucrats; Dr. Maria Montessori could scarcely have flowered beneath the influence of our Board of Education. Head-mistresses and teachers in secondary schools and University and medical women have all declared with overwhelming force their belief in enfranchisement, but one fears that, till they have liberated the elementary-school teachers, these last may scarcely know how even to desire liberty.

Read the "Daily Citizen."

Remember, the first number of the Daily Citizen appears on Tuesday, October 8th. It will be a halfpenny, and will not only support the Women's Suffrage movement, but will advocate the election policy of the National Union.

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# LETTING THE CONSERVATIVE IN.

Labour will not leave the

Women Out!

Last week we showed that our policy in the recent by-elections has already done much to achieve one of the objects for which Labour Party? How can that possibly be furthered by the it was adopted-viz., to persuade the Liberals and the return of a Conservative? Nationalists, who were responsible for the defeat of the Conciliation Bill, that it will be inexpedient for them to oppose the Liberal position in Holmfirth (and indirectly in Ilkeston), and securing the loss of two Liberal seats in Crewe and

Is the success of the policy to be measured by the return or defeat of the Labour candidate?

not failed, therefore, in achieving the other two objects of our policy viz: (1) To increase the number of Members in the

There are two ways of increasing the number of Members who can be relied upon to vote for Women's Suffrage. One way is to secure the return of a new Member who is reliable. The other way is to take such action as will induce present unreliable Members to be reliable next time. If the return of one unreliable Conservative Member decides ten unreliable Liberal Members to support an amendment to the Reform Bill instead of opposing it (or abstaining) we may congratulate ourselves on the result. It would be a gain even if the Conservative were a thorough-going Anti-Suffragist. But there is little fear of any candidate being a "whole-hog" Anti-Suffragist nowadays. Experience has shown that there is nothing like a vigorous and candidates (it is wonderful how the candidate's education keeps pace with that of his electors!); and the invariable result of such a campaign—the establishment of a strong Women's Suffrage Society in the constituency-provides the best means of continuing the Member's education when he is in Parliament. How does the return of a Conservative strengthen the Labour

But what about our other object—the strengthening of the

At first sight it looks as if the return of a Conservative must be pure loss to the Labour Party, and the Liberal Press, of the Women's Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill. The course, makes the most of this view of the case. But is it a success of our policy in this respect has consisted in shaking true view? By no means; and the Labour leaders know this well enough, though the rank and file of the Labour Party are sometimes imposed upon by the Liberal writers and orators, who implore them with such brotherly concern, " not to cut off their nose to spite their face." The real fact is that every seat lost by the Government owing to Labour opposition gives the Labour So far, so good. But in none of these elections have we been Party a greater power of influencing the Government's action in able to secure the return of the Labour candidate. Have we the immediate future, for two reasons: (1) Because the Government will be anxious to avoid increasing that opposition again, and (2) because the smaller the number of Liberal Members in House of Commons who can be relied upon to vote for Women's the House of Commons the more dependent the Government Suffrage measures, and (2) to strengthen the party which is becomes on the support of the other sections of the Coalition. determined to insist on the inclusion of women in the Reform This means that, as a result of Crewe and Hanley, the Labour Party will have a greater voice in determining the character of the measures which the Government puts forward. One of the chief causes of the present dissatisfaction of the Labour Party with the Government is the exclusion of women from the Reform Bill, which professes to make the House of Commons for the first time truly representative of the people.' When the Labour Party talks of "the people" it means the whole people, women as well as men; and it has declared that it will use all the power it possesses to prevent the passage of the Reform Bill without an amendment to include women. It is for this reason that Suffragists have been endeavouring-and will continue to endeavour-to increase its power; and no one who understands the inner working of party politics will deny that Suffrage campaign at election-time for educating both electors the recent by-elections have had that result, even though no Labour candidate has been returned.

> The defeat of a Liberal (provided he is not a "tried friend" of Women's Suffrage) is worth while even if an Anti-Suffragist Conservative gets in.

> With the Labour Party's influence strengthened in the House of Commons, the Liberal Party managers and the Nationalists

alarmed, and unreliable Liberals provided with an object-lesson which may make them keep their promises next time, we need have no misgivings about "letting the Conservative in." Even if he were a downright Anti-Suffragist-which was not the case either in Crewe or Midlothian-the single loss would be outweighed by the three-fold gain.

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# Vale.

"I daresay many of the readers of this paper would not agree with me. Set I have never regarded newspapers as places for beople to agree in; fever they completely become so (as they sometimes show signs of doing) shall take to hoardings or pamphlets or paving-stones or some other suraces on which to inscribe my views."—G. K. Chesterton (Daily News nd Leader, Saturday, 28th September, 1912).

In taking my leave of the paper which I have edited since its oundation, three and a-half years ago, I beg my readers to llow me to speak for once in my own person.

'The Common Cause " was started under many and considerable difficulties. It had to be ready with only a few weeks' prearation and with no staff. I was Editor-Manager, and for ne months had no assistance but that of one clerk-bookkeeper. he office had to be in Manchester. With regard to women's uffrage the paper was to represent the policy and publish the news of the National Union, but it was legally debarred at that ime from being the organ of the Union. It became the property, therefore, of an independent limited liability company. was brought into being by the generosity of Miss Margaret shton, and many voluntary helpers made the work possible Never was the way of a venturesome ignoramus more kindly noothed than mine. Now that we have all the business equipment of an ordinary weekly paper I look back with some amazement to the progress we made in our first year. No one knows well as I what the paper owed to the help given by the Editor the "Manchester Guardian," by our first accountants, Messrs. llies and Smith, and by our first printer, Mr. John Percy of e Hotspur Press and his employees

The particular objects which I set before myself were twofold: o make "The Common Cause" primarily a paper for educated women, and therefore one which would have to be reckoned with by politicians as representing the views and interests of ducated women-I do not, of course, restrict the term "eduated "to those women who have received university education; here are many kinds of education and, to my way of thinking, ny of the best sort of working women are far more educated the ways of life and of humanity than ladies who do no work. was not part of my desire or intention to do over again what already being done by others. I saw no paper doing what I anted the "Common Cause" to do, and it seemed to me far better to give the paper a character of its own than to adopt processes by which other papers with other ideals succeeded. lewspaper cannot have it all ways, and if it eschews sensationdism it will have to wait for success. Such success has seemed to me worth waiting for.

But, of course, the chief object of the paper, the reason for its foundation at that time, was to help forward the political enfranchisement of women by constitutional methods of organisation, education and peaceful political action. In a paper which is to be the organ of such work there is practically nothing human hat is irrelevant. Everything there is in modern society is an argument" for women's suffrage, and the more widely we can throw our net of interest, the more we shall find men and women who are led to belief in our cause through the particular interest they have in some department of life. If you touch upon questions of education you attract the teachers and graduates; if you write of health or morality you take the doctors and nurses and clergy with you; the housewives and domestic workers are keen on matters affecting domestic service; housing and poor law and prisons and licensing and taxation, and industry-we will not continue the list—everything there is has its social and therefore its political side. I took the world for my province, and it seemed to me better than a narrower interpretation of the common cause.

For in choosing the title of "The Common Cause" my meaning was the recognition of humanity as bi-sexual; the recogni-tion that there were no "women's questions" and no "men's questions," but that all were human questions. The bother with the mass of the Press of the country is that it does not recognise that human questions like war, or the birth-rate, or tariffs, or a miners' eight-hour day have quite as much to do with women as with men, and ultra-mannish papers like the "Westminster Gazette" scarcely print anything rational about women, palming

off on them, as women's interests, the fashion drawings and chatter which are the recognised ways of promoting commercial enterprises run in the interests of men.

I am a bad partisan. The pure partisan bores me to extinction, because she is intellectually dead. Her mind is closed to impressions; you know what she is going to say before she says it; she has nailed her colours to the mast, and when she opens her lips it is to utter a war-cry, not a thought. The deadly monotony of a partisan paper is almost criminal; its fundamental untruthfulness is quite criminal. I have never considered it my business to defend women as women, right or wrong, or to refrain from commenting on or criticising the actions of women as frankly as the actions of men. To me the notion that woman is to be immune from criticism is a stuffy and depressing notion; the very people who are most imbued with the idea that men are always unfair to women are those who are most insistent that women must never criticise, still less laugh at their fellow-women! This seems to me a hopelessly obscurantist doctrine; there is no lesson women need more than that of taking criticism robustly; these people would suppress the women's view of women (unless it were one of undiluted adulation) and regard the men's view as necessarily

Holding these opinions about the wholesomeness of criticism. I have never been able to see that it does the cause of women's suffrage any good at all to refrain from criticising militant suffragists who, in my opinion, are doing considerable immediate harm and far more considerable ultimate harm. I constantly hear them say, "Why can't you work in your way and let us work in our way?" To me this is exactly like saying to a bricklayer, "Why should you object to my pulling down the wall you have with much labour built up? You work in your way and I work in mine!" It is because I believe intensely in our way of working that I resent the destruction of our work by the W.S.P.U. When the National Union organises a great meeting and the W.S.P.U. attends it in order to interrupt and insult our guest and speaker, I regard this as a clear act of hostility, and though I am immensely proud of the self-control shown by the National Union in not being tempted into any retaliation, I see no beauty in sentimentalising away our differences. They are great and vital and I will be no party to making light of them.

