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SHADE OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON: Mr. Asquith, yield before it is too late; remember even the Iron Duke gave way.

[The Duke of Wellington believed Ireland was on the verge of civil war, and so, after having for years strenuously resisted every step in the direction of Catholic Emancipation, himself led a measure for the purpose and passed it. During the debate in the Upper House he said, "I am one of those who have probably passed a longer period of my life engaged in war than most men, and principally, I may say, in civil war; and I must say this, that if I could avoid, by any sacrifice whatever, even one month of civil war in the country to which I am attached, I would sacrifice my life in order to do it."—From "A Consideration of the State of Ireland in the Nineteenth Century," by Locker Lampson.]

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confronted by the harsher and sterner methods which alone they seem to understand.

Forty Years of Quiet Agitation.

To see the events of last Tuesday in their full perspective, we must go back over 40 years to the beginning of the great agitation for Woman Suffrage. In the seventies and eighties of last century by a succession of great meetings and monster petitions, including in all over three million signatures, women demonstrated their intense desire for the franchise. A majority of Members of Parliament were returned pledged to support Votes for Women; but by a succession of despicable tricks politicians continued to defraud women of their rights. The cause retrogressed and women lost heart.

The Militant Tactics.

Then, in 1905, a handful of women determined on new tactics. Cost what it might, they would insist on fair dealing. They would at least compel Ministers to declare their policy. A militant campaign was in-

augurated and carried on for several years. The cause made progress. At first the women inflicted no injury on person or property, but suffered themselves to be assaulted by the police, arrested and imprisoned. They were told that they were playing at revolution; that they were merely hysterical and anxious for martyrdom. So little by little the methods became more vigorous. The hunger strike was also adopted, to which the Government replied by the brutal practice of forcible feeding in prison.

The Conciliation Movement.

Then in 1910, with a new Parliament sitting in Westminster, attempts were made by third parties at conciliation. It was suggested that if militant tactics were suspended the Government would give facilities for a "Conciliation Bill" to be carried through the House of Commons. The actual terms of the Conciliation Bill differed only very slightly from the demand of women for the "vote on equal terms," and it was decided by the Women's Social and Political Union to give the new method a trial. In the session of 1910 the Conciliation Bill seemed likely to pass, but Mr. Lloyd George threw his whole weight against it and facilities were refused. Again in the present year a similar thing happened, but on this occasion a definite promise of facilities for 1912 was given by the Government. In view of this promise the W.S.P.U. continued to hold its hand.

Manhood Suffrage.

On October 7 Mr. Asquith announced the intention of the Government to introduce a Manhood Suffrage

To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom; to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

The refusal of justice to women has provoked the inevitable sequel of rebellion. Patience, argument, conciliation had all been tried by women and had failed. The Government had replied by insult. To the demand for Votes for Women the Government proposed more Votes for Men. Unmoved by ideas of honour or justice, the Government are now being

TO LONDON MEMBERS.

The W.S.P.U. Meeting on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23,

IS BEING HELD, AT 8 P.M., IN THE

SAVOY THEATRE

(Entrance from Strand or Embankment.)

Instead of in the Steinway Hall.

Bill next year. This completely changed the whole situation. In the first place, by introducing a party measure of franchise reform, Mr. Asquith destroyed the possibility of securing a non-party solution of Woman Suffrage. In the second place, by changing the qualification for the male suffrage from a limited to an unlimited basis, he made it impossible for women to accept the Conciliation Bill as a satisfactory settlement of their claim for equal franchise rights for men and women. The Women's Social and Political Union at once appointed a deputation to see Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George to lay their views before them and hear their reply. The Prime Minister fixed Friday last for receiving the deputation.

Mass Meeting in the Albert Hall.

On the eve of the deputation the W.S.P.U. held a mass meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, and carried a resolution calling on the Government to withdraw the Manhood Suffrage Bill, and introduce in its stead a measure giving equal franchise rights to men and women. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence announced that if the Government refused to concede these just demands she would herself lead a great demonstration of protest to Parliament Square on the Tuesday following. Miss Christabel Pankhurst explained to the meeting the trick which the Government were attempting to play on women, and the necessity for standing firm at this crisis in order to prove to the Government that they refused to be betrayed. A sum of over £4,000 was put together for the campaign fund of the W.S.P.U.

The Deputation at Downing Street.

At Downing Street the following day, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George received a deputation consisting of nine suffrage societies. The W.S.P.U. was represented by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs. Tuke, Miss Elizabeth Robins, Miss Annie Kenney, and Lady Constance Lytton. She pointed out to him that his declaration with regard to Manhood Suffrage had at once split the ranks of the supporters of Votes for Women in the House of Commons. It had alienated the members of the Unionist Party and many moderate Liberals. Without their votes Woman Suffrage could not be carried unless it became a Government measure and had behind it the united forces of the Coalition. Therefore, the W.S.P.U. demanded that the Government should make itself responsible for the inclusion of Woman Suffrage in the Government Reform Bill.

An Analogy from Irish Home Rule.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence drew an analogy from the case of Ireland. There had been a great agitation in that country for Home Rule, in response to which the Government were proposing to introduce an Irish Home Rule Bill. What would be the temper of the Nationalist party if the Government had proposed instead to introduce a Home Rule Bill for England, another for Scotland, another for Wales, and to leave Ireland under the Imperial Government? That was what the Government were proposing to do for women, and there was no answer to it except vigorous and determined protest. Representatives of other Suffrage Societies followed, who took various views of the political situation.

Mr. Asquith's Reply.

Mr. Asquith in his reply denied the imputation of bad faith, and contended that he was returning to the position he held in 1908. He quite understood the claim of the W.S.P.U., but was not prepared to accede to it. He, as an anti-suffragist, was prepared to bow to the will of the Commons, but he was not going to consent to the Government of which he was the head introducing a Woman Suffrage Bill. Mr. Lloyd George expressed the view that this position of the Prime Minister was entirely reasonable. But he hoped that a Woman Suffrage amendment would be carried to the Reform Bill. If this were done, those who said it was all a trick to balk women would look very foolish. To which Miss Pankhurst replied, "We shall not mind that if we get the vote."

View of "The Times."

In a remarkable leading article on the following morning, "The Times" discussed the situation, and pointed out that the diagnosis of the situation by the W.S.P.U. was entirely correct.

Woman Suffrage is not a party question; it cuts across the regular party lines, as Mr. Asquith said; and the support which has enabled it repeatedly to secure a majority in the House of Commons is drawn from all sides. But the Government propose to bring in a Reform Bill, which will be an out-and-out party measure. If they included Woman Suffrage in the Bill it might perhaps command the whole forces at the back of the Government; but they are not going to do that. They are going to let it be included as an amendment if the House chooses to have it. But in order to secure its adoption as a non-party measure, support would be required from the Opposition, which would be expecting them to treat a party measure as a non-party one. It would fall between two stools. Conservative supporters would be alienated and no pressure would be put on the Ministerial side to make up for them. If, on the other hand, the matter is left, which the National Union suggests as an alternative, to be dealt with in the form of the Conciliation Bill, it will not have the smallest chance of serious consideration. The way will be blocked by the Reform Bill. The Times proceeded to say that though as Anti-Suffragists they could not regret this result, nevertheless

the Suffragists had reason to complain of their treatment.

Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George subsequently unfolded his attitude through the medium of P.W.V.'s column in the Daily News and the London Letter in the Manchester Guardian. He proposes either to move or support an amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill, which shall extend the vote to women householders and to the wives of men electors. This amendment he professes to think he can carry through the House of Commons. There are two things to note about this, firstly, it would not bring about sex equality; it is not in accordance with the statement made by Mr. Lloyd George to the Men's Political Union at the Whitehall Tabernacle, when he advocated the Australian and New Zealand franchise, which is adult suffrage. Secondly, there is no real chance of this amendment being carried; Unionists would not vote for it; Liberal Anti-suffragists would not vote for it; Woman Suffrage can only be carried in one of two ways—either by the Coalition acting together solidly for a party bill, or by Suffragists of all political views voting for a non-party measure. Mr. Lloyd George's proposal is neither one nor the other, and would therefore fail.

How the W.S.P.U. Replied.

Faced by such trickery and chicanery there was only one reply possible to self-respecting women. That reply consisted of action. Action is always stronger and more convincing than words, and action the W.S.P.U. were prepared to take. On Tuesday many hundred women, led by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, made a demonstration of protest. The passive methods which had led to the brutal ill-usage of women in November last year were no longer resorted to. The procession of women from Caxton Hall to Parliament Square was reinforced by an immense number of militant women, who, with stones and hammers applied to the windows of the Government buildings and other adjacent property, manifested in an unmistakable manner their determination not to submit to injustice.

The Prisoners.

