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## Prison and Torture for Women. Freedom for Militant Men.

**P**RISON and torture for militant women! Full leave to break the law for militant men! That is the law of the land under a Liberal Government.

In a few days we shall see whether the Government have the effrontery to rearrest militant Suffragists under the Cat-and-Mouse Act, while letting Sir Edward Carson, Mr. F. E. Smith, and others go free in spite of their latest declaration of militancy.

We shall also see whether the men of the country are poor spirited enough to allow this shameful injustice to be done at women's expense.

The lawbreaking of the Ulster men is far more serious than the lawbreaking of militant Suffragists, because it involves the destruction of human life, whereas Suffragists attack mere property. As a result of the lawless action of the Ulster leaders there may be expected a great massacre of human beings.

Therefore if these men are not sent to prison neither must Suffragists be sent to prison.

What says Sir Edward Carson! "We will set up a Government. I am told it will be illegal. Of course it will. Drilling is illegal. Volunteers are illegal."

Sir Edward Carson says again: "I hope that when I next come to inspect the Volunteers I shall find every man with a rifle on his shoulder."

Says Sir Edward Carson's co-conspirator, Mr. F. E. Smith, in words borrowed surely from the Suffragettes and sounding strangely enough in the mouth of an Anti-Suffragist: "You might bring John Stuart Mill to lavish the whole resources of logic and rhetoric upon the Government of which Mr. Asquith is the head and it would leave him cold."

Therefore says Mr. F. E. Smith, "There are two alternatives open to you. The first is to yield, and the second is to contest the plots by which we are assailed by whatsoever degree and measure of resistance may be necessary to contest them effectively and successfully."

To make his meaning clear beyond a doubt, Mr. F. E. Smith has said:

This is the message I bring you from England and from Liverpool. We shall stand side by side with you, refusing to recognise any law, and preparing with you to risk the collapse of the whole body politic to prevent this monstrous crime. The time for rhetoric is past. The sands are running in the glass, and the time has arrived for action on your part and ours, and I ask you to remember when this crisis arises what is the pledge I have made. I ask you to note—and you will not be disappointed—how faithfully that pledge is carried out in the letter and spirit by the great party in England of which I am a representative.

The words and deeds of the Ulster leaders make them, as the Liberal newspapers admit, punishable by imprisonment under the Treason Felony Act. But the newspapers encourage the Government not to arrest and imprison these men—using, to justify this, the plea of expediency.

Then if it is "inexpedient" to send the Ulster leaders to prison, it is inexpedient—it is intolerable that militant Suffragists shall be imprisoned.

There must be an end to the iniquitous plan of having one law for men and another law for women.



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A Review of the Week.

Autumn Campaign of the W.S.P.U.

In a few days from now, on October 1, the summer holidays definitely end and the autumn work of the Women's Social and Political Union will begin in real earnest.

Persecuting Women.

We may here remind our readers that Mrs. Drummond who has but recently undergone a severe operation is required by the Government to present herself for trial on October 8 on a charge of conspiracy.

Mrs. Pankhurst's American Tour.

Miss Joan Wickham who is organising Mrs. Pankhurst's American tour reached New York on September 18. The American newspapers alluded to her as "the ferocious Suffragette," but qualified this description by the statement that she is "about as ferocious as a glass of milk," thus expressing the surprise so often felt by those who first meet Suffragettes at finding them to be not the strange beings that their fancy had pictured.

A Plea for the Young Girls.

The special articles on Sexual Disease which have been appearing in the SUFFRAGETTE continue to be the subject of eager discussion. Some have suggested that in these articles the two words, Syphilis and Gonorrhoea, be replaced by the vague terms which have hitherto been used by the medical profession to veil the real nature and extent of the great problem in question.

Great Progress in Ulster.

The W.S.P.U. Campaign in Ulster as will be seen from the reports in this issue is making the most gratifying progress. The friendliness shown by the general public to the W.S.P.U. and the cause it advocates is very noticeable.

representatives of the W.S.P.U., but men and women connected with the movement to resist Home Rule are urging that stress shall be laid upon the citizenship of women in the public pronouncements of the Ulster leaders.

Sir Edward Carson's Illegal Policy.

Sir Edward Carson and his associates are proceeding further and further in their illegal courses. Sir Edward Carson in one of his recent speeches said: "We will set up our Ulster Government. I am told it is illegal. Of course it is. Drilling is illegal; I was reading an Act of Parliament the other day forbidding it. Volunteers are illegal and the Government know they are illegal. The Government dare not interfere. Therefore do not be afraid of illegality. They are illegality that are not crimes. They are not sordid or mean. They are illegality taken to assert what is the elementary right of every citizen, namely, the protection of his freedom—handing down that which he has himself inherited."

This is but one of many utterances of the same kind. Will the Government remain inactive? From the Liberal newspapers they receive conflicting counsel. The "Nation" urges that Sir Edward Carson shall be prosecuted or that in any case he shall be deprived of his Privy Councillorship. The "Daily Chronicle," while doubting the expediency of a prosecution, advises deprivation of the Privy Councillorship. The "Daily News" is of opinion that the Government does wisely in giving Sir Edward Carson "plenty of rope," and says of the proposal to degrade him from the Privy Councillorship "The Government may be trusted not to act so as to create just that diversion which would be convenient to Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Smith." The "Westminster Gazette" is against the application of any punitive measure to Sir Edward Carson and his friends, saying: "The executive is not bound to prosecute in every case where a prosecution might possibly or probably succeed. What has to be considered is whether the mischief which it is desired to prevent will be cured or aggravated by putting the law into motion."

Equal Treatment for Ulster Men and Suffragists!

The "Westminster Gazette" and other Liberal newspapers are thus supporting the Government in the policy of picking and choosing—of differentiating between Suffragettes and Ulster men to the disadvantage of the Suffragettes, that while Sir Edward Carson, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. F. E. Smith, and others go scot free, Suffragettes are arrested, imprisoned, and tortured. One of Sir Edward Carson's announcements is that General Sir George Vincent is to act as General Officer commanding the Ulster Volunteer Force, and that Army officers on the active list have promised to take part in the Ulster rebellion. The Government will no doubt be afraid to take the steps which will be expected of them in view of action which will be tantamount to mutiny. One thing is certain: if the Government refuse to punish Ulster law-breakers, they must not be allowed to punish and persecute law-breaking Suffragists.

The Tidal Wave of Votes for Women.

The tidal wave of Votes for Women is steadily spreading over the civilised world. News has reached us that women are now to vote in Iceland the Alting having passed a



Bill bestowing the general franchise upon them. All that is now needed is the assent of the Danish King to this measure which, as it involves an alteration in the Constitution of 1874, requires, it is said, his approval before it can become operative. It is reported from Copenhagen that the Prime Minister of Denmark has introduced a Government measure for constitutional reform in the provisions of which is included a Woman's Suffrage clause. In Holland a Government measure is announced which will incidentally abolish the obstacles to Woman's Suffrage. The Bill has not yet been introduced and its exact terms are therefore not precisely known. Mr. Asquith and others who have been afraid lest this country should be among the first to concede votes to women, ought now to realise that there is a danger lest it be among the last to adopt this measure of justice.

**The General Election**  
The leaders in both political parties are displaying considerable activity of a quiet and subterranean kind. Interviews and consultations seem to be the order of the day. There are people professing to be well informed who confidently state that a General Election before Home Rule is carried is sure to take place, and that this has been agreed upon by those in a position to carry out such agreement. Assuming this to be true the General Election may be expected early in the New Year.

**Woman Can Fight**  
The old argument that women must not vote if they cannot fight is much less reasonable than the argument that men must not vote because they cannot give birth to children. Apart from this the argument is founded upon a lie, because women can fight—or in other words they can shoot—as they are daily proving. For example, there is the case of the twelve-year-old girl rifle shot who has made a score of 102 out of a possible 105. At the competitions arranged by the London and Middlesex Counties' Rifle Association, Mrs. Lester Alton, in competition with 27 men, a majority of whom were soldiers, headed the list with 104 out of a possible 105, the next score to hers being 101, and only two men out of the 27 scoring 100 and over. Another illustration of women's power to fight, we may refer to the fact that in County Fermanagh the officer of the Ulster Signallers and Dispatch Riders' Corps is a woman, Mrs. D'Arcy Irvine, whose skill with the signalling flag and lamp entitles her, it is said, to rank in the first class. It is reported that a Frenchwoman accidentally registered at birth as a boy, has been called upon to fulfil her military services in France, which she declares herself perfectly ready to do provided that the Parliamentary vote is conferred upon her.

**Lost Votes**  
We notice that Mr. Asquith has been refused a vote in respect of a country house in Berkshire on the plea that the house belongs not to himself but to Mrs. Asquith. It is therefore really Mrs. Asquith and not Mr. Asquith who is disfranchised. If Woman Suffrage had been allowed by Mr. Asquith to become the law of the land Mrs. Asquith would have been placed upon the register, and her vote would not have been lost. Mr. William Cooper, who wrote across his claim the words "Votes for Women" has been denied his own vote on that account.

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Mrs. Bennett	1	3	0
Anon.	0	0	6

"I Must Speak."

By HELEN KELLER.

[We give below passages from an article contributed by Miss Helen Keller to the "Ladies' Journal," Philadelphia, on the question of Sexual Disease. Miss Keller is known all over the world as having achieved intellectual and literary distinction, in spite of being blind, deaf, and dumb.]

