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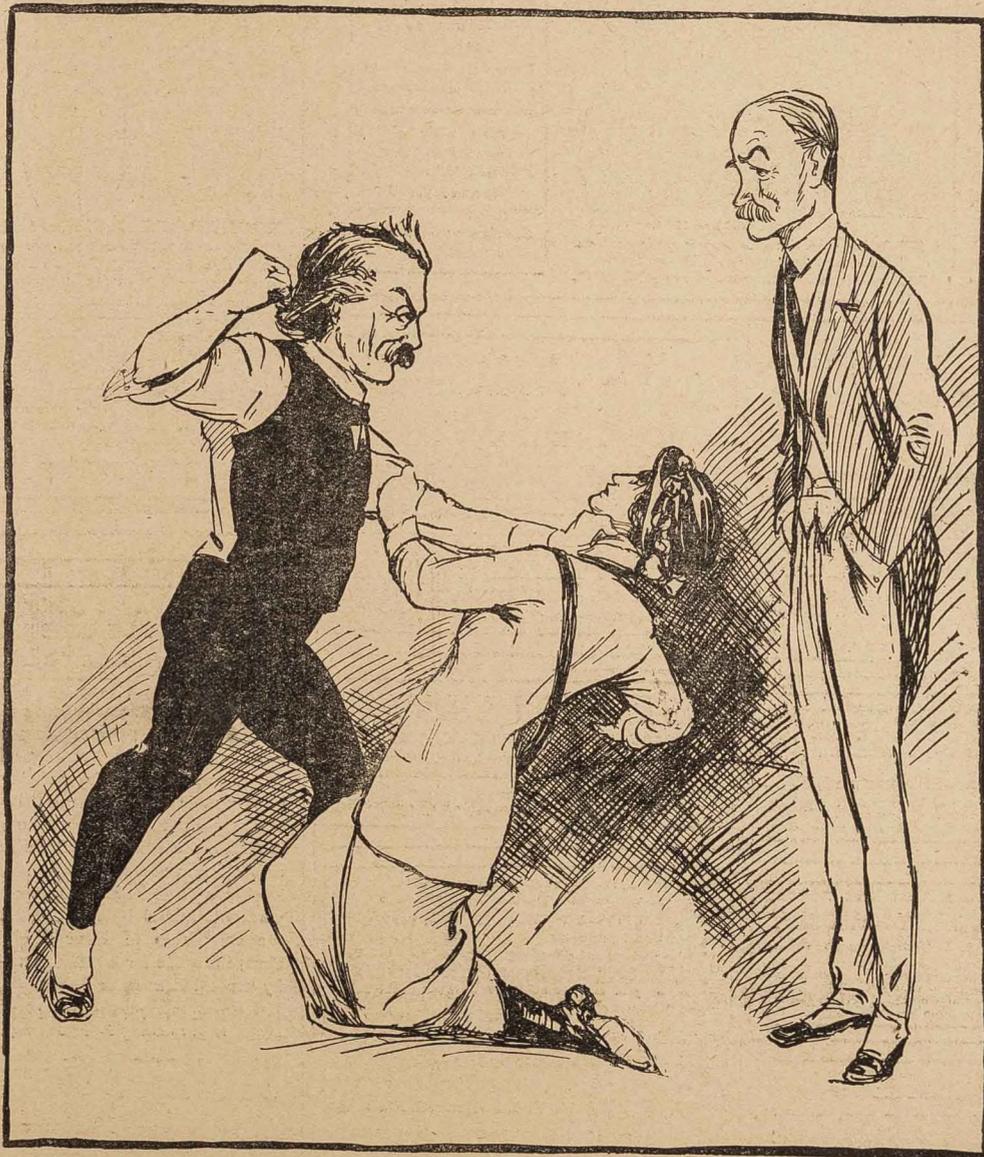
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STOP PRESS.

As we go to press the probabilities of an early General Election seem to be greatly increased.

A Review of the Week.

The Political Situation.

The Unionist Party—not Sir Edward Carson and his friends alone but the Party as a whole—becomes more and more militant, and is preparing with every circumstance of publicity to attack property and life as a means of preventing Home Rule, at any rate, in its application to Ulster. Political militancy has spread even to the Army and, with the fullest support of the Unionist leaders, Army officers are proclaiming that they will not obey orders directing them to resist attacks upon life and property made by the militant Ulster men, and the Government have recognised their right to disobey. Why, therefore, should they not also admit the right of the police, prison doctors, and wardresses to refuse to coerce the Suffragettes?

A Weathercock Government.

The Government, veering like a weathercock, alternately threatens and cringes to militant Ulster. At one moment the Govern-

ment announce through the mouth of Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George that there are much worse things than bloodshed, and that they will at all hazards and at any cost suppress the insolent and arrogant militancy of the Ulster rebels. At the next moment they announce through the mouth of the Prime Minister that armed force is not as Mr. Redmond said it would, to be met by armed force, and that the prevalent rumour that warrants are out for the arrest of the Ulster leaders has not, and never has had the very slightest foundation in fact.

They Dare not Coerce Men.

The truth is, that the Government dare coerce only women. Of men—especially of armed men—they are afraid. Sir Edward Carson and his allies, Mr. Bonar Law and the Unionist Party, mock at the Government and mock at the law. They prepare for destruction of property and for bloodshed. Yet, the Government's only answer to this is, to make it known that, as Mr. Asquith informed the "Times" in the words about warrants quoted above, "the Government have not and never have had any intention of arresting the Unionist leaders responsible for this lawless and violent policy."

Meanwhile the coercion of women is savagely continued. Forcible feeding, the Twentieth Century equivalent of the torture practised in mediæval times, is at this very moment being inflicted upon Suffragists in Holloway Prison.

The Last Depth of Ignominy.

This horror of forcible feeding is being intensified by the practice of drugging the prisoners—for Mr. McKenna's official denial of drugging will of course be nowhere accepted any more than the Unionists accept the Government's denial of their alleged announcements to Army officers. Women are being hunted and persecuted too under the "Cat-and-Mouse Act." The last depth of ignominy was reached by the Government when they issued to the "Times" the recent statement in the course of which they said a result of the Act is to make women released on licence feel that they are "liable to be arrested any moment," and that the result is "a continued strain on the mind of the women." The mean and evil cowardice of the Government has never been so glaringly apparent as now, when they are grovelling at every threat breathed by Ulster and continuing to torture and coerce these women engaged in the active Suffrage agitation.

The Government's Contemptible Methods

Miss Phyllis Brady was released from Holloway Prison on Wednesday afternoon in a very weak state of health. Her doctor says "Miss Brady is extremely weak and anæmic. She has lost a great deal of weight. Her face and scalp are affected with a rash, which suggests the use of drugs. She has been sleeping very heavily in prison, but is now restless and nervous." The remainder of Miss Brady's sentence has been remitted on an undertaking, and in the course of a statement, Miss Brady, says: "I have given an undertaking very reluctantly on account of the state of my mother's health. I was not doing militancy at the time that I was arrested, and what I was convicted for happened a year ago. I was in business, and not in a position to go to prison, through family and other reasons, at that time."

It is evident from this account that while she was in a reduced condition through drugging the Government took advantage of her weakness to wrest from her this undertaking. The pettiness of this action on the part of the Government lies in the

fact that it was quite unnecessary to get this promise from Miss Brady, who has fully explained in her statement that she was engaged in earning her own living and was not taking any part in the militant fight. In strong contrast to the Government's cowardice is the courage of Miss Phyllis Brady, whom our readers will remember has many times undergone the horrible torture of forcible feeding.

Mr. Lloyd George on Coercion.

Mr. Lloyd George in his speech at Huddersfield spoke as follows:

I have deprecated as much as any man the breach of the law by people who are fighting for the franchise for women; but I ask, and I ask it in all seriousness, if Mr. Bonar Law ever comes into power what moral right will he have to punish these people for breaches of the law. After all, they are deprived of the rights of citizenship.

For once for the first time, indeed, militant women find themselves in agreement with Mr. Lloyd George. It is perfectly true that as he says, Mr. Bonar Law and the Unionist Party, who have smiled upon and participated in Ulster's method of militancy and have indignantly denounced the very idea of coercing Ulster, will be utterly and absolutely precluded from employing coercion of any kind against women who are militant in order to win political enfranchisement. But while Mr. Lloyd George denies the right of Mr. Bonar Law and his party to coerce women, he does not explain whence proceeds the right of himself and the Liberal Party to coerce women.

Militant Suffragists are seeking to vindicate the Liberal principles of representative government. Why then do Mr. Lloyd George and the Government to which he belongs, answer their demands by torture instead of by concession?

The King's Activity a Precedent.

Militant women have not failed to notice that the King is actively intervening in the Irish situation. Not the smallest secret is made of the fact that the King is playing as big and independent a part in the present crisis as the Prime Minister himself. One after another the persons concerned are received in audience by His Majesty—not only the Prime Minister and other members of the Government, but such persons as Lord Roberts, Sir John French and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Why therefore, should not the deputation of the Women's Social and Political Union be received when a few weeks hence it presents itself under the leadership of Mrs. Pankhurst at Buckingham Palace for the purpose of claiming audience of the King?

Turn the Liberals Out.

One thing emerges from the present political confusion and that is the probability of an early General Election.

The Prime Minister hinted not long ago that a General Election would not be long delayed. Mr. Winston Churchill in his speech at Bradford said "An election cannot be very far distant." Mr. Lloyd George in his Huddersfield speech of last Saturday used these significant words: "The Government have said if there is any county in Ireland that would like to put its case before the British electorate we will give them the chance of doing it once—nay twice—once immediately, the second time after we have had six years' experience of Home Rule." Whether the General Election comes soon or late it will find the W.S.P.U. ready to take the field against the Liberal Party, which during the past eight years of office has betrayed and tortured women. Turn out the Liberal Government, will be the W.S.P.U. election cry.

Newspaper Support for Militancy.

No Suffragist can fail to be impressed by the way in which the Unionist newspapers have worked up and fomented the Ulster

militancy, and by the way in which they have stressed and underlined the crisis thereby produced. In startling headlines we see the Liberal Government denounced as "cowards and bullies." We read in leading articles and in alarmingly written news paragraphs of the "Cabinet's consternation" of the "dangerous tension in Ulster," and of the "dark future that lies before the country" unless Ulster's demands be met. A valuable ally these newspapers to the armed forces of Ulster! Contrast the advertisement, the assistance in coercing the Government and arousing and alarming the public given by the Unionist Press to the Ulster militants, with the obstinate attempts by this same Press to boycott and to minimize, with the consequence of prolonging the militancy of Suffragists. No doubt it will be said by Liberals that the manner in which the Unionist Press deals with Ulster militancy is a menace to the public peace, but the methods of boycott and belittlement adopted by the newspapers generally where women's militancy is concerned, is no less dangerous although for different reasons.

The Right of Public Meeting.

The Government have been asked to sanction the holding of a meeting in Hyde Park, organised by a joint committee, representing the Union Defence League, the British League for the support of Ulster, and other organisations. The object of the meeting is to support Ulster's policy of militancy and to protest against "the misuse of the British Army to coerce the Ulster loyalists." It will be remembered that last year the Government refused, and have since maintained their refusal, to allow meetings to be held in Hyde Park by the Women's Social and Political Union. With a view to getting the veto on W.S.P.U. meetings removed, a deputation attending at H.M. Office of Works on Tuesday, were instructed to put their request in writing. A letter has accordingly been sent to the first Commissioner, demanding a permit for Sunday, April 19, but up to the time of going to press no answer had been received.

Mr. Pankhurst's Arrangements.

Mrs. Pankhurst is making satisfactory progress towards recovery. It is expected that she will be well enough to go for a short drive on Friday afternoon, March 27. The arrangements for the great meeting in the Lowestoft Hippodrome, to be addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst, on Wednesday, April 15, are well advanced. Teachers and others who are members of the W.S.P.U. are announcing that they intend to travel from various parts of the country in order to be present at this meeting, and to accord to Mrs. Pankhurst their welcome and support.

Glasgow's Indignation.

The interest and indignation excited by the Government's violent tactics at the St. Andrew's Hall meeting when Mrs. Pankhurst was arrested, has by no means abated. The action of the police was raised in the Glasgow Corporation, and a stormy discussion (of which we give a report on another page) took place. The Lord Provost, who is a prominent Liberal, seems disposed to screen the authorities. The Glasgow magistrates are making an inquiry into the action of the police at the St. Andrew's Hall meeting, but a report has not yet been issued. The matter has been the subject of questions in the House of Commons. So far the Government have disclaimed responsibility for the police riot and the violence with which the arrest was effected, but nobody is likely to accept this disclaimer, for everything that occurred at the St. Andrew's Hall meeting bore too obviously the mark of Government inspiration!

Tortured Prisoners.

The Suffragists recently in Holloway Prison learnt that Miss Kitty Marion, who is being fed by force three times every day is extremely ill, and is rapidly losing weight.

Miss Mary Richardson, arrested in connection with the National Gallery, protest is already being forcibly fed, though she is still suffering from the uncurbed appendicitis which necessitated her sudden release on a former occasion. We learn that she is covered with bruises resulting evidently from the violence used by the prison officials in the process of forcible feeding.

Released Hunger Strikers.

The six women sentenced to imprisonment, for the attack upon the Home Secretary's house, at Westminster, have been released as the result of a hunger strike. All are ill and weak as the result of the ordeal through which they have passed. Their "Cat-and-Mouse" licences are dated to expire seven days after their release. Miss Stevenson re-arrested for the fourth time under the "Cat-and-Mouse" Act, has also been released under a six days' licence. Another hunger striker, Mrs. Crawford, imprisoned in Glasgow Gaol for her protest against Mrs. Pankhurst's arrest, was released last Thursday.

The Annual Report.

The W.S.P.U. is about to issue its Eighth Annual Report, and this will be found more fully reviewed on another page. The report is a chronicle of more remarkable and triumphant success, owing to the magnificent generosity of the subscribers. The past year shows a great financial advance upon the year preceding it—the headquarters' income showing an increase of more than £8,000, and amounting in all to the magnificent total of £36,806. When to this figure is added the income of eighty-one local W.S.P.U.'s whose funds do not pass through headquarters, but are locally raised and spent, it becomes apparent that the W.S.P.U. is not only the strongest of the Suffrage Societies politically, but is also the most prosperous.

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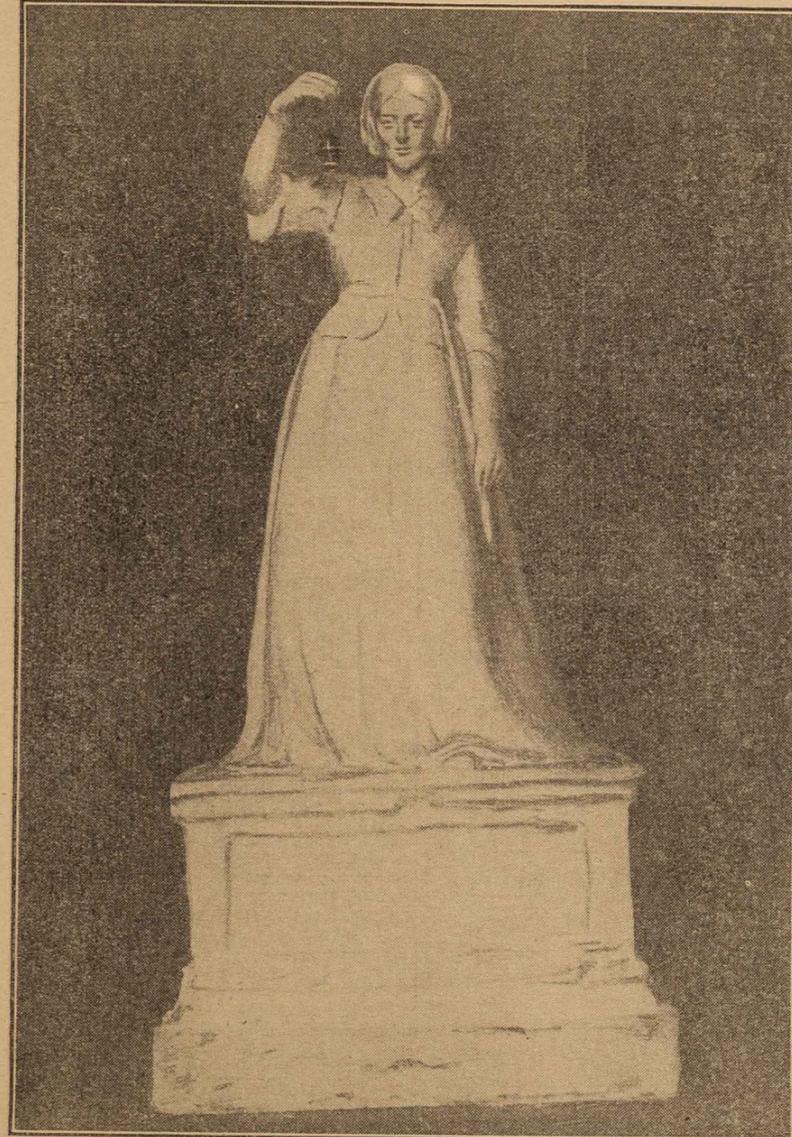


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Lady Scott's Statue: "The Lady with the Lamp."