The total number arrested on Tuesday night amounted to 223, three of whom were men. Of these 114 were charged with damage, and the others with various offences. The prisoners included Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton, Mrs. Brailsford, Miss Wallace Dunlop, Mrs. Earl, Miss Joachim, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Patricia Woodlock, Miss Marie Naylor, Miss Winifred Mayo and many others who have suffered several previous imprisonments, as well as many new recruits such as Lady Sybil Smith, Mrs. Sudd Brown, Miss Edith Downing, Mrs. Mansell Moullin, Miss J. C. Methven, Miss Janie Allen, Dr. Marie Pethick (Mrs. Lawrence's sister), and Miss Janet Steer.

The Hearing at Bow Street.

Before we went to press on Wednesday night only a very small proportion of the cases had been disposed of at Bow Street. Some received sentences of a week, others 14 days, others 21 days, and others a month. A new feature of the proceedings was that several of the women who were charged with doing damage to a greater amount than £5 were committed for trial at the London Sessions. The remaining cases were adjourned till Thursday.

The Dates of Release.

The first batch of prisoners are due to be released from Holloway on the morning of Tuesday next, and will receive a very hearty welcome from members and friends of the Union. It has been arranged to hold the weekly meeting of the W.S.P.U. on Thursday next, in the Kensington Town Hall, instead of in the Steinway Hall, so as to give opportunities for a larger audience, and it is expected that the prisoners already released by that date will be present and will address the meeting.

Mr. Lloyd George at Bath.

Mr. Lloyd George is to speak at Bath to-day. Some time ago the W.S.P.U. were approached by the conveners of the meeting to know whether they would refrain from interrupting his speech. They answered that they were willing to do so provided Mr. Lloyd George would receive a deputation before the meeting and would also answer at the meeting three specific questions. These conditions, which the conveners of the meeting admitted were reasonable, were apparently refused by Mr. George, for the instruction was given that only certain privileged women were to be allowed in. Subsequently, when the Manhood Suffrage Bill was announced, the W.S.P.U. again approached Mr. Lloyd George to receive a deputation at Bath; this was categorically refused. The W.S.P.U. will therefore take their own means of bringing home to Mr. Lloyd George their view of his position.

Mr. Lytton's View.

Under the title "Mr. Lloyd George and the Ladies—Found Out," the Daily Mail prints an interesting extract from a recent speech of the Hon. Alfred Lytton, in the course of which he is reported to have said, "The dull masculine sex was often taken in by him (Mr. Lloyd George), but with ladies he did not fare so very well, for they had an instinctive judgment which penetrated to the heart of his fair words."

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LETTER FROM THE CO-EDITOR AND TREASURER, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

Dear Fellow Members of the Union and readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN:—I know you will rejoice with me in the splendid total raised in the Royal Albert Hall. The box collection alone totalled over £200. The gifts from the local unions amounted also to over £200. £50 was most generously promised by the Men's Political Union. What a symbol such gifts are of the close fellowship that binds together those women and men who are working in devotion to a common ideal, in comradeship and in communion of spirit and action. Altogether we raised for the War Chest the magnificent sum of £4,250.

And now for a time I must leave the financial cares of the Union in other hands. I know that you will support those who take my place in the responsibility of furnishing the sinews of war to the great army who are carrying on our campaign of freedom.

I want to commit specially to you all the work in connection with the Christmas Fair and Fête at the Portman Rooms, which opens next Monday week. Much of my time and thought for some months have been concentrated on this scheme. I desire ardently its success. I want it to be a great re-union of members from every part of the country and from every district in London. I regard it as a very special opportunity of bringing the outside public into touch with our movement, and in order to achieve this end it must be given the utmost publicity. There must be a campaign of handbill distribution, and letters of invitation must be sent out to the entire circle of friends and acquaintances which we individually possess.

Last, but not least, the Christmas Fair must furnish funds for the Campaign. So far as the Headquarters organisation is concerned, it is enough for me to know that it rests in the devoted and efficient hands of Mrs. Tuke, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and my other colleagues on the Staff. But now, as always, the essential element for success lies in the enthusiastic and concentrated co-operation of the thousands of individuals who constitute the strength of this movement. And to them I say, make the overwhelming success of the Christmas Fair a tribute to your comrades in prison, and show the world that Suffragettes are fighting their great battle with a merry as well as a determined heart.

Finally I commit to you all very specially during the next few weeks the interests of our paper, of which I am co-editor. Advertise it more widely than ever, extend its sale, and win new permanent subscribers.—Ever yours in communion of service,

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

THE NEXT PROTEST.

Send in your Names!

Already we have opened a new list of volunteers for active service. We must be prepared to repeat the impressive protest made last Tuesday. The Manhood Suffrage Bill must be killed in order that it may be replaced by a Government measure giving equal voting rights to men and women.

The political liberty of women depends at this crisis upon the courage and steadfastness of Members of the Union. They will fight, even though they fight alone, against the betrayal of the Cause to which the Union is pledged. Honour the women who played so brave a part on Tuesday by following their example.

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GIFTS IN KIND.

A feature of the Albert Hall meeting was the number of gifts of jewellery given by those who could not give money. Among the valuables given were a beautiful opal ring from Miss Mordau (sold for £20), 2 wedding rings, 2 bracelets, 3 rings, and a small pearl brooch, the latter sent by a Brighton member whose daughter wished to go on the Deputation but could not afford the price of the fare. Some members denied themselves the joy of going to the Albert Hall meeting, and gave to the fund the money that it would have cost them. Some of these are still on sale, and can be viewed on application at 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The Meeting on November 23 is being held at the Savoy Theatre, Strand, W.C., at 8 o'clock, and not at the Steinway Hall; and the Meeting on the following Thursday, November 30, will be held at 8 p.m. in the Kensington Town Hall, when the prisoners who received a week's sentence are expected to be present.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £250,000 FUND.

November 13 to November 17.

Table listing contributions to the £250,000 fund, including names and amounts. Total £197,873 0.

Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and crossed "Barclay and Co."

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DEPUTATION RECEIVED AT DOWNING STREET.

On six separate occasions of crisis in the past the Women's Social and Political Union have requested an interview with Mr. Asquith as Prime Minister, and have been invariably refused.

MISS CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

We are here to-day to discuss the practical question: how Woman Suffrage can be carried into effect at the earliest possible moment. We wish to say that in our opinion the non-party agitation, towards which we have been unitedly working, has now been rendered out of the question.

Miss Pankhurst: Aye, and their "whips" are even more important than their crooks. (Laughter.) The "whips" are essential. Individual members must know that they have got to turn up, because their absence members are a greater problem, or almost as great a problem, as those members who are opposed to Woman Suffrage.

Mr. Asquith: I do not know why you suspect it. (Laughter.) Miss Pankhurst: We feel that men in high office cannot give the same latitude to their personal feelings and views as the private member can.

Mr. Asquith: I think it will be the subject of amendment. Mr. Asquith: And exactly the same result may be produced by amendments of the Bill that might be produced by amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill.



Lady Constance Lytton, Miss Annie Kenney, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., about to leave Clements Inn for 10, Downing Street, on Friday. The other representatives of the W.S.P.U. were Mrs. Tuke and Miss Elizabeth Robins.

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monly support the demand made by the first speaker that the Government abandon this manhood suffrage measure and introduce instead a Bill to give equal franchise rights to men and to women in 1912, and that the Government undertake to stand or fall by the provisions for Votes for Women as by the provisions for votes for men.

THE CONSERVATIVE POSITION.

Lady Selborne said they were all agreed in the object arrived at, that women should have votes on the same terms as men, but with differences arose they were ready to accept a small measure as an instalment.

Lady Selborne: That we approve. If the Government incorporated women's suffrage in the Reform Bill we would recognise that the Government earnestly desired to meet the women's desires, but there seems no prospect of that.

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THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

Mrs. Despard said that she represented one of the militant societies, and they were agitating for rights even ahead of the men of Great Britain agitated in the past.

OTHER SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

Miss Gore Booth said she wanted to say on behalf of the working women, more especially in the North of England, that it was no use the Government expressing surprise at the disappointment and bitterness caused by the announcement of the Manhood Suffrage Bill.

Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett said she was desired by the actresses to say that they based their claim on their dual capacity of

wage earners and human beings. They were engaged all over Great Britain in pursuit of living, and they demanded that they should be given human rights.

THE NATIONAL UNION.

Mrs. Fawcett, speaking on behalf of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, said that they had now been working for forty-four years for woman suffrage, and that the Union now included over 300 societies.

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the protagonists and official sponsors of equality between the sexes in regard to franchise. I understand and respect that point of view, but it is one the Government have consistently disclaimed from the first. It is quite inconsistent with the convictions of a conscientiously held, and we have never given the idea that such was our intention and purpose.