Once I believed that blindness, deafness, tuberculosis, and other causes of suffering were necessary—unpreventable. I believed that we must accept blind eyes, deaf ears, diseased lungs, as we accept the havoc of tornadoes and deluges, and that we must bear them with as much fortitude as we could gather from religion and philosophy. But gradually my reading extended, and I found that those evils are to be laid not at the door of Providence, but at the door of mankind; that they are in large measure due to ignorance, stupidity, and sin.

The most common cause of blindness is ophthalmia of the new born. What is the cause of ophthalmia? It is a specific germ communicated by the mother to the child at birth. Previous to the child's birth she has unconsciously received it through infection from her husband. He has contracted the infection in licentious relations before or since marriage. "Cruellest link in the chain of consequence," says Dr. Prince Morrow, "is the mother's innocent agency. She is made a passive, unconscious medium of instilling into the eyes of her new-born babe a virulent poison which extinguishes his sight."

In mercy let it be remembered the father does not know that he has so foully destroyed the eyes of his child, and handicapped him for life. It is part of the bitter harvest of the wild oats he has sown. Society has smiled upon his "youthful recklessness," because society does not know that "They enslave their children's children Who make compromise with sin."

Society has yet to learn that the blind beggar at the street corner, the epileptic child, the woman on the operating table, are the wages of "youthful indiscretion."

To-day science is verifying what the Old Testament taught three thousand years ago, and the time has come when there is no longer the excuse for ignorance. Knowledge has been given us; it is our part to apply it.

Of the consequences of social sin, blindness is by no means the most terrible. The same infection which blots out the eyes of the baby is responsible for many childless homes; for thousands of cases of lifelong invalidism; for 80 per cent. of all inflammatory diseases peculiar to women, and for 75 per cent. of all operations performed on mothers to save their lives.

The day has come when women must face the truth. They cannot escape the consequences of the evil unless they have the knowledge that saves. Must we leave young girls to meet the danger in the dark because we dare not turn the light upon our social wickedness? False delicacy and prudery must give place to precise information and common sense. It is high time to abolish falsehood and let the plain truth come in. Out with the cowardice which shuts its eyes to the immorality that causes disease and human misery. I am confident that when the people know the truth the day of deliverance for mother and child will be at hand. . . . We must look to it that every child is protected before his birth. Every child has a right to be well born. Every child has a right to be told by his parents and teachers about his birth and his body, for in such knowledge lies true innocence and safety. Civilization is menaced by an insidious enemy. It must learn that only one cure is sure and cheap: right living, which God gives free to all. And right living depends on right knowledge.

We must set to work in the right direction the three great agencies which inform and educate us: the Church, the school, and the Press. If they remain silent—obdurate—they will bear the odium which recoils upon evildoers.

They may combine to baffle us; but there will rise again and again, to confront them, the beseeching forms of little children; deaf, blind, crooked of limb, and vacant of mind. . . . Throw aside, I beseech you, false modesty—the shame that shelters evil—and hasten the day when there shall be no preventable disease among mankind.

The Special Articles.

A PAPER SELLER'S EXPERIENCE.

By a HOSPITAL NURSE.

Selling the SUFFRAGETTE during a long holiday in the summer, I have been much struck with the reception of Miss Christabel Pankhurst's series of articles on the question of our national health—and the remedy.

The fierce criticism; the horror that we could deliberately tackle this question; the shrinking from being seen buying a copy of the SUFFRAGETTE; the disgust always shown by those who saw no vulgarity in a low music-hall, in disgusting dances, or in a bad play; the mothers who objected to the enlightenment of their daughters; the unmarried women who objected to the discussion of these questions in any paper so freely distributed among all classes, to people of all ages, men and women, boys and girls alike—this on the one hand. But on the other, what numbers of women, always refined and cultured, with experience more or less terrible written on their faces, who said, "This is a good work, this is one of the best works the militants have ever done," and when asked, "Would you sell it to everyone without discrimination?" there was no hesitation in the reply: "Sell it to everybody, young and old, better too young than too old, and let the young men know what the girls are learning." Let the objectors take heed. Which is the most real refinement—to gloss over and hide the awful state of affairs, or to dislike it so much that we feel we must help to remove it? And the men—the sort of men women can and do respect—who said, "It is appalling, but it is time we knew it." Numbers and numbers of men who can hardly believe these statistics are true, and who would not believe it if they did not come from doctors. If a mother will not enlighten her daughters, is it not well that someone is brave enough to take the responsibility of doing that mother's duty for her?

Even in my limited sphere of experience I can see the crying need for these articles to be distributed among all classes.

In a children's hospital in London, where I spent three years, nine out of every ten of the babies seemed to suffer directly or indirectly from the ignorance of the parents. Let us say it is ignorance—for the most part surely it is—at least in the beginning. If girls and boys were taught from childhood the effect their own health will have on the children they expect some day to possess it would become a part of their nature to remember it, and avoid evil—at least, one has a good hope of this, seeing how almost all children love babies.

I am glad that these articles are coming out in book form, and if those who are objecting to their "indiscriminate distribution" will quietly think over the miseries of other people, and break down the wall of reserve they have built around themselves, and come into contact even for a brief space with that misery, they will no longer object but will at least not discourage those who sell the paper that is doing so much to free women from this terrible slavery.

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Two Plays about Women.

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Mrs. Dedmond is la femme incomprise who is determined to strike because she has married a husband who is too matter of fact, and too much given to the conventionalities of life to be able to understand his wife's idealistic tendencies.

The policeman had disappeared: doubtless—the hussy!—she knew his beat and had timed his absence. "I've got you," cried the man, "and you shan't escape—by George! you shan't. Women like you are a shame and a—"

Now, given that sort of woman, who is brought up to do nothing and has no background to fall back on, there is no chance for her from the very beginning. She was bored with the fact that she had no raison d'être, and could not find one.

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" he asked. Because she stood so quietly, because she had a refined face, because she looked like a lady, he was all the more angry. "Aren't you ashamed of yourself?"

To go from Mr. Galsworthy's play to Sir James Barrie's is a plunge from tragedy to comedy of the most delightful kind. Everyone knows the story of "The Adored One," so I need not recapitulate it. In this comedy the theme is the many sides of a woman. The Adored One, Leonora, is described by her host, who is expecting her to dinner, as seven different women.

HONOR VOYLES.

Broken.

There was nobody in the still night street save two women going in opposite directions and gradually drawing nearer the one to the other, and, at the far end, a policeman.

As the man turned the corner, cigar in mouth, hands in overcoat pockets, thoughts in the scenes he had left, he saw the woman walking ahead of him look round, and, not perceiving him in the shadows, quickly raise her arm. Bang! bang! bang! went the hammer, and crack! crack! crack! went the great sheet of glass.

The policeman had disappeared: doubtless—the hussy!—she knew his beat and had timed his absence.

"A shame and a disgrace, ain't they, my dear?"

The voice, coming from behind, caused him to turn suddenly. The second woman had come up, and was standing under the lamp-post. A painted face, a smile that was slightly vacuous, clothes twaddly fine, pathetically shabby.

"Get along with you!" he said, then turned to his captive. She had not struggled, she had not attempted to break away; she stood quite still, and looked at him.

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" he asked. Because she stood so quietly, because she had a refined face, because she looked like a lady, he was all the more angry.

"No. Aren't you?"

"I? What do you mean?"

"Three hours ago I saw you go into a house—I noticed you because you had in your buttonhole then an orchid of a rather rare kind with which I happen to be acquainted—a house in which such as she," she pointed to the lamp-post, "are bred. Women like her are made by men like you."

"Women like me will fight till we have won the right to alter conditions which drive girls on to the streets because they cannot earn enough honestly to keep them alive—will fight till what is destruction to a woman is not made easy for a man."

"Don't mind her, my dear," said the girl under the lamp-post. "You come with me!" She stepped forward, with a gait not too certain; she spoke again, in words not too clear.

The girl with the hammer—she was not much more than a girl—pointed with her free hand first at the window, then at the painted face. "Look," she said. "Broken glass and a broken woman. I break windows, and you—how many women have you helped to break?"

He made no answer. He dropped the arm he held and pushed aside the arm that would have held him, and went upon his way. Once, near the end of the street, he turned his head, and, looking back, saw the window-breaker leading away the broken woman.

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An Exhortation to Miss Pankhurst BY REBECCA WEST.

See this Week's "Clarion."

CHASTITY AND THE HEALTH OF MEN.

By CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

Reprinted by Request from the "Suffragette" of September 5.

In urging that votes for women and chastity for men are the double cure for the sexual disease that is destroying individuals and the race, we are met by the excuse that chastity for men is dangerous to their health, and that immorality is necessary to the preservation of their health.

Medical testimony is that immorality not only soils and debilitates a man's body, but also contaminates his mind. Intractable to cure as is the bodily disease caused by immorality, the brain stains which it produces are even more difficult to wash away.

That immorality causes bodily weakness as well as actual disease is obvious, because the sexual act involves a very great expenditure of a man's energy—energy which can, if it is not expended in that way, be transformed and expended in other ways, either physical or mental.

The argument in favour of incontinence deserves special notice, as it purports to be founded on physiology. I have been consulted by persons who feared, or who professed to fear, that if the organs were not regularly exercised they would become atrophied or that in some way impotence might be the result of chastity.

The matter is clearly expressed in the following statement by the late William Acton, M.R.C.S.: "The doctors inform us that the immorality to which men resort on the pretext of relieving physical distress is, on the contrary, the very cause of that distress."

"Fallen men," says James Foster Scott, M.D., "by continual stimulation of their sexual passions with erotic thoughts, sensual conversation and literature, and by the rehearsal of lewd stories produce in themselves and in others who fall under their noxious influence an uncontrollable passion."

