

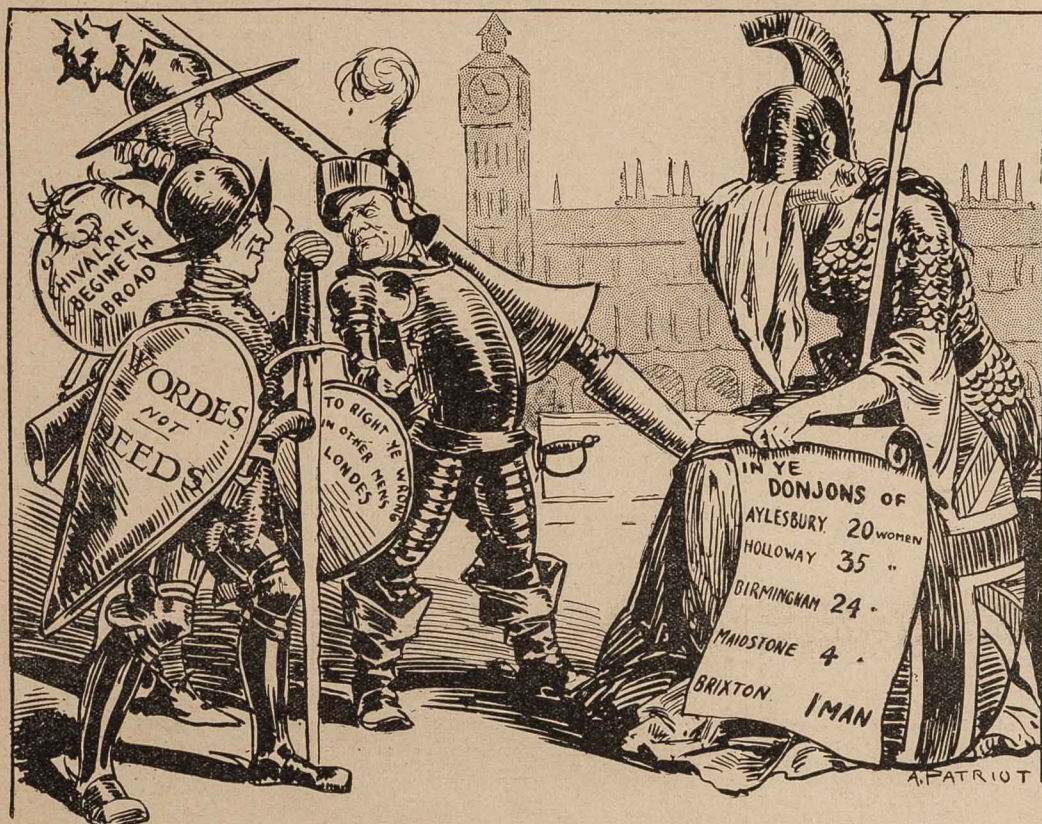
# VOTES FOR WOMEN

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## BRITANNIA'S VOTE OF CENSURE.



**SIR EDWARD:** By my halidom! A fayre ladye in distresse!  
**SIR HERBERT:** Marry, wait and see! (To Britannia): Fayre dame, take cheer. Your escutcheon is unstained; we have freed our noble countrywoman from the yoke of ye Russian tyrant!  
**BRITANNIA:** Eighty-three of your noble countrywomen are in English Dungeons. Go! Release them ere ye prate of my escutcheon!  
**SIR HERBERT:** Yon wretched wights? **SIR REGINALD:** With moral turpitude besmirched! **ALL THREE KNIGHTS:** Hist! Meseems yon trident e'en becomes a hammer! Haste, away! (They scuttle off, leaving Britannia's escutcheon where it was.)

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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 transference of the imprisoned Leaders to the First Division, involving as it does the recognition of their status as political offenders, is a triumph. But it is a triumph achieved by almost superhuman effort. The three prisoners themselves had decided to resort to the Hunger Strike if other means should fail. Before going to prison they arranged with those outside that seven Parliamentary days should be allowed to elapse before the beginning of the

Hunger Strike, so that full and fair opportunity should be given to less drastic measures. That interval was used to admirable purpose by all at Clement's Inn, and by W.S.P.U. organisers and members all over the country. It would be impossible to render a full account here of what was done by friends and sympathisers in order to win the concession all are rejoicing over to-day, and we must content ourselves with referring to the International Memorial, signed by many famous men and women; to the Memorials from Oxford and Cambridge, and to the one from France bearing many names distinguished in French art, science, politics, and letters; to the protests made by Mrs. Besant and other men and women of distinction. Having regard to this imposing expression of public opinion, there was but one course open to the Government. It was to transfer the imprisoned Leaders to the First Division.