The Government have nothing to do with it; they stand by and are neutral. The remedy lies in your own hands, and if you could persuade a majority of the members in the present House of Commons in the next session either in regard to the Conciliation Bill or in regard to the Reform Bill—for you shall certainly have an opportunity either in regard to one or the other—to introduce into that Bill the qualifications for the franchise for women, if the House of Commons is prepared to assent to them, I give you my assurance on behalf of the Government that they will accept the decision then come to, and will accept the measure and give facilities for it. That ought to satisfy you. Miss Pankhurst: We are not satisfied. Mr. Asquith: No, I don't expect to satisfy you.

Miss Pankhurst: You would not satisfy Mr. Redmond that way. Mr. Asquith: I do not know. I am quite prepared to put it to Mr. Redmond. At any rate, I think it ought to satisfy those who say the Government in this matter should behave fairly and reasonably, if divided between themselves. If it satisfies these reasonable demands, that is all I hope to do in a matter of this kind. Miss Annie Kenney asked if the Manhood Suffrage Bill was going to be introduced before the Conciliation Bill. Mr. Asquith: I would not like to say definitely, but it won't prejudice you in any way. Miss Kenney: If the Reform Bill is introduced before the Conciliation Bill it means that another eleven million men will be given the vote and the women will have to take their chance with a private Member's Bill. Mr. Asquith: It does not mean anything of the kind. Miss Kenney: Is the Conciliation Bill going to have priority? Mr. Asquith: I cannot say anything as to priority when the two measures will be introduced. It does not make any difference to your position.

Miss Kenney: It makes all the difference. Mr. Asquith: I understand and respect more about Parliamentary procedure than you do. It does not make the least difference in the world. You will have full opportunity of introducing, debating, and carrying your amendments, and the Government will be come responsible for them when they are carried. Miss Hoey: Will the women of Ireland be enfranchised under the Home Rule Bill? Mr. Asquith: That is a new point. We had better have a separate talk about that.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE. You have come here to-day to elicit the opinion and the decision of the Government with regard to the women's question, more especially in reference to the announcement made last week by the Prime Minister. The intentions of the Government have been already announced by the head of the Government, and it would be impertinent on my part to add anything on that head. The Prime Minister having reiterated his statement that as far as his colleagues are concerned this is a perfectly open question, I shall take the first opportunity of setting forth my views in reference to this matter.

The only thing I would say now is this—and I say it after twenty-one years' experience of Parliament—don't you commit yourselves too readily to the statement that this is a trick upon Woman Suffrage. If you find next year as a result of this "trick" that several millions of women have been added in a Bill to the franchise, that this Bill has been sent to the House of Lords by the Government, and that the Government stand by that Bill, whatever the Lords do, then those who have committed themselves to that ill-conditioned suggestion will look very foolish. (Applause, and Miss Pankhurst: We shall not mind that as long as we can get the vote,) and laughter.) Mrs. Fawcett expressed the thanks of the deputation, and the proceedings closed.

PRESS OPINIONS. THE TIMES.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies regards the Prime Minister's statement as a "distinct advance in the political situation," and considers it now "almost certain" that the enfranchisement of women will be realised next year either by amendment to the Reform Bill or by the Conciliation Bill. The Women's Liberal Federation, which had a separate interview with Mr. Lloyd George at his house, is also perfectly satisfied. On the other hand—and here comes the discord—the Women's Social and Political Union is equally or more dissatisfied. These ladies also have issued a statement, pointing out that the Government refuse to take up their case, but leave them to the opportunity afforded by a private member's amendment. They regard this decision as one of direct hostility, because a private member's amendment will have no chance of success, and a non-party solution

of the introduction of the Government measure. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who is one of the leading spirits in this organisation, found a trick on the part of the Government, and did not hesitate to tell Mr. Asquith as much to his face. After the interview she was evidently convinced that the trick had been, or is going to be, played. We confess to some difficulty in gathering with any certainty what the Government's real intentions are, and experience warns us against interpreting Mr. Asquith's words in their plain and obvious sense. These alone are sufficient reasons for thinking that the National Union has rushed somewhat hastily to a sanguine conclusion; but, apart from this, the Social and Political Union's diagnosis of the situation is surely the more correct. Woman Suffrage is not a party question; it cuts across the regular party lines, as Mr. Asquith said; and the support which has enabled it to repeatedly secure a majority in the House of Commons is drawn from all sides. But the Government propose to bring in a Reform Bill, which will be an out-and-out party measure. If they included Woman Suffrage in the Bill it might perhaps command the whole forces at the back of the Government; but they are not going to do that. They are going to let it be included as an amendment if the House chooses to have it. But in order to secure its adoption as a non-party free amendment, support would be required from the Opposition, which would be expecting them to treat a party measure as a non-party one. It would fall between two stools. Conservative supporters would be alienated and no pressure would be put on the Ministerial side to make up for them. If, on the other hand, the matter is left, which the National Union suggests as an alternative, to be dealt with in the form of the Conciliation Bill, it will not have the smallest chance of serious consideration. The way will be blocked by the Reform Bill.

It is, therefore, idle to pretend that the sudden appearance of the latter upon the horizon has not altered the situation. The prospects of the Conciliation Bill looked at least more favourable than those of any previous measure for enfranchising women, so far as Parliamentary support goes. We do not see how sufficient time could have been devoted to it in a Session loaded with Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment, not to mention anything else; but a Reform Bill of the most sweeping character upon the top of them puts it utterly out of the question. At the same time the agreement among the suffrage societies which the Bill represented, and from which it derived its name, has gone too, as the result of yesterday's interview. They would not be able to agree in the same way on an amendment to the Reform Bill, because it would open up a chance of demanding a more extended franchise than the moderate societies desire. From our own point of view, which is opposed to Woman Suffrage altogether, we cannot pretend to regret the turn that events have taken; but we must admit that the Suffragettes have some reason to complain of their treatment. Both Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George yesterday resented the imputation of having played a trick. Mr. Asquith takes great pride in his consistency, and is never so pious as when he is defending it. Yesterday he put the case in his best manner. His recent announcement of a Reform Bill with or without manhood suffrage was nothing new. Everything ought to have been prepared for it. Why, in 1908, he distinctly declared that the Government regarded it as a sacred duty to bring forward just such a measure before Parliament came to an end. True, they did not carry out that binding obligation, and not a word has been said about it from that day to this; but that is not his fault. It was in the doing of the House of Lords, who he merely proposes to fulfil that promise and also his promise about giving facilities for the Conciliation Bill. He is ready to keep both, and has not gone back on his word for a moment. Only it so happens that they are, in fact, incompatible; the realisation of both is impossible. He, of course, is not responsible.

THE MORNING POST. Their indignation knows no bounds, and yesterday, without any mincing of words, they accused the Government of trickery. Nor has the Government any valid defence. Despite Mr. Asquith's qualifications from the myriad pledges of his previous speeches, it is manifest that this sudden resolve for a Manhood Suffrage Bill next session was a device to extricate the Government from the awkward situation that might have been created by a discussion on the Conciliation Bill. By common practice a Franchise Bill ought to be followed by a dissolution, and, therefore, would not under ordinary circumstances be introduced until the last session of Parliament. As Mrs. Pethick Lawrence truly said, there had not been in the country any sign of an agitation for Manhood Suffrage, and the Government Bill is not the reply to any expressed demand on the part of the electors. That fact affords a strong argument against the action of Ministers in forcing a wide change in the franchise during the suspension of the Conciliation Bill. But does it justify the women's outcry? Not at all. What is the trick? It is simply a Parliamentary manoeuvre by which the true meaning of Woman Suffrage shall be apparent to the House of Commons and to the country. The real effect of the Government's action is to strip off the ingenious coverings which in the Conciliation Bill masked the effect of Woman Suffrage. The grant of votes to women on the same terms as they are granted to men must mean that sooner or later the majority of the electorate would be women.

The hall was crowded in every part when Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Pankhurst, Miss Goldstein, and Miss Annie Kenney mounted the platform. A beautiful bouquet from Mrs. Saul Solomon was presented, in the colours of the Union, with a "fiery cross" in scarlet flowers. Mrs. Lawrence then read a cablegram from Mrs. Pankhurst, who was that day in Minneapolis. She sent this message:— "I share your indignation at the Government's insult to women, and am ready to renew the fight. Shall return with practical help from America."

Then followed a special message from Mrs. Saul Solomon, who had been unable to sit or to walk or to write or to do anything without pain since "Black Friday." She wrote to say that she had found a doctor who had made her able to walk, and she was coming, if necessary, on Tuesday. She sent undivided sympathy and devotion, welcoming "every eager woman who at this tremendous crisis, having heard the divine trumpet call to action, feels constrained to follow you on Tuesday in our victorious deputation to the Government." Then followed the chairman's speech.

MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE. After a long period of truce with the Government, we meet to-night, a united army of the eve of battle; not because we have chosen to fight, not because we desire militancy, but because the Government has broken its terms of peace. The announcement of the intention of the Government to bring in a Manhood Suffrage Bill is a declaration of war upon the womanhood of the country. To refuse to take up this challenge would be to turn our backs upon public honour and public duty. We are going to put through this fight for women's emancipation, cost what it may. This meeting was, as you know, originally called together as a demonstration in support of the Conciliation Bill, which was first and foremost an attempt to save the face of the Government and yet to secure women the vote. For many years women had demanded

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"Liberty never yet failed those who are determined to have it."

It is easy to write an impression of the physical side of the momentous meeting held in the Albert Hall on Thursday last week, to describe the vast Hall and its towering tiers crowded with eager, enthusiastic men and women, and decked out in the familiar colours of the Union; to chronicle the thunderous applause which greeted the leaders as they came on to the platform, to enumerate the people, famous in many walks of life, who sat with them, to tell of the sympathetic messages and of the money which poured in at such a crisis—"We'll show them," the Treasurer said. It is easy, too, to report the speeches in cold print.

But what is impossible is to give an idea of the spiritual significance of the meeting. Some understood it. To them as they listened to the inspired speeches of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Pankhurst there was no hall, no city, no century—the figures on the platform, the crowded audience, had gone. They saw only the spirit of womanhood beating its wings against the last barriers that even as they watched seemed to give way. What mattered success or concession, what the disappointment or deception—nothing could check, nothing could daunt the spirit of womanhood. The movement had left the physical plane; the spirit of the speakers called to the spirit of those in the hall.

It was no time for debate, for small measures, for concessions, or compromises—the danger moment had come. Women were threatened with a degrading servitude; with all her power Mrs. Lawrence appealed to them, first to their pride and self respect; then to their sympathy for others; then to their own honest spirit, the call of duty, conscience, ethics, God; and it was no idle, ill-considered word when she said, "Speaking for myself, I would rather die than submit to such humiliation." Miss Pankhurst, too, lifted the movement out of the limits of time and space. Through the ages we saw the Empires which, as she said, had fallen to ruin and decay; and in the danger moment had come. 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WHY WE DID IT.

"How beggarly appears an argument before a defiant deed!" The brave action of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and her colleagues has brought reality into the situation and has destroyed the illusions—delusions we may even call them—momentarily created by the statements lately made by the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Proudly and indignantly the Government's sham offer has been rejected. How dignified, how wise, and how loyal do our fighters appear beside those others who are obsequiously ready to accept whatever and however little the powers-that-be may care to offer them!

We have been asked what is the practical difference between our demand for a Government measure and the plan of having an amendment moved. We reply that there is all the difference between success and failure. Our critics in remonstrating with us make grave admissions which entirely confirm our view. Thus the *Daily News* asserts that to concede our demand for a Government measure involves a split in the Cabinet. This shows how vast is the difference between this demand and the offer made in response to it, for no Minister in his senses would split the Cabinet on a point of merely sentimental and unreal importance.

If Woman Suffrage is made a Government measure, there is at stake, not that measure only, but the existence of the Government and all the other measures on their programme. Whereas if we depend on a mere amendment, nothing whatever is at stake except the women's cause itself, and if the amendment should be defeated the Government would continue their career and the various items on their programme would be carried as though nothing whatever had happened. That is to say, if the Women's Social and Political Union's demand is conceded, and the Government stake their existence on a measure giving votes to women, the members of the Coalition—Liberal, Labour, and Nationalist—will be absolutely determined to get this measure carried, because otherwise the defeat and resignation of the Government will follow, and their own causes of Home Rule, Welsh Disestablishment, and the rest will also come to destruction. They will become ardent and active supporters of Votes for Women, not only for our sake but for their own. Only a political infant can fail to see the vital necessity of such a safeguard. It is worth staking everything to gain it.

Mr. Lloyd George's statement that he will campaign in favour of the proposed amendment is no substitute

for this safeguard. His are the fair words that buter no parsnips! The Government's worthless offer, even when thus adorned, remains worthless still. In the first place, we notice that Mr. Lloyd George actually confesses to having gone back upon his declaration of principle made only a month ago to the deputation of the Men's Political Union. To this deputation he said, "I am in favour of giving the Suffrage to women on the exact lines on which it has been given in New Zealand and Australia." These terms are Womanhood Suffrage. In Australia and New Zealand every woman has the Vote. Yet now we learn that Mr. Lloyd George is not prepared to support the enfranchisement of all women in this country, and that he intends to speak in favour of an artificially restricted franchise for women, while at the same time he intends that all men shall have the vote. As an amendment, Womanhood Suffrage certainly could not be carried, but as a Government measure it could. On this point of honour and principle we are entirely and strongly opposed to Mr. Lloyd George.

Further than that, we put no faith at all in Mr. Lloyd George's promise of personal and unofficial support. Even the *Manchester Guardian*, his impassioned partisan, says:—"We do not say that the amendment will be carried." So long as the Government as a whole are not committed, Mr. Lloyd George's support of Woman Suffrage can, and will, be neutralised by the opposition of other Ministers.

These quarrels between Ministers must be settled in the privacy of the Cabinet Council. It is an amazing and unprecedented proposal that one set of Ministers shall campaign in favour of a reform, while another set of Ministers shall campaign against it. According to the theory and practice of the Constitution, the Cabinet must on all questions of importance act as one in support of a single policy. Mr. Chamberlain, during the last Unionist administration, finding himself at variance with his colleagues on the Fiscal Question, very soon resigned his office, but before he did so Mr. Asquith uttered, in the House of Commons, the following words of rebuke and criticism, words which apply with equal force to the present action of himself and his colleagues in declaring conflicting views on the Suffrage question. Said Mr. Asquith:—

"It is not only without precedent or example, it is an entire departure from the traditions and rules of our public life that, in a matter of this kind and of this importance, responsible Ministers should be allowed, not merely to emit on public platforms discordant opinions, but to pose as propagandists of two wholly irreconcilable views of public policy."

"I protest," added Mr. Asquith, "against a practice which, if once allowed, will put an end to Ministerial responsibility and Cabinet government."

In fact, there is one course, and one course only, for Mr. Lloyd George and the other Suffragist Ministers to take. It is to assert themselves, and to insist that as they form the majority of the Cabinet, their policy shall prevail and shall become the policy of the Government as a whole. We are convinced that Mr. Lloyd George has not attempted and does not desire to secure the adoption of Woman Suffrage as a Government measure. The reason for this is obviously a sinister one. Some people have advanced the theory that Mr. Lloyd George is so vain as to want to take to himself the whole credit for the enfranchisement of women. But this can hardly be the true explanation, because if he were to induce the Government as a whole to adopt the policy of women's enfranchisement, this would be a great personal triumph for himself.

There is no doubt at all that the Prime Minister is being encouraged to hold out against Votes for Women, and that he is playing Jorkins to Mr. Lloyd George's Spenlow. It is difficult to understand why he should consent to play this odious part, leaving other Ministers, equally guilty, to make a bid for credit and popularity at his expense. Even if he were the real obstacle, we should still protest against the view that a Prime Minister is entitled to indulge his own prejudices in a manner contrary to public opinion and injurious to the public interest.

But, as a matter of fact, the Prime Minister has already abandoned his old ground of uncompromising hostility to Woman Suffrage by declaring that he will abide by the decision of the House of Commons. Having consented to do this, he can with as much reason and consistency consent to abide by the decision of the Cabinet. So far as he is concerned there is no difference in principle between bowing to the will of the Cabinet and bowing to the will of the Commons. Yet the difference to us is vital and tremendous!

Why do Mr. Lloyd George and the Cabinet refuse to make Woman Suffrage a Government measure? The reason is plain—they are preparing for us the slip that lies 'twixt cup and lip. Happily, we are alive to the danger that confronts us and the spirit of bravery shown on Tuesday is the promise that we shall triumph in spite of it.

Christabel Pankhurst.

THE GREAT PROTEST OF WOMEN.

Demonstration in Parliament Square. Many Windows Broken. 223 Arrests.

On Tuesday last a great protest was made by women against the proposed Manhood Suffrage Bill. Many hundred women took part. Some congregated in Caxton Hall and endeavoured to force their way from there into Parliament Square. Others joined the demonstration from different directions. The windows of the Government Offices in Whitehall were wrecked and the windows of other places, including some of the political clubs, fared a similar fate. Altogether 220 women and 3 men were arrested, the majority for breaking windows and the remainder on other charges, including that of obstructing the police.

AN IMPRESSION.

By Henry Newson.