Really astute politicians would have known how to use the Franchise Bill for their own purposes; the W.S.P.U. have not known how to use it and they are doing their utmost to prevent our using it. I regard them as the greatest danger we have. If politicians were bigger men, the danger would be less. It remains to be seen of what stuff the men are made.

H. M. SWANWICK.

# The Purchasing Power of Women.

In your review of Mrs. Billington-Greig's book "The Consumer in Revolt," you acknowledge the importance of her rediscovery of the consumer. Conclusions very similar to hers were borne in upon me some time ago as a result of a close acquaintance with the co-operative movement. Within that movement two main conceptions of co-operation exist, one of which has been admirably stated by Mr. T. Tweddell, in a paper read before the British Association on "The Co-operation of Consumers." Beginning with this conception one may go on to some quite startling facts. Our whole industrial system begins and ends with the consumer. Uneducated and unorganised, the consumer is a universal prey, whose "goodwill," frantically competed for, is daily bought and Organised and educated, the consumer might control the economic world. And, for the most part, "the consumer" ultimately is simply an economic name for the essential woman,

Hence, in the co-operative magazine the "Wheatsheaf," some months ago, I wrote:-

"In all these (industrial) questions it is usual to think only of capital and labour, but to secure genuine advantages to the people it is necessary to consider capital, labour, and the

consumer. To give the poor more wages by taking more profits from the poor is altogether too simple a method of making the poor better off. In the case both of railways and mines we have recently witnessed how advanced charges and prices have been demanded, and gained, by the monopolists from the helpless consumer even before an extra penny of wages

Co-operation is the organisation of the consumer, and its mission is to see that the left pocket of the worker is not emptied under any pretext of filling the right, nor the wagespending housewife reduced to deeper poverty at the very moment when the wage-earning husband is promised better

Whoever understands the usual division of working-class incomes will know that an increased cost of living always becomes a direct burden upon the woman, whereas it is not always certain that she will equitably share in better wages. One would like to know how many National Insurance contributions credited to the male worker are actually being paid out of the sum upon which depends the standard of children's health and women's freedom from anxiety.

It happens that in the co-operative movement (and elsewhere) there is a great need of the truth about the consumer being developed. If, again, I may quote from an article of my own—written three years ago—" Whereas the selling of labour is chiefly a man's concern, the buying of goods is mainly a woman's affair. Hence, by an unconscious natural bias, the whole weight of the men's superior advancement has gone to increase the importance of the purely labour question." I may add that even the Women's Co-operative Guild, from the same weakness, I think, which led to its abandonment of a practical Women's Suffrage measure in favour of a theoretical "Adult Suffrage," has of late spent its strength rather upon raising the price of factory labour (which is the business of trade unions)

than upon helping the women at home. Both as consumer and worker the married working woman is

the most neglected force in society. Where the cotton trade or the mining industry is organised on all sides, and served with great technical journals and schools, hers, which is the biggest industry of all, remains a primitive handicraft, a hundred years behind the rest in social development. She is an isolated, unorganised worker, a victim to the pressure of the superior While the social powers tend continually to advance and benefit the industrial worker and the unmarried wage-earning women (whose work may be, humanly, the most trivial), the lonely occupant of "the married woman's workshop," she who bears life and trains it during the most telling years, finds the odds ever greater against her. And, while educated young women, in search of a living, press into the hard and dry business of the commercial world, that civil service of the nation's wifehood and motherhood which ought to be theirs, remains hidden in the future.

# Obituary.

# LOUISA TWINING.

On Wednesday, September 25th, occurred the death of Louisa Twining, at the age of 92.

We are accustomed to look back with a shiver to the time when the poor, and more particularly the sick poor, were treated openly as outcasts and unworthy wretches, left to the mercy of petty officialdom, when the the principal blot on their horizon and the supposed solution of all their miseries was the workhouse. Miss Twining lived to see the passing of that order f things, the reform of which she herself was largely instru-

mental in bringing about. Born in 1820, she lived for years in the Strand, near Clare Market, where she had ample opportunity of watching the struggles of the poor against dirt, sickness, and, more than either, against the workhouse. Her attention was soon drawn to the condition of the people in the old parish of St. Clement Danes in the Strand; and her labours for workhouse reform date from a visit in 1853 to the Strand Union Workhouse, where she realised the immediate need of altering the conditions of such institutions. The care of the sick, and of thousands of women and children were under the control of masculine boards of guardians who, as she said, could not be supposed to understand all that was required of them. She began by vigorous inspection and unhesitating condemnation of the pauper nurses in workhouses, insisting on the necessity of trained nurses in their place, and advising the placing of women on boards of guardians. She found the workhouse officials to be too often

as in the case of the Strand Workhouse officials, because they 'kept order and were economical." The qualifications do not suggest any regard for the inmates.

About 1855, Miss Twining began to propagate her ideas upon the subject of Workhouse Reform by means of pamphlets, upon the subject of Workhouse Retolling by inclusion pamphiets, the first being "A Few Words About the Inmates of our Union Workhouses," followed by letters to the Guardian and the Times, all advocating the institution of trained nurses in workhouses, and the separation of the sick from the healthy inmates. The first public address ever made upon the subject was made by her before the Social Science Congress in Birmingham in 1857, "on the condition of our workhouses." Gradually she roused the public to a realisation of the worth of her aims, and one of the earliest results of her work was the organisation, in 1859, of a Workhouse Visiting Society, which undertook the systematic visiting of workhouses, so far as it was able the systematic visiting of workhouses, so far as it was able to disarm the suspicion of the controlling powers. In 1861 Miss. Twining, who realised the greater need of her sex, as well as she recognised its greater responsibility in the matter, was mainly instrumental in bringing about the establishment of a home for working girls, which secured them a better training and gave them an alternative, when out of a situation, to returning to the often undesirable company in the women's ward of the workhouse. This home was supported by Miss Twining and her friends until 1878, when it was handed over to the Association for Befriending Young Servants. Miss Twining also, in 1861, opened a home for destitute incurables, and by noting an agitation in their interests, stirred up enough public feeling to secure the passing of an Act, which, in 1867. among other things, led to the separation of union infirmaries from union workhouses. Thus, to the poor in the workhouse, and after they had left it, as well as to those who were incapable of ever leaving it, Miss Twining was equally a friend.

The various schemes in which she played an active part

throughout her life from this time onwards, prove her zeal and great understanding. The Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association, instituted by her in 1867; the convalescent home she opened for East End cholera patients; her participation with Miss Florence Nightingale in a scheme for sending trained nurses to the homes of the poor; her letters to the Times, which secured the appointment of police matrons for police courts and police stations in London, all testify to a lifelong toil in a field where, on many paths, she was a pioneer worker. When, on her 84th birthday, she was presented with an address in a silver casket in recognition of fifty years of public service, she made a reference in her reply to the "great legacy of work' she would have to leave to others to do. Honour to her fo Honour to her for what she did, and for her knowledge of what remains to be The story of her life must be an inspiration to those who would follow her ways.

# They Say-What Say They?

In the current number of the Englishwoman there is a valuable article by Mr. Philip Snowden, commending the present policy of the National Union in supporting candidates of the Labour Party. He points out the very decided effect it has had, and will have, on the policy of that party, and also to a somethat lesser, but quite noticeable, extent on the other two parties. He admits that at first it seemed a risk to the success of its aims for the Union to leave the policy of strict neutrality for one of definite partisanship on what is at present the weakest side. But he sees, as all must see, that the risk was worth while in view of that success which was evident in all the recent byelections, and which was a fitting reward to the members of the Union who have adopted the new policy irrespective of private feeling "with a measure of unanimity and loyalty which is quite extraordinary '

"The active association of the woman suffragists with one of the candidates in the contest has an effect upon the electorate which raises the Woman Suffrage question to the position of one of the main issues of the campaign. It compels not only the Labour candidate and the Labour speakers to give Woman Suffrage a prominence in their speeches which would not otherwise be given, but by rousing the interest of the electors in this question it forces the other parties to give some attention to it.

The new policy has had this further effect. By the Labour Party, III these by-elections promising and announcing that they would vote against the Reform Bill unless women were included, the urgency of Woman Suffrage over all other questions of electoral reform has been impressed on the electors." "The active association of the woman suffragists with one of the can

Mr Snowden goes on to show that the sudden rejection by Labour candidates of the Reform Bill, unless it included a specified clause, naturally gave rise to much questioning. There were many things in the Reform Bill which Labour men are anxious to secure. The unavoidable justification of this change quite unfitted in education or character for their work; favoured, of policy has given opportunities of explaining that Women's

Suffrage is more important than any other reform in the

"In both Midlothian and Crewe, the defeat of the Liberal candidate was due to the efforts of the women suffragists... A prominent organiser on behalf of the Unionists was so impressed by it that he declared his intention of using all the influence he had to induce the Scottish Unionist Party to adopt officially a moderate scheme of Woman Suffrage. In the case of Holmfirth the Labour vote was doubled. The Labour Party admitted that the women were largely responsible for that. The Liberals knew it, if they did not admit it. But all these things are known in the Liberal Whip's office, and they have their effect upon the policy of the party. The Liberals know that they have lost two seats lately on this question of Woman Suffrage. This knowledge will have its effect upon their policy... It will deter Liberal members from voting against the Woman Suffrage amendment to the Reform Bill, and it will make the Liberal party as a whole look more sympathetically upon this question."