### The Sentence.

The matter does not end there. We have said before, and we say again, that the sentence of nine months' imprisonment cannot stand. We would again draw attention to the jury's declaration that the motives of the defendants are pure, and to the claim that they be treated with the utmost clemency and leniency. A sentence of nine months' imprisonment is not clement and lenient. It is a sentence

of vindictive severity. We call upon the Government at once to give effect to the jury's recommendation. Again we would remind them that Mr. Tom Mann, for an offence admittedly more serious, is imprisoned for two months only. Again we point out that Privy Councillors and Members of Parliament, who are guilty of a breach of the Unlawful Drilling Act, and are therefore liable to seven years' penal servitude, are allowed to go scot free. Of course, if the Leaders had been tried in the Liberal Government's Star Chamber, in other words, the Police Court, the magistrate would have expressed the usual official view of their action. There would have been no tribute then to the purity of their motives. But the defendants in the Conspiracy case have been tried, not only by a Government official, but by a jury of their countrymen. Consequently the truth of the matter has come out, and we have a clear case for demanding that the Home Secretary set aside the sentence of nine months' imprisonment.

### The Other Prisoners.

What has been won for the Leaders, the W.S.P.U. demand for the other prisoners too. In addition to the Leaders, there are eighty-one members of the W.S.P.U. in prison. Of these twenty-nine are serving sentences of six months, fifty-two are serving sentences of four months. These brave prisoners of war, who struck their blow for freedom, are now





"THE GROWTH OF FREEDOM."

Few living writers are better qualified to write of freedom than Mr. Henry W. Nevinson, whose little treatise on "The Growth of Freedom" forms the latest volume of the series known as "The People's Books" (T. C. and E. C. Jack, ed. net).

Reaching the wide scope of his subject, Mr. Nevinson has narrowed it to a study of political freedom, though this does not exclude, as he says, the other sorts of freedom.

For without national freedom, political freedom cannot exist, and freedom of thought has in some cases largely contributed to freedom of government.

The text of his treatise might be said to consist of three fine sayings referred to more than once in the course of the book. "All government without the consent of the governed is the very definition of slavery" (Swift) is one. Justinian's is another—"Quod omnes tangit, ab omnibus approbetur" (What concerns all, must be approved by all).

Even in cases where the majority goes most persistently wrong, it is better for a nation to control its own destiny, learning by bitter suffering, and admitting the free discussion or criticism of every decision, than to avoid the evil consequences of error by submitting to the dictation of one man, however wise, or one class, however devoted.

This idea runs all through the book. "For even a tyrant is more endurable than a clique of superior persons," says the writer in describing the Athenian democracy, which was limited "by the exclusion of the great majority of the population, such as slaves and women, from political rights."

Only two or three nations, he considers, have approached Justinian's ideal; these, though small, such as Australia, New Zealand, and Norway, at least imply a government, not as Justinian may have hoped, approved by a majority, but approved by a majority, and government by a majority can often be unpleasant, oppressive, and even outrageous.

In the same way, Mr. Nevinson is careful to bring out the meaning that lies behind all the great historic struggles for liberty. While remorseless in his analysis of the reasons for Cromwell's failure to organize this country "as Christ's realm" (one of the finest passages in the book) he sees clearly that "the success of the Parliament was due to the nation's instinct for freedom."

That is why he can write of freedom's battles from the inside, and to escape being merely literary. That is also why his passage on the women's demand for political freedom forms a natural part of his book, and has not a trace of that self-consciousness so often noticeable in the treatment of the same subject by the merely literary person.

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It is not surprising to find a writer of this kind ending in a healthy note of battle, as far removed as may be from mere optimism. For, he says, in the campaign of freedom, no truce is lasting, and peace will never be concluded, unless, perchance, in some distant age, there should be revealed far-off the shining gates of that City which, in language familiar to Greek and Christian alike, is a heavenly, whose builder and maker is God.

"Woman's Place in the Working Class Movement" is quite the best article in this month's Englishwoman (Sidgwick and Jackson, 1s. net.). The author, Mr. James Harlan, shows deep understanding of the whole situation towards the lot of the majority of women of the working class. He makes a strong plea for more power to be put into the hands of women where trade unionism is concerned. At present, although there are some three million of women as trade union members, the whole direction of the movement is in the hands of men. Mr. Harlan sees the need of woman's peculiar gifts in all grades of society, but in none more than among the struggling working classes.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £250,000 FUND.

Table listing names and contribution amounts for the £250,000 fund, including sub-sections like 'Ladies of the Church', 'Profits on Literature', etc.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

A working woman writes—"The mite I can give is only 9d., being 1d. for each month of dear Mrs. Pankhurst's sentence. God bless her and all her noble helpers." Another sends 1s., "for every week our Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence are in prison. I only wish I could send £1 instead of 1s. per week."

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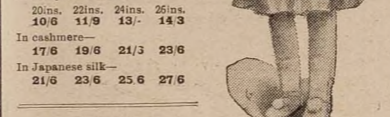
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THE LIGHTER SIDE.

We congratulate German Suffragists on the new step forward taken by the movement in their country. The first "Anti" Society has just been formed in Berlin, according to a contemporary; and we know from experience what a support to Suffragists a Society will be that calls itself the "German Federation for Combating the Emancipation of Women."