Another important statement made by Dr. Scott is this: "The proper subjugation of the sexual impulses and the conservation of the complex seminal fluid, with its wonderfully invigorating influence, develop all that is best and noblest in men."

"It is the incontinent men," says W. J. Jacobson, Surgeon, Guy's Hospital, "who are subject to this constant irritability of the sexual organs, and it is they who, from unshunned excitement, must suffer from an excess of seminal secretion and its results. On the other hand it is the strictly continent men who keep themselves healthily occupied in mind and body, men who when attacked by imperious sexual desire simply sally out and seek in exercise a change of surroundings; to such as these the secretion of semen is soon only sufficient to be easily got rid of by an involuntary emission during sleep once or twice a month, a state of things which is perfectly natural."

Here we have stated the fact that Nature has supplied an innocent means of relief for men, upon which they ought to depend instead of polluting the bodies of the white slaves.

A further statement on this point we take from the writings of James Foster Scott, M.D. and C.M. of Edinburgh University, and late Obstetrician to Columbia Hospital for Women in Washington. He says:

Nocturnal emissions of semen occur occasionally in all normal men as desirable physiological events which give convincing proof of virility. Silly men who gain their information from the evil publications of charlatans who are wholly miserroneous in their aims, wrongly attribute these losses to some mischief in the generative functions.

The emissions occur with varying frequency in different men, and in the same man at different times. If one takes little exercise, over-eats, lives on a rich diet, smokes, tea, coffee or tobacco to excess, and stimulates his mind with erotic fancies and pursuits, he will probably experience them with more frequency than the active man who directs his energies more to his brain and muscles than to his sensual nature.

We may here remind our readers that there exists a perfectly harmless medicine, which is administered by the medical officers of prisons to relieve any physical discomfort which men prisoners may experience. Prostitution has been done away with in our prisons by medical means, and therefore there is no reason why by the same means it should not be abolished in a world of free men outside the prisons.

To sum up. Chastity for men is not only morally imperative, but is also physiologically imperative. Incontinence on the part of men causes a waste of vital force which impoverishes their moral nature and weakens their body.

Furthermore, the incontinence of men gives rise to terrible sexual diseases, whose victims are not themselves alone and the white slaves whom they destroy, but innocent wives and children.

Chastity for men, far from causing atrophy of men's sexual organs, is the surest guarantee against atrophy. As a high medical authority says: "No continent man need be deterred by this apocryphal fear of atrophy of the testes from living a chaste life. It is a device of the unchaste—a lame excuse for their incontinence, not founded on any physiological law. The testes will see to it that their action is not interfered with. Physiologically it is not a fact that the power of secreting semen is annihilated in well-formed adults leading a healthy life and yet remaining continent."

Sexuality ought to be dormant until legitimate occasion arises for its use, when it will be found to exist in full natural vigour.

The sexual power of men has been given to them in trust for the perpetuation of the race, and they have not been faithful to that trust. Says a man who is a doctor: "The secretion of the testicles is the hope of the future of the race, and yet if wrongfully used it is so potent that it may figuratively be classed with the secretions of the poison fangs of venomous reptiles."

Although by clean thinking and healthy living men can gain control over themselves, they renounce that control and stimulate their desires by foul thinking, by obscene words, sights and acts, by alcohol, and even by drugs and unnatural practices.

Although by medical means they can obtain such aid as may be necessary, and although nature herself affords an innocent means of relief, these are rejected on the plea that they are dangerous to health. By this excuse men have contrived to bar all ways save the way that conducts them to the brothel!

It is essential that women shall, for their own protection, take firm hold of these facts. Let them remember that, in the words of Sir Dyce Duckworth, M.D., consulting physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, there are no organs in a man's body that can be better controlled than the sexual organs; and then let them say to men: "And what of women's health? Why should it any longer be sacrificed, not to your health even, but to your vices?"

This article is one of a series on the question of sexual disease, how it is caused and how it can be prevented, now being written in the SUFFRAGETTE, by Miss Christabel Pankhurst. The previous articles appeared in the issues of July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, September 5, 12, and 19. The series will be continued in future issues of the SUFFRAGETTE. The articles that have already appeared with others specially written which will not also bear the title "Plain Facts about a Great Evil." The book will be published by Messrs. David Nutt at 15, net.



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Women and the Church Congress.

The Kingdom of God and the Sexes is one of the subjects to be discussed at the forthcoming Church Congress.

The Anti-Suffragists have assailed the Bishop of Winchester, president of the Church Congress, because he has expressed the view that the question of Woman Suffrage cannot be ruled out of the discussion. In reply to their protests he has said that

it will not be possible to prevent the matter of Woman Suffrage from coming incidentally into the discussion of what women shall do, but that he will do what he can "to secure a deep and serious discussion about the ideals of womanhood, and that it shall not be transformed into a debate on the other much-discussed subject."

The Bishop of Winchester takes far too seriously the ill-natured grumbling of that handful of reactionaries known as Anti-Suffragists, and he thereby gives cause of offence to the Suffragists of the country whose agitation it is which has brought the question of women's position to the fore, and has moved the Church Congress to discuss it.

We would point out to the Bishop of Winchester that Woman Suffrage is not merely incidental to the woman's question; it is fundamental. If the Church Congress will not fully and fairly discuss the citizenship of women, then it had better leave the woman question entirely alone. The one cannot be adequately discussed without the other.

To prove this let us take the subjects which are to be discussed under the general heading of "The Kingdom of God and the Sexes." These are as follows: The ideals of manhood and womanhood separately and as complementary to one another; the Christian ideal and the Church's law of marriage; the Christian standard for the law of the land. There is further, announced a girls' meeting in connection with this branch of the Congress' deliberations.

Take first the ideals of women! These surely include State Service, and how can women serve the State without the Vote which is the citizen's appointed and chief means of public service?

The ideals of manhood and womanhood as complementary to one another! Surely this involves equality as between men and women, and how can such equality be achieved or guaranteed in the realm of civics save by means of the Parliamentary vote?

The ideal marriage involves perfect equality of woman and man. Every suggestion of inequality whether it appears in the law of the land or in the Church marriage service is contrary to the law of Christ and is merely human in its origin.

It is necessary therefore, that as regards the councils of the Church and the councils of the State, women shall have their enfranchisement.

The Christian standard for the law of the land! How are Christian women to secure the observance of such a standard where the law of the land is concerned, unless through the vote they have the power to help in making the law?

And as to the girls' meeting which it is proposed to hold. At this meeting will be assembled the younger generation into whose hands the part control of Church and State will pass in the future. Why are they not here and now to be instructed as to their rights and responsibilities as citizens? To address a meeting of girls without telling them that they have a right to vote and a duty towards others which they can fulfil by the right use of it, is to do them and the State alike, a grave injury.

All this notwithstanding, the president of the Church Congress regards votes for women as merely incidental to the discussion of woman's position, and some would exclude all reference to the question.

A question for discussion at the Church Congress might well have been this: Is the Church in its attitude towards women true to the teaching and spirit of Christ? The answer to that question (except as regards certain honourable exceptions amongst the clergy) must have been—no.

Where women are concerned the Church has laid itself open to the accusation of time-serving.

It is the duty of the Church to adopt a definite policy with regard to the enfranchisement of women. Let it not be said that being a political matter this is therefore outside the province of the Church. The Church does not keep clear of politics where the Church's own interests are concerned, and we find that vigorous attacks were made upon the Welsh Disestablishment Bill.

If the Church can discuss politics in the service of its own interests it ought to do as much in the service of those of its members who are women.

The whole life and teaching of Christ pointed to the enfranchisement of women. To women He gave always full enfranchisement. The story of Martha and Mary, of Mary who as He said had chosen the better part, is a reminder that women's sphere must not be limited, and is perhaps the strongest and simplest plea for their emancipation that has ever been made since the world began.

The Church, instead of contending for the standard of Christ, has truckled to the Government where the Women's Movement is concerned. Forgetting the service and sacrifice given by women to the Church from the earliest times until now, the Church has looked on unmoved while women, stirred by the same spirit as that which stirred the martyrs of old days, are enduring pain and risking their life for the sake of other women and for the sake of liberty.

That the Church has not cried out against the torture of the Suffragettes is a stain upon its record.

The Church has taken and is taking everything that women can give, but has made to them a poor return.

Women have been denied the vote even in Church matters. No help comes to them in their struggle for political enfranchisement. The Church has looked on silently at every form of exploitation of women, and indeed has only too often taught women to submit to evils to which it was not right they should submit.

The Church cannot be said even to have raised a really effective voice against the double standard of morality which has brought spiritual and bodily ruin to so many women and to men and to the race. It is being left to militant Suffragists to pursue the effective crusade against the hateful institution of a double moral standard.

The time has come when the Church must decide whether to be for the women or against them. The Church is losing hold upon women who feel that it is out of touch with their needs. It is for the heads of the Church to face this fact.

Finally we would protest against utterances by ministers of religion of which the following by the Bishop of Winchester is typical. The Bishop is reported to have said at a meeting that "those present were all of one mind, he was sure, with the great bulk of the nation in what they felt about those methods of violence and outrage, by which he felt the movement of woman suffrage had been disgraced."

Firmly and finally we say that women can tolerate no such lecturing as this. The Church, before denouncing violence on the part of voteless women, must first condemn the men who with much less excuse are far more violent.

Why does not the Bishop of Winchester censure Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Bonar Law for having adopted the policy of violent revolution in Ulster? Why did not the Church oppose the South African War and every other war in our history?

Why does not the Church, instead of condemning women's violence against property, condemn the Government's violence against women?