Happily it was a fine frosty evening, and the hundreds of police who were stationed around Parliament Square at dusk, and had to remain there till midnight, did not get wet. Nor did the more unhappy detectives, who hung about the W.S.P.U. offices and shops, looking as conspicuously innocent as detectives always do. I passed through the Square at seven o'clock. It was already crowded, and a full battalion of police was massed in three companies there, while many hundred more were held in reserve, besides a squadron of mounted police. If force could protect the Members of Parliament, who happened that evening to be discussing the question of mistresses and maids, certainly those domestic gentlemen were secure. One felt that a Member's place is the House.

At Caxton Hall things were busy, as they usually are when "General" Drummond, smiling and imperturbable, is organising events. But, except in the spectators' gallery, the hall was not crowded. The report had gone out that the police would shut and barricade the gates, thus hoping to catch the whole demonstration like birds in a net. It was a fine idea, but in vain is the net laid in the sight of any suffragette. Means had been provided for breaking through all bolts and bars, and the exit would have been only more interesting. But to avoid the chance of accident large numbers of the volunteers were being sent out quietly in squads of ten at a time to be ready to support the general body in the square. However, no attempt at "botting in" was made, and the gates of the hall remained as freely open as the vote will be to all male persons under the threatened and detested Bill.

At 7.15 Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Pankhurst arrived. The platform filled. Mrs. Saul Solomon was there, still suffering from her severe injuries on Black Friday a year ago. Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Balfour, Mrs. Mansell Moulton, Miss Vida Goldstein, Dr. Pethick, and many other distinguished leaders of the movement were there too. At 7.40 Miss Pankhurst took the chair, and in that stirring voice of hers, an excellent thing in warfare, she read the resolution that was to be taken to the House. It dwelt upon two of the main points on which the strength of the Union's opposition in the present situation depends—the insult done to women by the Manhood Suffrage Bill, and the refusal of women to come into their rights on chance divisions taken on a private member's amendment. It therefore called on the Government to withdraw their proposal of Manhood Suffrage and introduce a Bill on terms of equality. Miss Pankhurst supported the resolution in a brief but admirable statement. As usual, she was happy in quoting a great authority, when she recalled the words of Mill, who refused to support Manhood Suffrage without the grant of an equal right to women, because Manhood Suffrage alone would only serve as one more rivet to the chains on half the human race.

Mrs. Lawrence then spoke with similar brevity, and a few minutes before eight o'clock led the demonstration to the doors, without fuss or delay. She walked alone at their head, the remainder following in two deep. Wheeling to the left, they advanced some 40 yards down the street, and then came up against the first cordon of police. A struggle began at once, and it seemed as though we should get no further. But the object of the police was only to break the demonstration into small parties. Some six or ten were suddenly let through with Mrs. Lawrence, and they went on alone. We who came in the second detachment did not see her again, though we hurried up Victoria Street as fast as the crowd would

let us. I was told that she was at last about this time that my friend Dr. Soame, the well-known Russian writer, who has suffered years in Russian prisons for liberty, was arrested, Mr. Victor Duval was also arrested there for climbing the railings on to the grass and taking the number of a policeman. On the whole, however, the behaviour of the police showed great improvement since last year. Some women were hurt—one or two badly—but I heard no complaint against the police for willful or malignant violence. As to the crowd, it was helpless, as usual in London, swaying too and fro, rushing hither and thither in terror of the horses and police. But, with hardly an exception, it was strongly sympathetic with the women, and cheered them with real enthusiasm. Of course, many had come from mere curiosity, and one at least maintained his enthusiasm by more substantial considerations, for he took my watch. But the general sympathy and behaviour proved how wise the Union was in holding the demonstration at night, among working people, instead of among the idle and wealthy classes of the afternoon.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE

From Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Leader of the Demonstration. COURAGE.

(The Poem reproduced by kind permission of the "Spectator.")

She has no need of sword or spear,
She shelters in no guarded place,
She watches danger drawing near,
And fronts it with a smiling face.

Not hers the dull, unseeing eye,
Blind fury, and the lust of blood,
Across her soul no tempests fly,
No passions surge in angry flood.

Where'er the sons of men are found,
And hearts aspire and deeds are done,
There Courage walks on holy ground
With Joy attained and Freedom won,

B. PAUL NEUMAN.

"One with his foot on vanquished pain." That is Joy. One does not win joy by shrinking from sorrow or by escaping pain. The only real joy is the joy that has put pain and fear under foot. May that joy be ours, and we shall be rewarded a thousand times over for anything that we are able to do for this great Cause. When I go into the Square to-morrow I shall take with me one of my treasured possessions. It is a little, old-fashioned Russian cross. On one side is the crucifix, on the other side is the figure of the Mother and the Child. That seems to me to represent the whole human idea of this movement. It is a fight for the deliverance of humanity—crucified humanity. Not only Man crucified, but the Woman doubly crucified—crucified on the cross of humanity and crucified also on the cross of motherhood. That is the inspiration at the back of our movement. It is love of womanhood; love of childhood; love of the human race; love that must have its hands unbound so that those hands may be stretched out to help and minister to all who are in bondage and suffering. That love alone can inspire us to go forward, cost what it may. And that love will inspire you, and that love will make you listen to the call of public duty, and together we will go forward to-morrow in the consciousness that it is not only for our nation that we strive. We know that what is done to-morrow will send its echo round the whole world, and that wherever womanhood is crushed, and wherever humanity is sorrowing, there will come a new word of hope, a new word of inspiration, a new spirit that will bid the despairing arise, will show them the dawn, and will whisper to them that they themselves can and shall break their fetters.

At the London Pavilion, Nov. 20.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

domitable cripple, being carried shoulder high by four policemen in her little tricycle or wheel-chair that she propels with her arms. Amid immense cheering from the crowd, she followed the rest into the police-station.

In Whitehall and Parliament-street themselves a continuous excitement was maintained all through the evening, because no one knew where the next window might be broken. One would hear a crash, and in the midst of the crowd some silent and self-possessed woman would suddenly be seized and rushed away. Many of the window breakers, however, escaped arrest, owing to the density of the crowd itself, and a few escaped by strategy. In Whitehall, I think the Treasury suffered most—no doubt in compliment to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Scottish Education offices suffered, too, owing to its proximity rather than its merits. The War Office, which I at first thought escaped lightly, was roughly treated also, one leading Suffragette having broken five windows on her own, and there were many others there engaged. But all suffered, and the National Liberal Club, the savage den of manhood suffrage, was not forgotten.

As I went to work in Fleet Street soon after ten a grey-haired lady beside me suddenly dashed a stone through a window of the Charing Cross post-office, and stood stoic until a policeman led her off to Bow Street. Her example was at once followed by two others, but only one of them was captured. That was the last I was able to see of the demonstration, and I think it was one of the last actions of the 220, or whatever the exact number may be.

MEETING AT CAXTON HALL.

Before the demonstration began a meeting was held in Caxton Hall.

On the platform were Lady Sybil Smith, Mrs. Saul Solomon, Miss Neligan, Mrs. Mansell Moulton, Mrs. Stanley Mappin, Mrs. Walter Dodgson, Dr. Pethick, Mrs. Hensley, Mrs. Monk Mason, Mrs. Lowy, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Methven, Miss Jamie Allen, Mrs. Darent Harrison, and Miss Rinder.

The audience cheered enthusiastically, waving handkerchiefs and flags, and shouted, "Bravo!" The various points of the resolution were accentuated with cheers and shouts of approval.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., who presided, described the Government's pronouncement as a trap which the Suffragists declined to enter. The Government were trying to befool the Suffragists with the assertion that there was no practical difference between what they were asking for and what the Government were offering. If there was no difference why were they told in the same breath that if they proceeded in their claim the result would be to split the Cabinet? She moved the following resolution:—

This meeting condemns the Government's announcement of a Manhood Suffrage Bill as a grave and unpardonable insult to women; firmly refuses to allow the political enfranchisement of women to depend upon a mere amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill; demands that the Government abandon the Manhood Suffrage Bill and introduce and carry in the next Session of Parliament a measure giving precisely equal franchise rights to men and women. And further the meeting declares its resolve to enforce this reasonable demand upon the attention of the Government and of the electors by vigorous and determined militant action.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence said that the objective of the deputation was to protest on the floor of the House of Commons, in the presence of all the members, against the deep insult of Manhood Suffrage that had been offered to the womanhood of the country. Nothing would make them turn their backs except, of course, physical force. She warned the Government and the authorities that if any attempt were made to follow out the treatment of "Black Friday" the consequence would be upon their own heads.

"We who are on this deputation to-night," continued Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, "are already outside our body. We know that our hands, our feet, and all that we have are being used by the great Spirit to carry out the great purposes of His will. It is that which destroys any possibility of anxiety or fear or consciousness of pain. We know that here we offer and present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice for all those great sins of the world whose tap-root is in sex domination. We go to-night not only to fight for the freedom of the women of our own country, but to carry a message of deliverance to the whole world." As soon as she had finished her speech Mrs. Pethick Lawrence led the way out of the

building at the head of a contingent, which included Lady Sybil Smith and Mrs. Cobden Sanderson.