At Chichester the other day, the clou of the local sports was a window-smashing competition. Competitors—women only—were eligible—were allowed three shies with a hammer at a pane of glass, ten yards distant, while a glazier was kept busy fitting fresh panes to the framework.

A similar sign of the times may be detected in a literary competition, held recently in the Western Daily Mail, whose readers were asked to send in their opinions for or against Lord Coleridge's sentence on the W.S.P.U. Leaders. Those who condemned its severity won by a majority of three, the winning answer beginning thus:—

"We do not need now to have recourse to bloodshed or violence to carry on our schemes of reform, because we have a fairly good franchise men."

The "Antis" do not refrain in their methods from affording us many signs of surest flattery. At the Hythe By-election the local Hon. Secretary of the N.L.O.W.S. waited upon both candidates, preparatory to waging war against one of them.

A correspondent sends us an account of how she tried in vain to learn from these "Anti" stallholders their reasons for opposing Votes for Women. "Oh, there are lots of reasons; go and ask that lady over there," said one. The lady over there also dwelt on the number of reasons, and added, with a sudden change of tone, "Women don't want the Vote, do they?"

"Behind the Times." By Emily Vaughan Jenkins. (London: The International Suffrage Shop. Price 2d.) "The Needs of Little Children." Report of Conference on the Care of Babies and Young Children. (London: Women's Labour League. Price 2d.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Prisoners' Secretary. All inquiries with regard to prisoners should be addressed to Miss Olive Smith, W.S.P.U., 4, Clement's Inn, W.C.

Albert Hall Meeting. To-morrow, Saturday. The tickets for the great Albert Hall meeting to-morrow (Saturday) at 8 p.m. are all sold out.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

HOLMFIRTH. Polling Day, Thursday, June 21. W.S.P.U. Com. Rooms, Penitents, 51, Church Street, W.S.P.U. Organiser: Miss Mary Phillips, 28, Bridge Street, Holmfirth.

THE REFORM BILL.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, June 11, Mr. King asked the Prime Minister whether he was now prepared to make a statement about the promised Franchise Bill, and whether the promise still held good that a woman's suffrage amendment would, if carried in this House, be accepted by the Government.

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IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

The following letter, signed by Mrs. Cousins, has been sent by the Irish Women's Franchise League to the Prime Minister: "Sir,—You have already received a resolution passed unanimously at a mass meeting held in Dublin on June 1, representative of Suffrage Societies throughout Ireland. The resolution asks the Government to introduce an amendment to the Home Rule Bill making the Local Government Register which includes women the basis of franchise for the new Parliament.

MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P.

At a meeting of the People's Suffrage Federation at Essex Hall, London, on Saturday, June 8, the following resolution was passed:— "I—that this conference declares that adult suffrage for both men and women is the only effectual and democratic solution of the electoral problem, and that the time has come to confer the Parliamentary franchise on all adult men and women on a short residential qualification."

DUBLIN TRADES COUNCIL.

A deputation from the Irish Women's Franchise League waited on the Dublin Trades Council on Monday, June 3, to ask them to support their demand for Votes for Women in the Home Rule Bill.

THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT OF THE MOVEMENT.

Important meetings, with the object of considering "The Religious Aspect of the Women's Movement," will be held in the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W., on June 19, at 3.30 and 7.30 p.m.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

W.S.P.U. General Offices: 4, Clement's Inn, Strand, W.C. Several Reports were received too late for insertion. BALKHAM AND TOOTING. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. D. J. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road, Balham, S.W. Paper-selling was resumed at the old pitch on Friday and Saturday last, and proved most successful.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Those who have promised regular subscriptions kindly send them as soon as possible. BRIGHTON ROYAL AND DISTRICT. Office—8, North Street, Quadrant, Tel. 4593 Nat. Organiser—Miss G. Allen. The organisers wish to remind members who are unable to attend the Albert Hall meeting that if they send in their Albert Hall donation to the office before 10 p.m. today (Friday) she will see that it is presented. She is anxious that Brighton should prove to outsiders that the imprisonment of the leaders is but a fresh stimulus to self-sacrifice.

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"The result of this election is highly satisfactory. The nominee of a Government that persistently denies justice to women suffragists has been kept out. The W.S.P.U. campaign was a most energetic one. The people of Folkestone and Cheriton became quite accustomed to the sight of the W.S.P.U. wagonette, with its tricolours and posters urging the electors to vote against the Government and keep the Liberal out. Down in the Fishmarket especially the women's colours received a friendly reception, and excellent propaganda as to the policy was done in the constituency. Especially satisfactory was the reception accorded to the W.S.P.U. by the working class electorate. Groups of working men gladly took the manifesto, and begged for the purple, white, and green colours. The posters displayed by a few men simply showed that the policy was being borne and doing its work. The majority understood its real meaning. Most successful meetings were held at various pitches on the eve of the poll, and the election addresses were well distributed. Many thanks to Lady Lumb and Miss Morris and others for their valuable help in this way. The Folkestone Herald says:—"

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