When the Church has dealt faithfully with all men rebels and law-breakers, then women's militants may more reasonably be expected to hear anything that the Church may have to say to them.

In the meantime women keep constantly in mind the words of One who said: "He that hath no sword let him sell his cloak and buy one." Who said again: "If My Kingdom were of this world then would My soldiers fight."

Women are of two worlds. They are of the world of the spirit and they are of this world also. That being so, their militancy must be of two kinds—of the spirit and of the body.

But the bodily militancy they do is done at the bidding of the spirit. CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY.

By the Rev. G. HERBERT DAVIS.

The Church Congress meets this year at a critical point in the history of the Woman's Movement, and all ears will be strained to catch from it some living message of sympathy and power which will lift that movement onwards beyond the reach of any set-back. The witless blundering and want of integrity shown by Mr. Asquith's administration during the past two sessions over the Suffrage question have deepened the growing disgust of the country with the corrupt and outworn party system under which we suffer. No one to-day has a good word to say of the House of Commons.

"Redemption of Politics."

Men of quite diverse views and minds have long begun to ask themselves whether the entry of women into political life, apart from the justice of their admission, may not after all be the heroic remedy which shall prove the redemption of Politics, and save both it and them. At any rate the Church does at last seem to be awakening to the fact that public life cannot be healthy or sound so long as the salt of woman's voice and vote are wrongfully kept out of it. And this year's Congress at Southampton is to be the Woman's Congress. The president is Bishop Talbot, of Winchester, who before now has shown himself a real friend to the cause of womanhood. He has very rightly refused to rule out of discussion, when it fitly crops up, the political inequality of women. The Bishop is to be admired for the firm front he has shown to Lord Curzon and other Antis who have tried to represent the vote as the unclean thing.

After all, what is the Church's real faith on the political question? Its true teaching is the sacredness of human personality, and the responsibility of the human will, flowing from the fact that all souls are equal before God; and that the Kingdom of Heaven cannot come upon earth in force and reality so long as a whole class of responsible beings are shut out from their share in making that very commonwealth which the Church is trying its best to build up! In very self-consistency the Church ought from the first to have proclaimed this truth as with one voice, instead of standing aloof in apathy, or at least in an undefined and apologetic attitude.

"The Scandalous Inequality."

One of the subject matters of the Congress Discussions next week is announced as "The Kingdom of God and the Sexes," under which heading Marriage is to be discussed

from the civil and religious points of view, and also the "Ideals of Manhood and Womanhood." It is to be hoped that speakers here will take the opportunity of exposing the inequality, the scandalous inequality, of the two sexes before the law. On this subject they would find a fitting text in a statement uttered by Bishop Gore in a speech made last year. It may be well to quote his words: "Women are regarded distinctly as beings who may be supposed to exist in part to minister to the lusts and selfishness of men. And," he went on to add, "I am as sure as I can be of anything in the world, that the maintenance of the law as it exists at present in England has been possible because the mind of women is not represented in the legislature of the country." To force this truth home, let the facts be dinned into the ears of all who attend the Congress, of the West End Flat Case of this summer, with the gross miscarriage of justice therein whereby the male satyrs who haunted it for the sake of the tempting morsels of virgin flesh provided went unnamed and scot-free, of the repeated and multiplied instances of trivial sentences being passed by magistrates upon the perpetrators of inhuman outrages on children and babes. These things cannot be ventilated too much, nor known too broadly. Our cathedral pulpits and parish churches ought to be ringing with them. Let but the National Church rise to its duty in these matters and make its bold cast for righteousness, and I believe we should find such a volume and force of enthusiasm swell out in response as to infect the most sceptical and nerve the most faint-hearted.

"The Same Moral Standard."

Let all religious people, of whatever persuasion, agree to take a united stand upon the justice and urgency of Woman's emancipation. That in the first place. Then let them unite in the great fight for one and the same moral standard between men and women and to get it carried out in both the making and administration of laws. If this had been done in the past, there would have been no need to-day for the "militancy" which Church people deplore. Instead we should have in these respects that equality which a great pioneer and Churchwoman of the past, Mrs. Josephine Butler, once defined as "the most fruitful and revolutionising principle which the world has ever known."

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## VOTES FOR WOMEN PROMISED IN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

### The W.S.P.U. in Ulster.

### MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE.

### Fair Play at Meetings.

### ULSTER LEADERS URGED TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

Very encouraging news reaches us from Belfast. The W.S.P.U. organiser is meeting with a magnificent response to the appeal which she is making to Ulster women.

Already a very large band of workers has been enrolled, and the question of establishing a W.S.P.U. office in Belfast is becoming an urgent one.

The "Suffragette" is finding many new readers amongst men and women, and record sales are being effected.

The general public, both men and women, and including Sir Edward Carson's Volunteers, are showing the greatest friendliness to the W.S.P.U. representatives and to the cause of Votes for Women. Their friendly attitude, the W.S.P.U. organiser reports, is in remarkable contrast to the fierce brutality so often shown by the Liberal partisans.

The majority of the leaders and organisers of the Ulster Movement are also displaying great courtesy towards the W.S.P.U., and are giving full recognition to the women's claim to vote. On the other hand, certain prominent Anti-Suffragists, chagrined by the necessity of conceding the demand for votes for Ulster women, are doing all in their power to ignore the women's victory and to prevent public reference to it being made.

Against this policy of boycott the W.S.P.U. is making constant protest. The Ulster leaders are being urged by their own supporters to give full publicity to the fact that Ulster women are to have the vote under the scheme of Provisional Government.

### THE CAMPAIGN IN ULSTER.

#### SIR EDWARD CARSON QUESTIONED.

#### ORGANISER'S REPORT.

On Wednesday a party of us went to Sir Edward Carson's demonstration at Newry. There we were received with acclamation by all save a very few of the prominent Unionists, who were evidently bitter "Antis"; the SUFFRAGETTE sold like hot cakes. We found, however, that many amongst the audience were as yet unaware of the fact that women are to be included in the Provisional Government of Ulster. We therefore sent up a note to the chairman begging him to make a definite statement on the matter to dispel this ignorance. Apparently the influence

of Mr. F. E. Smith and other Anti-Suffragists prevented compliance with our request, for the only time women were mentioned was in the course of a stirring and eloquent address by Mr. F. E. Smith, M.P., who said: "What I have known of the history of Ulster and what I know of your

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determination leads me to say that whatever may be the ultimate conclusion of this quarrel the conclusion will never be written in terms of surrender to this base conspiracy. No province inhabited by any other than women and children could think such a course possible." This was a slip of the tongue which he hastened to correct. "And I venture to say that in Ulster even the women and children would not choose it, if I am right, as I think I am right, in judging that the men—aye, and the women and children—would cry shame on the man who even thought such a course possible."

When the three speakers had finished and the chairman was just rising from his seat, a woman's voice was heard saying, "Tell us about Votes for Women in the Provisional Parliament, Sir Edward!" This was received with friendly cheers; but one of the organisers of the meeting, who had previously shown us hostility verging on hysteria, by name Captain Hall, seized the woman and dragged her through the crowd, shaking her violently all the way. This encouraged the crowd of youths on the fringe to hoot and jostle her, which they did to their full power and enjoyment. Several other stewards, however, showed her great courtesy.

I was in another part of the audience; and as there were a number of short speeches in support of votes of thanks whenever a speaker sat down, I tried to get the chairman's ear by calling "A question, my lord" or "Tell us what you are doing for women!" I was standing among the Ulster volunteers, who encouraged me with a "Now's your

of the present Liberal Government as so unusual is the courteous and public recognition of our existence. As we sell the paper at the entrance to the grounds the speakers and organisers we have met personally, salute us or stop to speak.

The friendliness of the people may be understood by the fact that we hung our posters on the street lamp-posts where the procession was to pass and left them for an hour or so, while we went on to the grounds, and found them in position and untouched. It is therefore difficult for the women to understand why no reference in the speeches is made to the intended inclusion of women.

I know that the organisers and speakers are receiving letters from a great many of their supporters asking for a public declaration.

On Friday we held a poster parade, which was most successful in spite of ceaselessly falling rain; the SUFFRAGETTE sellers made a record sale, and it was found necessary to telegraph for an increased delivery of the paper.

One of the most significant results of the arrival of the W.S.P.U. in Belfast has been an extraordinary general meeting called by the Irish W.S.P.U. at which they altered their constitution as a neutral society and declared themselves "militant in sympathy."

A prominent Ulster Suffragist tells me that the feeling among Ulster Unionists is that the Ulster men are committed to Votes for Women beyond power of withdrawal and that the Unionist Party in England is also committed.

On Tuesday last week a very successful meeting was held at Mrs. Hickey's home, Beechmount, Ravenhill Road. The numbers attending the weekly meetings are steadily increasing and we shall soon have to take a hall for the purpose. Generous offers of work of all sorts and of financial help were made. Several new members were enrolled. Mrs. Roper offered her drawing room for the following week, and before the paper goes to press the meeting will be held there on Tuesday, September 23. The W.S.P.U. statement on the Ulster situation was printed and attached to the current number of the SUFFRAGETTE as a supplement. A great number of copies were taken away by members to be sold to their friends and in the streets.

### UNIONIST MEETINGS.

#### SUFFRAGETTES PRESENT.

Sir Edward Carson held four meetings in Ulster on Saturday, at Ballyclare, Loughmore, Antrim, and Randalstown, at all of which the Suffragettes were much in evidence.

At Antrim meeting our letters and telegrams evidently had drawn Sir Edward, for he gave a long description of the women's work for the cause, but no mention of his intention to include them in his Government.