In the "Life of Florence Nightingale," her biographer, Sir E. T. Cook, describing her attitude towards the fight for Italian liberty, says:

"She was especially indignant at the talk which she heard on all sides in cultivated society at home about the 'vandalism' of the Romans in exposing their precious monuments of art to assault. She loved those monuments as we have seen; but if the defence of Rome against the French required it, she would have been ready to see them all levelled to the ground. 'They must carry out their defence to the last' she cried. 'I should like to see them fight the streets, inch by inch, till the last man dies at his barricade, till St. Peter's is level with the ground, till the Vatican is blown into the air. . . . If I were in Rome I should be the first to fire the Sistine, turning my head aside, and Michael Angelo would cry, 'Well done,' as he saw his work destroyed."

THE FIGHT AGAINST COERCION.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE GUARDED AT HUDDERSFIELD.

Women Torturers Relentlessly Heckled. CLEVEDON PARISH CHURCH ABLAZE.

Members of the Coalition which tortures women rather than give them the vote have been reminded of their injustice and cruelty every time they have spoken in public. The extraordinary precautions taken at Huddersfield to protect Mr. Lloyd George did not prevent his being rebuked by women as he both entered and left the Town Hall, and by men Suffragettes inside the Drill Hall. Members of the Nationalist and Labour Parties have also been challenged on the subject of their support of this brutal and cowardly Government.

In Belfast a deputation of the Irish Women's Franchise League has waited on Sir Edward Carson, and the opposition of women in Ulster has been demonstrated by further attacks on pillar-boxes.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLE.

HUDDERSFIELD GUARDED AS IF FOR GERMAN INVASION.

WHO PAYS EXPENSES?

Last Friday when Mr. Lloyd George paid his much-announced visit to Huddersfield, that town presented the appearance of expecting, not a popular Cabinet Minister, but a German invasion. All churches had been closed by a police order, and Lenten worshippers found themselves confronted by shut doors. The Town Hall, where Mr. Lloyd George was to deliver his two speeches, was thoroughly searched and the place was alive with police and detectives. It was understood that many Suffragettes were staying in the town, and a strict watch was kept on the houses in the district.

Mr. Lloyd George spoke at two meetings at the Town Hall on Saturday, and at an overflow meeting at the Drill Hall after the evening meeting. An enormous force of uniformed and plain-clothes police were on duty, and among the crowds of people who thronged round the Town Hall the Suffragettes formed the one topic of conversation. There was such a demand for the SUFFRAGETTE that the paper sold out early in the day, one man who bought a copy telling the seller, "I'm an old man, and I remember the days when men were fighting for their votes." A solid line of police kept the pavement in front of the building clear.

A Woman in Disguise?

The authorities had reached such a pitch of anxiety that every man entering the Town Hall was obliged to remove his hat, for fear a woman might enter in disguise.

After the afternoon meeting a woman, closely guarded by two detectives, stationed herself opposite the main entrance, from where, by various signs, she recognised that Mr. Lloyd George would make his escape. A car was left there with the engine running for over half an hour, until at last an elderly gentleman entered it. He shook his head at the Suffragette, trying to give the impression that she had been outwitted this time.

When this car had driven away, another very shabby car drove up, and Mr. Lloyd George was hurried down the steps and into it. However, the Suffragette was able to deliver her message to him in spite of the two detectives, and another woman, not far off, also shouted a reminder.

Wrong Woman Arrested.

At the evening meeting a woman succeeded in getting fairly close to Mr. Lloyd George as he was entering the Town Hall. Immediately she was seized by two men and dragged across the road into an office, where they demanded her name. She refused to give it, and indignantly asked what right they had for their action. The men said that they were detectives, and again demanded her name and address, which she still refused to give. The woman then overheard one of the detectives say, "It's the wrong one—she's too dark!" The other man then approached her, lifted her hat and stared at her. After being detained for about an hour she was allowed to go.

Men Ejected from Drill Hall.

As Mr. Lloyd George was entering the Drill Hall, where a large overflow meeting was held, a man got close to him and called out, "Cad, traitor, stop forcible feeding." The protester was then struck by a man in the crowd, but another man interfered on his behalf, saying, "I admire your pluck. I have a ticket for the meeting, and you can have it."

In spite of all the precautions taken, six men were thrown out of this meeting for asking questions about justice to women and forcible feeding. When Mr. Lloyd George arrived flushed with triumph and began to talk of democracy, a man instantly rose and asked how the principle of democracy was being applied to women. He was thrown out by police, who were inside the building. Another interruption followed, and then another. "This is sickening," said Mr. Lloyd George, and a man answered him, "Yes, sickening for the women."

Meanwhile Huddersfield is wondering a little about that confidence in the people which Liberal politicians are always so eager to express in words, and many are asking themselves "Who pays for all these elaborate precautions to protect Cabinet Ministers?"

HOME TRUTHS FOR MR. TREVELYAN, M.P.

SCENES AT BIRMINGHAM.

The platitudinal speech begun by Mr. Trevelyan, M.P., at Selly Oak, Birmingham, on March 18, was riddled with reality by the protests of women in the audience against the torture of Suffragette prisoners. Time and again had the speaker to sit down helplessly while home truths were hurled at him. Disorder reigned so supreme that the paid enforcers of law and order were summoned. And after ten ejections had been made Mr. Trevelyan, with the help of the police, received attention from the audience. The first three interrupters were treated with such obviously intentional brutality that several men in the audience protested.

TWO GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS HECKLED.

MEETING AT THE ESSEX HALL.

There was a great deal of talk about justice and the liberty of the subject at a meeting, held at the Essex Hall, last Friday, to demand the abolition of the blasphemy laws, and it therefore seemed a trifle paradoxical that two Government supporters, Mr. Radford, a Liberal and Mr. Lynch, a Nationalist, should be on the platform.

The former, who was in the chair, was heckled throughout his speech by Suffragist members of the audience. He made a lame attempt to appease interrupters by stating that he had voted for every Suffrage Bill that had been introduced lately, but he became silent when he was reminded that he also voted for the "Cat-and-Mouse" Act.

Mr. Lynch also got a very warm reception, and was at last obliged to resume his seat, much to his discomfort.

One woman was ejected with considerable violence early in the evening, but so many members of the audience protested that no one else was removed—in spite of the presence of a policeman, whom some excited person had fetched upon the scene.

ANOTHER MEETING SPOILT!

MR. WILL CROOKS AT PLAISTOW.

Mr. Will Crooks, M.P., spoke at a Brotherhood meeting at the Tabernacle, Plaistow, last Sunday afternoon; but the harmony which prevailed for the first few minutes of his speech was soon broken, for a man rose in the gallery and asked Mr. Crooks how he dared support a Government that tortured women. A dead silence followed this question, and upon it being repeated the interrupter was forcibly ejected. "There, that's spoilt the meeting!" exclaimed someone in the lower part of the Tabernacle, but it was still further spoilt for more interruptions followed, the men responsible being thrown out of the meeting.

UPROAR AND DISORDER AT BIRMINGHAM.

POLICE CALLED IN.

The audience gathered to hear Mr. J. H. Edwards, M.P., at King's Heath, Birmingham, on March 21, were startled out of their usual complacent attention by the vigorous and earnest protests made by many women present. Mr. Edwards tried to play off the effect of the women's sincerity by making jokes of a low type which no decent-minded man or woman should have tolerated. At each ejection the usual scenes of disorder and unnecessary roughness took place, and only after nine separate intervals of uproar was Mr. Edwards allowed to deliver his speech, having by then called in the aid of the police to help him to command his audience.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND TEMPERANCE REFORM.

MR. GLYN-JONES AT HORNSEY.

On Saturday, March 21, Mr. W. S. Glyn-Jones, M.P., addressed the total Abstinence Society at Campsbourne Hall, Hornsey. As he rose to speak and the applause which greeted him subsided a woman stood up and said: "I protest against a supporter of the

present Government being asked to address this society. Women are very interested in temperance reform, and they know that Votes for Women is the quickest way to get it. Therefore I protest against Mr. Glyn-Jones coming here to talk about temperance when with his vote in the House of Commons he supports an Anti-Suffrage Government."

Towards the end of this speech several men seized the woman by the arm, and tried to drag her out. Mr. Glyn-Jones intervened, however, and said he quite understood the position of the interrupter, and that he would be very sorry if she had not been allowed to make her protest.

The interrupter then voluntarily left the hall.

NATIONALIST LOVE OF LIBERTY.

SAVAGE EJECTIONS.

Mr. Devlin spoke to a crowded meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 15, in the Palace Theatre, Bradford.

The Chairman, who was blind, gave the impression, by his remarks, that as he could not see what happened, he therefore could not be responsible for any treatment which might be given to hecklers. Whether or not that was what he meant, it was evidently so understood by the stewards.

In a meeting demanding justice for the oppressed in Ireland a woman rose at the same moment as Mr. Devlin to call attention to the justice demanded by Mrs. Pankhurst.

At once the stewards fell upon her savagely, and though several men and women protested at the way in which she was treated, both she and they were flung out of the meeting with great violence.

MR. CROOKS IN HIS CONSTITUENCY.

PROTESTS BY WOMEN.

Mr. Will Crooks, M.P., for Woolwich, visited his constituency last Saturday for the opening of a new Wesleyan Chapel. As he was getting off the bus a woman came up to him and had several minutes' conversation with him on the subject of forcible feeding, especially with regard to Miss Richardson. However, Mr. Crooks would promise nothing.

At the opening of the chapel, as soon as Mr. Crooks got up, a woman well known in the congregation also rose and addressed him in a clear, distinct voice. She said that as a Free Churchwoman she protested against his presence on that platform. Women were being tortured for conscience' sake in Holloway, and neither he nor the Labour Party were lifting a finger to help them.

Affected considerable excitement the woman was moved out. She has now written to the local ministers, who were present, asking for an interview.

LIBERAL M.P. IN THE PULPIT.

SERVICE INTERRUPTED BY SUFFRAGETTES.

The service held at Trinity Wesleyan Chapel, Redland, Bristol, last Monday evening, in connection with the anniversary of the Home Missionary Society, was considerably interrupted by Suffragettes, as a Liberal M.P., Sir William Howell Davies, had been announced to preside. Directly he ascended the pulpit to give his address a woman occupying a seat in the centre of the chapel rose and protested against the injustice being

meted out to women. She was escorted out of the building, and two or three others followed her. Sir William again attempted to speak, but another Suffragette arose in the same part of the building, and the same scene was repeated.

A Hypocrite.

When the lady had left, Sir William said he would be sorry to provoke any remarks in that church, whereupon there was another interruption from a woman occupying one of the side seats, who interjected the remark: "Sir William, you are a hypocrite." She left the chapel quietly when requested to do so, and rather than that the disturbance should be continued Sir William decided not to proceed with his address.

A short time afterwards another Suffragette rose and began to pray for those women "suffering in prison for conscience' sake." She, too, was escorted out of the building, and continued the prayer as she walked towards the door. The Rev. T. Kirkup expressed his regret that the service should have been interrupted, and stated, on behalf of Sir William, that he only surrendered his right to speak because he did not desire any disturbance in a House of Prayer.

MR. BIRRELL CHALLENGED.

At the dinner to Mr. Augustine Birrell given by the National League of Young Liberals last Friday evening at the Connaught Rooms, the Right Hon. gentleman found some difficulty in delivering the opening words of his little speech. "When are you going to give Votes for Women?" demanded a woman in a clear voice. "No one can speak this evening except those down on the programme," announced Mr. Birrell, but the woman continued her protest. Two more interruptions from men followed, and violent struggling and confusion took place before their ejection could enable Mr. Birrell to continue.

DUBLIN CHURCHES PLACARDED.

TWO WOMEN ARRESTED.

Last Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Suffragettes posted placards outside the two Protestant cathedrals of Dublin, St. Patrick's and Christ Church, and a number of prominent churches throughout the city. The placards bore the following appeal to the church-going public of Dublin:

"Men and women who attend this church! Your prayers are earnestly desired for Emmeline Pankhurst, and those other women, her followers, who face torture and death in prison rather

than abandon the fight for liberty." The appeal then referred to the Government's policy of coercion and torture, and the responsibility of the Church.

In some cases the notices were affixed to the doors or the notice-boards of the churches, and in other instances they were pasted in other prominent places on the pillars of the entrance to the church. A notable feature of the Suffragettes' work, and one that caused especial comment, was that in several places it must have been necessary for them to surmount spiked iron railings from five to eight feet high.

A sequel to this protest occurred about four o'clock in the morning, when two women were arrested and taken to the police station, charged with loitering about for an unlawful purpose. They gave their names as Miss Gwendolen Martin and Miss Bronwyn Portal.

Court Sequel.

The following day at the Southern Police Court, Dublin, before Mr. Swift, Miss Gwendolen Martin and Miss Bronwyn Portal were charged with loitering in the streets.

The defendants were accosted by the police at an early hour on Sunday morning, and on being searched were found to be carrying placards, a piece of rope, a square of carpet, and a paste pot. The reason for arresting them put forward by the prosecution was that similar placards to those found on the accused had been posted up in the town.

The case was given against the women, and they were sentenced to a fine of 5s. or four days, the magistrate remarking that it would not hurt them to hunger strike for that time.

SENSATION AT CLEVEDON.

ATTEMPT TO BURN DOWN HISTORIC CHURCH.

BUILDING A THOUSAND YEARS OLD.

An attempt was made, apparently late last Saturday night, to burn down the historic old parish church at Clevedon, and indications point to its being the work of Suffragettes. The discovery was made about half-past nine on Sunday morning by Dr. Charles Visger, who, on paying a visit to the church, found it full of smoke. Investigation showed that a determined attack had been made on the vestry, where a scene of destruction was presented.

A large number of easocks and surplices had been completely consumed by the flames, which had burned through the wainscoting in several places. The floor was also burnt and the ceiling charred, showing that there had been a good blaze at one time. The heat had cracked the free-

stone and blistered the paintwork around the north window, which had been smashed in. The few surplices which escaped and the whole of the room were blackened by the fire. The smashed window and a quantity of resin and sulphur on the floor, as well as a box of matches and brown paper outside the window, indicated how the damage had been perpetrated.

£50 Damage.

But for the fact that there was very little wind about, and that the floor of the vestry was a blocked one, the whole church would, no doubt, have caught, for had it been a boarded floor the air would have carried on the flames to the vestment boxes and to the main building. As it is, the fire must have died out fairly soon. The damage is estimated at £50, and the building is insured. Fastened to the tombstones in the churchyard outside was found Suffragette literature, and a paper bearing the inscription: "Votes for Women," and "Apply to Asquith and Co. for damages."