Thus it must be seen that all three parties are bound to feel the effect of the support given by the National Union to the Labour Party. The "lamb-like" attitude of the Liberal Party owards the campaign is interpreted as a sign of the high valuation of the power of the Suffrage Party, and the result enfranchising women.

of a hope on the part of the Liberals that they will secure the help of that party "where the Liberal candidate is not inconvenienced by the intrusion of a Labour candidate.

Most important of all Mr. Snowden's points is the emphasis he lays upon the plain duty of the Labour Party. The new policy,

"has left the Labour Party no option but to carry out the policy of the Labour Party Conference, and to refuse to have the Reform Bill unless it gives votes to women. The Labour Party cannot have one policy for its Conference and its by-elections and another for the House of

We trust that Mr. Snowden's opinion will be endorsed by the rest of his party, and that the successes of Midlothian, Crewe and Holmfirth may be followed by others still greater and more

There is also a short statement by Lord Selborne of his conviction that the Franchise Bill (a bad Bill, in his opinion) would be greatly improved by the addition to it of an amendment

# THE NATIONAL UNION

# WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

OBJECT: To obtain the Parliamentary franchise for women on the same terms as it is or may be granted to men.

METHODS: (a) The promotion of the claim of women to the Parliamentary vote by united action in Parliament and by all constitutional methods of agitation in this country. (b) The organisation of Women's Suffrage Societies on a non-party basis.

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GREAT ALBERT HALL DEMONSTRATION. Tuesday, November 5th, 1912.—8.30 P.M.

As it has been impossible to obtain a full let of the Albert Hall on this occasion, a large number of the boxes and amphitheatre stalls remain in the hands of private seat-holders and only a limited number of these seats are available for sale. I therefore not be possible at this meeting for the societies in Union to make a display from the boxes, and it has been decided to make no reduction in their price. It is also not ossible to guarantee any large groups of seats together in the cphitheatre stalls, especially in the blocks nearest the platform, and National Union secretaries are earnestly recommended to apply at the earliest possible date in order to secure the best

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# SECRETARIES' BOOKS.

We should like to call attention to the excellent Secretary's Book which has already been advertised in The Common Cause. Copies may be obtained from Miss McPherson, 16, Newland Drive, Liscard, Cheshire. The book is admirably irranged for collecting local information, political and other, and should prove a great help to secretaries. We are told hat one Federation has ordered copies for the use of each constituency in its area. We should like to recommend that our Federations, besides recommending old societies to get the book, should themselves supply copies to their new ones.

GERALDINE COOKE.

# Press Department.

A most important addition must be made this week to the

influential daily papers which champion Women's Suffrage.
On Tuesday, October 8th, the first issue of the Daily Citizen, the organ of the Labour Party and Independent Labour Party will appear. With regard to the attitude of the paper towards the Cause of Women's Suffrage, it will contain a clear statement, which we are assured will be very definite, on the lines of the policy of the National Union. A report will be given of the great joint Demonstration in Manchester, and also of the Council meeting on October 9th and 10th.

For years Labour men have suffered from the disabilities attendant on an organised boycott in the Press, and up till now the Party with its 42 Members of Parliament, and over 150,000 organised adherents, has not had a single daily paper to explain its policy to the country, and promote its interests amongst the electors. In this respect, Great Britain lags behind every Continental country. "Especially is the Party handicapped at three-cornered elections, when every speech and meeting of its opponents is reported, and the hopes of their success are constantly put before the electors, whilst Labour candidates are entirely ignored, or only mentioned in a line or two as obscure interlopers." Suffragists understand the position only too well, and the overwhelming difficulties of obtaining fair treatment from the Party Press. A powerful organ which promotes the aims of the National Union as part of its official programme, should add enormously to the influence which is daily making itself more effectively felt through its new development of our policy. Prominence will be given to the work of the Labour Party in Parliament, but we are assured that neither in its news nor its editorials will the paper be a narrow Party organ. It will not only deal with the every-day aspect of social industrial life, but with the wider questions of industrial policy and arbitration, and "peace will find hospitable welcome and EMILY M. LEAF. advocacy in its columns.'

# Literature Department.

REDUCTION OF PRICES.

The October Catalogue will be published this week, and has one striking feature! The leaflets which have hitherto been sold at 1s. 6d. per 100, will now be sold at 1s. 4d. per 100, 12s. 6d. per 1,000. These leaflets contain so much good

Suffrage matter, and some of them are so excellent that, though we think they are worth the higher price, we are very glad that we are now able to sell them at the lower one.

Among the leaflets thus reduced are Miss Margaret Robertson's "Is This Equality?" (B. 80), Mrs. Osler's "The Vital Claim " (B. 73), Women's Work in Local Government (B. 77), "The Reform Bill and Women's Suffrage" (B. 75), "The New Development of N.U.W.S.S. Policy" (B. 71), "To Women who are not well off" (B. 46), "To Women who are well off" (B. 19), Mr. A. J. Balfour and Franchise Reform (B. 41), "To Men and Women of the Liberal Party" (B. 10), and "To Men and Women of the Conservative Party" (B. 28). All these can now be had for 1s. 4d. per 100, subject to the usual discount on accounts paid monthly.

# THE ENGLISHWOMAN.

The October number of the Englishwoman, with a very important article by Mr. Philip Snowden on "By-Elections and Women's Suffrage," and a letter from Lord Selborne on Women's Suffrage Amendments to the Reform Bill, besides several valuable articles on women's work and education, and literary contributions as delightful as usual, can be had from this department, price 1s.

### THE BISHOP OF OXFORD ON WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

The National Union is stocking copies of the Bishop of Oxford's speech on the religious aspect of the Women's Movement, delivered at the Queen's Hall, on June 19th, and reprinted from the Christian Commonwealth.

The Religious Aspect of the Women's Movement. By the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Gore), rd.

I. B. O'MALLEY.

# Miss Robertson's Engagements.

Miss Margaret Robertson asks us to say that she is now working altogether under the Election Fighting Fund Committee, and is therefore unable to accept any private speaking engagements for the present.

# Friends of Women's Suffrage.

As several Societies have written to me that they are arranging members' meetings to consider the Friends of Women's Suffrage Scheme, and would like to have special speakers to explain it, may I take this opportunity of stating that Mrs. Harley has some free days quite at the end of October, and at the very beginning of November, which she would be willing to give for this purpose?

Mrs. Harley has been very keenly interested in the scheme from the beginning. She is "Friends of Women's Suffrage" Secretary to the Shropshire Society, which is working it with great success. Societies who wish to have the opportunity of having her should communicate with me as soon as possible.

Other National Union speakers who are specially interested in the scheme, and have expressed their willingness to address meetings about it, as far as their other engagements permit, are Miss Helen Ward, Miss Rosamond Smith, and Mrs. Garrett-Jones.

I. B. O'MALLEY, Hon. Sec. to the F.W.S. Committee.

# Treasurer's Notes.

This month will witness another important Council meeting, at which the work of the past months will be reviewed, and plans for the immediate future will be discussed. number of delegates that will come from new Societies will again mark the growth of our Union, and the proceedings of the Council cannot fail to reflect the present position of the Movement. We begin to realise that none of our past efforts have been in vain; the money and the labour expended, the literature distributed, the impressions produced by our indefatigable and gifted band of speakers, the education given by precept and example, have all played their part in building up a solid

foundation of public approval and support.

Our Autumn Campaign will culminate in a great meeting at the Albert Hall on November 5th. We have had magnificent and inspiring demonstrations before, and the successful gathering of last February is still fresh in the memory of Suffragists,



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than ever. We all know how impressive a great meeting at the Albert Hall can be, when it is made the occasion for displaying what Suffragist enthusiasm and Suffragist devotion can do. The Election Fighting Policy will be well to the fore, and we appeal all who have recognised its value to help us to swell the unplumbed. No denial and no delay can ever show our strength Election Fighting Fund by sending donations and promises as soon as possible, specially ear-marked for this purpose. All

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HELENA AUERBACH.

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# Federation Notes.

Please mention "The Common Cause" when answering Advertisements. It will help us.

Aire of halls, travelling expenses, etc., needed replenishing. To raise funds for our work the societies will be urged to support a sale of bulbs, plants, etc., in November. The organisation of a "Federation Basket," on the lines of the missionary baskets, a Christmas tree for white elephants, and an entertainment of side shows on twelth night. Particulars of these solmens will be sent to every society. By a resolution proposed by Mrs Auerbach, the societies were urged to send donations in the name of their society to the collection at the Albert Hall meeting of November 5th. Reports of great interest were given by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and the Common Cause correspondent, and one was sent by the Hon. Press Secretary. The question of memorials and deputations were discussed; also the necessity of obtaining Press secretaries in areas where no society exists. A report was given on the "Friends of W.S." organisation which showed a growing and increasing interest in the movement. At the close of the morning session we were entertained at luncheon by Miss Crosheld, and at the confusion of our work were invited to tea at Hethersett by Mrs. Auerbach. Delegates staying for the public meeting held in the evening had acopitality given them. We have pleasure in expressing eur united thanks to all our kind hotsesses. Sirteen delegates, two executive representatives, two officers, and the committee members of the Redhill and Reigate Society, and Mrs. Dempster attended the committee. The financial statement showed from July 1st to September 24th moom from all gources including a "Ommon Cause Fund" and "Election Fund" and "Organisers' Salary Fund" 2100 2s.; expenditure 251 5s. 2d., balance in hand 257 16s. 10d. Of the balance there was nothing available for general purposes. The treasurer pointed out that Federation fees were falling due.

the White Slave Traffic. A wish was expressed for further meetings in the public hall.