"LORD THROUGH THIS HOUR."

At seven o'clock on Tuesday morning a special celebration of the Holy Communion took place at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill, by kind permission of the Rev. Percy Dearmer, for the purpose of making Divine help and protection for the Suffragists taking part in the demonstration in Parliament Square.

IN THE LOBBY.

During the evening Mr. Alban Gordon and Miss Lillian Bradburn (of Wolverhampton) successfully reached the Lobby of the House of Commons.

SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS.

The following extracts are taken from the account in the Standard:—

The preparations for the coming engagement were exceedingly impressive. The policemen stood in a double line, looking massive enough to resist any pressure. Strong bodies of them marched up and down, appearing from St. Stephen's Yard and all sorts of other hiding places to take up their positions.

For a few minutes there was a lull, and then sporadic attacks were renewed. The green-hatted lady appeared once more, and with her an elderly woman with a delicate lace shawl over her head.

Parliament Square itself was the scene of the next attack, and a determined rush was made at the police cordon drawn up by St. Margaret's Church, and barring the approach to the House of Commons.

ARREST OF MRS. LAWRENCE.

The Daily Chronicle thus describes the arrest of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence:—

She was surrounded by police—about 20 of them—who were pushing her this way and that as she struggled with them. My gaze followed them hard, now here, now there, in many different parts of the crowd, as those stalwart men surrounding her were carried on the beating waves of this human tide.

of police this woman was quite helpless, but the police, perhaps not wisely, were pushing strenuously against each other, and now one side gained the day, and now another, as in a tug-of-war.

To their credit it must be said that they were thoroughly good humoured. "Now, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence!" they would say, as though remonstrating with her mildly for all the trouble she was giving.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

The following extracts are taken from the account in the Daily Telegraph:—

Last night the Suffragists renewed their militant tactics on a comprehensive plan, which included a raid on the House of Commons and the smashing of windows in many Government offices, the National Liberal Club and other buildings in the Strand and the West End.

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bags containing stones, made a dash up Parliament Street and Whitehall, smashing the windows of the Government offices that line the west side of the thoroughfare as they passed.

Finding their way into Parliament Square barred by police cordons, a number of the women started, in a most business-like way, to throw stones through the windows of the different Government offices.

Four harmless-looking girls walked slowly past the police outside the House of Commons, quickly pulled stones out of their pockets and flung them through the windows.

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The Westminster Gazette says:—

A MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

PRESS VIEWS.

THE MORNING ADVERTISER.

There are only two possible courses. Either the claims of the women must be conceded, or the disorder which their agitation causes must be put down by force. It may even be necessary to resort to corporal punishment.

DAILY EXPRESS.

Mr. Asquith has made his vote-catching promise of a Manhood Suffrage Bill, and however the embryonic Bill, with its vague colonial provisions, there is no doubt that the threat of such a Bill has wholly changed the situation.

Under the menace of Mr. Asquith's threat to gerrymander the electorate, suffragism might make new friends in high-society quarters.

THE GLOBE.

Really, the excited ladies who want the vote handed out to them hot from the oven so to speak ought to try to behave in a slightly more reasonable, not to say a more ladylike, way.

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THE CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The unsatisfactory thing about the Government's plan is that it leaves woman suffrage to take its chance of becoming a part of the Bill.

As for the House of Commons itself, its own freedom, even when invited and encouraged, will prove, we fancy, unequal to the responsibility of adding several millions of women to an already too numerous electorate.

The ladies have not been slow to display their distrust and dissatisfaction. The trace has been declared at an end, and the militants are now "going to bring pressure to bear on the Government."

AT BOW STREET ON WEDNESDAY.

23 Cases Disposed of. 6 Sent for Trial. The Remainder Adjudged till Thursday.

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The constable, giving evidence, said that about eight o'clock he was in the Strand, and saw Mrs. Boyd throw a large stone through the window of Somerset House, doing damage to the extent of about two or three shillings, and she was about to throw another when he prevented her.

Long before the opening of the court a crowd of about three hundred women assembled outside the court, but only about forty gained admission, in addition to a number of men.

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that Constable Ward handed over custody of prisoner to him while he went to the premises at which the window had been broken.

The manager of Messrs. Dunn's, hatters, 429, Strand, said the shop was closed when the damage was done. Two windows were broken, both of them about 10 ft. by 8 ft., and estimated the damage at about £20.

The prisoner was remanded till Thursday morning. She refused bail.

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Miss Kathleen Houston and Miss Marjorie Hasler were the next prisoners.

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First Offenders.

Against Miss Annie Ainsworth and Miss Katherine Broadhurst, the constable said at 8.50, in the Strand, he saw Annie Ainsworth carrying what appeared to be a hammer tied up in brown paper.

The constable gave evidence saying that at five past ten he saw three ladies outside the West Strand Post Office, 447, Strand. He saw one prisoner throw a stone and run, and immediately afterwards the other threw a stone at the same window.

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SENTENCES AND ADJOURNMENTS.

Every care has been taken to make the following list correct but owing to the shortness of time available one or two errors may occur.

SENTENCED TO SEVEN DAYS.

- To be released Tuesday, Nov. 28. The following received a sentence of seven days, with the alternative of paying fines and damages: Atinworth, Miss Annie...

SENTENCED TO FOURTEEN DAYS.

- To be released Tuesday, Dec. 5. The following were sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment with the alternative of paying fines and damages: Alkham, Mrs. Mary...

SENTENCED TO TWENTY-ONE DAYS.

- The following were sentenced to twenty-one days' with an alternative of paying fines and damages: Ardabla, Mrs. Helen...

SENTENCED TO ONE MONTH.

- To be released Thursday, Dec. 21. The following were sentenced to one month's imprisonment, the first three without the option of a fine, the last with the alternative of paying a fine and doing good damages: Ardabla, Mrs. Helen...

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

- The following were committed to come up for trial at the London Sessions, Tuesday, December 5. In the meanwhile they have been released on bail: Atinworth, Miss Annie...

CASES PARTLY HEARD.

- Adams, Mrs. Eleanor. Akin, Mrs. M. Violet. Albert, Miss Sophie. Allan, Miss Janie...

CASES ADJOURNED.

- Not having been heard when the Court rose on Wednesday night: Adams, Mrs. Eleanor. Akin, Mrs. M. Violet...

AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

At the Mansion House, Mrs. Arnecliffe Semant was charged with threatening behaviour through a breach of the peace which had been provoked. Evidence was given that she had broken a window in the Daily Mail office...

- Dunlop, Miss Marion Wallace. Dunlop, Miss Alice Lilla. Duxbury, Miss Margaret...

PROTESTS AGAINST MANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

THE LABOUR LEADER. Shall we then accept the bill held out by the Government? We could only support Manhood Suffrage by a dishonourable sacrifice of principle...

If the Government did not intend to trink the women out of the franchise as a just man should be, leaving them merely its shadow, they would never seriously suggest that a Constituency Bill and a Manhood Suffrage Bill should be brought into Parliament within a few weeks of each other...

Now as always the I.L.P. stands for the sound principle that every man should have a vote because he is a man and every woman because she is a woman without sex barrier or property qualification...

THE PEOPLE'S SUFFRAGE FEDERATION.

The People's Suffrage Federation have addressed a letter to the Prime Minister, in the course of which they say: The Federation proposes to advocate the single franchise for all adult men and women as the only just, reasonable and practical method of enabling the people to express their political views through the vote...

MIDLAND EVENING NEWS.

It is certainly no matter for surprise that the Women's Social and Political Union are dissatisfied with the result of the deputations to the Prime Minister who waited on him yesterday. The result only bears out one feature which the projected intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for Manhood Suffrage would do to the women's franchise...

AT THE LONDON PAVILION.

'Till to-morrow!' In these words the spirit of the crowded meeting at the London Pavilion on Monday afternoon may be described. It hardly needed to be expressed, it permeated the theatre, filled as it was with men and women determined to see the fight through to the end. The straightforward, manly speech of Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., was greeted with sounds of applause. There could be said Mr. Lansbury, nothing more insulting to the women's movement, than that the Government of the day, in this particular year of grace, should tell us that it was their proposal to enfranchise men without bringing women into their Bill. It was all very well for the Government to say that they would allow an amendment to be moved, but everyone in the House of Commons, whether a member of the day, in this particular year of grace, should tell us that it was their proposal to enfranchise men without bringing women into their Bill...

HITCHIN BY-ELECTION.

Candidates: Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. T. D. Grogan. Result: Mr. Cecil elected. On Monday, Nov. 20, the by-election at Hitchin took place. Mr. Cecil was elected by a large majority.