The parish church, which has stood for a thousand years, possesses many precious memorials. The news of the outbreak, which quickly spread throughout the town, created a great sensation.

MORE ATTACKS ON BE FAST PILLAR-BOXES.

FEAR OF FIRE SPREADING.

It is reported that there is great agitation among the postal officials in Belfast on account of the Suffragette activity among the post-boxes. For the second time in a week fires broke out last Friday night in all the chief boxes of the city at the time of the heaviest business post. In several offices there was great fear of the fires spreading.

Envelopes containing corrosive fluid and chemicals of various descriptions were discovered, and in several cases considerable damage was done. A large number of letters and packets were destroyed, and many of the addresses were absolutely undecipherable. In some instances the chemical matter introduced into the pillar-boxes burst into flames on the boxes being opened by the postmen.

PROTEST IN BELFAST TEA ROOM.

Last Saturday, at tea-time, a woman rose from her seat at the Royal Avenue Picture House Café, Belfast, and attempted to speak, protesting against forcible feeding. The attendants hurriedly sent for the manager, who forced her and her companion, who was distributing leaflets, to leave.

A great deal of rudeness and buffoonery was shown to the women, but, as Emerson says, "Abuse is a pledge that you are felt!"

ANOTHER DEPUTATION TO SIR EDWARD CARSON.

UNSATISFACTORY REPLY TO NON-MILITANT SUFFRAGETTES.

"Inconsistent with His Position."

Sir Edward Carson on Monday received a deputation from the Northern Committee of the Irish Women's Suffrage Federation. They were introduced to Sir Edward Carson by Captain Craig, and Mrs. R. H. Metge and Mrs. W. J. Holmes, representing the Northern Committee, and Miss Mellone, on behalf of the Federation, explained the object of the deputation. The proceedings were conducted in private, but subsequently a report of the interview was prepared by the deputation. This is to the effect that the following questions were put to Sir Edward:

1. In view of the promise to Ulsterwomen made by the Unionist Council last September that the municipal register should form the basis of the Provisional Government, are you prepared to demand that the register should be taken as the basis in any settlement of the Home Rule crisis?

2. If the Referendum for the Ulster counties be accepted, will you ask that this shall be taken on the basis of the municipal register?

3. Should Ulster remain under the Imperial Parliament, will you support any measure of enfranchisement for women?

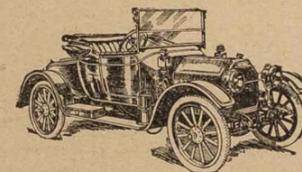
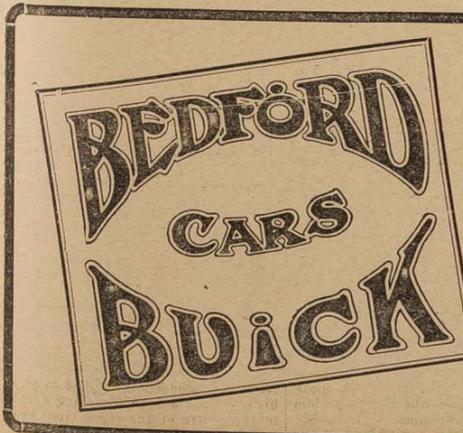
Unionist Leader's Replies.

Sir Edward, in reply, stated: 1. They were fighting for the same treatment for the men of Ulster as the men of England were getting, and the women of Ulster would get the same treatment as the women of England get. He could not ask for any special treatment for Ulsterwomen; it would be inconsistent on his part to do so, since he had never agreed with the Suffrage movement. Nor could he make such a demand on behalf of his party, as they were divided on the subject.

2. With regard to the Referendum in the Ulster counties, Sir Edward said that this was a point requiring attention, and definitely promised to give it his consideration.

3. In reply to this question Sir Edward said it would be quite inconsistent for him to make any definite promise in this direction.

After further discussion the deputation expressed their regret that Sir Edward had been personally unable to give them a more satisfactory reply, and, having thanked Sir Edward, they withdrew.



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GLASGOW PUBLIC STILL INDIGNANT. DEPUTATION TO CORPORATION ON MRS. PANKHURST'S ARREST.

Town Clerk Rules It Out Of Order. STORMY SCENES.

Glasgow continues to manifest its indignation at the violent behaviour of the police at the St. Andrew's Hall meeting, when Mrs. Pankhurst was arrested. A deputation of citizens waited on the Glasgow Corporation on the matter, but during a stormy scene it was ruled by the Town Clerk, who was strongly upheld by the Lord Provost, that the deputation was not in order as the Corporation have no jurisdiction over the police. This ruling caused great dissatisfaction.

Letters continue to appear in the Glasgow papers condemning the action of the police.

GLASGOW CORPORATION.

MRS. PANKHURST'S ARREST.

DEPUTATION REFUSED.

GREAT DISSATISFACTION.

Stormy scenes took place at the meeting of the Glasgow Corporation on Thursday, March 19, in connection with the behaviour of the police at the meeting at St. Andrew's Hall, at which Mrs. Pankhurst was arrested. Great public interest was taken in the proceedings, the gallery being crowded in anticipation of the expected discussion.

The Town Clerk said he had received a letter from Mr. Leechman, writer, asking that a deputation be received by the Corporation in regard to the proceedings in St. Andrew's Hall on the evening of Monday last week. The deputation, he explained, was in attendance, and he had also a notice of motion by Mr. Alston on the same subject, and he was prepared to make a pronouncement to the Corporation on the notice of motion and on Mr. Leechman's letter.

The Lord Provost Opposes the Deputation.

The Lord Provost suggested that the deputation be allowed to hear the pronouncement personally. There was no doubt in the mind of the Town Clerk and in his own mind that the deputation had come to the wrong quarter, but he would like them to hear Mr. Lindsay's statement, without, of course, any proposal to discuss the matter.

Mr. Dollan: Cannot the letter be read first? ("Order.")

The letter was subsequently read. It bore that at a meeting held on March 18 of ladies and gentlemen who were present at Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting it was decided to approach the Town Council with a view of having the action of the police made the matter of an immediate public inquiry. It was accordingly arranged that a deputation of men should present themselves at the Corporation meeting with the view of laying statements before them of what they saw personally and their views on the serious questions involved.

Mr. Taylor: I move that we accede to the request of the deputation and receive them now.

Mr. Hamilton: I beg to second, because I am convinced that we do

not know the moment that 200 policemen might enter this chamber. (Up-roar.)

Mr. Turner rose to a point of order. The Lord Provost: I will not take a point of order just now.

'You are a Despot.'

Mr. Hamilton: Then you should not be in the chair if you will not take a point of order.

The Lord Provost repeated that he would not take a point of order at that stage.

Mr. Turner: Then you are a despot and not a chairman.

Mr. Hamilton: Was it you (pointing to the Lord Provost) who ordered 200 policemen to enter St. Andrew's Hall with drawn batons? (Cries of "Order.")

The Lord Provost: The Town Clerk is about to read his opinion, which he has written out. Is it your pleasure the deputation be allowed to hear it or not? ("Agreed.")

The deputation was ushered in.

The Lord Provost, addressing the deputation, said that the Town Clerk had carefully written out his opinion. They would hear it read, and they would understand then why they were not being received as a formal deputation.

The Town Clerk's Opinion.

The Town Clerk said: In connection with the subject matter of Mr. Alston's motion and the letter from Mr. Leechman, I have to say, after careful consideration, the control and management of the police of the city are by statute committed to the magistrates of the city as a statutory committee. The Corporation have no jurisdiction over the police. The functions of the Watching and Lighting Committee are limited to finding ways and means in connection with police administration. Consequently the proposed motion by Mr. Alston is not competent. (Mr. Turner: More whitewash, followed by cries of "Order.") As a matter of fact, the subject matter of that motion is at the present time under the consideration of the Magistrates' Committee, who, I have no doubt, will report in due course. For the foregoing reasons the proposed deputation to-day to the Corporation is out of order. For the same reasons any citizens feeling themselves aggrieved in connection with the meeting in St. Andrew's Hall on Monday of last week may apply to the magistrates to hear them, as has already been done in the same connection.

The Lord Provost, again addressing the deputation, said they would understand the reasons why he had called them, and why they could not be received as a deputation.

The deputation hearing retired, several of the Labour members were immediately on their feet endeavouring to get a hearing, and Mr. Dollan shouted: I regret very much the lack of courtesy shown to that deputation.

"Who is Responsible for the Police?"

Mr. Hamilton said he had listened with the greatest interest to their learned Town Clerk's leading in that matter. He told them the magistrates had only jurisdiction with regard to ways and means. (Cries of "No, no.")

The Lord Provost: The Town Clerk did not say that. It was the Watching and Lighting Committee who had

jurisdiction only with regard to ways and means.

Amid considerable uproar Mr. Hamilton shouted: Who is responsible for the police? I want to know that.

Mr. P. G. Stewart asked the Town Clerk to inform them the decision of the magistrates to-day as to inquiry or no inquiry.

The Town Clerk: The matter is continued.

Mr. P. G. Stewart: Isn't it a fact that they have agreed to a public inquiry?

The Town Clerk: No.

Mr. P. G. Stewart: My information is that they have.

The Town Clerk: Then your information is wrong.

Mr. P. G. Stewart: Well, I say you would have been far better to have come to a decision to-day.

Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell: We have been asked to-day to receive a deputation to speak to us concerning the conduct of a public meeting. (Cries of "Chair," and a Member: "We are past that.")

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Baillie M-Millan: The magistrates are going to consider the whole question, and they have not yet decided whether a public or a private inquiry will take place.

Mr. Charlton: We are being made fools of.

Mr. George Kerr next attempted to address the Corporation, but he was shouted down with cries of "Chair."

The Lord Provost: You will find this a very careful and considered opinion, and I am quite certain it will stand any examination hereafter.

A scene of uproar followed, Messrs. Hamilton, Turner, Rosslyn Mitchell, and Alston all trying to make themselves heard, and the Town Clerk endeavouring to reach the next item of business. The disorderly proceedings lasted for some time, most of the "points of order" being drowned in the noise.

At one stage the Lord Provost informed Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell that his point of order was entirely covered by the Town Clerk's opinion.

"Will the Magistrates Report?"

Mr. Alston: I want to ask a further question. If the magistrates come to a finding will they report to the Corporation for the purpose of discussion? (Cries of "No.")

Mr. Hamilton, speaking above the din: I want to know how far we are responsible? (Cries of "Chair.")

The Town Clerk: The answer is you are not responsible at all. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hamilton: What can we do?

The Town Clerk: Sit down. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hamilton: We can do nothing. Then that's all right. (Laughter.)

Baillie M-Millan: May I appeal to the gentlemen of this house to show a little civility to both sides, not only to the ladies but to the policemen? A charge has been made—(Cries of "Order.")

Messrs. Turner, Hamilton, John Stewart, Charlton, and Dollan all remonstrated with the senior magistrate, and Baillie M-Millan resumed his seat without continuing his speech.

The Lord Provost said Mr. Alston had asked a question, and the answer had not been heard because members would not listen. The report would be published as soon as it was completed.

"A Legal Trickster."

When quietness had been restored, Baillie Barrie called attention to a remark of a member to the effect that the Town Clerk was a legal trickster. If that remark was made it ought to be withdrawn at once. (Applause.)

Mr. Dollan: I said the Town Clerk was a legal trickster regarding that question. (Cries of "Oh," and "Withdraw.")

Baillie Barrie: The dignity of this house must be maintained, and I call upon him to withdraw.

Mr. Turner: You are very much

concerned about the dignity of the house.

The Lord Provost: It is not an expression to use, and I hope it will be withdrawn.

Mr. Turner: Why should he?

Mr. Dollan: I have never taken part in this discussion this afternoon, although I have been on my feet several times.

The Lord Provost: Are you prepared to withdraw?

Mr. Dollan: Yes, when I make my explanation. (Renewed cries of "Withdraw.")

Mr. Dollan: Well, I withdraw the statement.

The scenes then concluded.

When the minutes of the magistrates' committee came up for consideration the Town Clerk stated that there was a question by Mr. Battersby, the subject matter of which was the same as that of Mr. Alston's proposed motion and also that of Mr. Leechman's letter. The answer he had already given to these matters covered also Mr. Battersby's question.

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THE POLICE COUP DE MAIN.

EXHIBITION OF DEMORALISING FULLY.

Under the above headings the Glasgow Liberal organ, the "Daily Record and Daily Mail," of March 16 has a story article condemning the action of the police as inconsistent with popular liberty. We print below some extracts from that article:

Our concern is with the part played in the comedy by Glasgow and by Scotland. The city has been dragged into ridicule, and self-respecting citizens will want to know at whose nod the constabulary force of Glasgow was employed for the service.

We as citizens provide the money for the payment of those who guarantee us protection. We have a right to protest if our police are held to be without reserve at the beck and call of any other community.

Did the bravado of the St. Andrew's Hall police display emanate from Scotland Yard or from St. Andrew's Square? That is the question, involving considerations of the relation of Scots and English law, which it is of paramount importance that the Town Council should immediately consider. The public is demanding the thrashing out of that question.

Can the Police Do What They Like?

That the Glasgow police acted in defiance of the opinion of that class of persons whose opinion ought to prevail in Scotland is not open to question. We do not believe that a single Glasgow magistrate, a minister, a University professor, a leading burgher, or any other citizen with a well-informed mind and just sense of responsibility, would have expressed approval of the descent of one hundred and forty of the city constabulary upon this meeting of their female relatives. The vast majority of these had no thought of breaking the law, and were completely defenceless. Any wise man would have said, let the meeting alone, let Mrs. Pankhurst deliver her speech, and if you have abandoned as being hardly worth while in the meeting is at an end. If she eludes your grasp, what does it matter? Better that than that you should have a melée in the hall. That is what any good, wise, feeling-hearted man would have said.

A YEAR OF TRIUMPH. THE W.S.P.U. REPORT. Over £8,000 Increase in Income.

Within the next few days the Eighth Annual Report will come into the hands of members and subscribers of the Women's Social and Political Union. It records the history of the most triumphantly successful year that the Union has yet known—a year marked not only by great spiritual achievement and heroic defiance of coercion, but also by an amazing success on the material plane.

The continued growth and progress of this Union which sets unjust law and convention at naught, challenges persons in high places, and attacks the oldest and most deeply rooted evils, is one of the miracles of the Twentieth Century. Though it comes bringing a sword into the world of political trickery and corruption, the Union itself passes unharmed and unscathed, untroubled even, through storm and conflict. It bears a charmed life; it holds a secret whereby the attacks of its enemies do nothing more than strengthen and advance it.

The financial statement for the year ending February 28, 1914 (the period covered by the annual report) will cause great rejoicing, for it shows the income for the year is more than £8,000 in excess of the income for the year preceding it. This greater income has enabled the Union to add materially to its financial reserves, the existence of which are a most important factor in the political situation, as helping to prove to the Government the impossibility of getting the better of the Union.

The year's income amounts to the impressive sum of £36,896. The expenditure for the year is £31,430. The principal charges upon the funds are rent and rates, printing, including all propaganda leaflets, travelling expenses, postage, and telegrams. Salaries amount to the sum of £6,827. The Union's staff of paid workers numbers ninety-five, of whom forty-five are organisers. The average salary paid is therefore under 30s. a week. The staff includes, of course, a certain number of young girls at work on the telephone and as messengers, organisers working on probation and not yet in receipt of a full salary, and others, again, who having some private means of their own, need merely a sum which, by supplementing their income, sets them free to devote themselves entirely to organising.

Legal expenses for the year have been heavy, largely in consequence of the great trial for Conspiracy in which several officers of the Union were concerned. The legal expenses have, however, been met by money specially subscribed for the purpose.

The income of nearly £37,000 cited above does not, it should be noticed, include the sum of some thousands of pounds of money raised independently of Headquarters by the various local W.S.P.U.'s, of which there are thirty in London and fifty-two in the provinces. It is noteworthy that the Headquarters organisers stationed in various parts of the country have been particularly successful during the year in raising locally the money needed to finance their respective campaigns. An important addition to the Union's income is the sum of £4,500 subscribed by Mrs. Pankhurst as the outcome of her tour in America.