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### South Wales and Monmouthshire.

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Swansea reports that Mrs. Aeron Thomas has been appointed Vice-President and Mrs. Moore co-Secretary, in place of Miss Bowen, who has resigned. The Society is arranging deputations to Sir Alfred Mond, Sir Brynmor Jones and Mr. John Williams re the Reform Bill.

Cardiff is looking out for an experienced organiser. For the month of October the Society has secured the services of Miss Minnie Davies, of Lampeter. The Society is now a big one, and much work is waiting to be done if the resources of the Society can be thoroughly organised.

nected with public work. At the close questions were asked and 30 members were enrolled, so that a Ryde Society is praotically started.

Horsham.—The annual meeting of the Horsham branch of the N.U.W.S.S. was held at the Town Hall, Horsham, on September 26th. The speaker was Miss Maude Royden and Lady Farrer took the chair. There was a very good attendance and the meeting was a most successful one, many new members being enrolled at the conclusion. A public meeting was also held in the same place at 8 p.m. when Miss Royden gave a very eloquent address on "The Teaching of Christ and the Women's Movement."

South Western.

Fresh ground was broken in August at the Lizard, where no Suffrage meeting had ever been held. Mrs. Richard Jose kindly lent her kitchen for the purpose, and it was crowded (the stairs serving as a gallery) to hear Miss Hetty Baker, who spoke on the probable benefits of Woman Suffrage, with special reference to

# The Suffrage Shop.

Suffragists will be glad to hear that £403 has been guaranteed. The shop will therefore go on, and it is hoped that £500 more may be found for its development. Friends should write to Dr. Barbara Tchaykovsky, 15, Adam Street, Strand, W.C. We should like to remind our readers that they can see an uncommon stock of books and other publications by calling at the shop, and they can obtain any modern books within a day or two by ordering. Women should make a point of dealing at this shop for all their books.

# Irish Notes.

ULSTER AND THE WOMEN.

The Unionist campaign in Ulster has been the most prominent of recent political events in Ireland. Women have taken a leading part in this campaign, but, alas, not as advocates of woman's suffrage! They have responded enthusiastically to the call of the men to come out and help them to maintain the Union. They have given magnificent help without questioning the justice of the men who claim political help the justice of the men who claim political help from those to whom they give no political rights. Mr. F. E. Smith roused immense applause when, in one of his recent speeches, he spoke of Jennie Geddes, "the first woman that flung a stool that broke a dynasty." And his Ulster audience expressed vociferous delight when the orator continued, "Ulster is the Jennie Geddes of today!" The woman who helped to make history by illegal methods in the past is acclaimed; but the modern woman who claims the right but the modern woman who claims the right to help in the making of history to-day by legal methods, is utterly disregarded. The old story is repeated once more. The politicians say to the women, "Give us of your best." And if the women beg, "Promise us full political rights in any new form of Government you may frame" the reply is silence, or "Please don't worry us. Trust us. We will give you everything that is good for you in the future." We have had so many of such kind promises!

The Irishwomen's Reform League took the

The Irishwomen's Reform League took the risk of seeming discourteous, and did worry in a mild way. They wrote to Sir Edward Carson, and reminded him of the claims of women for enfranchisement, and of how worthy of political recognition the women of Ulster were proving themselves, and begged for a pledge that the municipal register be made the basis that the municipal register be made the basis of representation in the Ulster Provisional Government. They have received no reply to their letter. On the occasion of the public banquet in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on the night of September 28th, they sent the following telegram to Sir Edward Carpon : to Sir Edward Carson :-

"Irishwand Carlson" League feel confident that you, recognising the destined and irresistible progress of the Suffrage cause, have met it by granting votes to women under the Provisional Government; remember that loyalty distinct from liberty is corruption. Please reply 29, South Anne Street, Dublin."

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a letter which has been forwarded to all the Ulster Members of Parliament, and to the leaders of the Ulster Unionist Council, urging upon them the need that exists for the direct representation of Irishwomen in any system of Government that may be devised for this country.

of the Married Women's Property Act, regards the wife's income as one with that of her husband."

There were nearly as many points of view as there were speakers, thus admirably illustrating the chaotic condition of modern political thought. Sir John Cockburn declared himself a champion of law and order; Mr. Bernard Sheur declared that "political effectors"

The Committee also considered plans for supporting Mr. Philip Snowden's Amendment to the Home Rule Bill.

the Home Rule Bill.

The draft of the first Annual Report of the Federation met at Newry on September 28th. the Secretary announced that two new Societies had been formed through the agency of members of the Committee during the last month. Three other Societies are in process of formation. The first annual meeting of the Federation will be held in Dublin on October 26th.

Mrs. Despard spent a fortnight in Ireland during September, and addressed a number of meetings, some outdoors, some in halls. The outdoor meetings in Dublin and Cork were extremely successful.

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Great interest is manifested in the visit of Miss Abadam to Ireland. She is to speak twice in Belfast on October 14th, then in Lisburn, Warrenpoint, Newry, Dublin, Cork and Waterford on the following consecutive days.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin has kindly lent the Oak Room of the Mansion House for the meeting to be organised by the Irishwomen's Reform League for the afternoon of October 17th. Miss Abadam's subject is to be the "White Slave Traffic." It is hoped that this meeting will give an opportunity for starting in Dublin a branch of the Ladies' National Vigilance Association. Some members of the Irishwomen's Reform League are endeavourng to promote such an organisation, which, we understand, is much needed.

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The same League is now forming a lending library at its office, 29, South Anne Street, Dublin. One member has kindly given a donation of £2 for this object, and other members are contributing books of feminist interest. The scheme of a "Pass It On" library of pamphlets and leaflets has also been adopted, and will be strongly recommended to country members. Two meetings of members of the Irishwomen's Reform League will be held on October 10th, one in the afternoon, the other in the evening. Several new schemes of work will be proposed to the members, and an urgent appeal made

Several new schemes of work will be proposed to the members, and an urgent appeal made for support and for suggestions.

Miss Moser is organising a Dance Committee, and it is hoped a subscription ball will be organised to take place early in November. The success of that given in the early part of the year induces the hope that a Suffrage Ball will become an increasingly popular social event in Dublin.

L. Bennett.

# The Case of Mr. Wilks.

Sir John Cockburn took the chair at the Indignation Meeting held in the Caxton Hall on Thursday last, and the resolution, passed with

"That this meeting indignantly protests against the imprisonment of Mr. Mark Wilks for his inability to pay the tax on his wife's earned income, and demands his immediate release.
"This meeting also calls for an amendment of the existing Income Tax Law, which, contrary to the spirit

Shaw stoutly declared that "political offences were the worst offences"; Mr. Mansell Moullin declared that all reformers must be unconstitutional, and begin with resistance to the law. All the speakers, nowever, agreed in pour ng ridicule on the Government, which could not even decide which of two contradictory Acts to put into force, and tried first one and then the other. It will be remembered that Mr. Mark Wilks has been imprisoned under very rigorous conditions in Brixton Gaol because out of an Wilks has been imprisoned under very rigorous conditions in Brixton Gaol because out of an income of £160 he cannot pay his wife's tax and costs of £37. The authorities have twice distrained on the property of Mrs. Wilks, and they have now imprisoned her husband, a procedure described by Mr. Mansell Moullin as giving the first instance of the law considering a husband as the property of his wife. Mr. Bernard Shaw showed up the cowardice of the authorities very neatly in his description of how the "Bernard Shaw Relief Act" came into being—we have often wondered how the revenue authorities managed to evade the imprisonment of Mr. Shaw; now we know—ard Mr. Shaw indicated his opinion that if only women would make men suffer instead of sacrificing themselves, they would get the vote sooner—a reform, he said, "which everyone knows is £0 ing to come, and the delay of which is a mere piece of senseless stupidity." He adjured women not to lose sight of what they were fighting for, by asking to be treated as political prisoners, or by mantaining the "hopeless political idiocy that taxation and representation go together"; they should concentrate on the vote.

Mr. Laurence Housman declared that the mere existence on the Statute-book of a foolish and unscrupulous law did not matter, but a foolish and unscrupulous Government had set this law in motion, and it was the right thing to make a tyrannical Government expensive. Mr. Jacobs questioned the legality of the imprisonment of Mr. Wilks, Mr. Chancellor, M.P., spoke for women's suffrage, and Mr. Fleming Williams spoke with deep indignation of the barbarous methods of a Government which tortured the husband in order to compel the wife to pay. He also declared with much feeling that a Government which at this mo-

the wife to pay. He also declared with much feeling that a Government which at this mo-ment brought the law into contempt was play-

ing a very dangerous part.