At the close of his speech and the following speeches several women called out a request that he should make a declaration, but they received no answer, till at last as Mrs. Baker, standing quite near the platform, addressed herself to Sir Edward, Mr. Ronald O'Neill, M.P., leaned over and said, "Madam, please do not press this this afternoon. This is not the time for our statement on the matter. Please wait a few days."

The audience was extraordinarily friendly. One woman who addressed the platform was about to leave before the end of the meeting, but the men round her said, "Now, don't be after going before the end. See, they'll just be answering your question now."

Similar attempts were made to put a question at Banbridge. No notice was taken from the platform, but the audience was most friendly in this case, especially the women.

What strikes us who have experienced the manners of the partisans

When I first spoke a man caught me by the throat, but at once released me, and we stood side by side for the rest of the time. Every time I spoke he kept anyone from pushing up near me, and at the end ran after me, and apologised for touching me. They are unlike Liberals.

### AN IMPORTANT DEPUTATION.

It was officially announced in Belfast yesterday that a deputation representing 11 Ulster societies of the Irishwomen's Suffrage Federation will wait on Sir Edward Carson in Belfast next week to discuss details regarding the proposed enfranchisement of women under the Ulster Provisional Government scheme.

and order they were attacked by police armed with batons, and some men died.

He knows also, if he reads his newspapers, that men were arrested for sedition for telling the public to resist law and order and defy the police and military, and he must think it is strange that Sir Edward Carson and his friends are allowed to preach resistance un molested, while workmen who refuse to obey the law are bludgeoned.

The "Daily Sketch" has no politics. Sir Edward Carson and his friends are doubtless acting in accordance with their conscience when they publicly advocate resistance by armed force to a law they fear may be forced upon them.

So are the Suffragists when they attack property, but they are arrested and sentenced.

out to-day—out to-day to show and convince me that you are making preparations if necessary to defy this infamous law, and with all my heart I commend that defiance to you. I ask you volunteers to go back and continue your preparations. We want you all. We will want you for different work in the future. You will have to show the stuff you are made of, and I have no doubt you will.

### A STILL MORE RECKLESS SPEECH.

#### "THE GOVERNMENT DARE NOT INTERFERE."

We will set up that Government. I am told it will be illegal. Of course it will. Drilling is illegal, volunteers

### SIR EDWARD CARSON.

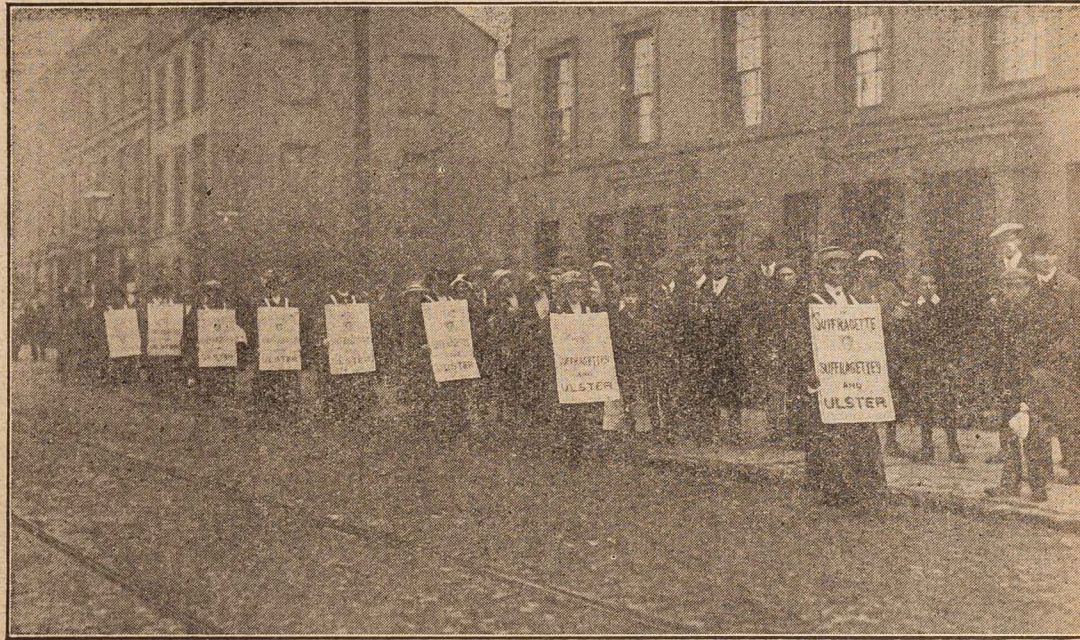
#### WHAT THE RADICALS WOULD LIKE TO DO TO HIM.

Sir Edward Carson is the subject of leading articles in the principal Radical organs to-day.

The "Daily Chronicle" declares that Sir Edward Carson's

"Continual incitements to resistance against a prospective law cannot be ignored. The object and purpose of the present campaign in that province is to brow-beat Parliament and intimidate the Ministers of the Crown. Clause 3 of the Treason Felony Act deals specifically with the case of persons who 'shall compass,

A W.S.P.U. POSTER PARADE.



ADVERTISING THE "SUFFRAGETTE" THROUGH THE STREETS OF BELFAST.

### PRESS COMMENTS.

#### SIR EDWARD CARSON STILL FREE.

The "Daily Sketch" says: The Ulsterian orators go from violence to violence. Captain Craig went a stage further yesterday, and it looks as though notice may have to be taken of his statement—authorised or unauthorised—regarding a British general's consent to train the anti-Home Rule rebels. In the meantime what is the Prime Minister doing? All that is known is that within the last ten days Lord Lansdowne, Lord Esher, Mr. Bonar Law, and Mr. Balfour have paid hurried visits to Balmoral, where Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Winston Churchill, and other Ministers of the Crown were already in attendance.

The ordinary man has a dim idea that something is being done about Home Rule, but he knows that when the strikers in Dublin resisted law

are illegal, and the Government know they are illegal, and the Government dare not interfere with what is illegal. And the reason they dare not interfere is this—because they know that the moment they interfere with you you would not brook their interference. The knowledge would be brought home to every man in England that not only were you in earnest, but you were prepared to make any sacrifice to maintain your liberties. And the moment that is understood the Government know well their game is up. Therefore do not be afraid of illegality. They are illegals which are not crimes—they are not sordid, they are not mean. They are illegals taken to ensure what is the elementary right of every citizen—namely, the protection of his freedom and the handing down what he himself has inherited.

So were the South Wales miners when they wrecked towns. So was Tom Mann when he was sentenced for inciting workmen to resist the law.

Why does not the Government move? Is it because they dare not? The people have a right to demand that the law as administered to workmen and Suffragists shall be enforced against politicians.

It is time this farce ended.

#### SEDITION PREACHED.

#### SIR EDWARD CARSON'S SPEECHES

We do not trust the Government, or any more of the Government. Far away the best way to conduct the campaign is to bear in mind that you cannot trust a single act they do or word they say. It is always on that basis that I have given you the watch-words, "Rely upon yourselves." Therefore it is that you are

imagine, invent or devise, or intend to levy war' against his Majesty within any part of the United Kingdom 'in order by force or constraint to compel him to change his measures or counsels, or in order to put any force or constraint upon, or in order to intimidate or over-awe both Houses, or either House, of Parliament.' Sir Edward Carson could undoubtedly be proceeded against under this statute.

The "Chronicle" thinks that a shorter and more effective way of dealing with Sir Edward Carson would be by removing his name from the list of Privy Councillors.

"Sir Edward Carson and his comrades are always protesting their loyalty to the Crown, but theirs is a strictly conditional loyalty. They will obey the laws only when these coincide with their party interests. What sort of loyalty is that?"

The "Daily News" is not so sure that the deprivation of their honours would be a good way of dealing with Sir E. Carson and Mr. F. E. Smith.



# WOMEN'S WAR CONTINUES.

## GIGANTIC FIRE AT LIVERPOOL.

Building Completely Guttred—Damage Estimated at £80,000.

## TOWN HALL BURNT TO THE GROUND.

Golf Greens Cut to Pieces.

BLAZING STACKS.

Pillar-Boxes in Flames.

The biggest fire which has as yet been attributed to Suffragettes occurred last Tuesday, when Seafield House, Liverpool, a magnificent structure, leased by the West Derby Board of Guardians, was practically destroyed. The northern portion of the building was completely gutted, and the whole of it suffered enormous damage.

Two other very serious fires, one at a mansion at Waltham Cross and the other at the municipal buildings at Withernsea, Yorkshire, have been attributed in the Press to Suffragettes, while lesser fires have been reported from various parts of the country.

In several places golf links and bowling greens have been cut up, and attacks still continue to be made on pillar-boxes.

### SEAFIELD HOUSE BURNT OUT.

£80,000 FIRE.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

A disastrous fire, the greatest which has as yet been attributed to Suffragettes, broke out in the early hours of Tuesday morning at Seafield House, Seaford, Liverpool, which is considered to be one of the finest examples of masonry in Liverpool.

It is situated about ten minutes' walk from the new Gladstone Dock, is the most prominent building along the north shore of the Mersey, and can be seen plainly from the Wirral side. It is surrounded by handsome grounds, which lead down to the shore.

The building, which in the course of a varied career has been a private mansion, a hydro, and a convent school, was in the hands of builders' repairers, who were preparing it for the occupation of imbeciles, under the charge of the West Derby Board of Guardians. It had only recently been acquired by the Board and had been renovated at a cost of nearly £20,000.

The house was completely gutted, and the damage is estimated at £80,000. It is stated that this is covered by insurance.