In connection with the raid on Lincoln's Inn House, the police seized certain cheques, money orders, and cash which they found on the premises. No loss has, however, accrued to the Union, because all the subscribers concerned either stopped payment of cheques or subscribed over again the money stolen by the Government. Certain documents appertaining to the finance department were also seized by the Government and not restored, but, fortunately, these were of minor importance.

The Women's Press is another department on the business side of the Union's activities which calls for special notice. During the year it has published, on addition to sundry educational pamphlets and leaflets, two books—"The Great Scourge and How To End It," by Christabel Pankhurst (of which 23,000 copies were sent out for sale in the two closing months of the financial year), and "The Life of Emily Davison," by G. Colmore. Lady Constance Lytton's book "Prisons and Prisoners," published by Mr. Heineman, is also on sale at the Women's Press. The department has lately been reorganised. The trade in tea, chocolates, writing paper, and the like has been abandoned as being hardly worth while in view of the very important political and educational activities of the Union, and the energies of the Women's Press are now concentrated on the publication of the SUFFRAGETTE and the sale of other propaganda literature and of W.S.P.U. colours. In consequence of the attack on the

SUFFRAGETTE, which temporarily reduced advertisement revenue, and in consequence, too, of the fact that there are no longer any receipts in respect of tea and other such commodities, the actual takings for the Women's Press during the year show a reduction; but the business done in connection with the SUFFRAGETTE pamphlets, books, and so forth is larger than before, and there is reason to anticipate that in future the business done in literature and colours alone will exceed that done by the Women's Press in past years. It should be noticed, too, that the burden thrown on the Union's fund by the Women's Press during the year has been less than in previous years.

The SUFFRAGETTE, which has been in publication for only eighteen months, is by this time very strongly and firmly established. Its circulation and advertisement revenue are steadily growing. In view of the increased circulation it has lately been found possible to raise the advertisement charges with considerable financial advantage to the paper. The more the W.S.P.U. deal with advertisers and tell them the reason why, the more readily advertisements can be secured.

The W.S.P.U., as announced in the Report, is about to make a special effort to gain a very large number of new readers for the SUFFRAGETTE, partly as a celebration of the failure of the Government's attempt to suppress it and partly as a means of coping with the difficulties due to boycott and misrepresentation in the ordinary Press.

The year has seen important developments where national organisation is concerned. The W.S.P.U. has extended its operations to Ireland, where three centres now exist in Dublin, Belfast, and Cork. In other parts of the kingdom the organisation has shown new strength and growth, and the W.S.P.U. can boast of having the ablest and most devoted organisers in the country. New organisers are in training, and in the immediate future further centres are to be established. The local W.S.P.U.'s, which raise their own funds and appoint their own officers, have zealously co-operated in the national scheme of work, and among their other services have been those of responding generously to the national financial appeals, and of promoting the circulation of the W.S.P.U. organ, the SUFFRAGETTE.

The special campaigns of the year include the following: The Campaign for Votes for Ulster Women culminating in a declaration of war upon Sir Edward Carson and his Party; the Campaign among the Bishops and other clergy and the doctors, with a view to bringing the Church and the medical profession to a sense of their responsibility and duty in the matter of the disfranchisement and the coercion of women; the Moral Crusade against the double moral standard for men and women, and prostitution and the disease resulting therefrom.

A deputation to the King has been in process of formation during the last month or two. A letter to the King requesting an audience having met with an unfavourable reply penned in the Home Office, the announcement has been made that the deputation will, on a date after Easter, present itself at Buckingham Palace for the purpose of claiming an audience.

Early in the year under review the Government made a determined and violent attempt to destroy the W.S.P.U., not so much by its sudden and complete extermination (that they saw to be impossible), but by the removal from official positions of those loyal to the Union and inflexible in their determination to carry out its policy. Happily, and as those who know the Union could have told the Government inevitably, others were found no less loyal and no less inflexible in their purpose to step into the places made vacant by the Government's Raid. To add to the completeness of the failure of this Raid, those officers who were arrested are for the most part once more at work for the Union; so that even in that sense the Raid has left the Union stronger than before.

An account of all the matters dealt with in the Report is impossible in the space here available. Almost at once our readers will have the opportunity of scanning its pages for themselves. They will find there a reference to certain fundamental reasons why the Union has proved to be invincible.

Foremost among these reasons is "the inspiration given to all connected with the Union by the heroic women in the fighting line who are risking health and life itself in order to gain the enfranchisement of the women of their own time, and of future generations."

Again there is the reason that—"The Union is born anew every day. Those

individuals who despite the passing of years and long service of the cause possess the quality of perpetual youth, and are able constantly to receive new inspiration, cleave to the Union more closely than ever—while those fall away who started with a limited stock of faith, and have grown, as it were, spiritually old and infirm. And thus, just as the tree freed of its dead wood flourishes exceedingly, even so the Union flourishes, because it retains that which is vital and loses only that which is no longer vital."

Concentration is yet another reason for the success of the W.S.P.U. Since the Union is the most active, the most responsible, the most politically powerful of all Suffrage societies, it is plainly the duty of those who put their faith in it to concentrate upon its service, and not to divert any part of their energy by working for other societies whose part in the Suffrage conflict is a minor one.

Independence of political parties, always a basic principle of the W.S.P.U., is to-day more vitally important than ever, and during the past year this independence has been emphasised anew. Independence of men is a matter which has also come into prominence during the year. To work for votes for women is for men a primary civic duty, but this can be done more effectively in fighting the Government than in speaking from women's platforms. Moreover, as every honest man is ready to admit, no man is able to understand this question as women understand it, and no man is ready to fight for it as women are ready to fight for it. Therefore independence of men is imperative.

One policy, one programme, and one command, this has been the rule in the W.S.P.U. from the beginning and this more than ever is necessarily the rule at the present day. It was the close of the year a statement was sent to the Press making it clear beyond the possibility of misunderstanding by the public, the Press, and the Government, that the policy and programme of the Union are decided, and the word of command given by those who have performed this function from the day the Union came into existence. The constant accession to the ranks of young women as members and as workers means that the advantage of having women of all ages in the Union is maintained. No other Suffrage society shows so keen a realisation of the importance of this point.

Faith in militancy as a means of winning the vote has recently been overwhelmingly strengthened by the Government's steady capitulation to Ulster militancy. Offers have now been made to rebellious Ulster which would not have been dreamt of when the Home Rule Bill was introduced and before the conviction of Ulster's militant intentions and capabilities took root in the mind of the Government. The present political situation with the new evidence given daily of the efficacy of militant tactics is fanning the flames of militancy amongst women.

The W.S.P.U. year at its ending finds us, so run our has it, face to face with a General Election. The sooner the election comes the better the Union will be pleased to take the field. "Down with the Liberal Government!" is the W.S.P.U. election cry. "Wanted—a Tory Government!" is the advertisement the militant women issue to the nation. "Wanted—a Tory Government!" is the cause of faith placed in Tory or any other politicians, but because the Liberal Party has earned the punishment of dismissal; because every right-thinking woman and every right-thinking man is revolted by the cruelty and trickery of these Liberals who have for eight years past misgoverned the country; because the betrayal of the Suffrage cause and the coercion and torture of the women who demand the vote will, if perpetrated by a Tory Government, be condemned and resisted by the so-called progressive forces, whereas they are submitted to and connived at when they are perpetrated by a Liberal Government.

Past triumphs are an earnest of future triumphs, and more confident and more determined than ever are the women of the W.S.P.U. The torture inflicted upon many of their number is an incitement to new effort to new fighting. The years of fighting through which they have come have neither tired nor depressed them, but have disciplined and heartened them. They emerge from these stern years with a greater strength, a stronger faith, and a more valiant spirit. Until now they have been serving their apprenticeship, and if the politicians will have it so, the fight is at its beginning.

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Down with the Liberal Government.

Militant Suffragists are living in cheerful expectancy of a General Election not too long delayed.

The end of this Parliament, and above all the end of this Government—to these benefits do militant women most ardently aspire.

Never has the country known a House of

Commons more demoralised and more ignoble than the present one.

It has been said that Woman Suffrage has lost the majority it once had in this House of Commons. No wonder when the House is filled with time servers, with opportunists whose principles on more questions than this one of Woman's Suffrage have long since been thrown overboard—when the Coalition is made up of men whose convictions, if they ever had any, have been replaced by a desire to curry favour with, and to keep in office a singularly iniquitous Government.

As for the Government, they are universally despised. The very men who still stand by them know them to be unworthy and contemptible.

To get rid of the Liberal Government is therefore the prime necessity of the day. When their Unionist successors take office in their turn will, by the militant women, at any rate, be dealt with firmly and faithfully.

But before we can build we must first destroy—in other words we must break down and cast out the Liberal Government.

Who are they that will be ranged against the Liberal Government when the General Election comes? The W.S.P.U. will fight against the Government. All others who believe in votes for women will fight against them too.

All honest Liberals will fight and vote against the Government, because they have betrayed Liberalism, and better that the Liberal Party be for ever in opposition than that its principles shall be betrayed by a Government falsely bearing the Liberal name!

All genuine Socialists and Labourists will, at the General Election, vote against the Liberal Government. Mr. J. R. MacDonald, it is true, is likely to uphold the Liberals, but the main army of Labour and Socialism need not like sheep follow him over this political precipice of folly.

Of course, the Liberal leaders, and no doubt the Labour leaders will cry that though a Liberal Government may be bad, a Tory Government will be worse. This bogey has lost its terrors for every rational progressive. No Tory Government could possibly be worse than the present Liberal Government. Without enumerating all the Government's offences against the whole array of Liberal and Labour principles, we may ask whether a Tory Government could have done worse than torture militant women while boasting that they have not issued

and will not issue warrants for the arrest of militant Unionist men!

The Liberal Government have during their term of office done nothing good that a Tory Government would not have done if subject to the same pressure, and they have left undone many things, including women's enfranchisement, that a Tory Government, again subject to the same pressure, could not and would not have dared to leave undone.

And this brings us to the reason why a Tory Government will at this juncture suit progressive purposes better than a Liberal Government would. This reason is, that when a Liberal Government is guilty of sins of omission or of commission, the Liberal Press, and the official Labour Press; the Liberals in the House of Commons, and the Labour men in the House of Commons; the Liberal rank and file, and even to some extent, the Labour rank and file, are dumb and uncritical. When a Tory Government commits sins of omission or of commission, though these be not half so black as those committed by a Liberal Government, then the Liberal Press and the Labour Press, then the Liberal and the Labour men in Parliament, then the progressive forces everywhere raise a hue and cry, shout their denunciations, carry out their protests.

There is real criticism, and control, and discipline of the Government of the day. We have in other words something like representative government as prescribed by the British Constitution.

But when a Liberal Government is in power the Constitution is in abeyance owing, as we have shown, to progressive timidity and servility, and owing also to a stupid habit which the Tories have when in opposition of endorsing reactionary Ministerial conduct which they would not venture, and would not be allowed themselves to commit, if they were in power.

The House of Lords is not by any means so dangerous to popular liberty as is the evil conspiracy against liberty which comes into existence and into operation when the Liberals are in office.

Therefore, a Tory Government let it be! For under a Tory Government reforms such as votes for women, held up for eight long years by the present Liberal Government, will have some chance of coming to fruition, and Suffragists and other reformers may hope to come into their own. Not by persuasion, not by patience certainly, but by fighting—with votes if they have them, and by other methods if they have them not.

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

THE GREAT GOD PROPERTY.

The Last Half of Mrs. Drummond's Speech in Synod Hall, Edinburgh, on March 10, 1913.

I want to ask you one question. That is, "Why is Sir Edward Carson at liberty and Mrs. Pankhurst arrested?" Some believe it is because Sir Edward Carson says "If so-and-so and so-and-so, then so-and-so will happen." But it is happening! Life has been taken in Ulster and men are being permanently injured. In my "Hansard" I find the question discussed—not in any other newspaper—Why? Because you might get an inkling that men are militant and not being punished, and you see it is the business of the daily Press not to educate you but to keep you in ignorance.

Sir Edward Carson is allowed to go free, and you talk about fair play. What are you doing? Are you writing to your M.P.'s and asking why this is so? Are you having dense meetings to protest against British women being hounded from pillar to post. Oh no, it does not interest you. Then the sooner women get to doing something that does interest you, even if you don't like it, the better for you and me.

For the Sake of Peace.

Now you see that Mr. Asquith has been anxious to meet the Ulster rebels. What does he say? For the sake of peace he will make those proposals. Does he say that to women? Probably he does not think we have gone far enough. Well, we notice that Ulster can get immediate attention because it is militant.

Men in Ulster have got votes. Sir Edward Carson promised us some time ago that whenever a settlement was made Ulster women would have votes, and when the women wanted an endorsement of that statement he went to bed so that they could not get at him. They waited on his doorstep until he got up.

Many a time when we have been ill-used at Liberal and Labour meetings we have been asked why we come back. Why do we insist on going in to these meetings and getting hurt? Why do we keep on going to prison again and again? Simply because this question of Votes for Women is of vital interest to women and there is something so great in it that women are prepared to give their lives for it. The reason why we go back and back to it, is that women are made of the same John Bull that men think so much about.

I want to appeal to the women here to come into our movement, firstly, because we are the organisation that is carrying on the greatest moral crusade of the twentieth century. We are opening the eyes of women to the disgraceful state of the morality of this nation. The Government is moving heaven and earth to stop such meetings as these. They are trying their very best by raiding our platforms. They want the police authorities to realise that they won't allow us to mass together. Why? Because we tell you the truth of immorality. Because we put in your hands this book of Christabel Pankhurst's.

A Woman Has Written the Book.

These are not Miss Pankhurst's facts as many of you say, but a woman has written the book. A woman has gathered the facts together. They are the facts of medical experts, taken from books and placed together, and written in words that the man in the street can understand. That is the book that we want to get in the hands of the young people of the nation. The old people have gone too far. There is no hope for them. But we want the young people to have it. We want young girls and boys who want to marry to know of the danger they are in unless they can bring a certificate of good health and cleanliness to each other. And when a man meets his future son-in-law and

asks the usual questions about his financial condition we want him also to inquire into his physical condition of life. Now I commend that book to you, and I know that when you read it you will wonder why we are so mild in our militancy.

Then I want women to come into this Union, because women are known by statistics to be the moral half of the community, and it is the duty of every woman, as the life-giver to the race to see that the race is brought up clean. We want you to realise this question is your question as well as ours. We want you to realise that your Lock hospitals are filled with men and women and children suffering from this vile disease—syphilis, and we want you to look on the other side and see what the politician is doing for it. You will see offered by them a Commission on this subject. Yes, when Miss Pankhurst launched forth this book on the subject, the Government said this Commission must be private. We objected and said it ought to be public because this disease is amongst us to such an extent that there are thousands upon thousands of the men in this country diseased. Yes, I am not surprised that you can hardly believe it. Because you did not know. Because you were ignorant. Because when people are suffering from this disease doctors do not tell them the truth.

I want women who have come to this protest meeting to-night to come forward and join this Union for another reason—because our leader is suffering for you, because she is giving her life for the womanhood of the nation. Come forward and give her your strength and financial help; do what little you can, for all the little put together make for great strength. Perhaps you are afraid you will lose your men friends. On the contrary they will gain a great deal more respect for you. Up and down the country, Suffragettes are the women that men, who are interested in great questions, discuss these questions with. We are absolutely snowed under sometimes with demands for our opinions on questions. That is because Miss Christabel Pankhurst has given us such an education in politics.

In the Right with Two or Three.