The contempt and derision evinced by every speaker for the way in which the Government had behaved in this predicament were very

# "Nauseous" Literature.

The following letter was sent to the Times last week and refused publication. The Times and the Morning Post recently made persistent efforts to mislead the public into supposing there was a body of "feminist" opinion for which Suffragists were corporately responsible. The Freewoman was alluded to,, sometimes by name, sometimes indirectly, as being the chief repository of this "feminist" opinion. We should have supposed, therefore, that the Times would

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# REPORT ON THE FARM.

Two Reports as to the suitability of the Farm for the purposes of the Company have been obtained; one from Mr. W. J. Malden who has a practical and intimate knowledge of the subject and is a well-known Agricultural Expert, and the other from Mr. W. L. Charleton, well known in connection with the small-holding movement.

It is proposed to develop the Estate in two different ways: (a) By the Company itself farming some of the land and (b) By letting small-holdings to approved women tenants.

and the following is the scheme which the Directors propose to adopt:

The Company will commence cultivating operations at the earliest opportunity and break up the land for crops, orchards and market gardens, and will at the same time establish a system of training for women desirous of being instructed in horticulture, agriculture and kindred subjects with a view to their taking up small-holdings.

The Company will provide these small-holdings and erect on some of them suitable bungalows, outbuildings and glass-houses, thus enhancing the value of the property.

The Company will market the produce of the small-holdings and otherwise, and will possess all the necessary agricultural machinery and power, which the small-holders will be able to hire at moderate charges, and will also supply small-holders with seeds, manures and feeding stuffs at advantageous prices.

The special object of the scheme is to preserve the small-holder from the common causes of failure—wiz, lack of skilled advice and lack of capital—and at the same time to give her special facilities in the way of co-operative marketing.

Applications from women desirous of being trained, or of taking up small-holdings, will be considered by the Directors forthwith. All communications on this subject should be addressed to the Secretary at the registered office of the Company.

PROSPECTIVE PROFITS.

and implements.

It will be the aim of the Company to earn a reasonable commercial return for the Shareholders upon the money invested by them at the same time the Directors desire to work the scheme in relation to those Shareholders who are also tenants in a genuinely co-operative spirit, and the finance of the Company will accordingly be so conducted that both classes of Shareholders will benefit by the Company's prosperity.

It is not proposed that the Directors shall receive any fees until a dividend of 5 per cent. has been paid on the Share Capital, except the Managing Director's remuneration, and any remuneration for special services as provided for in the Articles.

The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allot is 1,500 shares.

Prospectuses and forms of Application can be obtained from the Company's Bankers,
Messrs. Barclay & Co., Ltd., or any of their branches, and at the office of the Company's
Solicitors, and Auditors, and at the registered office of the Company.

Dated 26th September, 1912.

have felt itself bound in fairness to publish the circumstance that the Freewoman had joined the Anti-Suffragists. They did not do so, and that is our excuse for giving it publicity. Here follows the letter in

Sept. 26th, 1912.

# "The Englishwoman's" Exhibition.

An exhibition of Arts and Handicrafts will be held by The Englishwoman at the Maddox Street Galleries, 23A, Maddox Street, Regent Street, W., from Wednesday, November 6, to Saturday, November 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Exhibition will be under the direct patronage of the Lady Frances Balfour, Winifred Countess of Arran, Muriel Countess De la Warr, and other distinguished ladies. There will be exhibits of hand-weaving, jewellery, leather-work, bookbinding, photography, miniatures, pottery. bookbinding, photography, miniatures, pottery, stained glass, wood-carving, etc, etc. All the exhibits will be of a very high standard, and this should be a unique opportunity of seeing what women are doing in the region of applied art in 1922.

# Foreign News.

### United States.

We are glad to be able to contradict the statement that the voting in Arizona has been post-poned. To explain the error we reprint the following from the Woman's Journal of Septem-

ber 14th:—
"A prominent Minnesota paper lately stated editorially that the Supreme Court of Arizona, by a strained interpretation of the new constitution, had put off the election of the first State Legislature, and also the vote upon the woman registature, and also the vote upon the woman suffrage amendment, until two years from now. The Woman's Journal reprinted the statement in good faith. Mrs. Frances W. Munds of Prescott, president of the Arizona Equal Suffrage Association, informs us that it is completely without foundation. She also says that the publication of this error in the Woman's Journal, has lad a number of California suffice. Tournal has led a number of California suffrajournal has led a number of California suffra-gists to cease their efforts to raise money for the Arizona campaign. We regret the mistake exceedingly, and hasten to give all possible prominence to the fact that the Arizona amend-ment will be voted upon in November of this

year.

"The Oregon campaign grows more and more exciting as election day draws nearer," says the Woman's Journal, 'and Suffrage leaders report encouraging news from all sections of the State. A call has been issued for a great State rally to be held in Portland, October 15th, with representatives from a very country, in Oregon sentatives from every country in Oregon present."

# The Netherlands.

Next year will witness the centennial of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which was established after the defeat of Napoleon. Dutch women, too, felt that they should take a part in the celebrations, and are organising a great exhibition, to be held in 1913. In the programme of arrangements Women's Suffrage has not been forgotten, and the three National Associations for Women's Suffrage are co-operating in a Suffrage section, which will organise lectures and demonstrations, and should be a very valuable means of propaganda.

Jus Suffragii reports from Belgium that there is a gradual change in public opinion favourable to Suffrage. At present, however, the question of plural voting predominates over that of the enfranchisement of women. Belgium question of plural voting predominates over that of the enfranchisement of women. Belgium already has Manhood Suffrage, since every male over 25, is entitled to vote, but what the advocates of "True Manhood Suffrage" demand is the abolition of the supplementary vote granted to married men over 35 who pay taxes to the amount of 5 francs, to citizens possessing a capital of more than 2,000 francs, and to those who have passed through the secondary schools. The attitude of the Roman Catholic Party is divided on this question, but there is a very the abolition of the supplementary vote granted to married men over 35 who pay taxes to the amount of 5 francs, to citizens possessing a capital of more than 2,000 francs, and to those who have passed through the secondary schools. The attitude of the Roman Catholic Party is divided on this question, but there is a very

general agreement that if the vote is to be regarded as a natural right rather than a privilege, there is no reason why it should be withheld from women. They, therefore, refuse to join the other parties in the abolition of plural voting unless, at the same time, the Franchise is granted to women. Belgian Suffragists are hopeful, and "expect the best results from the thorough suffrage propaganda which we are planning for this winter."

# Reviews.

(Mrs.) H. M. Swanwick FELLOWSHIP IN WORK. By A. L. Pogosky. London: C. W. Daniel, 6d.

LITERATURE: THE WORLD OF LIFE

London: C. W. Daniel, 6d.

LITERATURE: THE WORLD OF LIFE
OR OF DEATH. By Canon William
Barry, D.D.

MORALS AND BRAIN. By Sir Thomas
Cheriston, M.A., LL.D.

RELIGION AND RACE REGENERATION.
By the Rev. P. B. Meyer. [New Tracts for
the Times. 6d. each. Published by the
National Council of Public Morals.]

None of these little books calls for more than
the briefest notice. There is nothing very
new in any, and little that is definite. Of the
three volumes belonging to the series styled
"New Tracts for the Times," only one has
anything very positive to say—"Morals and
Brain," by Sir Thomas Cheriston. In this,
some of the negative proposals of the Eugenist
school are discussed. Sir Thomas lays stress on
the need for training, especially in inhibition, the need for training, especially in inhibition, during adolescence, touching specially on the impressions received through the eye, and then impressions received through the eye, and then proceeds to give an interesting estimate of the number of people in the kingdom in whose case special care and discipline is needful. Over and above the half million feeble-minded who fall under the scope of the Mental Deficiency Bill, he estimates that there are no less than 4 million seems in the propulation, who are distinctly, to ne estimates that there are no set than a first persons in the population who are distinctly, to a more or less degree, below the average: who differ widely indeed in the degree of care, of supervision, even of restraint, that they require, but who agree in that all do need some special

oversight.

The weakness of the Eugenist's at the moment is undoubtedly the extreme vagueness of their doctrines on the positive side. Very often their doctrine of "race regeneration" seems to amount to little more than rhetoric. Canon Barry is very eloquent in his denunciation of certain tendencies in modern literature which seem to him ugly, but he spoils the undoubtedly strong case against undesirable writing by his confused diatribes against 1bseu, Nietzsche and Strauss, who are not really the offenders at all. Neither he nor the Rev. F. B. Meyer succeed in giving any clear impression of what it is at which they aim. In a very broad and general which they aim. In a very broad and general regarded as a social sacrament and parenthood as a sacred function. But if this is all that the "New Tracts for the Times" have to tell us, it might easily be put more succinctly

MRS. LANCELOT: A COMEDY OF ASSUMPTIONS. By Maurice Hewlett,

M. A. HAMILTON.

(Macmillan. 339 pp. 6s.)