Literature found in the grounds indicated that the fire was the work of Suffragettes.

"A Lurid Glare."

The building was in charge of a caretaker, who slept in a lodge at the entrance to the grounds. The place had been locked up and the lights extinguished about 12.30 a.m.,

were unable to get the hoses to play on the top storeys.

Further assistance was telephoned for, and the Bootle Fire Brigade, with a steamer and a large staff of men, were quickly on the scene.

For about a couple of hours the combined brigades worked strenuously, but the flames spread from floor to floor with lightning rapidity.

"Completely Guttred."

At one time it appeared as if the whole of the building would be involved, and efforts were made to confine the outbreak to the north portion, in which the fire originated.

After some considerable time the brigades were successful, the fire being stopped just by the house part of the building.

The northern portion, however, was completely gutted.

The flames lit up the surrounding district for many miles, being easily seen on the Cheshire side. A large crowd of people gathered, and the police were in strong numbers.

It is possible that the fire may have originated in the centre of the building and spread northward.

It is stated that on the previous day three women and a man were seen loitering in the vicinity.

"Weighed in the Balance."

A thorough search of the grounds by the police revealed evidence as to the perpetrators of the affair. At the back of the building a quantity of Suffrage literature was discovered, including copies of the SUFFRAGETTE.

There was also a typewritten postcard addressed to the Government, on which were the words: "Mene, mene, tekel upharsin."

A constable also discovered a piece of rope, which was intertwined in the railings surrounding the shore side of the grounds. This rope had been wound in and about the rails in such a manner as to form a ladder, by means of which it would be possible to scale the railings.

"Necessary to Rebuild It."

The caretaker states that he made a tour of the whole building shortly before eight o'clock, and inspected the road side of it about 12.30. There was then no sign of a fire, and he put the lights out and went to the lodge. He says that he saw no sign of a stranger loitering about the premises, and the police information goes to bear out this statement.

The damage to the northern portion has been estimated at £80,000, but although only one portion has been destroyed, the whole building, being made of stone, has been rendered unsafe, and it is feared it will be necessary to rebuild it.

## HOUSE FIRED AT LIVERPOOL.

"WAKE UP, ENGLAND!"

It was discovered last Friday that during the previous night an attempt had been made to set fire to Allerton Priory, a well-known Liverpool residence situated between Garston and Woolton.

The Priory has been unoccupied for some time, and in the market for sale or to be let. The premises are in charge of a caretaker, and on Friday, when walking in the grounds, he made the discovery that someone had tried to set fire to the house by throwing paraffin on the front door and setting fire to it.

The attempt, however, failed, for the front door, which was of solid oak, withstood the ravages of the flames on the paraffin that had been used, and after the oil had been consumed the flames died out.

"Cat-and-Mouse" Licence Discovered.

A search of the grounds brought to light two broken medicine bottles, a small string handbag, and a quart can, all of which bore a strong odour of paraffin. An envelope which lay on the ground was found to contain a prisoner's temporary discharge for ill-health, under this year's order.

There was no name or clue on the order, the owner having guarded against being traced by carefully cutting off all the vital particulars. Two postcards were also found. One of them bore the writing, "Repeal the 'Cat-and-Mouse Act,'" and "Pass Votes for Women"; while the other was: "Wake up, England, give votes to women, and stop militancy."

## BOWLING GREEN DAMAGED.

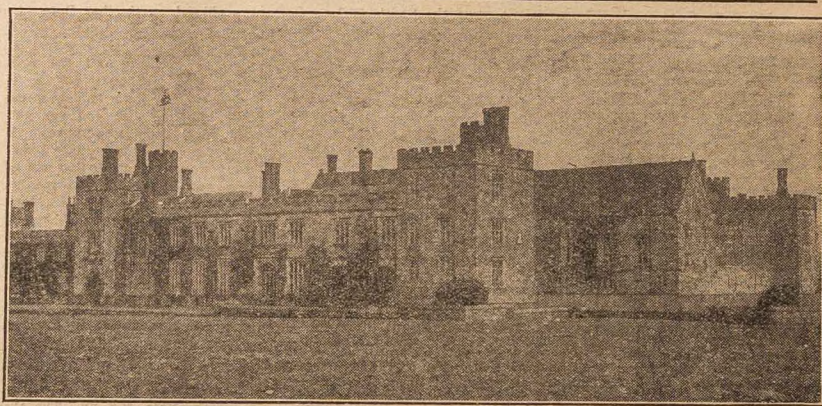
"JUSTICE BEFORE BOWLS."

On the morning of September 19 it was discovered that during the previous night serious damage had been done to the bowling green of Airthrey Spa Club, Bridge of Allan.

Between forty and fifty holes of varying size and depth had been dug, and cut in the green, and the turf was turned up, four links being thus damaged.

Suffrage literature was discovered, together with slips of paper bearing the inscriptions, "Votes for Women" and "Justice for Women before bowls."

The green, which was considered one of the best in Scotland, will probably require to be relaid, involving an expenditure of several hundred pounds.



HISTORIC MANSION KNOWN AS PENHURST PLACE SAID TO HAVE BEEN FIRED BY SUFFRAGETTES.

# MORE PROPERTY DESTROYED.

## TOWN HALL BURNT DOWN.

FIRE ENGINE LOCKED UP.

A serious outbreak of fire occurred last Monday morning at Withernsea, the well-known East Yorkshire pleasure resort, which gutted the Town Hall and municipal buildings and destroyed adjoining property.

There is a strong suspicion that the fire was started deliberately, and as the Assembly Rooms, which adjoined the Town Hall, were burned down three months ago and Suffrage literature was discovered, the fire has also been attributed to Suffragettes.

The outbreak was discovered at 4 a.m. by some early morning workmen. The alarm was immediately raised, but when the firemen rushed to the station for the engine they made the startling discovery that the key of the fire station was missing, it having been removed from the glass case on the wall, where it was usually kept.

The fire apparatus therefore could not be brought into use. A heavy pole was used as a battering ram, but the engine-house door could not be broken open. Entry was at length effected by breaking through the windows, and the doors were then burst open from the inside.

Fire Station Attacked by Flames.

The fire station is situated at the back of the municipal buildings, and, strange to say, it was also attacked by the flames. An urgent message was sent to the Hull Corporation Brigade for assistance, but it was useless to send an engine, as there was no water available on the spot.

The Council buildings, which were completely burnt out, comprised an excellently equipped council chamber, the Mayor's office, clerk's office, and assistant overseer's office. A number of shops under the council chamber were also destroyed. All the buildings were insured.

Coastguards helped in the salvage operations. The loss to the Council will be a serious one. Not only has the council chamber been destroyed, but plans in the surveyor's office and other valuable papers have been burned.

SERIOUS FIRE AT A FARM.

TWO STACKS DESTROYED.

A serious fire, which involved two large stacks, broke out last Monday morning at Forest Farm, Barking-side, near Ilford.

The alarm was given and the Ilford Fire Brigade called up by a passer-by who observed the fire. The steamer and men attended, but owing to the great distance of the stacks from a water supply they were obliged to send to Ilford for more hose, which was brought out to them in a taxicab. Over 1,700 feet of hose was in use, but in spite of the efforts of the brigade both stacks were partially destroyed. The stacks, which consisted of pea haulm, were insured.

No evidence was discovered as to the cause of the fire, but it is suspected that Suffragettes were responsible.

PILLAR-BOXES FIRED AT PECKHAM.

LETTERS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

Two pillar-box fires, which are attributed to Suffragettes, took place in Peckham last Sunday evening.

About eight o'clock there was a loud explosion at the post office

moment later smoke was seen to be issuing from the box in the wall.

A number of police were quickly on the scene and a large crowd gathered. Meanwhile smoke was rapidly filling the inside office, and efforts were made to extinguish the fire. These were at length successful, but a large number of letters are believed to have been destroyed.

Immediately afterwards another pillar-box, about five hundred yards away from the post office and opposite the police station, was found to be on fire.

The police lent their assistance, and the flames were put out with several pails of water. Nevertheless the contents of the pillar-box were completely destroyed.

## SOUTHWOLD GOLF LINKS CUT UP.

Last week serious damage was caused at the Southwold Golf Links. During Tuesday night three or four greens were cut up, and in the morning Suffragette literature was discovered, indicating that Suffragettes were responsible for the damage.

On searching the premises afterwards the servants discovered a woman's dressing-case, a quantity of cotton-wool, pieces of candle, two bottles partly filled with paraffin and methylated spirits, and a quantity of Suffragist literature.

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To the pins in each of the damaged greens were attached labels, which direct suspicion to Suffragettes.

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## FIRE AT AN ESSEX MANSION.

SUFFRAGE LITERATURE DISCOVERED.

An attempt was made early Tuesday morning to destroy by fire the residence of Sir Daniel Hamilton at Warren Hill, Loughton, Essex.

Sir Daniel is away in Scotland, and during the early morning the house was broken into. Paraffin and methylated spirits were poured over the carpet in the dining room, and then the place was fired. At six o'clock the gardener found the dining room well alight, but with assistance he succeeded in extinguishing the flames before much damage had been done. If it had not been for the early discovery of the fire very serious damage would have been done.

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## HOUSE BURNED TO THE GROUND.

SUFFRAGETTES SUSPECTED.

The Cedars, a picturesque country residence on the Theobald's Park estate, Waltham Cross, owned by Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, was entirely destroyed by fire last week.

This has been attributed in the Press to Suffragettes, though no evidence of the cause of the outbreak was discovered.