Then, ladies, you may say that you do not like being in this movement because it is not popular. No movement that is fighting for right and justice is ever considered popular. But to stand in the right with two or three is far better than to be in a majority with people who do not care. Come into our movement so that you may know what real comradeship is to women. We are told that women cannot combine and work together. Why, the W.S.P.U. is an eyesore to every other political party because we get on so well. Then you may say that women are not gaining anything. Just look what an education we have had. The Prime Minister has almost been an actual blessing to us. He has given us an opportunity of making the country realise what we can do, how we can combine together, and how we can work, and although this movement is solely a movement for women, yet men are always wanting to come in and help us. Men can help us by men's movements. They can help us in many ways. But women only can do the fighting in the front ranks. This is a matter of experience and organisation. I have always put my trust in the women. Many years ago I organised a procession in Manchester of the unemployed—men and women! When I got to the Town Hall I only found women. You must not think I am hard on men. Not at all—I am bringing up a son myself—but men are not imbued

with the spirit of the fight. It is our fight after all, ladies and gentlemen.

This movement for the last eight years has gone on by leaps and bounds. Is there any other Suffrage society can call meetings together like ours? I have just finished a tour in Yorkshire, and have been having huge meetings in places where Suffrage meetings have not been allowed to be held by other Suffrage societies for two or three years.

What are we gaining? We have made the Government a laughing-stock not only to this nation but to other nations. Mrs. Pankhurst by her action in this Movement focussed the minds of all the other countries on to "this despicable little group in the House of Commons." Other countries are publishing cartoons in their papers about this treatment of English women. Cabinet Ministers are going about the country in the centre of groups of detectives. Then they stand on platforms afterwards and say "Trust the people."! When Lloyd George went to Glasgow the way had been paved for him by democracy, and how they trumpeted the entry into Glasgow of that conquering hero! He came into Glasgow the back way, and finished by getting into the hall by a luggage lift I hear.

Afraid of Women.

I was passing along Parliament Street the other day and saw another pitiable sight. I saw the First Lord of the Admiralty crawl along in the shadow of the Board of Trade offices, keeping his weather eye open. I stepped off the bus on the chance that I might have a word with him, but I found that he had many escorts who were there to look after him. That brave man in the Admiralty afraid of women asking him a question! He is not afraid of men. Lloyd George was not afraid of men in Glasgow. No, he was afraid of women. That is the state of affairs we have brought your great controllers of politics. You have put them on pedestals. We have brought them down and rolled them in the mud. Then you tell us that women's militancy is putting the clock back.

Other societies are helping to keep in power members of the Government who are ill-treating women. They are blacklegs to women. They keep the torturers of women in power. The Liberal Party forsooth! Trustees of the people! The Nationalist and Labour Parties are to blame for the torturing of women in prison. They are a disgrace, and we have sounded their death-knell. We have refused to listen to them on the platforms.

Go to their meetings and refuse to listen to them. They preach hypocrisy, not democracy. You cannot get a democratic foundation until you get sex equality.

Women, come into this movement and leave petty amusements. Women concerned with the temperance question, how are you getting on until you get votes? When there is the vote of the women in the constituency the candidate will take good care that he is a social reformer in order to get the women's vote. To-day he has not to cater for the women's vote, and he does not put forward any bait to get it.

We shall see that women's interests are looked after, see that women in the industrial market have the same chance as men, see that women shall have a living wage. They shall be well fed so that they will bring healthy children into the world. That is why Mrs. Pankhurst is in prison to-night; that has been her mission throughout her political life. She has always stood and worked for the bottom dog. And as she has done so much I want you to-night to give of your funds to help this organisation to go on.

THE TWO MILITANTS.



Photo: Rotary.

Licensed to Break the Law.



Photo: Kehrhahn.

Persecuted for Conscience' Sake.

THE VOICE OF TRUTH.

PRAYERS FOR FREEDOM'S PRISONERS.

Appeals to Theatre and Restaurant Public.

SPEAKERS APPLAUDED.

All over the country prayers were offered up last Sunday for the women suffering in prison for the sake of liberty. Where the Church had refused to perform its duty the women themselves came forward and made their public appeal for their comrades and for the whole Woman's Movement.

In theatres and restaurants women have been unflagging in their endeavour to advise the public conscience to a realisation of the fight for liberty which is going on in their midst. In many instances the speakers were received with an enthusiasm which testified to a growing understanding and sympathy.

PROTEST IN EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL.

SEVEN WOMEN ARRESTED.

A few days ago a letter was sent to Dr. Wallace Williamson, of St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, asking if he would pray for the Woman's Movement. As no reply was received, on the morning of Sunday, 22nd, seven women rose after the usual intercessory prayer, and chanted the following prayer: "God, save Emmeline Pankhurst. Open the eyes of Thy Church that it may protest against the torture of those who suffer for conscience's sake." Before they could finish their petition they were seized by vergers, plain clothes police, and officials of the church.

The women were at once arrested and conveyed to the police office, where they were charged by the Session of St. Giles with breach of the peace and interruption of the service.

The women were subsequently liberated on bail of £2 each, on undertaking to appear at the court on the following morning. One of the women brought a counter charge against Sheriff Substitute Guy, but in spite of her remonstrance was of course told that such a charge would not be entertained against a guardian of the Church.

At the close of the church service it was seen that several women were standing outside holding posters, and giving out leaflets; and an address was given to the dispersing congregation by Miss Lambie.

On Monday morning Marian Downie, Alexis Turner, Emma Stanley, Marjorie Macfarlane, Janet Wallace, Caroline Brown, and Oonah ni Caellaig appeared in the police court. After the charge had been read they were told that at the request of the public prosecutor the case was adjourned until the following Thursday.

SERMON ON THE WOMAN'S MOVEMENT.

VICAR'S EARNEST APPEAL.

On Sunday evening last the vicar of St. Agnes, Bristol, preaching from one of a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer ("Thy will be done on

beliefs and prejudices," and to pray for those women who are now in prison suffering for the sake of conscience. In the event of refusals, the women have announced their intention of performing the clergy's neglected duty in their stead.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, Glasgow, during the evening service, which was conducted by the Bishop of Glasgow, a number of Suffragettes stood up and chanted a prayer for Mrs. Pankhurst and the women who are being forcibly fed. In the course of his sermon the Bishop was also interrupted by a woman who appealed to him to protest against the torture of women. She was seized by vergers and ejected from the church.

Earth . . .") spoke of the Woman's Movement, pointing out that God's will was not being done in this matter. He mentioned that he had received a letter from the W.S.P.U. asking him to offer prayers for the women who were being tortured, and to protest against forcible feeding. He announced that he should ask the prayers of the congregation for women suffering in prison for conscience's sake pointed out that forcible feeding was inhuman, and asked for a more sympathetic attitude towards those who were driven through the wrongs done to their sisters to commit acts of violence, and who felt that in so doing they were acting rightly and conscientiously.

OTHER CHURCH PROTESTS.

On Sunday morning during the service at St. Peter's, Brighton, the vicar gave out a special prayer for Ireland. Immediately a Suffragette in the congregation offered up a prayer for the women in prison, and the "Amen" was sung by women's voices in different parts of the church. Leaflets were distributed at the close of the service.

At the Felbridge Parish Church the officiating clergyman endeavoured to shout down a woman who appealed to him publicly to stand by those who are fighting for liberty. The woman was ejected by two sidesmen.

Last Sunday both St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Andrew's Church, Dundee, were visited by Suffragettes, who offered up prayers for their comrades in prison. There was no disturbance, and the congregation listened to the appeal in reverent silence.

At St. John's Church, Reading, where the vicar refused to pray for the Woman's Movement four women in the congregation stood up and prayed aloud for Mrs. Pankhurst and for those now suffering in prison.

Suffragettes in York again offered up their intercession at York Minster, and at the close of their prayer quietly left the building without suffering any molestation.

A dignified and successful protest was made at Christ Church, Bath, and at the end of the prayer an earnest "Amen" was heard coming from many women in the congregation.

At the Kensington Tabernacle, Bristol, a woman stood up alone to pray, and at the close of her prayer the minister joined in fervently with the "Amen," and afterwards great interest was shown by the congregation, who eagerly accepted the leaflet, "The Appeal to God."

At St. Mary's, South Kensington, a number of women chanted an intercession for the prisoners, and subsequently a letter was received from the vicar, expressing his appreciation.

In response to an appeal, the Vicar of Gretna's Church, Reading, has promised to request the prayers of his congregation for "the just, wise, and peaceable settlement of the woman's question" at three services in the week, including Sunday.

The members of the Kingston W.S.P.U. have sent a letter to all the clergy in the neighbourhood, calling upon them "to put aside all personal

PROTESTS IN BRIEF.

During the second performance at the Stratford Empire a Suffragette present reminded the crowded audience that women were facing death and torture for the sake of their principles. She was able to speak for some minutes before she was asked to leave the theatre, and her remarks were greeted with applause.

An effective protest was made at the Borough Theatre, Stratford, last Saturday, when, after the first act, a woman addressed the audience, calling attention to the horrors that were being enacted in Holloway Prison. Attendees forced her to leave the theatre, but not before considerable interest and sympathy had been aroused and a large number of leaflets distributed.

On Saturday evening the Haymarket Theatre was the scene of an impromptu Suffragette meeting. A speech was made to the audience, who received the speaker with considerable applause. The management insisted on the women leaving the theatre, but no roughness was shown them.

At the Reading Theatre last Saturday a number of women took the opportunity to draw the audience's attention to the woman's question, and to the terrible treatment meted out to brave women who were fighting for their liberty. Much interest was aroused and no attempt was made to eject the women.

Suffragettes visited the New Theatre on Saturday evening, and at the close of the first act a woman rose to address the audience, whilst leaflets were distributed from the gallery. There was a scene of great excitement and the women were roughly ejected from the theatre.

On Friday last a Suffragette visited Lyons' Restaurant, Cheshire, and addressed a large number of men and women, who listened seriously and attentively. No attempt was made to interfere with the speaker, and it was obvious that her audience was much impressed.

Although the management of the Formosa Restaurant refused to allow a speech, Suffragettes succeeded last Saturday in drawing the attention of those present to the women's question. All the tables were supplied with leaflets and a considerable amount of interest and excitement was aroused.

During the crowded lunch hour at Selfridge's Restaurant on Friday last a Suffragette began to address the people lunching there. She was not allowed to speak for long, but her companions distributed handbills amongst the tables and much interest was shown by those who witnessed the incident.

On Saturday evening a most effective protest was made at the Strand Theatre, when, after the second act of "Mr. Wu," a woman in the gallery addressed the audience, comparing the treatment of men and women militants. Another Suffragette distributed handbills, and the two women were given a remarkably sympathetic reception, the cheering silencing the few evidences of opposition.

A successful protest was made at the Royalty Theatre last Saturday, when a woman who spoke from the stalls was applauded by the audience. Leaflets were thrown by women in the pit.

EVIL THAT GOOD MAY COME!

A Reply to the Bishops by Miss MARIE NAYLOR.

Extracts from a Speech made at the Knightsbridge Hall, February 23, 1914.

We read of old that when the people asked for bread they were given a stone. We went to a man high in position, and we asked him to use his power to help helpless people in a particular emergency, and the principal thing he gave was not any answer to our demand. He could not help acknowledging that we were doing—at any rate, those women who were suffering torture in prison, were doing—God's work, but he said that it must be done in God's way. He said, too, that we who were militant, and those women who were suffering now for their militancy, were wrong because they were doing evil that good might come.

In God's Own Way.

Now I want to refer that back to the Bishop of London and his fellow-bishops, and say: "You, too, oh bishops! have done evil that good might come." Can anybody in his senses, particularly anybody who has seen the victims of the "Cat-and-Mouse Act," and who realises the state of degradation of a nation in the twentieth century, under a Liberal Government, in a Christian country, which has brought that sort of thing to bear upon people who are working for political liberty—will anybody say the passing of the "Cat-and-Mouse Act," particularly after stating that it was being used as an alternative to torture—will anybody say that they did not do evil that good might come? And what was the good the bishops wanted when they rushed the "Cat-and-Mouse Act" through the House of Lords in a very short time?

The good they wanted was to put down militancy. Very well, then, we will say to the Bishop and his colleagues, and to all those who rushed that Act through, that they had better do this God's act in God's own way. What is the way to put down militancy? Let them do it in God's own way by doing justice.

What Have the Bishops to Say?

I was speaking lately to an old friend of mine who has lately entered the Civil Service of Northern Nigeria, a place we have lately taken under the beneficent sway of our protectorate. We are always doing things like that under pretence of bringing civilisation and good government to these people. It simply amounts to this: we take their country away from them and then charge them for it, and I heard my friend say that if these men will not pay their taxes for the country we have taken away from them, we burn down their houses. It is true that their houses are not built of marble and brick and stone, but still they are their houses—they are their homesteads. If the Government that does such things did not consider that it was a terrible thing to do, they would not do it, and to prevent their houses being burned down, they pay their taxes. What have the bishops to say to this, or the House of Lords to say to it? What has the great Liberal Government to say to it? It is not known to the general public. They do evil that good may come. They want to force the men to pay taxes, and therefore they commit arson, and the bishops, I have no doubt, give their blessing upon it.

We know, too, that when they tried to force an obstinate Government in South Africa to enfranchise a handful of Englishmen, arson was one of the means they took to that end. We all know that many, many homesteads were burned down. The British Government committed arson, and what was their motive? They said they thought that by doing that evil, good might come. The good they wanted was to crush the residents; and to crush them, as we read in the "Daily Telegraph" not very long ago, they were under the painful necessity of burning down their houses. And what had the bishops to say to this? They called down God's blessing upon those who were doing that evil that good might come.

In Obedience to God's Voice.

I think the people who tell us to do God's work in God's own way do not understand these things. I think that old Thoreau—I am very fond of old Thoreau—was very wise when he gave us this advice: not to look to legislators or to Churches for our guidance, but to listen to God's voice in our own souls. For God speaks through our own hearts, and there is not one human creature who has not God's voice within his own soul, if he will listen to that voice. When we remember the way in which Churches and legislators have given advice, and how they have carried what they wanted, and the means they have used in the past, we think we are very much better advised to listen to God's voice in our own hearts; and we know that these women who have been militant, and who have committed militant acts knowing the penalty they will have to pay, have done it in obedience to God's voice in their hearts.

I would say to these men who profess to be the guiders of our conscience what Thoreau said to the men of his day when John Brown was going to be done to death. He said this: "You who pretend to care for Christ crucified, consider what you are about to do to him who offers himself to be the saviour of four millions of men."

I would say to all who uphold Christianity to-day—whether it be the Free Church, or the Established Church, whether a private member of that Church or one holding high office, like the Bishop—while you pretend to care for the crucified Christ, take care what you are going to do to that woman who is offering herself to be the saviour of not only thirteen or fourteen millions of her own country, but for the half of the human race.

A Great National Crime.

Nobody, I say, who thinks and can read the signs of the times, who can discern a noble deed because they have in themselves the germs of nobility, nobody can see what is being done to Mrs. Pankhurst, who is pouring out her soul unto death, and the other women who are following her and are also pouring out their souls unto death, without realising that we are on the verge of committing a great national crime, and if that crime be committed then it will have to be paid for in some sort of terrible punishment which is bound to come upon the race,

because national sins are visited with national punishment, and individual sins are visited with individual punishment. As we belong to this country, as we belong to this English race, we all will have to suffer part of the penalty which will be visited upon this country, upon this British race, for the crime which looks as if it is going to be committed. As a matter of fact it is being committed now. These women are slowly bleeding to death. They are slowly giving up their lives.

There is nothing more valuable than life. All that a man has, will he give for his life. What sort of understanding can these people have, who are blind, absolutely blind, to the noble deeds that are being done before them?

I remember reading a long time ago a sentence like this: "Man can only understand that of which he has the beginnings in himself." Now, that is absolutely true. The man who appreciates and understands noble poetry is a poet, although perhaps a poet in embryo. He or she has the beginnings of a poet in himself or herself. So it is with any great noble deed of self-sacrifice. The person who has not a grain, a germ, the very embryo of the power of self-sacrifice, that person will be unable to appreciate that act in another.

They Have Not the Power to See.