The traditional place of woman—we have heard much of it, from people who believe in it and wish to keep her there, and from those who wish to pull her out of it, or who deny its existence altogether. This "place," in the common acceptance of the term, is one of shelter with self-scerifice as navment—of enclosure. common acceptance of the term, is one of shelter with self-sacrifice as payment—of enclosure, as the property of a declared owner, from the common roads of life. A treasured possession, maybe, but still a possession, she must make a free acknowledgment of the ownership as fee for the protection; the loss of freedom being followed by a deadening of the spirit.

Mr. Hewlett has shown us the attitude of three men towards a woman so situated. They

three men towards a woman so situated. They love her in their different ways. The story of their dealings with Georgiana marks in three stages her departure from her "place"-a sort

possession too, but he has a sense of humour and a reverence for courage, this little, famous Duke to whom, under a fictitious name, the author pays tribute. Thus a second assumption is dispelled; the tough, old lover, an experimentalist in his way, enjoying the contrast between the real nature of his grey-eyed "fairy" and the notion of her which his attentions set afloat in their scandal-making and most un-imaginative of worlds. Finally, Gervase Poore the poet drags out to the light the tradition that enchains her-shakes the woman out of it by th awakener, as a duty to self. He carries her off his "Nausithoë," his "little slim thing," ar eager companion. The scene when the three men meet for the claiming of her is memorable and the result of their meeting holds the significance of the story.

The light thus thrown upon an important matter is neither particularly new nor vivid. But the author, while himself assuming a rather too assured knowledge of feminine nature makes nevertheless a fair presentment of the development of womanhood according to the demand made upon it, not for passive sul mission to, but for active protection of the

Reform in the early 19th Century—the urging for it and the opposition to it, strikes a persister note throughout the book. In an interesting was the characters of the three men are shown in their attitude towards reform, as in their way of loving. This is perhaps because reform is shown to be a criticism of property; and the question of property we find to be at war with, and very near to the question of love.

NORA O'SULLIVAN.

# BOOKS RECEIVED.

THE BLUE WALL. A story of strangeness and struggle. By Richard Washburn Child. 378 pp. Constable and Co. 6s.

# Suggestions on the Real Significance of Woman Suffrage.

I have heard women suffragists say—and I have heard them ridiculed in consequence—that when they do get the vote they will not necessarily make use of it. This sounds like the defiance or "cussedness" of a naughty child, but it is really nothing of the sort; and, though I hope that every use will be made of that desirable, and long desired, tool (a word surely preferable to "weapon"), I can only admire, wholeheartedly, the depth of feeling that prompted that utterance.

Can it be disputed that the vote is not in itself the ideal, but rather an outward and visible sign of an inward, invisible growth, which is as vast as it is irresistible? It is, I think, the very depth of feeling underneath the whole "feminist movement" that prompts many of us to hide it under this one of its material manifestations—just as a sensitive man will give only a partial

just as a sensitive man will give only a partial or a distorted view of the truth rather than un-cover his real feelings to the scorn or indifference of an unsympathetic listener.

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Do not by this imagine that I think the vote is of no, or of small, importance. It is necessary—as other material things are necessary in a material world. But of far greater importance is the wish for the vote, the desire on the part of women, to take a more active part in the government of their country, to make use of their universally admitted knowledge of special branches of social welfare, to shoulder their share of responsibility in all undertakings in which they are concerned. And more powerful and deeper still is the longing to raise the whole ideal of women's lives, to broaden their interests, to open their minds to nobler and finer things than at present—of necessity—occupy so much of their thoughts; and, above all, to establish between men and women a mutual understanding and

be it well understood, have begun to manifest themselves. This is plainly illustrated by the existence of societies for the prevention of cruelty of all sorts, by the spread of vegetarianism, by the growth of all humanitarian feelings—in short,

by altruism itself.

Seeing thus something of the real significance of the Cause, and its irresistible progress with the evolution of the race, it is not only comforting, but inspiring in a high degree to reflect that the rebuffs and disappointments continually encountered in the work for the vote are no more than which we would be a whole seed that the might very which we have the which the might very which we have the which we will be seen the seed of the might very which we will be seen the weight of the might very which we will be seen the weight of the might very which we will be seen the weight of the might very which we will be seen the weight of the weight will be seen the weight of the weight will be seen the weight will be seen the weight of the weight will be seen the weight will be seen the weight will be seen to be seen the weight will be seen that the weight will be seen the weight will be seen to be seen the weight will be seen to be seen the weight will be see encountered in the work for the vote are no more than whirlpools and back-eddies of the mighty current beneath. Not only have they no power to affect the main stream, but their very appearance, though so fleeting, gives rise to greater efforts of strength and devotion, and more enduring self-sacrifice on the part of all who work for the material as well as for the spiritual

And so do we, by pausing a moment in our limb and looking back on the valley we have eft, catch a glimpse of one corner of the great Plan; and henceforward we know, of our own Plan; and nencerorward we know, of our own experience, that all things do most surely work together for good. Only, as we approach more nearly to our ideal, may we all, with that "Divine discontent" necessary to all progress, raise up always a higher ideal on the new horizon that limits our vision, and neither faint nor be weary till that, too, is an achievement of the nast.

# Letters to the Editor.

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### DANGEROUS MEN.

With reference to the incident of Clarence Smith the llowing story—for which I can vouch—may interest

A short time ago a woman in one of the poorer quarters f a North Country city pointed out a man saying that twas well-known that he made a practice of trying o inveigle little girls away. She herself had caught him ith two little things of five and six, and had rescued hem, and the fact was so well known that on one occa-

sion the women of the street had set upon him and beaten him. Once only had the police caught him, and then "as no actual violence had yet been done to the child," he was imprisoned for a fortnight. At the present moment he is free to continue assaulting little girls, and the mothers, whose children run daily and hourly ris', have apparently no redress and have nothing but their own watchfulness on which to rely. In the case of working mothers whose children perforce play in the street, it is easy to realise the impossibility of always being on guard, and the fact of such a man being at arge is a serious danger to the whole quarter.

GRACE E. HADOW.

2, Brandling Park, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I have read Miss S. M. Clark's letters on "Suffrage Education" with very special interest. To quote Miss I. O. Ford: "We shall need more and more enthusiasm, based on knowledge, the only kind I care for."

But why should we trouble headquarters in this matter? I propose that each branch should be self-supporting: (1) Form a sub-committee to deal with education on suffrage questions; (2) find out what special subject meets its own local requirements; (3) obtain the help of a paid expert who is not biassed by suffrage to map out a course of reading, and establish a system of correspondence classes by means of monthly question-papers This scheme would layl'a solid foundation of suffrage knowledge, and reach numbers of people unable to go to lectures, etc. It would also be more really alive, as springing from many different sources of interest and enthusiasm than if worked from a centre. Later, it might be possible to call a meeting of delegates from societies interested in order to compare results and obtain the benefit of the experienced gained.

LILIAN HAYE COOPER.

Halfmoon Cottage, Haslemere.

# PUBLIC OPINION ON MILITANCY

I did not wish to enter this discussion, but as I am at present engaged in "spade work,"—viz. canvassing for "Friends" and trying to rouse some interest in the Suffrage cause by house-to-house visiting, I feel it a duty to support those who say that militant methods are bringing discredit on the movement and creating a hostile spirit. I could cite many instances where not only sympathy but support has been withdrawn, and I have felt so disheartened many times that I have been on the point of appealing to the W.S.P.U. to change their tactics. Personally, I sympathise with their devotion and self-sacrifice, but I cannot agree with law-breaking if only on account of the bad example t sets to the rising generation, and I know many of their imembers who, while they condone, are forced to deplore

such disorderly conduct by cultured women. I say emphatically no good can come of it; on the contrary, the expressions of disgust are painful to hear. Meetings are no criteria. I heard Miss Sylvia Pankhurst address a large and apparently sympathetic crowd, which cheered and applauded as her motor moved away, but she would not have felt flattered could she have heard the remarks made subsequently by the various groups that loitered about. It is becoming increasingly difficult to influence people, and the work of the unpaid agent is growing harder. More time, more exertion and more patience is necessary now to make an im-

is.

ROSALIE R. LEWIS

(Hon. Sec. Alderley Edge and Holmes Chapel),

Manchester District Federation. Preston House, Alderley Edge. Sept. 30th, 1912.

Will you kindly permit me to reply to the letters from Miss Watson and from the Hon. Secretary to the Scottish Federation of Women's Suffrage Societies, in your issue of September 26th?

I am very sorry, to have given the impression that I doubted the accuracy of a statement made by one of the N.U.W.S.S. workers. It would never occur to me to do so. As Miss Watson's report spoke of the difficulties she encountered in her work owing to the Dublin Theatre fire, and as mention was made of the W.S.P.U. being at work in Largs, I thought the public would probably conclude that the W.S.P.U. experienced the same or even greater difficulties from the same cause. I therefore wrote to point out that this was not the case. I "narrowed down the question to the Dublin incident," only because Miss Watson's report made special allusion to it, and I had no intention of drawing any comparison between the work of the two Societies, except in regard to the particular point raised—viz., the effect of the militancy of that date on the public at Largs.

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The object of the campaign in which I was taking part—(I am not "W.S.P.U. organiser at Largs" as Miss Inglis states)—was to interest the many holiday-makers in Largs and the neighbourhood. No attempt was therefore made to form a branch there, though several new members were made.