A caretaker, aroused by the barking of dogs, discovered that part of the house was in flames. She raised an alarm, and fire brigades from the surrounding district were summoned, but, in spite of their efforts, the house was burned to the ground.

The police are making careful investigations, but have no clue at present.

## SERIOUS DAMAGE AT GOLF LINKS.

SEVEN GREENS CUT UP.

It was discovered on the morning of September 20 that serious damage had been done at the Benton Golf Course near Newcastle-on-Tyne. Several of the greens were destroyed during the night, the turf having been cut up with some sharp instrument.

The damage is supposed to have been done in the early hours of the morning. At several points on the course access is easily obtainable by climbing a low hedge, and seven greens all situated near the roadway, were dug up. The thorough-

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### THE CLOSE OF THE HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN.



SELLING THE "SUFFRAGETTE" AT BALLINA, IRELAND

#### THE GENERAL IN SCOTLAND.

Mrs. Drummond, who is slowly recovering from the effects of two serious operations which, as our readers are aware, she underwent some weeks ago, is at present in the beautiful island of Arran, on the West Coast of Scotland. Here the General has spent her time selling the SUFFRAGETTE each week. She writes: "Our papers sell out so rapidly that we have to send to London each week for fresh supplies. A splendid band of workers here are ready to lend a willing hand, and the paper is eagerly looked for every Friday."

#### SELLING THE "SUFFRAGETTE" IN HARROGATE.

Harrogate, at this time of year so full of visitors taking the famous waters, has had its share of attention from the Suffragettes. The paper has been sold daily at the entrance to the Pump Room and the baths. On the Stray great meetings have been held, and large and interested crowds have gathered to listen to the speakers.



MISS RUSSELL AT CARYAX, OXFORD

#### OXFORD VISITED

The following interesting account is sent by a seller who is spending a holiday in historic Oxford: "I have been selling at Oxford dur-

ing my holiday time here, as I have done now for three years. This year I sold at St. Giles' Fair, a most historic spot. Everyone said it would be waste of time, as no one would buy. But I went both days, the caravanners, shows the work accomplished and the interest which has been aroused: "We held our first meeting at Lotham, 15 miles from Dundee, and

#### IN PICTURESQUE ARRAN



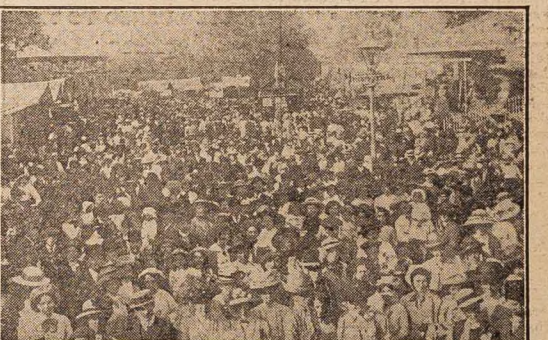
Mrs. Drummond Reading The "Suffragette"

and stood in the very centre, on the pedestal of the lamp-post, which in the photo is marked 'Beware of Pickpockets.' I held up the SUFFRAGETTE above the heads of the people, so everyone saw it. Many came, and talked, and bought. I was there both days for four or five hours."

#### THE CLOSE OF THE SCOTTISH CARAVANTOUR

This splendid tour is now over, and the following report, sent by one of

#### HISTORIC FAIR AT ST. GILES



Selling The "Suffragette" to the Crowd

### NEWS FROM ALL PARTS.

#### THE "CHURCH CONGRESS" CAMPAIGN, SOUTHAMPTON.

Reports are coming in from all sides that the Church Congress is to be a record one this year. Members' tickets are being sold in such numbers that the committee doubts if there will be room for any non-members at the Congress meetings. Perhaps this record attendance is not unconnected with the fact that the most important question of our day, the position of women, has gained a place in this year's programme of the Church Congress. Be that as it may, a record Church Congress must mean nothing less than a record W.S.P.U. campaign in Southampton. It will be our business to give the crowds of Congress visitors every opportunity of hearing our side of this great question. This we intend to do by means of an extensive open-air campaign.

Meetings will be held twice daily (for particulars see below). A record sale of the SUFFRAGETTE is expected. A splendid response has been made to the appeal for helpers, but more are urgently needed. Double the number of helpers will mean double the number of SUFFRAGETTES sold. A large amount of literature will be distributed. An instructive poster parade will be held to explain to passers-by the relation of the Vote to the many pressing social needs of to-day.

For those who cannot take an active part in any campaign there is always one way of helping—by looking after the funds. We make a special appeal for money with which to buy copies of the SUFFRAGETTE and other literature to distribute to Congress visitors—and there will be all the incidental expenses of a propaganda campaign.

We urge all members of the W.S.P.U. who feel that what the clergy think about Woman Suffrage is a matter of importance to see to it that they take their part in one way or another in the "Church Congress" campaign. (Organiser: Miss H. Sprott, 23, Burlington Road, Polygon, Southampton.)

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#### MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST'S TOUR.

##### WELCOME BY NORWEGIAN WOMEN.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst arrived at Christiania from Copenhagen a few days ago. She is still in a weak state of health. Her nerves continue to trouble her, and the doctor has ordered absolute rest.

The Norwegian Women's League has welcomed Miss Pankhurst, and has invited her to lecture before her departure for Sweden. It is, however, doubtful whether she will be able to do so.

A long article by Miss Pankhurst, entitled "How I Was Forcibly Fed," appeared in the "Morgenbladet" the other day. It is interesting to note that the proprietor of this newspaper, one of the most important in Norway, is M. Niels Vogt, the present Minister in London.

After a tour through Sweden and Finland Miss Pankhurst will return to London for the opening of the autumn campaign.

#### HOW THE GOVERNMENT HELPS THE FUNDS.

##### BIDDING FOR MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST'S LICENCES.

Bidding still continues for Miss Sylvia Pankhurst's three licences, which are being sold for the funds of the East London Federation of the W.S.P.U.

A bid of £50 heads the list, and there are several of £20 and £10. Some of the bidders have promised to give all or part of the sums they have offered to the funds of the East London Federation in any case, even if outbid.

The actual sale of the licences will take place at a meeting on Miss Pankhurst's return.

#### ICELAND GRANTS VOTES FOR WOMEN.

##### EQUAL RIGHTS FOR BOTH SEXES.

The Alting, the Parliament of Iceland, has passed the Bill bestowing the general franchise on women. The measure incurs an alteration in the Constitution of 1874, and must, for this reason, receive the approval of the King of Denmark.

The Minister for Iceland, who has a seat in the Danish Cabinet, will lay the Bill before the next Council of State, to be held at the Amalienborg Castle, Copenhagen, under the presidency of the King. In the meantime the Alting is to be dissolved to make the necessary preparations for the new elections.

The acquiescence of the King in the measure becoming law is regarded as a foregone conclusion, and the moment the royal signature is affixed to the Bill the elections for the new House will take place with equal rights for both sexes.

The struggle for women's rights has not been a very prolonged one in Iceland. The question was raised about three years back by an influential body of men and women, who were agreed that the time for reform in this respect was ripe. None of the various political parties of the historic island offered any serious resistance, and the Bill was practically passed unanimously.

Iceland is a self-governing country about the size of Scotland, with a population of about 120,000. The island stands under the sovereignty of the Danish King, but is quite independent in every other respect.

#### THE NORTHERN MEN'S FEDERATION FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

The inaugural meeting of the Men's Federation in Glasgow was held on Thursday evening, September 11, in the Christian Institute, Bothwell Street. The meeting was private and by invitation, and there was a wonderfully good attendance for a preliminary meeting.

Monthly business meetings will be held in Glasgow, and open public meetings as arranged. The next meeting is to be held on October 2, in the Christian Institute.

The political force of this Federation lies in the policy each member will adopt of demanding that the leader of the member for whom he votes shall have a Women's Suffrage measure on his programme.

All these meetings will lead up to the final great convention, to be held in London in the late winter. (Sec. Miss Alice A. Perry, 15, Woodlands Terrace, Glasgow.)



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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

PRISON NEWS.

On Thursday last Nurse Evans was charged at Marlborough Street Police Court with selling the Suffragette, against police regulations in Hyde Park on Sunday, August 31.

Tuesday, December 9; Liverpool, Wednesday, December 10; Newcastle, Thursday, December 11; Leicester, Thursday, December 18.

The usual Christmas Sale will be held early in December, and members should now be offering help.

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Many thanks to the friends who have already sent in parcels for the jumble sale. Many more things will be needed, so will those who have not already done so please send any old clothes they have to Lincoln's Inn House, marked "Jumble Sale".

The following contributions have been received during the week, and are gratefully acknowledged:

- Mrs. Henry Bury ... £20 10 0
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Miss C. L. Collier ... 1 0 0
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Miss Sara Falcke ... 0 5 0
Miss Smith, India ... 0 2 0
Miss J. Todd ... 0 10 0
Mrs. M. E. Anderson ... 1 0 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

London Meetings. The autumn meetings at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, will recommence on Monday, October 6, at 3.15 p.m.

Amongst those who have promised to speak at these meetings are the Rev. G. Herbert Davis, Mr. Baillie Weaver, Mrs. Mansell-Moulin, Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, and others.

Mrs. Pankhurst's Provincial Engagements. A provincial tour is now being arranged for Mrs. Pankhurst on her return from the United States. Mass. meetings will be held in Birmingham.

Table with 4 columns: NAME, Date when Sentenced, Length of Sentence, Place of Imprisonment.