You recollect how in St. Paul's time the people said, "He is mad, quite mad." They could not understand in the least that a man cultured, a man well connected, a man brought up in the most respectable clerical school of his age, should be going about preaching at street corners about a Felon who had suffered a felon's death. They had not the power to see what St. Paul saw—the great divine act of love that caused the Felon's death, the love, the supreme love, which had led that Man to die that death. So these people to-day are absolutely incapable of appreciating what is being done in their midst. They see a person who has been condemned by law. They see a person whom the police want, and they put her into the same category with those who, with a criminal motive, have committed some ordinary offence against the law and have rendered themselves liable to punishment. Thoreau has said that when a noble deed is done those are likely to appreciate it who are noble themselves. Thoreau, speaking of John Brown, said: "Show me a man who thinks bitterly of John Brown, and ask him what noble phrase he can repeat. He will be as dumb as if his lips were stone."

The person, we are told, who takes his stand upon a certain principle, and says, "Here I stand, let happen what will," that person becomes a magnet. He will in the end draw the whole human race unto him, because he has taken his stand on the divine, because he feels absolutely certain, not because any legislature has told him he is right, not because any Church has told him he is right, but because his own soul has told him he is right. So in the end everybody will come round and say, "Yes, he was right; though we said at the time that he was wrong." Here I think we have a picture of our leader.

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No Man or Woman Could Fail to be the Better for Reading It.

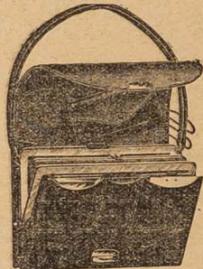
I spent yesterday evening reading Lady Constance Lytton's book, "Prisons and Prisoners." I will not say a word on the subject that directly inspired it—Votes for Women.

But I will say, because I deeply believe it, that no man or woman could fail to be the better for reading it. It is reasonable without being subtle; it is searching without being aggressive; profound without being heavy, and exciting without being sensational. It is gratefully enlightened with humour. Above all, it is sincere in every word. The author's accounts of her experiences at Holloway, Walton, and elsewhere bear, if I have any competence to estimate and weigh the written word, the stamp of truth. Like certain Russian books of the last century in which life, denied official expression, blazed into literature, it contains stuff which must help to change the thought of this country on social matters of the first importance. Few people—not I, at any rate—can be quite the same after reading it.

It is dedicated to prisoners of every kind; to whom no more beautiful word than this, concerning these who try to help them, was ever written: "Unless they truly understand your lot, understanding your goodness as well as your badness, and sympathising with your badness as well as with your goodness, they will seem far off from you. Who knows, though, but that you may help them?"—Filson Young under "The Things that Matter," "Pall Mall Gazette," March 5.

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The plan for sending a copy of "The Great Scourge and How to End it" to every clergyman in the country is rapidly being carried out, thanks to the many members and friends who have subscribed to the cost. Already we are informed that it has borne good fruits.

A Nottingham clergyman, addressing a congregation of over 3,000 people at the Albert Hall on Social Purity, spoke very highly of the book. Another Nottingham clergyman at a meeting recommended the audience to read Miss Pankhurst's book.

A correspondent writes: "I have heard from a local clergyman that a committee of the Ruridecanal chapter has been formed to co-operate generally with another body of people consisting of men of all churches which promotes purity. It will take up all questions affecting Social Purity. Miss Pankhurst's book received general approval and unanimous agreement was expressed that there should be one standard for men and women alike."

A CLERGYMAN'S APPEAL.

The Rev. Ivon L. Gregory, of Exeter, writes: "Thank you for the book, 'The Great Scourge.' I have read it and feel that if all sober-minded men could also read it they would be convinced that the Suffrage movement is not what it is popularly supposed to be. If you have a few copies to give away I shall be happy to distribute them to men in this parish, who, having read them, will also share with me the feeling that the enfranchisement of women will mean an uplifting to the spiritual as well as the political well-being of the community."

Will West of England readers of the SUFFRAGETTE purchase copies of the book to be distributed in the manner suggested by the Rev. Ivon Gregory?

"THE GREAT SCOURGE."

KEEPING THE BOOK BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

WORK FOR EVERYONE.

Encouraging news of the sale of Miss Pankhurst's book, "The Great Scourge and How to End It," comes from all parts. A most successful canvass has been made among both men and women's Approved Societies under the Insurance Act. Trade Unions have also been approached, and in the majority of cases the book has been purchased.

A good sale of "The Great Scourge" has also been kept up on the SUFFRAGETTE pitches. This is an excellent way of keeping the book before the public, and all paper-sellers are asked to take a few copies with them.

Canvassers and sellers are still needed for this important work, and names of volunteers will be gratefully received by Miss Margaret Kendall at Lincoln's Inn House.

ADVERTISEMENT FUND.

Small bills advertising "The Great Scourge" are now showing in the principal London tube-lifts, but funds are needed to continue and extend this work. Contributions should be sent to Miss Kendall.

Gratefully received: Mrs. H. Gibson, 3s.; Miss E. Birnstingl, £1 10s.; Collection Elyse Galleries, 10s. 2d.; Collection Knightsbridge Hall, 11s.

LOWESTOFT CAMPAIGN.

TEACHERS' CONFERENCE, APRIL 8th-20th.

MRS. PANKHURST'S VISIT.

Preparations are well in hand for the special campaign in Lowestoft during the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers. The conference will last from April 8 to 20.

The opening of the flat at 5, Wellington Road, which has been taken as W.S.P.U. headquarters, and the knowledge that the Suffragettes are in the town has aroused much interest among the inhabitants of Lowestoft and in the local Press.

The announcement that Mrs. Pankhurst's next public appearance will be held at Lowestoft is causing great excitement, and already the Organiser is inundated with inquiries about the visit. Mrs. Pankhurst will speak at the Hippodrome on the evening of Wednesday, April 15. Tickets for the meeting are on sale at the office, and can be obtained from the Organiser, Miss Isabel Cay, at 5, Wellington Road. The prices of numbered and reserved tickets are 2s. and 1s. There are also 6d. and 3d. tickets for women only.

In addition to this a full programme is being arranged for the conference week. A reception will be held for teachers and their friends at the Leighton Assembly Rooms on Easter Sunday evening. Details of this will be given later.

The first open-air meeting will be held next Sunday morning, April 29, at 12.30 p.m., on the front close to the pier.

The flat has been comfortably furnished, so that it may be used as a sort of club for the teachers. Light lunches and teas will be served there at very moderate prices. It is hoped that this will be the means of promoting informal discussion of the Suffrage question.

Gifts of provisions suitable for this purpose will be welcomed by the Organiser. She will be glad if friends will let her know at once what they can send. Contributions of money will also be gratefully received, as the expenses of the campaign will of necessity be very heavy.

Already acknowledged: Mrs. Douglas Reid, £1; Miss Harwood, 5s.; Miss King, 6s. 9d.; Miss Elvey, 5s. 4d.; Miss Brett, 5s.; R. E. B., 2s. 6d.; Miss Prentice, 2s. 6d.; B. R., £1; Mrs. Burgess, 1s.; Miss Byford, 2s.; P., £1; Miss L. Roe, £1; Miss Dalgeish, 1s. 2d.; Miss Taylor, 5s.; Mrs. Browne, 5s. Total, £6 3s. 9d.

MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

OUTDOOR SERVICE.

Last Sunday, according to her announced intention, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, carried on a stretcher, headed a procession which marched to Westminster Abbey. The building was so crowded that the procession was refused admission, and a service, conducted by a clergyman, was held outside. Prayers were offered up for Mrs. Pankhurst and for the whole Woman's Movement.

Whilst the procession returned via Whitehall, three women entered Downing Street and were arrested for obstructing the police.

NOTICE.

The SUFFRAGETTE will be glad to consider cartoons suitable for the front page or inside pages of the paper. Cartoons should be addressed to the Editor, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway.

A TERRIBLE CASE.

CHILD CHARGED WITH INFANTICIDE.

A verdict of "Wilful murder" was returned at an inquest at Conisborough on Saturday against Minnie Scott, aged 15, the daughter of a miner, whose illegitimate child was found strangled in an outhouse near her home. When arrested the girl is alleged to have stated, "I did it for my mother's sake, to save trouble."

The evidence disclosed that while the girl's family were perfectly aware of her condition, no preparations were made for the child, which was born in the cellar.

The Coroner severely censured the mother and married sister, and expressed sympathy with the girl, who was committed for trial.

WESTMINSTER CAMPAIGN.

Helpers are urgently needed in Westminster to make the campaign a great success. A very fine poster parade was held on Tuesday to protest against the forcible feeding of women political prisoners. The next poster parades will be held on Friday, March 27, and Monday, March 30, starting from 17, Tothill Street, at 2 p.m., and it is hoped that everyone who can possibly spare an hour at this time will come to the shop and take part in the parade.

Those who cannot help with the poster parades are asked to call at 17, Tothill Street whenever they have any spare time, as there is plenty of work to be done in canvassing the magistrates, doctors and clergy of the district. Paper selling, also, round the House of Commons is another important branch of work, and it is very necessary to keep the pitches well supplied with sellers.

Please send in your name to Miss Phyllis Ayrton, at 17, Tothill Street, and mention what help you can give in the Westminster campaign. All offers of help will be most gratefully received.

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MEDIAEVAL TORTURE IN SCOTLAND.

MR MACKIN ON WOODS ATTEMPT AT WHITEWASH.

MISS MOORHEAD'S R. PLY.

Mr. MacKinnon Wood, in reply to a question by Mr. Barnes as to the ill-treatment I received in Calton Gaol, made a statement which could only have been made in an assembly of men, paid by both men and women, but representing men only.

He began by enumerating my honourable aliases, for I have had the honour to stand in the dock for my principles in those names. The trials and convictions were dishonourable. On three of these occasions I was convicted on perjured evidence. Two of the convictions were for breaking glass, and the third was for assaulting a policeman. At my fourth conviction the charge was of "house-breaking with intent to set fire."

I was released under the "Cat-and-Mouse Act" after a hunger-strike, and was rearrested on February 18 for not "reporting" myself to the police.

Mr. MacKinnon Wood proceeded to say that "During the time she was at large several fires occurred in various parts of Scotland, three in Perthshire and one in Renfrewshire. Ethel Moorhead was identified as having been in the neighbourhood at the time of these fires and is 'wanted' by the Perthshire police on suspicion of being concerned in at least one of them. . . . Under the circumstances it was evidently undesirable to liberate her, and she was forcibly fed."

What are the circumstances? The circumstances are that, on his own showing, because Mr. MacKinnon Wood had "suspicions" about me when I was "at large" he sentenced me, without trial, to assault, outrage, torture, and possibly death. Mr. MacKinnon Wood's suspicions about me are so readily aroused that he even drags in the "ancient church of White Kirk" the burning of which took place the night of my release at the point of death.

It must be clear to all who have read Mr. MacKinnon Wood's statement that such a statement could only be made with reference to one who has no constitutional rights, one outside the law and outside the constitution. It is a manifestation of all the wrongs I stand to right. It must be clear to all that in order to account for the introduction of medieval torture into Scotland—and the consequent loss of Leith Burghs—Mr. MacKinnon Wood was trying to whitewash himself by vilifying me. Mr. MacKinnon Wood went on to say:

"An experienced doctor from outside Edinburgh prison was brought in to carry out the forcible feeding, and there is no foundation for alleging that she received any injury from that. The illness from which she is suffering, and in consequence of which she was liberated on licence on February 25, was caused by her own action. The doctor reports that on Sunday, February 22nd, she broke the window of her cell and tied herself to the bars while imperfectly clothed, and that she also took other opportunities of wilfully exposing herself to cold."

The "experienced doctor" came from the convict prison at Peterhead.

My illness was pronounced by the two doctors who examined me when I came out to be double pneumonia caused by the entrance of food into the lungs, the signs being different from those of ordinary pneumonia. But if, as Mr. MacKinnon Wood affirmed, I had contracted pneumonia on Sunday morning by exposing myself to cold, the prison authorities have little to choose between forcibly feeding me in that condition and causing the pneumonia themselves by the forcible feeding.

The truth is that on Tuesday evening, the last occasion on which I was forcibly fed, food was poured into my lungs. I was immediately seized with violent coughing and acute pain and was released next morning.

(Signed) ETHEL MOORHEAD.

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MRS. PANKHURST AND SCOTTISH ANTI-MILITANTS.

The Scottish anti-militant Suffragists having requested Mrs. Pankhurst to receive a deputation on the occasion of her recent visit to Scotland, the following letter was sent in reply:

Dear Miss Inglis,—Mrs. Pankhurst has handed me your letter, and she asks me to say that the circumstances and conditions of her visit to Scotland will be such as to make it impossible to comply with Miss Mair's request.

Mrs. Pankhurst further wishes me to say that she is kept informed of the state of affairs in Scotland by the officers and members of her own organisation, the W.S.P.U.—Yours faithfully,

GRACE ROE.

PREPARE! PREPARE!

In view of the prospect of an early General Election we would urge women who support the Women's Social and Political Union to prepare themselves in all ways possible to render service in the constituencies. A very large number of speakers will be needed. Those living in and near London may qualify as speakers by attending the Speakers' Class held under the direction of Miss Rose Leo, every Friday evening at Lincoln's Inn House. Those living at a distance from London should apply to the nearest W.S.P.U. office for advice and help. In addition to speaking there will be much other work to be done at the General Election. Offers of help may be sent at once to Lincoln's Inn House.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

THE LEGALITY OF FORCIBLE FEEDING.

Mr. MACCALLUM SCOTT asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether the forcible feeding of prisoners who refuse to take food is carried out in accordance with any obligation on the part of the prison authorities to prevent, by all means in their power, prisoners from committing suicide? Mr. McKENNA: Yes, sir. The late Lord Chief Justice laid it down in the case of Leigh v. Gladstone that it is the duty of the prison authorities to do what they reasonably can to keep prisoners in health, and, still more clearly, to save them from death. Where, therefore, a prisoner persistently refuses to take food, and where forcible feeding is the only means reasonably calculated to keep him alive, it becomes the duty of the prison officers to feed him forcibly.

MRS. PANKHURST'S ARREST.

Mr. KEIR HARDIE asked the Secretary for Scotland whether he was consulted in advance upon the methods adopted by the police for the arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst in Glasgow; whether he is aware that no attempt was made to make the arrest quietly before the meeting and by whose authority a public meeting was raided in connection with the arrest; and whether he will cause an investigation into all the facts, with a view to the prevention, if possible, of a future recurrence?

THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND (Mr. MacKinnon Wood): I think my hon. friend has put his question under a misapprehension. The Glasgow police are a municipal force. Their position is entirely different from that of the Metropolitan police. They are under no obligation to consult me, and did not do so. In view, however, of my hon. friend's question, I have asked for information on the second and third points which he raises, and I am informed that every effort was made by the police to arrest Mrs. Pankhurst before the meeting and that the police had authority under the Local Police Acts to enter the hall, which is licensed by the magistrates. I have heard that a request for an inquiry has been, or is to be, made to the Glasgow magistrates.

Mr. KEIR HARDIE: In view of the importance of preserving the right of public meeting free from interruption, will the right hon. gentleman issue a recommendation to the Glasgow police not to permit a repetition of this action?

Mr. MacKINNON WOOD: I do not think I am called upon to interfere with the police.

"INSUPERABLE DIFFICULTIES."

Mr. STUART-WORTLEY asked the Home Secretary whether, with a view to preventing destruction of national art treasures and damage to public buildings, he will direct that persons who have been temporarily discharged from prison under the Prisoners (Temporary Discharge for Ill-health) Act, 1913, and who are known to have been guilty of committing wilful damage to property and to have expressed their intention of doing such damage again, should, from the moment of their temporary release, be kept under constant observation by the police?

Mr. McKENNA: There are almost insuperable difficulties in keeping persons of this class under constant observation, but the object the right hon. gentleman has in view is borne well in mind.

A STRIKING REMINDER.