It is, I admit, exceeding difficult sometimes, to make a non-thinking public realise that there is a non-militant as well as a militant society, and I am delighted to hear that MissWatson has been able to overcome this difficulty and to start—despite the fears expressed to her that 'she would find it impossible to start a branch" owing to the disgust aroused by militancy—a "very satisfactory branch" in Largs. I hope it will have every possible success.

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should also like to thank her for the appreciation

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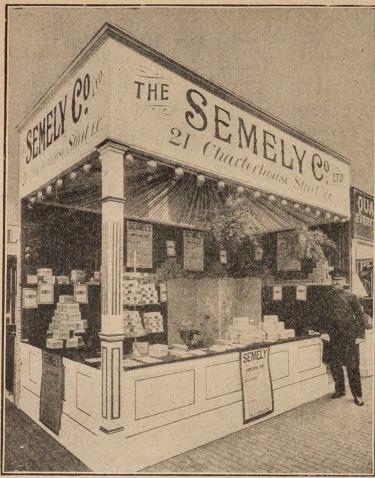


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The great success of the Semely Company was emphasised at the Grocers' and Sundry Trades' Exhibition, and a view of their stand is given here. There is little to add to what I have said in former issues of the COMMON CAUSE—only a hearty recommendation to all who care for comfort and economy to write for the pamphlet and sample. I am sure that all who follow my advice will gain the same experience and material benefit I myself have obtained by the use of

C. C. DE WATERFORD.

of members of the W.S.P.U. so kindly expressed in her letter.

EDITH B. CLARENCE Hon. Sec. Axminster W.S.P.U.).

THE LLANYSTUMDWY INCIDENT. Under the above title you give this week a very small paragraph on the Llanystundwy incident, but there is not one word of horror or condemnation of the brutality

man's point of view only; women who bear men children as well as women should see both. Weak men have always responded with brutality to the nagging of weak women. I should like to see both men and women grow out of these complementary weaknesses."]

I am sure many of your readers looked eagerly in

THE POSITION OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

Your readers may have been interested in the official contribution of the Labour Leader to the discussion of the Party's attitude towards the Reform Bill. I put it to your readers that the article in last week's issue of that journal on "The Labour Party and Women" is but the beginning of the end of a cautious climb-down which began immediately after the Albert Hall demonstration and may end with a Manhood Suffrage Act. For if there is any confusion as to the general position of the LLP. and the Labour Party on the subject, such confusion is entirely due to the development amongst our Parliamentary leaders of that Parliamentary mode of utterance which prohibits any clear and definite statement of the Party's position on any subject whatever, and least of all on the subject of women's rights. This is the mark of the party politician. It is true that the N.A.C. passed a strong resolution urging that, if women were excluded from the Reform Bill, the Labour Party should oppose it even to the extent of defeating the Government. It is true that the L.P. Conference endorsed their action. The Labour Party Conference also, by a large majority, expressed itself by a resolution which was understood by the delegates to mean definite opposition to the Bill on Third Reading if women are not included in its provisions. Yet because of the misleading words which were used in framing the Labour Party Conference resolution, and the equally misleading "pledge" given at the Albert Hall demonstration, "the woman suffrage papers" to use the Labour Leader's words," are still devoting much space to a discussion of the attitude of the Labour Party towards the Reform Bill."

The first point is this, that at the Labour Party Conference, the resolution was deliberately framed so that whatever it was understood to mean by the delegates, it would eave to the Parliamentary leaders the ultimate task of deciding upon definite opposition to, or definite support of the Bill. Hence the particularly subtle wording THE POSITION OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

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The Standard, 104, SHOE LANE, LONDON, E.C. withdrawn in the same breath as hat in which it had been uttered; and I think many will agree that the present position of confusion and doubt bears me out. What I and others up and down the country desire to ask is just this: Why cannot our leaders in Parliament tell us exactly where they stand, and what they propose to do? The position of the LL.P. members is quite clear. Mr. Hardie says that if 'women are not included in the Bill, he and his LL.P. colleagues will oppose the Third Reading, irrespective of consequences. Then what will hinder the Trade Unionist members from voting in accordance with the sense of their own resolution? Nothing, Madam Editor, but the simple fact that the spirit of the resolution and the letter are two different things. The spirit and the speeches at the Conference were engineered for window-dressing purposes; the letter leaves the politicians exactly where they were. Certainly, then, when the crisis comes, most of the Labour representatives will play to the good old rule, the simple plan, when in doubt and when you can,—vote with the Government!

The contributor to the Labour Leader concludes his article of elucidation with: "We trust we shall not fail!"—(i.e., to persuade the Labour members to honour Macdonald's pledge). Is this the way to succeed? No,Madam! The LLP, will not succeed, and the Labour Party will not turn out the Government. The fact that the Labour Leader devotes two columns of careful analysis of the subject in an unsuccessful attempt to arrive at something definite, is sufficient proof of that!

During their brief tenure of office the present Government have committed enough crimes against the people of this country, and especially the women, to condemn

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During their brief tenure of office the present Government have committed enough crimes against the people of this country, and especially the women, to condemn them a thousand times before the bar of public opinion. Yet still the Party hesitates on account of some political working arrangement of which the rank and file know nothing.

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We know that Macdonald objects to militancy (on the part of women and Labour members). Yet surely right is still right, and wrong wrong! He says he believes in votes for women; the I.L.P. members of Parliament as a whole believe in votes for women; the majority of the Trades Unionists of the country believe in votes for women. All have expressed themselves (the last-named asclearly as their leaders would let them) in favour of turning out the Government should they attempt to take their Bill to the House of Lords without the inclusion of women. Then Madam Editor, what is the position of the Labour Party on the Government's Reform Bill?

Bow, E.

Reform Bill?

Bow, E. EDGAR J. LANSBURY.
[IMr. Edgar Lansbury has read the last paragraph of last week's article in the Labour Leader too hurriedly, and he interprets it incorrectly. It runs thus:—
"Women suffragists can rest assured that the LL.P. inside Parliament and outside Parliament will do all in its power to secure the enfranchisement of women by the Reform Bill. If we fail (i.e., in getting women into the Reform Bill, manifestly not a proceeding which can be carried out by the L.L.P. single-handed), our members in the House will do their utmost to get their colleagues to join them in voting against the Bill and in the country, our branches will carry on the campaign of propaganda and protest.

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"We trust we shall not fail" i.e., fail to get women into the Reform Bill, not, as Mr. E. Lansbury suggests, to get the Labour party to vote against a Manhood Suffrage Bill.]

A PERMANENT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

Will you allow me to call the attention of your readers to the "Congres Permanent du Féminisme Internationale," which has its headquarters in Paris.

It is intended to be a bond of connection between feminists of all nations, and its founder and secretary, Mme. Orka, asked me to make known that she is anxious for suffragists going to Paris to put themselves into communication with her. Especially is she desirous of knowing when well known suffrage speakers are in Paris, so that meetings can be arranged for them. Mme. Orka's address is 36, rue de Penthièvre, Paris, and I can speak from recent personal experience that a warm welcome, information as to meetings and much help in trying to understand the movement in France will be given to suffragists visiting Paris.

38, Hogarth Hill, Hen, on, N.W.

September 29th, 1912.

EDITH HOW MARTYN.

THE APATHY OF THE WOMAN ELECTOR.

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I read the interesting letter on this subject which Miss Marion Chadwick wrote to THE COMMON CAUSE a few weeks ago with much pleasure, and think her suggestion an excellent one. It would indeed be a splendid opportunity of interesting women in their need of the Parliamentary Vote could they see how they could use their municipal vote. The anti-suffrage gibe that women do not appreciate their municipal franchise is unfortunately only too well deserved.

In Manchester there is held in connection with the Y.M.C.A. a Junior City Council. This is for the purpose of training and interesting young men as future citizens. It is modelled on the plan of the Municipal Council, with Mayor, Deputy-Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, etc., etc., and the members of this Junior Council debate on topics which are being discussed by the Manchester City Council. This must prove an excellent training for them. I enquired whether women were admitted to this Junior Council, but found they were not. Could not something similar be started for women, not necessarily on identical lines, as women would probably require a rather different method to be used to bring them out; but it should not be past the wit or understanding of our many public-spirited women to devise some means of awakening women to their citizen duties.

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says Mr. J. L. Garvin, the Editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, speaking of

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Son—the sort of letter many other intengent women might write if they put on paper what they thought:—

"I wonder if you ever realise, you who little a woman like myself, living quietly up here, really knows of the great questions that seem so vital and throbbing to the country.

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"I suppose I am like hundreds of women. I would keenly like to understand these great problems, but who is there to tell us, simply and clearly, and, don't forget, briefly?

"I want a paper which will be like a bright, intelligent son, coming home every week and telling his mother all that is happening in the wide world—about the things that matter. I am really interested in everything that interests intelligent people and everything that heartens good people, and I should like to know of a paper which tells me these things in an interesting way."