LABOUR PARTY DECLARATION.

The Parliamentary Labour Party, at its meeting on Thursday, November 16, when Mr. Ramsey MacDonald presided, passed the following resolution:—The Labour Party welcomes the announcement of the Prime Minister that it is the intention of the Government to deal next session with the question of electoral reform, re-iterates its demand for a complete and fundamental reform, and declares that no measure for the extension of the franchise will be satisfactory which does not include the following:—1. The Labour Party welcomes the announcement of the Prime Minister that it is the intention of the Government to deal next session with the question of electoral reform...

LABOUR PROTESTS AGAINST MANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst again explained the position created by the forecast of a Manhood Suffrage Bill. The Government had made manhood suffrage a party question; they must now make it a party measure. Women had had enough of former hopes; they were out for certain. The W.S.P.U. were not satisfied with the answer to their deputation on Friday. They had told Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George that they were not satisfied, and had given them to understand that immediate action would be taken. Nothing moves in either direction now, and we are less for it now. They say we are too busy after half a century of agitation. The first thing we do, is to get the Labour vote for the Government. We did not care about reputation when we began this work, and we care less for it now. They say we are too busy after half a century of agitation. The first thing we do, is to get the Labour vote for the Government...

DEPUTATIONS.

The Home Secretary has consented to receive a deputation from his constituency on the subject of the Women's Suffrage. The interview will take place at the Home Office at 3 o'clock to-day (Friday).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Steinway Hall, November 27. The Men's Political Union have arranged an important meeting to take place at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, on Monday, November 27, at 8 p.m.

London Meetings.

The meeting at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W., on Monday next, November 27, at 3.15 p.m., will be addressed by Miss Elizabeth Robins, Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., and Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

Christmas Fair and Fete.

The Hon. Lady Johnston will open the Fair and Fete at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, W., on Monday, December 4, at 3 p.m. The Lady Sybil Smith will be in the chair.

LIBERAL HOOLIGANS.

At a Conservative meeting at Pirton, says the Evening Times of November 22, there was a scene of rowdiness on the part of the Liberals.

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

The Thursday evening meeting on November 23 is not being held at the Steinway Hall, but at the Grand Theatre, Strand, W.C., at 8 p.m. The speakers are Miss Garrett Anderson, M.D., Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq.

Table listing various meetings and events across London from Friday to Friday, including locations like Brixton, Hackney, and various halls.

LEGAL ADVICE FOR WOMEN.

"It is more to the advantage of a woman nowadays," says a male correspondent of Women's Life, "to tell how to get compensation for an accident, or how to get rid of a bad husband."

CORRECTION.

In Chorley Wood report last week, Mrs. Rymack should have read Mrs. Rymack, and Miss Fleet's gift as towel shawl, not towel shawl.

MRS. MARGARET MURPHY.

Those who were interested in the petition on behalf of the release of Mrs. Margaret Murphy will be glad to know that 12,034 signatures were sent to the Home Secretary on Friday last, and that a further list of over 5,000 has been sent this week.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. MARSHALL

Christmas Fare, Farm Produce and Flowers.

Secs.—Mrs. H. Littlejohn, 17, Windsor Court, Moscow Road, Baywater, W.; Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silen Street, Ipswich.

Miss Vida Goldstein addressed a splendid meeting in Andover Town Hall on November 15. The Countess of Selborne presided, and was supported by the Mayor.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FETE, DEC. 4 TO 9.

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REFRESHMENT ROOM. Premises of food to be sent to Mrs. Tuckwell, 4, Ingoldby Mansions, Avenue Road, West Kensington. Offers of help as waitresses in refreshment room should be sent to Mrs. Walter Sykes, 28, Whitehall Court, London, S.W.; Mrs. Douglas, 13, Stanhope Place, Marble Arch, W.

WELSH STALL. Will all friends who intend contributing towards the Welsh Stall send in their gifts (ready priced), on or before Nov. 27.

WOOLLEN STALL. Contributions to Miss Wheeler, Middleton Lodge, Cheltenham. A special appeal is made for woollen goods.

OTHER STALLS AND STALL SECRETARIES. ANTIQUE STALL. Mrs. Thomas, Llanwrnyn Park, Newport, Mon.

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Sec.-Mrs. East, 21, Brandenburgh Road, Chiswick.
Parcels are gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Benson, Miss Heath, "Carris Anne and Lily" and Miss Crash. All articles for the lucky tub should be sent in quickly now as time is getting short.

MILLINERY.
Sec.-Mrs. Reginald Pitt, 11, Scarsdale Villas Kensington.
Mrs. Reginald Pitt would like to remind all those who are kindly giving her hats for her stall that they should be sent to the above address by November 25. She hopes that all members are waiting until the Fete and Fair opens to buy their winter hats. The following firms have already most generously promised hats:-

Madame Agutter, South Molton Street, W.; Miss Angus, 4, Canfield Street, W.; Madame Atkins, Harwood Place, Hanover Square; Messrs. John Barker, Kensington, W.; Miss Caplin & Ballard, Heath Street, Hampstead; Madame Corelli, 137, Kensington High Street; Madame Elizabeth South Molton Street, W.; Madame Emily, Woking, Surrey; Messrs. Daniel Evans, Sheffield; Madame Faughnan, 137, East's Court Road, S.W.; The French Hat Shop, 322, Regent Street, W.; Messrs. Glyn, 210, Earl's Court Road, S.W.; Messrs. J. J. Harries & Company, Oxford Street, W.; Messrs. W. H. Hunt & Company, Kensington High Street; Messrs. Jones, 200, Earl's Court Road, S.W.; Messrs. Liberty, Regent Street; Miss Amy Klotz, 6, Great Marlborough Street; Miss Mulberry, Grafton Street, Bond Street; Mr. William Owen, Westbourne Grove; Messrs. Oakes & Boncourt, Brompton Road; Messrs. Poynting, Kensington; Messrs. Peter Robinson, Regent Street; Miss Rochford, 34, Baker Street, W.; Miss Rende Le Roy, 71, Park Street, Grosvenor Square; Miss Mildred Trim, 74, Wain, Willesden.

FAIR SECTION.
Sec.-Alan R. Maccoy, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

Only one more week remains now before the opening of the Fair, and members who intend to help are asked to send in their names at once. Names are specially wanted for the afternoon and financial aid is most imperative. The strain on the finances for initial expenses would be greatly lightened if those members who cannot take part in the active work of the Union were to help with subscriptions. The following articles are urgently needed:-Five dozen wooden balls for the shies; one gross small envelopes for holding quantities of six shillings; small articles such as boxes of cigarettes, chocolates, bonbons, and home-made sweets, small pianos, cakes of good soap, and any other small articles one can think of for the hoop-la; two painted tambourines for collecting boxes at the Punch and July 4. Lady friend who would offer to dress the Punch and July dolls would be welcomed. In addition to the Punch show there will be two well-known entertainers, viz. J. Collins, who will present his Drawing Room Scene, and Maurice Garland, the "Merry Magician." Both these gentlemen are well-known society entertainers, the latter having the honours of performing before their Majesty the King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family. Professor Giorgio will also give his good services in conjuring during the week. Thanks to the following friends for their help:-Madame A. Myers, Miss Barnett, Mrs. H. P. Pratt, Mrs. H. P. Sanderson, Mrs. Pryke, Miss Coomber, Miss Waldrop, sent Mrs. W. Wrightwick, soap and sachets; Mrs. Underhill, soap, sachets, handkerchiefs and large poster; Mrs. and Miss Harvey, hand-painted handkerchief and lavender sachets;

SOAP, SCENT, & HANDKERCHIEFS.
Sec.-Miss Wilson, 5, East Cliff, Dover.
Contributors are urgently asked to send in their gifts not later than to-morrow (Saturday). Gratefully acknowledged:-F.R. in Canterbury medals, per Miss Burch; Mrs. Horsley, handkerchiefs; Miss Romanes, handkerchief sachets; Mrs. Walker, soap, sachets and handkerchiefs; Miss Spinner, handkerchiefs; Mrs. Gilman, handkerchiefs; Miss Sanderson, Mrs. Pryke, Miss Coomber, Miss Waldrop, sent Mrs. W. Wrightwick, soap and sachets; Mrs. Underhill, soap, sachets, handkerchiefs and large poster; Mrs. and Miss Harvey, hand-painted handkerchief and lavender sachets;

Mr. Bing, case of scent and soap; also Mrs. F. Furley, £1; Mrs. Newman (per Miss Burch), 10s. From Dover members: Miss Spink, 5s.; Mrs. Peater, 5s.; Mr. Bottle, 5s.; Miss Taylor, Mrs. Hay, Miss Seys Howell, Miss Darnall, soap; Miss Whishaw, handkerchiefs and soap. Per Miss Hazel Inglis: Mrs. Humphord and Miss Graves, Indian embroidered handkerchiefs. Per Miss Worstold: Miss Nell Key, 2s.