Churchgoers at Bradford last Sunday morning found striking posters of Miss Pankhurst's book, "The Great Scourge" on the notice boards of many churches in the city and district. These were also to be found on the boards of Airedale Theological College, on those at the entrance to Manningham Park, and also at Green Lane Schools.

THE KING AGAIN REMINDED.

On Wednesday, March 18, as the King was entering the New Institute for the Blind in Great Portland Street some Suffragettes on either side showered quantities of handbills over and amongst the crowds gathered outside the building.

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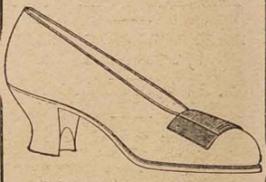
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PRISON NEWS.

All the six women who were sentenced on March 14 are now released. Mrs. Hopkins, as reported last week, was released on Tuesday, March 17.

Miss Raye and Miss Stevens were released on Wednesday, March 18, Mrs. Charlton and Miss Cox on Thursday, March 19, and "Boadicea" on Friday, March 20.

Mrs. Crawford was released from Edinburgh Gaol on Thursday, March 19, on a seven days' licence.

Miss Wilson was released on Sunday night in a very weak condition.

On Sunday two women were arrested for sticking Suffrage bills on churches, and were sentenced on Monday to four days' imprisonment or a fine of 5s. They went to prison and immediately started the hunger and thirst strike.

It is reported that Miss Ethel Moorhead, who was released from Calton Gaol, Edinburgh, with double pneumonia, owing to the entrance of food into the lungs during forcible feeding, is now suffering from pleurisy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

London Meetings.

The meeting on Monday, March 30, at the Knightsbridge Hall, at 3.15 p.m., will be addressed by Miss Marie Naylor. The chair will be taken by Mrs. Dacre Fox.

These meetings will in future be for women only; no men will be admitted.

The meeting on Thursday evening, April 2, will be held at the Elysee Galleries, Queen's Road, Bayswater, at 8 p.m. The speakers will be Dr. Frank Moxon, M.B., B.Sc., and Miss Barbara Wylie. The chair will be taken by Miss Olive Bartels. Men admitted to this meeting by ticket.

MRS. DRUMMOND'S ENGAGEMENTS.

During the coming week Mrs. Drummond will speak at the Oxford Assembly Rooms on Friday, the 27th, at the Dome at Brighton on Monday, at the Town Hall, Hfracombe on Wednesday, and at Lewisham on Thursday. Particulars of these meetings will be found in the programme of the week on page 552.

PRISONERS.

Table with 4 columns: NAME, Date when Sentenced, Length of Sentence, Place of Imprisonment. Rows include Miss Kitty Marion, Miss Rachel Peace, and Miss Mary Richardson.

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Campaign Throughout the Country.

We give below an account of some of the constitutional and educational work being done on behalf of the W.S.P.U. in various parts of the country.

LONDON.

Balham and Tooting.

Members please note whist drive, April 4, at Cosy Hall, Laitwood Road, Balham High Road. Tickets, 1s., including refreshments, from Miss Greer, 35, Endisham Road, Balham. Open-air meeting at Broadway, Tooting, Saturday, 28th. SUFFRAGETTE sellers please note. Gratefully acknowledged: 4s., collected towards fund for supplying Miss Pankhurst's book to the clergy; thanks also to Mr Yorke for subscription for supplying SUFFRAGETTES for another six months to free library. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Cockedge, 12, Foxbourne Road.)

Battersea.

Miss Canning's speech at Latchmere Baths much appreciated. Will more members volunteer for SUFFRAGETTE selling? Members and friends are asked to send suitable jubilee to office at once for sale in a few weeks' time. Will members willing to give a draught-room meeting communicate with Hon. Org. Sec., Mrs. Emily D. Duval, 37, Park Road, Wandsworth, S.W.?

Chelsea.

Grateful thanks to Mrs. Monck Mason for contribution of 2s. 6d., and from Miss Hurst for 3s. for women's meetings expenses. Contributions towards jubilee sale in April should be sent direct to shop, carriage paid. SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently needed Mondays and Tuesdays at Knightsbridge, Tuesdays and Saturdays at Hyde Park Corner. Those who can help please send in names. In view of coming election an active campaign in Kensington is wanted. Will any willing to help please send in names for canvassing and weekly women's meetings? (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Edwards; shop, 303, King's Road; telephone, 2858 Kensington.)

Clapham.

Most successful whist drive held last Friday at Guild Hall; profit of £2 made. Names of prize winners will be found in "Clapham Observer" for today. Will members please bring empty jam-pots to office for home-made marmalade. Miss E. Wylie addressed most interested women's meeting last Thursday. The SUFFRAGETTE sold well. "The Great Scourge" was lent to a working woman to read and pass on. This copy was given by Mrs. Gray for circulation amongst working women who attend. More SUFFRAGETTE sellers will be welcome for pitches. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Clara Strong; office, 84, Elspeth Road.)

Croydon.

Purley meeting Tuesday, Miss P. Rickards made excellent speech; Friday meeting, Katharine Street, Miss Hardy, Miss P. Julian, Miss Wallis; good discussion after. Arrangements for new premises progressing rapidly. Miss Wallis' lecture wanted. Interesting and encouraging reports of year's work and finance at annual meeting, 18th. Mrs. Moore's reading and Mrs. Wallis' recitations much appreciated. All are thanked who helped with debate at Whyteleafe, 24th. Thanks for marmalade from Mrs. Slater, Miss W. Denham (sold privately), Mrs. Bourne (donor). Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Hardy, 5s.; Mrs. Hardy, Penny Fund, 1s. (Hon. Org. Sec., Mrs. Cameron Swan; shop, 50, High Street; telephone, 1969 Croydon.)

Fulham and Putney.

SUFFRAGETTE sellers for to-morrow (Boat Race day) urgently needed. Please call for papers at shop at 1 p.m. Enormous crowd at Miss Coomb's meeting last Friday. Gratefully acknowledged: Marmalade from Mrs. Bowen, Poster Fund; Miss Clegg, 1s.; a Friend, 5s.; Miss Lennox, 2s. 6d.; Miss Tanner, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Stockville, 1s.; F. R. 2s. 6d.; previously acknowledged, 11s. 2d.; total so far, £1 5s. 8d.; still needed, £1 4s. 3d. If at any time a shop-minder cannot attend, will she, if possible, give Secretary at least two days' notice, so that a substitute may be provided? (Hon. Secs., Mrs. C. Furley-Smith and Miss L. Cutton; office, 905, Fulham Road.)

Hammersmith.

Volunteers required for selling the SUFFRAGETTE on Boat Race day. Please send in names to Miss K. Anderson, 139, The Grove, Hammersmith. "Votes for

Women" soap and tea can now be obtained at shop. (Hon. Sec., Miss C. M. Mackay; shop, 95, The Grove.)

Hampstead.

Many thanks to Mr. Baillie Weaver and Mrs. Cobden Sanderson for interesting lecture March 18. Successful women's meeting in Keniaish Town on March 16. Two members joined Local Union, Canvassers and other workers needed for this district. Contributions welcome towards fund for advertising "Great Scourge" in local papers. Fresh supply of marmalade needed for shop. Could any member get use of large garden for open air fête in summer? Miss Emma Wylie addressed large audience on Hampstead Heath last Sunday. (Hon. Org. Sec., Miss D. D. Solomon; Sec., Miss G. Batson; shop, 173, Finchley Road, N.W.; telephone, Hampstead 4900.)

Hendon, Golder's Green, and Finchley.

Mrs. Hargraves is organising a jubilee sale for Monday, March 30, 2.30 p.m., at 2, Eldon Villas, Brownlow Road, North End, Finchley. Will members and friends kindly send parcels direct to this address on or before Saturday, March 23, marked "Votes for Women"? On Tuesday, March 31, a meeting will be held at office, 8 p.m. Will members make this widely known and bring friends? SUFFRAGETTE sale doubled during last month. Still more sellers needed. Will these members who cannot sell in the street take a certain number each week and sell or distribute them among their neighbours and friends? (Hon. Org., Mrs. Lawson Beldon; office, 20a, The Parade, Golder's Green.)

Hornsey.

All members and friends are urged to come to Crouch End meeting, Thursday, April 2 (see programme), and to bring as many others as possible. (Hon. Sec., Miss Bonwick, B.A., 23, Weston Park, Crouch End, N.)

Ilford and District

Both meetings successful on Saturday. Thanks to Miss Wingrove for her address at Balfour Road. Congratulations to Miss V. Hamilton for taking chair outside Town Hall. Thanks are due to all members who have worked so splendidly. Further details next week. Come and bring friends to meeting in Broadway Chambers on Monday next. (Hon. Sec., Miss Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road.)

Islington.

Members please take note that Miss Fallon will be at office on Friday, 27th, to receive all back money owing for literature, etc. Will any member give a few hours a week to canvass people round district? We want to get as many new members as possible. Sweets, jam, tea, etc., at office. There have been several requests for marmalade. Will any member able to make this kindly volunteer? (Hon. Secs., Miss E. Casserley and Miss Grace Burbidge; office, 45, Olford Road, Islington.)

Kensington.

Please note that we have moved our shop; new address as below. The new premises include a splendid room for meetings, and a dining room especially arranged for the purpose. Will every member try to send either a chair or 2s. 6d. to buy one? Many thanks for promise of book-cass and office chair. Gratefully acknowledged towards expenses of moving and furnishing: Mrs. Joseph, 25; Miss Smith, 2s. 6d.; A Member, £2; Miss E. Douglas, 2s. Will members do all they can to make "at home," Royal Palace Hotel, on Thursday, April 2, a success? Miss H. Newcomb will lecture on the effects of the woman's vote in Australia and New Zealand. (Hon. Sec., Miss Elsa N. Dalglisli; shop and office, 104, Church Street; telephone, 2116 Park.)

Kingston and District

A special appeal is made to members who are not already taking their share in the work to come and take a regular time at office keeping. It is most important that new office should always have steward present. Supplies of marmalade, eggs, sweets, etc., will be gratefully received each week. Next public meeting at Hampton Wick in April. Please remember to collect for jubilee sale. Weekly "at homes" will take place in new office on Thursday afternoons. Members and friends welcomed. Books, papers, pamphlets, etc., always on sale. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Cutton; office, 53, Eden Street, Kingston.)

Lewisham.

Thanks to Miss Long for speech on Sunday. Miss B. Wylie kindly addressed drawing-room meeting at Mrs. Llewellyn

Programme of the Week.

LONDON.

Table listing events in London from Friday, March 27, to Sunday, March 29. Includes venues like Duke Road, Kentish Town, and Grosvenor Gardens.

Monday, March 30.

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Tuesday, March 31.

Table listing events in London for Tuesday, March 31, including venues like Battersea, Hampstead, and Fulby Team Terminus.

Wednesday, April 1.

Table listing events in London for Wednesday, April 1, including venues like Chelsea, Grosvenor Gardens, and Woolwich.

Thursday, April 2.

Table listing events in London for Thursday, April 2, including venues like Battersea, Bayswater, and Clapham.

Friday, April 3.

Table listing events in London for Friday, April 3, including venues like Chelsea, Grosvenor Gardens, and West Ham.

Saturday, April 4.

Table listing events in London for Saturday, April 4, including venues like Edinburgh, Leith, and Edinburgh, Portobello.

Sunday, March 29.

Table listing events in London for Sunday, March 29, including venues like Brighton, Margesson, and Newcastle.

Monday, March 30.

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lin's on Tuesday last. Will anyone willing to give a drawing-room meeting please communicate with the Secretary? Members are asked to give any spare time at their disposal to making Mrs. Drummond's meeting known by canvassing friends and others. All who are taking part in poster parade should be at 5, Ravensbourne Park, Catford, by 3 p.m. Thanks to Miss Bodilly for nine copies of "The Great Scourge" to be given to clergy in neighbourhood, to Mrs. Bouvier for a copy to be sent to women who could not afford to buy, also to those members who formed part of deputation to Bishop of Woolwich this week. Acknowledgments next week of donations, etc. Thanks to those who have sent jumble sale parcels. (Hon. Sec., Miss Caroline Townsend, 27, Murillo Road, Lee, S.E.)

North Islington.

Members are reminded that in addition to dance and whist drive to be held shortly, there is also a jumble sale for prospect. Anything and everything will be gratefully accepted if addressed to Secretary at office. Marmalade and tea on sale, and same can be delivered to regular customers on receipt of a post-card. Will members help funds by getting buyers? There is much fresh work to be organised, and Secretary will be glad if members will call at office on Thursday evenings to see her. (Hon. Sec., pro tem., Miss Muriel Darton, 40, Stapledon Hall Road, Stroud Green, N.)

North-West London.

The women's meeting on Thursday well attended and speeches of Mrs. Verden and Miss Haarblicher were much enjoyed, as were also Miss Guttwachs' delightful paper selling. Copies of "The Great Scourge" will be supplied to any members on sale or return who will take them to sell to friends. Sellers of the book also wanted to sell outside meetings. M. R. Sec. Miss Elinor Penn Gaskell; office, 310, High Road; telephone, 5003 Hampstead.

Pinner.

Grateful thanks to all members who have come forward so splendidly to help work up meeting in New Hall. Next month's party tea in shop, Tuesday, March 31, to discuss arrangements for a home-made cake, sweet, jam, and marmalade sale. Contributions are already coming in, but more are needed to ensure success. (Hon. Sec. and Org., Mrs. Verden, Pinnercoote.)

Streatham.

A third series of Monday evening meetings in the Blue Hall have been arranged. Amongst other speakers, Mrs. Drummond will be present. Drawing room will be opened after Easter. Gifts of books or money should reach Treasurer before Tuesday next. A good attendance at sewing party, 19, Aldington Road is looked for. Many thanks to Mrs. Kirkham for presenting copy of Lady Constance Lytton's book. The Treasurer gratefully acknowledges promise of annual subscription from Mrs. Phillips, 122. You are reminded that quarter-day has passed, when quarterly payments became due. Parcels for jumble sale should be sent to shop before end of next week. (Hon. Sec., Miss L. Tison; shop, 5, Shrubbery Road; telephone, 1575 Streatham.)

West Ham.

Forest Gate poster parade for "The Great Scourge" most successful; thanks to nine members who helped. To swell funds for next Great Collection members are selling flowers in Woodgrange Road to-morrow (Saturday) from 1.30 p.m. Will helpers let Miss Friedlander know what hours they can spare, and will those who cannot sell please buy? Tea at 5, Hampton Road, 5 p.m. Sale of sweets also starts to-morrow (23rd) at shop. Please give or buy a few between then and April 4. Thanks to Mrs. Day and Miss Greer for good meetings. Invitation cards for Workmen's Hall "at home," April 23, now ready. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Layton, 4s.; Miss Jones, 4s.; Miss Hooper, 4s. 6d.; Miss Wildcombe, 2l. 3s.; Miss Somers, 10s.; Miss Hopkins, 2s.; Mrs. Randall, 1s.; Mrs. Friedlander, 2s.; Miss Friedlander, 2s.; Mrs. Wilcox, gifts to shop. (Hon. Sec., Miss Indigo; shop, 326, Romford Road, Stratford, E.)

Wimbledon.

Volunteers for paper selling during SUFFRAGETTE week are now coming in. Will all those who can help write to Miss Lee at shop? Each member is asked to take at least six copies for those two weeks to sell among their friends. It would greatly help if all would say how many papers they will try to dispose of, as an early order must be made. A lady would like a copy of the paper for Jan. 10, 12, 13 (No. 15). Has any member one to dispose of? Will all those who ordered marmalade send it early? Please make new

series of meetings which begins on April 24 known among friends. (Hon. Org. Sec., Mrs. Lamington Yates; shop, and office, 9, Victoria Crescent; telephone, 1032 Wimbledon.)

Wimbledon Park and S. Wimbledon.