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To-day's Daily News announces that in one ward in Manchester the municipal election is to be fought on the Land Tax Campaign question. Here is an incursion into the sphere of Parliamentary politics! Although it may also be truly said to be as well municipal politics, as it is said the two ground landlords who between them own the ward, contribute practically nothing to the rates. How are the women voters going to be instructed on this matter? And I may say this is a ward which contains many women voters, chiefly landladies, who let rooms to business men or women. Here is a chance for good suffrage work to be done, and there must, as Miss Chadwick stated, be many more equally fruitful fields of work quite as ready to be done.

September 24th, 1912.

A SUFFRAGIST DOCTOR OF 1798.

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It may interest your readers to know that in the year 1798 there was a Radical politician who was not afraid to advocate the enfranchisement of women. The other day I was reading the political works of Andrew Fletcher of Sattoun, re-published in 1798 with "Notes by R. Watson, M.D." Among the notes to Fletcher's "Account of a Conversation" I found the following:—

"Surely if want of chastity be punishable, it cannot be less so in man than in woman. If the female be the weaker vessel, ought not her errors to be treated with more lenity? What is the origin of this partial, of this unjust, preposterous distinction? The answer is very simple. Because women were never consulted in making the laws, and no man ever made a law injurious to himself."

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I do not know anything about "R. Watson, M.D.,"
further than that he wrote a life of Fletcher of Saltoun,
that he contributed notes to Fletcher's political works,
and that, as a Postscript to the 1798 Edition of these
works tells us, he suffered imprisonment for two years
and three months in Newgate for a too free expression
of political opinions. Perhaps some of your readers
may be able to give some information regarding this
suffragist of 114 years ago.

J. S. SAUNDERS.

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Sunderland—Y.M.C.A. Hall—"Autumn Market" abristol—The Coliseum—suffrage stall—The Misses Cloub, Mrs. E. T. Swanwick, M.A. Chair)

Brighton—Rottingdean—cpen-air meeting—Mrs. Toyne, Mrs. Timpany, B.A. (chair)

Manchester—George Street, Piccadilly—open-air meeting—Mrs. Annot Robinson, Rev. (chair)

OCTOBER 4.

Bristol—The Coliseum—suffrage stall—Miss Baker, Miss Stock

Leamington—Birch's Music Rooms—parade—Franchise Club meeting—Mrs. Annot Robinson, Rev. (chair)

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Bristol—The Coliseum—suffrage stall—Miss Baker, Miss Stock

Lymington—Literary Institute—Miss Cicely Corbett ton, Miss Brownlea tunn, Miss Brownlea tunn, meeting—out, Miss Brownlea tunn, meeting—OCTOBER 12:10

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Acrington—Literary Institute—Miss Cicely Corbett Inches bett ton, Miss Brownlea tunn, Miss Brow

join
Birmingham—Fallowfield, Edgbaston—Conference of
societies—Mrs. Osler

societies—Mrs. Usier
OCTOBER 7.
Bristol—The Coliseum—suffrage stall—the Misses
Tanner, Miss Ord
Bristol—111a, White Ladies' Road—teachers' class—Leader, Mrs. Randall Vickers
Eirmingham—Handsworth Council House—Mrs.
Cooper, Councillor Eldred Hallas
(chair)

(chair)
Gateshead—Shop, 115, High West Street—Dr. Ethel
Williams, Miss C. M. Gordon
Altrincham—The Downs Lecture Room, Bowdon—
annual business meeting—Miss D.
Parlington. 7.30

Altrincham—The Downs Lecture Room, Bowdon—annual business meeting—Miss D.
Darlington 3.0
Croydon—Office, 34a, Arcade, High Street—Mrs.
Dempster, Mrs. Wilkinson (chair) 3.30
Manchester—Corner of Withy Groge—open-air meeting—Mrs Annot Robinson, Mrs.
Norbury (chair) 8.0
Wanchester—Corner of High Street. Upper Brook Street—Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Chew, Miss Emily Cox (chair) 8.0
COTOBER 8.
Bristol—The Coliseum—suffrage stall—Mrs. Senington. Miss Brownlea
Newcastle—27, Ridey Place—suffrage choir practise—Mrs. Bellas Simpson
Manchester—Stevenson Square—Miss Ashton, Mrs.
Annot Robinson, Mrs. Chew, Rev.
L. L. Orton (chair) 9.0

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Leigh—Co-operative Hall—Mr. G. G. Armstrong,
Miss Margaret Robertson, Mr. J. H.
Stephen (chair) 7.30

CTORER 1. Colliseum—Suffrage stall—Mrs. W. OCTOBER 4. Deptord—Corner of Pepy's Road, New Cross Gate Croydon—34a, Arcade, High Street—Mrs. Dempster—open air meeting—Speakers, Miss Ruth Young, Miss M. E. Hewitt

OCTOBER 10.

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tation of Mrs. Knight (Miss Crickmay)

Oroydon—34a, Arcade, High Street—"At Home"
for teachers—Miss T. E. Clark (chair)

Manchester—Great Joint Women's Suffrage Demonstration—Albert Hall, Peter Street,
Manchester—Mrs. Henry Fawcett,
LL.D. Phillip Snowden, M.P., Laurence Housman, Esq., A. M. Langdon,
Esq., K.C., etc., Councillor Margaret
Ashton, M.A. (chair)

Dublin—33, Molesworth Street—Irish W.S. and
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OCTOBER 11.
Croydon—Coombe Cliff, Coombe Road—drawing—room meeting—Miss Dempster (by kind invitation of Mrs. Allen)
Huddersfield—Colinson's Café—Miss I. O. Ford, Miss Sedon (chair)
Bristol—The Coliseum—suffrage stall—Miss Baker, Miss Stock
OCTOBER 12.
Bristol—The Coliseum—suffrage stall—Miss E. Edwards, Mrs. A. Daniel 12-10
OCTOBER 14.
Ryhope—Miners Hall—Miss C. M. Gordon, Mrs. Chew, Miss Beaver
Bristol—The Coliseum—suffrage stall—Mrs. Willis 12-10
Bristol—111a, White Ladies' Road—speakers' c.ass
—Leader, Mrs. R. Vickers
OCTOBER 15.
Newcastle-on-Tyne—Monk Scaton, Avenue Hotel—

OUTOBER 15.

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Mrs. Morgan's drawing-room meeting
—Mrs. Chew, Councillor Mand Burnett
Lymington—Literary Institute—Miss Cicely Corbett

W. Whitaker, J. R. Tomlinson, Eq. (chair)

OCTOBER 4.

Bristol—The Coliseum—suffrage stall—Miss Baker, Miss Stock
Newcastle-on-Tyne—27, Ridley Place—Miss Abadam Kidderminster—Kingsley Hall—Miss Noël Herbert Wright, Rev. J. E. Stronge (chair)
Manchester—Chapel Street, Salford—Mrs. Annot Robinson, Miss Emily Cox, Mrs.
Misson (chair)
Manchester—Victoria Park Gates, Oxford Road—Mrs. Gordon (chair)
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Exeter—Small Barnfield Hall—members' meeting—Sir Robert Newman, Bart., will preside of Cliseum—suffrage stall—Miss Pope, Mrs. J. Martin
Birmingham—Norfolk Road, Egbaston—Conference of all local non-militant women's Suffrage societies—Mrs. Osler
Oldham—Wernath Park—open-air demonstration—procession starts from Alexandra Park 2.15—military band—Mrs. Councillor Lees, Miss Margaret Robertson, B.A., Dr. Olive Claydon, and others—members of other societies invited to join
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I. B. O'Malley
Dulwich—I.L.P.—Hansier Hall—Lordship Lane—
Speaker, Miss Agnes Dawson, on
Women's Suffrage.

OCTOBER 7.
North Paddington—47a, Clifton Gardens—Sewing meeting for the London Society's Bazaar—Members and friends from all constituencies welcomes.

Southwark, W.—Webber Street Mission, Webber Street, Blackfriars Road—Speaker, Mrs. Rogers

Islington W.L.A.—314, Caledonian Road—Speaker on W.S.

on W.S.

Highgate—26, West Hill—Working meeting for London Society's Bazaar—Members and friends from all neighbouring constituencies welcome

West Newington—Corner of Trinity Street and Borough High Street—Speakers, Miss Ellen Walshe, Miss H. D. Cockles, Mr. Walter Hogg

Walter Hogg
OCTOBER 8.
Chingford—W.L.A.—Spicer Memorial Hall, Buxton
Road, Chingford—Debato—Speakers,
Mrs. Stanbury, Miss Mabel Smith
Fulham—12, Fairholme Road, West Kensington—
Drawing-room meeting—Speaker, Miss
Janet Thomson, B.A.

OCTOBER 9.

Kennington—Moffatt Institute, Y. branch (temperance)—Speaker, Miss Charlotte Elkin 8.36

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South Paddington—75, Hereford Road, W.—Sewing meeting for the London Society's Bazaar—Members and friends from all constituencies welcome

North London Receptions—Y.M.C.A.—17, Camden Road, N.—Speaker, Mrs. Savory West Southwark—Conner of Friar Street and Great Suffolk Street—Open-air meeting—Speakers, Miss Helen Ward, Mr. F. N. Sargeant Hackney, Central—Clapton Presbyterian Church of England Lecture Hall, Cricketfield Road—Speakers, Miss P. Fawoett OCTOBER 11.

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