Miss Isabel Seymour will be glad of large quantities of evergreens for the decoration of part of the Portman Rooms. Ivy with berries and Holly with berries are chiefly required. Evergreens may be sent to Miss Seymour, c/o Miss Brackenhurst, 2, Campden Hill, W., not later than November 24. Any member who is accustomed to make evergreen decorations is asked to communicate with Miss Seymour, at 4, Clements Inn, who will be glad to supply the material under any circumstances that may be required.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.
Hon. Election Mistress - Miss Rosa L. Lo. Sec. - Mrs. Ashworth Hamilton, 4, Victoria, W. Hon. Secretary - Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.
More speakers are wanted, as many meetings will have to be held during the coming months. Will those who can do this work therefore join these classes, which are an excellent means of obtaining up-to-date facts and of gaining confidence before speaking at street corners? There is also a library for members of the class, so that everyone can get well grounded in all subjects. To-night the speakers will discuss "the present position of the movement from the point of view of the W.S.P.U.," Miss Leo's private classes take place every Saturday at 4 p.m., and every Tuesday at 7.45 p.m., by kind permission of Mrs. Arden, at 41, Norfolk Square, W. All communications regarding these should be addressed to Miss Leo, and those concerning the public classes to Miss Hale.

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The Members' At Home will be held at 2, Robert Street, to-day (Friday), at 3 p.m. The hostess will be Mrs. Vascy. Speeches on the Deputation to the Prime Minister and the Militant Action by Mrs. Audley Scott, Mrs. Maud Hoffman, Miss Muriel Maitland and Miss Wilfrid Mayo. A meeting will be held in the Grand Hall of the Criterion Restaurant on Friday, December 1st, at 4 p.m., at which Miss Rosa Leo will, by special request, repeat her rendering of "The Awakening," which was so much appreciated at the last At Home. Mrs. Gertrude E. Holroyd, Miss Annie Williams, Mrs. Christine, Mrs. Marion, and Mrs. J. J. Jones will take the chair.

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MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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Organiser - Miss Lillian Mitchell, Shop 7, Bon Accord Street, Hon. Sec. - Miss Emily Fucall.
Fri., Nov. 24 - Inverurie Town Hall, Miss Lucy Burns, B.A. Chair: Provost Strathairn, 8 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 25 - Aberdeen, Cafe Vegetaria, Miss Lucy Burns, B.A., 3.30 p.m. - Demonstration, Wallace Monument, 8 p.m.

BATH.
Shop 12, Walcot St. Hon. Organiser - Mrs. Mansel, Hon. Sec. - Miss G. H. H. Fucall.
Sat., Nov. 25 - Assembly Rooms, Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.
Office - 57, John Bright Street, Tel. 143 Midland.
Organiser - Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Havel.
Wed., Nov. 23 - Birmingham, Town Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., Vice-mistress, Womero. Chair: L. S. Amery, Esq., M.P., 8 p.m.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.
Office - 4, North Street, Quadrant, Tel. 463 Nat. Organiser - Miss G. Allen.
Sat., Nov. 25 - Sea Front, G. Harding, Esq., 3.30 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 26 - Sea Front, G. Harding, Esq., 11.30 a.m.
Tue., Nov. 28 - Assembly Rooms, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield. Chair: Miss Elizabeth Robins, 8 p.m.

CARDIFF.
Organiser - Miss Rachel Barrett, 93, Ninian Road.
Will all members who can help in any way towards working up Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting on November 30 write to the organiser.
Thurs., Nov. 30 - Cardiff, Park Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.
Office - 61, Northgate, Organiser - Miss Fraser Smith, M.A., Hon. Sec. - Miss McFarlane.
Sat., Nov. 25 - South at Flower Market, 2.10 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 29 - 61, Northgate, 8 p.m.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.
Shop and Office - 62, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, G.2.
Tel.: 619, Charing Cross, Organiser - Miss Wylie, Hon. Sec. - Miss Charming Cross, Hon. Sec. - Miss Parker, 3.30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 2 - Jubilee Sale.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD.
Organiser - Miss Annie Williams, 1, Pittwilliam St. West, Huddersfield.
Fri., Nov. 24 - Huddersfield, Parsonal Hall, Miss C. Kilburn, Miss Annie Williams, 3.30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 23 - Rippudon, Zion Congregational School, Miss Gertrude E. Holroyd, Miss Annie Williams, 7 p.m.

HAMMERSMITH.
Hon. Sec. - Miss Harriet Clarke, 67, Queensborough Terrace, Bayswater, W.4.
Tickets for the entertainment on November 28 are to be obtained from Mrs. M. M. P. King, 11, West Kensington; Mrs. Row, 11, Irving Mansions, Queen's Club Gardens, W.6, and from the Hon. Sec. Miss Mackay. Will members make every effort to make this a success?

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.
Organiser - Miss J. A. Beckett, Shop 5, Trinity Street, Hastings, Telephone N. 74.
Sun., Nov. 26 - Shop, Members' Meeting, 3 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 27 - Hastings, 3, Trinity Street, at Home, Miss Hicks, M.A., 4 to 6 p.m.

ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer - Mrs. du Sautoy Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, Ilfracombe, Hon. Sec. - Miss Hall, Nursing Home, Larkstone, Ilfracombe.
Mon., Nov. 27 - 2, Larkstone Villas, Exhibition of Bags, 3 p.m.

KENSINGTON.
Shop and Office - 143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel., 2136 Western, Hon. Sec. - Miss Evelyn Sharp.
In view of recent happenings, it is of great importance that the meeting at Queen's Gate Hall, Harrington Road (South Kensington Station), should be well filled next Monday, November 27 (see programme). Tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s. and 6d., to be obtained at the shop or at the Hall.

LAMBETH.
Hon. Sec. - Mrs. A. M. Hawkins, 60, Hackford Road, Brixton.
A meeting will be held in Chaydon's Hall, near Kennington Gate, on Wednesday next, November 29 (see programme). Tickets, 6d. and 3d., can be had from Mrs. Hawkins.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.
Office - 3, Cookridge Street, Organiser - Miss Mary Phillips.
Sun., Nov. 26 - Normanston, Dodsworth Institute, Wakefield Road, Women's Adult School, Miss Mary Phillips, 2.45 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 27 - 3, Cookridge Street, Sewing Party, 7.30 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
Office - 14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel., 1713 Leicester. Organiser - Miss Dorothy Patlicks.
Fri., Nov. 24 - St. Martin's, G. F. Room, Sewing Meeting, 3.45 p.m.

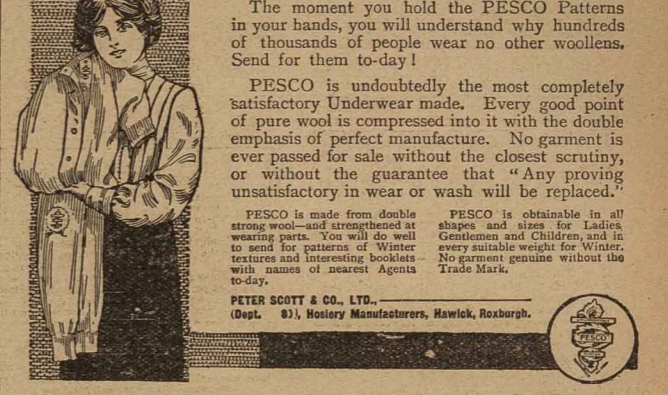
NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.
Office - 77, Blackett Street, Organiser - Miss Laura Ainsworth.
Mon. Nov. 27 - Fruitful Debating Society, Miss Laura Ainsworth, 7.30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 29 - Office, At Home, 7.30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 30 - North Shields Co-operative Society, Miss Laura Ainsworth, 7.30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 1 - South Shields, Victoria Hall, At Home, 7.30 p.m.

NEWPORT.
Office - 11, St. John Hill, Newport, Mon.
Hon. Sec. - Mrs. Humphrey Backworth.
Mon., Nov. 27 - 11, St. John Hill, Sewing Meeting, 3.15 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 29 - Temperance Hall, Room No. 2, At Home, Miss Evelyn Sharp, 3.30 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM.
Office - 6, Carlton Street, Tel., 611.
Organiser - Miss Roberts and Miss Crocker.
Mon., Nov. 27 - 8, Carlton Street, Sewing Meeting.
Hostess - Mrs. Stephen Hill, 3 p.m.
Tue., Nov. 28 - Wheeler, Morley's Cafe, Dr. Letitia Pardon, Chair: Miss S. Hinchings, 8 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 29 - 5, Cavendish Crescent, South, The Park, Sewing Meeting, 8.30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 30 - 5, Cavendish Crescent, South, The Park, Sewing Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

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