Two Saturday meetings having been missed through the weather, it was decided to hold Monday's meeting in the Broadway instead of at The Grove, as announced, and Miss Gibbs addressed large crowd. Annual meeting on Monday, March 30, 7.30, at 5, Elm Grove. After annual business there will be a drawing-room meeting, at which Miss E. Wylie will speak. Each member is cordially invited to bring a friend. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Margaret Beatty, 5, Elm Grove, Wimbledon.)

Woolwich.

Meeting in Beresford Square Wednesday, April 1, 7.30 p.m. Promises of goods for jumble sale coming in well, but many more needed. Thanks to Miss Jones for home-made sweets. (Hon. Secs., Miss A. M. Clifford and Miss D. Gregory, 4, Heathwood Gardens, Charlton, S.E.)

HOME COUNTIES.

Bournemouth.

Mrs. Drummond's meeting at Temperance Hall, Bescombe, a splendid success. Miss Pankhurst's book and SUFFRAGETTE sold out. Many thanks to all members and friends who helped. Working parties held every Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Parcels for jumble sale next month should be sent to office as soon as possible. Hon. Treasurer would be glad if all members who have not yet paid their subscriptions would do so within next few weeks. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Berry; office, 221, Old Christchurch Road.)

Brighton and Hove.

Only a few days left before Dome meeting on 30th (see programme). Many thanks to all who have taken part in poster parades. There will be poster parades Friday, Saturday, and Monday, 11.30. It is hoped that a large number will take part in these final parades. Swards are requested to be in Dome not later than 7 p.m., when instructions will be given them. Miss Cox has kindly consented to make arrangements for jumble sale in April. All kinds of goods wanted. (Hon. Sec. and Org., Miss Catherine Reid; office, 8, North Street Quadrant.)

Eastbourne.

Special thanks to Miss Tristram for splendid help she has given in working up meeting for Mrs. Drummond. Canvassers and stewards are also heartily thanked. Mrs. F. E. Smith's decorated trap a great success in advertising meeting. Members are asked now to concentrate on collecting goods for jumble sale, shortly after Easter. Parcels can be sent to shop from now. SUFFRAGETTE sellers and members for shop duty needed. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Alice Cheetham, 21, 1s.; Miss Dickson, 5s. (Org., Miss B. Goldingham; office, 38A, Grove Road.)

Letchworth.

Members' meeting last Friday evening at Mrs. Wells', Leys Avenue, very successful. Annual meeting next month; date later. Next sewing party at Mrs. Polhill's, Tangewood, Salford West, April 8, 3 p.m. Please come, and bring friends. The Rev. Lummis (of Cambridge) prayed for the prisoners in our prisons last Sunday evening at the Howard Hall. The SUFFRAGETTE sold outside picture palace on Sunday afternoon after a meeting. Miss Pankhurst's book can be had at Miss Burrows', East Holm, also Bradley, Piss and Co's, Leys Avenue. (Hon. Sec., Miss F. J. Hill, 312, Norton Way.)

Oxford.

To-night (Friday) Mrs. Drummond and the Lady Isabel Margesson, at Assembly Rooms, 8 p.m. Hon. Sec. would be glad if members would make a point of coming to "at home" on 31st, as she wants to consult them about arrangements for next term. (Hon. Sec., Miss Graham, 155, High Street.)

Portsmouth.

Mrs. Drummond's splendid speech received enthusiastically. Many thanks to helpers and also to Mrs. Thompson for her address. Mrs. and Miss Whitehead are especially thanked for their hospitality, and Mrs. Connell for 2s. 6d. towards expenses of room. Members' social postponed until April 1, at usual place and time. Miss Pankhurst's book is now in libraries of the Theological Society and the Gosport Men's Conference. Thursday, April 2, at Portsea Parish Room, at 3 p.m. Mrs. A. J. Webb, on "The White Slave Traffic" (women only). Chair, Mrs. Jones. (Hon. Sec., Miss L. H. Peacock, 4, Pelham Road, Southsea.)

Reading.

"Prisons and Prisoners" now on sale at shop. "The Great Scourge" can be had here, and also at Farrers' where advertisement card is being shown. Many thanks to Mrs. Green, who has promised to pay for ten copies of "The Great Scourge" to be sent to local doctors and others. Communications to Hon. Sec., pro tem., 49, Market Place.

Southampton.

Mrs. Drummond's meeting on Friday night a very great success. Forty copies of Miss Pankhurst's book sold. SUFFRAGETTE sold out. Several new members joined. Members please note Mrs. A. J. Webb's meeting will be at St. Barnabas Hall, not Victoria Rooms, April 1, 3 p.m. Reserved seats, 6d. Admission free. Poster parade Tuesday, 31st. Tickets and leaflets for distribution from Hon. Sec. Will members volunteer for handing out leaflets at churches next Sunday? (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Oliver, 8, Cumberland Place.)

Southend and Westcliff.

A members' meeting held at Mrs. Sky's on Saturday, at which dates and names of speakers for forthcoming open air meetings were given, and everyone was requested to come and help by selling SUFFRAGETTE and in other ways. Thanks to Miss Jacobs for kindly offering to take over treasurer's duties until Miss Woodthorpe can be welcomed back after her long illness. The members present paid in subscriptions due. Will those unable to attend kindly let Miss Jacobs (42, Park Road) or Mrs. Sky (23, Cliff Town Road) have their contributions soon, as funds will be needed for expenses? Miss Adcock and Miss Waits are joining weekly paper selling. More offers for this work urgently needed. (Hon. Sec., Miss V. Hodgson, 20, Pembury Road, Westcliff.)

Tunbridge Wells.

It has been arranged to make Wednesday a special "at home" day in office, and members asked to bring friends on that day, any hours from 3 to 10. It is most important that leading doctors should be interviewed with regard to asking them what steps they can take to stop forcible feeding. Will members and friends call at office to arrange deputations? Drawing room meetings urgently needed. Will any member offer to give a drawing-room meeting? Many thanks to Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Collins for contributions towards fund for distributing back numbers of SUFFRAGETTE as specimens. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Le Lachar, 2s.; Miss Durlam, 10s.; Miss Briggs, 6d. (Hon. Org., Miss Hartley; office, 11, The Pantiles.)

THE MIDLANDS.

Birmingham.

Members were intensely interested in Miss Morley's address, and a request has been made that it may be given again. Next Wednesday Miss Margaret Haly will speak to members and friends at 8 p.m. Helpers are wanted for canvassing meeting at West Bromwich on April 2 (see programme). Those willing to give an hour or two please communicate with Miss E. Grace at 2, Margaret Street, West Bromwich. Many thanks to Mrs. Hall for £2 made by whist drive and to Miss Midgely for £1 raised by sale of marmalade. (Org., Miss L. Mitchell; office, 97, John Bright Street.)

Leicester.

Will members who have tickets to sell for "The Great Scourge" meeting on Tuesday, March 31, please return all unsold tickets by Saturday, March 28? All those who wish to act as stewards for meeting are asked to give in their names to Miss V. West. (Org., Miss Margaret West; office, 14, Bowling Green Street.)

Northampton.

Mrs. Penn Gaskell will speak at Town Hall Wednesday, April 1, 7.30 p.m. Please note change of time. Will members please chalk at least one street per night for some days before meeting? Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Parr, 2s. 6d. for sale sale. (Hon. Sec., pro tem., Miss E. Treharne, 27, Arnold Road.)

Nottingham.

Speakers' class to-night (Friday) at 7 p.m. prompt. Subject, "Why I Am a Suffragette." Poster parade to advertise SUFFRAGETTE Saturday, 2.30 p.m. Volunteers urgently needed for this. Members urged to sell tickets for whist drive Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m. Tickets, 1s. 6d. Contributions to refreshments morning. Prizes given. Please remember jumble sale at end of April. Thanks to

Mrs. R. Hutchinson and Mrs. Simon for giving drawing-room meetings, also to Mrs. Hutchinson and Mr. Cowen for lending motors. Telephone installed at office. (Org., Miss A. L. Marsh; office, 51, Derby Road.)

WEST OF ENGLAND.

Bath.

Successful jumble sale on Saturday; between £7 and £8 made. Thanks to all members who helped. SUFFRAGETTE sold well. An anonymous friend is paying for an advertisement of the SUFFRAGETTE and "The Great Scourge" in the theatre programmes for three months. Who will volunteer for several small pieces of work during Easter holidays, when secretaries will be away? Mrs. Drummond speaks at Radstock on Saturday, April 4, 7.30; chair, Miss Jessie Smith. (Hon. Secs., the Misses Tollemache; shop, 12, Walcot Street.)

Eristol.

Last weekly meeting at 16, Berkeley Square (Byran Street entrance), 8 p.m. Speaker, Miss Gladys Hazel; chair, Miss Alice Walters. Plans and suggestions for SUFFRAGETTE Week will be discussed. Members are asked to keep from April 23 to May 1 clear to devote to selling the SUFFRAGETTE and increasing its circulation in Bristol. There are many other ways for members who cannot sell publicly in the streets, so that everyone should be ready with her own scheme for this most valuable piece of work. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. M. Maslin, 2s. 6d.; Miss Collett, 1s. (Org., Miss Gladys Hazel, office, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton.)

Cheltenham.

Next members' meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 8 p.m., at 2, Victoria Walk. It is proposed to hold a jumble sale at end of April. Any contributions will be gratefully received by Secretary, Miss E. L. Andrews, 2, Victoria Walk.

Co. wall.

Rev. Hatty Baker will speak at Town Hall, Truro, Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m. Members and friends please remember date. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. and Miss Powell, 1s. (Hon. Sec., Miss E. Williams, Glasfryn, Devon.)

Hfracombe.

Will members do their utmost in canvassing and selling tickets for Mrs. Drummond's meeting on Wednesday. Those willing to steward must please send in their names. Decorated pony-cart to advertise meeting will drive round town to-morrow (Saturday) morning. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. du Sautoy Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue.)

Cardiff and District.

Good propaganda work done at Mrs. H. Evans' "at home" by interesting and helpful discussion. Organizer would be glad to have invitations to address public or private meetings. Many thanks to all who have given jumbles for sale. Forty copies of "The Great Scourge" will be sent to clergymen in Cardiff from office. Lady Constance Lytton's book on sale at office, net 3s. 6d. It has also been added to library. Pots of home-made marmalade for sale at office, urgently needed. Gratefully acknowledged: "Life of Pankhurst" for the library, Mrs. Finlay; Miss Kelly, 1s.; Miss Owen, 2l. loan of book; Miss Beck, 1s. (Org., Miss A. Williams; office, 105, Queen Street.)

Newport.

Very successful café chantant held last week to conclude winter "at home." Proceeds, including sale of goods at small home produce stall, amounted to nearly £3. Many thanks to all those performers who so kindly gave their services, and especially to Miss Bies for organising programme, to Miss Butler, who came from Pontypool on purpose to recite, and to Mrs. Dymond and Mrs. Oswald Thomas for looking after stall. More members urgently wanted to sell SUFFRAGETTE in streets. (Hon. Sec., Lady Mackworth, Oaklands, Caerleon, Monmouthshire.)

Pontypool and District.

Committee meeting held at office on 19th. Much business discussed, and Mrs. Bennett offered to take on Hon. Sec. work during her absence on the Continent. Meeting held at Mrs. Percy Roberts' on 20th at Pontypridd, at which Hon. Sec. spoke, and work was organised for that district. All members are invited to attend Mrs. Bennett's "at home" at Bethany, Pontnewydd, at 5.30. Miss

Naylor will speak at this "at home," also at night she will speak at a public meeting at Co-operative Hall, Pontnewydd, 8 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to help at both meetings. Mrs. Pilliner will take chair at Pontnewydd. (Hon. Sec., Miss Clara Butler, Pontypridd, near Newport, Mon.)

EASTERN COUNTIES.

Cambridge and District.

Miss Margaret Wright will address a women's meeting in Romsey Town Institute today (Friday), 5.30 p.m. Poster parades have begun this week, and it is hoped they may be continued weekly. Names of volunteers for this valuable form of advertising will be welcomed, and offers of help towards cost of same gladly received. Have any members original ideas for SUFFRAGETTE Week, April 21 to May 1? (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Lummis, 45, Fulbrook Road.)

Ipswich and District.

Subscriptions will be welcomed towards sending copies of "The Great Scourge" to all local clergy. Lady Constance Lytton's book is now on sale, and a copy has been given to shop library. SUFFRAGETTE Week will be held at Old Museum Rooms on Saturday, April 4. Members are urged to collect things from friends and to do their utmost to make it a success. (Hon. Sec., Miss King; shop, Tower Street.)

Norwich and District.

Will members who wish to attend Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting at Lowestoft on Wednesday, April 15, call at office and say how many tickets they require? A lending library is being started at office. Committee will be very grateful for gifts of suitable books for same. Members are again asked to collect, during spring cleaning for jumble sale. A meeting held last Sunday morning in Market Place at noon. Speaker, Mr. R. Gaze. Office hours, 11-1, 3-6. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Bradley, City Road; office, 52, London Street.)

NORTH-WESTERN COUNTIES.

Meeting held on March 17 most successful. Good sale of Miss Pankhurst's book. Thanks to the Rev. G. H. Davis for his address, and also to Miss Grew for coming from Newcastle to take chair. A hearty welcome is extended to five new members who joined after meeting. Balance-sheet of meeting will be put before members as early as possible. It is hoped to have tickets on sale shortly for Mrs. Drummond's meeting in Town Hall on May 11. SUFFRAGETTE sellers are still urgently needed. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Stewart, 2s.; Mrs. Dickinson, 6d. (Hon. Sec., pro tem., Mrs. Frank H. Robinson, 180, Blake Street.)

NORTH-EASTERN COUNTIES.

Bradford.

Date of jumble sale fixed for Monday, April 27. Will members ask all their friends for jumble and collect themselves as large contributions as possible? Hon. Sec. addressed an interested meeting at Idle of the I.L.P., dealing with the great responsibility of the Labour Party. The Rev. Mr. Roaling preached on Sunday evening on subject of Miss Pankhurst's book. (Hon. Sec., Miss I. Millar Wilson; office, 68, Manningham Lane.)

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Newcastle and District.

Members are asked to bring friends to what party on Wednesday, April 1, at 7.30 p.m.

Scarbrough.

Miss Millar Wilson, of Bradford, will speak at Co-operative Hall, Thursday, April 2, chair to be taken at 8 p.m.

Sheffield.

Many thanks to Miss Suffield for splendid speeches at open-air meeting at week-end.

York.

Many thanks to members who worked so energetically getting out notices of Mount District meeting.

SCOTLAND.

Aberdeen.

Will members put all their energies into making the following successful? April 1, women's meeting.

Dunfer.

A very enthusiastic meeting held in Gillifillan Hall on March 11, at which Mrs. Drummond spoke.

Edinburgh.

All members and friends will be delighted to hear that Mrs. Drummond will speak at Queen's Hall, Queen's Street, Thursday, May 7, 8 p.m.

Glasgow.

Many thanks to large number of workers who took their turn at picketing outside Duke Street Prison.

IRELAND.

Cork.

Miss Wickham's meeting most successful, also jumble sale. All must concentrate on cake and jam sale, Monday, April 16.

In Lin.

Miss K. Margesson will speak on Friday, March 27, at 8 p.m. in the Hall, 35, Dawson Street (opposite Mansion House).

Ulster.

Belfast.

Members are asked to begin at once to obtain new subscribers for SUFRAGETTE, so that we may achieve a great record by the time SUFRAGETTE Week comes, April 25.

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REPORTS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES.

Men's Federation for W.S.

Very successful meeting held in Limehouse Town Hall last Friday. Meeting every Friday, at 8.15 p.m., at Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green Road, E.

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The members' rally in Emerson Club, March 16, well attended. It is proposed to hold these rallies once a month.

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The Forward Cymric Suffrage Union.

A successful meeting held in Notting Hill Baths on March 16, when Mrs. Hughes spoke.

Women's Tax Resistance League.

A successful drawing-room meeting was given by Mrs. Ryland on March 10; speaker, Mrs. Kington Parkes.

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