Mrs. Donald McEwan ... May 19, 9 months, Carlton Gaol, Edinburgh
Mr. John Manders ... Aug. 11, 2 months' hard labour, Pentonville

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Week by week, from towns, suburbs, and villages, come the regular records of steady, untiring propaganda work—clear evidence of the ever-growing strength of the Union. From every side, too, comes another sign of swiftly growing interest and support—increased orders for the "Suffragette."

Forest Hill and East Dulwich. Thanks to Mrs. Duval and Miss Gibbs for speeches at outdoor meetings. Also to those who made it possible to keep office open throughout holiday season.

Balham and Tooting. Splendid meeting held at Tooting Broadway on Friday last. Miss Coombs made stirring speech to large crowd.

Fulham and Putney. Will any member volunteer to mind shop on Saturday mornings, from 10 to 11? Gratefully acknowledged towards cost of office hours are now resumed (11 to 1 and 2.30 to 5). Will all members returning from holidays make a point of calling?

Progressive Games Party take place September 30. Organizer will be glad to accept immediately from members and friends how many tickets they will require.

A good meeting held Stamford, Thursday last. Speaker: Miss Gibson. Suffragette sold well. Miss Young, Suffragette secretary, wants sellers; will any willing to help please meet at office 4 p.m. Thursdays? Jumble sale Saturday next, help and jumble wanted; also helpers for social October 2, to which all members and friends are cordially invited.

Miss Gilliat and Mr. E. Duval address a crowded meeting at Prince's Hall, Head on Saturday, September 20, and Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Duval (in the place of Mrs. Leigh) spoke at Strath Terrace, where we disposed of our stock of the Suffragette. Many thanks to Mrs. Green for goods sent for jumble sale. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Emily D. Duval, 37, Park Road, Wandsworth, S.W.)

South-West London. Members are reminded that this Union's autumn session opens Thursday, September 24, with a members' rally in the Lecture Room, 8 p.m., when members and friends are particularly asked to attend to welcome Mr. and Mrs. W. Lansbury and Miss Daisy Lansbury. Miss Murray Clark will give a selection of her charming recitations.

Hampstead. All members are asked to make special effort to be present at members' rally Wednesday evening next, an important and interesting evening. It will be a great pleasure to see all members at our autumn work. Early application for tickets (1s and 6d) for Mr. Sweeney's lecture on November 6, at a good sum must be realized to meet local expenditure. Anxiety on this score would be considerably lessened if members purchased all household necessities from shop. Splendid meetings on Hampstead Heath. Suffragette sales extremely good; more help needed at Heath Street Tube. (Hon. Org. Sec., Miss D. D. Solomon; Sec., Miss G. Bateson; shop, 178, Finchley Road; telephone, Hampstead 4900.)

Hendon, Golden's Green, and Finchley. Mrs. Wyatt is very kindly taking over old office premises from September. Until new premises are secured meetings will be held at members' houses. Street-corner meeting started this week at Golden's Green on Friday nights, and at Church End, Finchley, on Saturdays. Members are particularly asked to support. Also volunteers for paper-selling are urgently wanted. Many Suffragettes could be sold on Saturdays at the several entrances to the Hendon flying ground, if volunteers would come forward. (Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), Mrs. E. J. Hatfield, 47, Hale Lane, Mill Hill, N.W.)

Three very successful open-air meetings held this week at Horsney Fountain, Highgate, and Crouch End. A collection of 2s. 8d. was taken at Crouch End. The Suffragette has sold well. All members please turn up in full force at garden meeting at Northlands, Highgate, to-morrow, Saturday, September 27, at 4 p.m. (see programme), bringing friends and opponents to hear Miss Leonora Tyson. (Hon. Sec., Miss Bowditch, B.A., 28, Weston Park, Crouch End, N.)

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West Ham. Will anyone offer drawing room for meeting in October or November? Gifts to shop gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Friedlander, Miss Hooper, Miss Morgan, Miss Wilcox. (Hon. Sec., Miss M. A. Brio, 13, Wellington Road, Snaresbrook; shop, 32a, Romford Road, Stratford, E.)

Wimbleton. All tickets for garden fête to-morrow (Saturday) should now be returned unless special arrangements with Hon. Org. have been made. Will those who have volunteered to help in various departments inquire at shop for particulars of latest arrangements? Suffragette sales excellent. The Union very heartily thanks those visitors who so kindly helped with paper-selling, shop stewarding, etc., during holidays. (Hon. Org. Sec., Mrs. L. M. Martin, 11, Victoria Crescent; telephone, 1022 Wimbleton.)

Woolwich. A series of open-air meetings has been arranged, beginning on September 30 (see programme). Helpers are needed. Miss Brockway and Miss Spanton welcomed as new members. (Hon. Sec., Miss A. M. Clifford and Miss D. Gregory, 4, Heathwood Gardens, Charlton, S.E.)

Workington. Members are urged to attend meeting at Day Trust Assembly Rooms to-night (Friday), September 26, and to bring friends with them. Mrs. Dacre Fox will speak and Mr. F. G. Bell, of the Workington Trade and Labour Council, will preside. Hon. Sec., Mrs. Margaret Beatty, 5, Elm Grove, Workington.)

York. The first of the weekly "at home" will be held on Tuesday, September 30, at 49, Cornmarket, 3.30 to 6. Members are asked to attend, at the hon. sec. office to be able to announce the address of the new office. Arrangements for autumn must also be discussed. The Oxford University M.P.U. are holding a meeting in London—Kingston Town Hall—on Friday, October 3. Tickets, price 1s and 6d, can be obtained from Miss Graham. (Hon. Sec., Miss Graham; office, 49, Cornmarket.)

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THE MIDLANDS.

Birmingham. Volunteers for poster parade wanted at 6.30, Thursday, September 25, and 2 p.m., Friday, September 26, to advertise Miss

point of attending. Instead of having a speaker each week, on alternate Wednesday afternoons a working party will be held in shop, where members are asked to bring work for Christmas sale, which is to be held in the town.

Hastings. The weekly meetings this autumn will be held on Monday afternoons from 4 to 6, at Metropole Hall (entrance archway by Plummer and Rodde). On Monday, September 23, Mrs. Mary Leigh will be the speaker, and all members are asked to bring friends and to advertise meeting.

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Programme of the Week.

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Saturday, September 27. Crickwood, Clock Tower. Miss Joan Dugdale. ... 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 28. Battersea Park. Miss Wright. ... 5.30 p.m.

Monday, September 29. Bow, The Obelisk. M.P.U. Mr. W. Cullen, Mr. Allan Clark. ... 8 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30. Battersea, Mossbury Road. Mrs. Duval. ... 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1. Bow Roman Road, Danes Place. M.P.U. Mr. Allan Clark. ... 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 2. Bow, 321, Roman Road. Miss Hockin. ... 3 p.m.

Friday, October 3. Battersea, Strath Terrace. Miss Naylor, Miss Medwin. ... 8 p.m.

COUNTRY.

Friday, September 26. Birmingham, Queen's College. Miss Gladys Hazel. ... 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 27. Birmingham, Salfrey, Alum Rock Road. Miss L. Mitchell. ... 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 28. Birmingham, Ladypool Road Adult School. Miss Dale. ... 3 p.m.

Monday, September 29. Dundee, Lochee, Bank Street. Miss Grant. Chair: Miss C. Grant. ... 8 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30. Bexhill, Marina. Mrs. Leigh. ... 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1. Birmingham, 97, John Bright Street. ... 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 2. Birmingham, Stinchley, Institute. Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Ward. ... 3 p.m.

Friday, October 3. Dundee, Panmure Street. Miss Grant. ... 8 p.m.

Glady's meeting (see programme). Goods for jumble sale, October 6, are now being received.

Nottingham. New office at No. 21, Derby Road will open at end of this month.

Leicester. Will members and friends please notice that indoor meetings will be held every Tuesday commencing on October 7.

WEST OF ENGLAND.

Bath.

Very good meeting held at Redstock on Sunday, addressed by Miss Jessie Smith.

5.7 p.m. All members and friends welcome. The paper can be had from Hart, Wasgate Buildings.

Bristol.

Miss Edith Friden comes on Monday, October 6, for a social and political meeting of members and friends at 15, Berkeley Square.

WALES.

Cardiff and District.

Handbills for lantern lecture are now ready. Will as many friends as possible help to distribute?

Newport.

Garden fête and sale held last July has resulted up to date 55s.

Liverpool and Cheshire District.

At members' meeting last Wednesday Miss Schofield kindly consented to be librarian, and would be grateful if each member would send in a book for lending purposes.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh.

Members are again reminded of need for contributions to Legal Defence Fund. Thoroughly recommended. No tearing.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

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Sheffield.

Members' meeting Wednesday, October 1, 8 p.m., at office, Mr. Lonsbury and Mr. John Seay will speak at Corn Exchange.

NORTH-EASTERN COUNTIES.

Bradford.

Members are reminded that trial of Mrs. Holton and Miss Casey, which has been sent to Sessions, comes on at Town Hall, Bradford, on Friday, October 3.

Doncaster.

On Wednesday, October 8, Mr. Laurence Houseman will address meetings in Danum Hotel, 4 p.m., and in Glyn Hotel, 8 p.m.

Harrogate.

The first "at home" for coming season will be held at shop, Saturday, October 4, at 3.30 to 6 p.m.

NORTH-WESTERN COUNTIES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

All the handbills, window bills, and posters are out and tickets selling well for Town Hall meetings, Tuesday, September 30, at which Mr. Laurence Houseman and Miss Elizabeth Grew will speak.

Newcastle.

One hundred Suffragettes were disposed of outside Sir Edward Carson's meeting at Durham, and many more could have been sold.

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