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A BUSINESS WOMAN'S ROMANCE.

The story of the business career of Mrs. A. J. Wilson, as told recently in the general Press, has all the elements of the most sensational romance, and gives the lie direct to those myopic persons who are still wont to mutter that women are not fitted for the commercial world.

Mrs. A. J. Wilson—whose portrait we here reproduce—of the firm of A. J. Wilson & Co., Ltd., advertisement contractors, designers, engineers, and printers, of Clerkenwell Road, has achieved the rare distinction of being appointed Managing Director after 30 years' service. She joined the firm as a typist, and married Mr. Wilson, the Chairman of the Company, in 1921, when she had already been on the directorate for several years. Mrs. Wilson is also a member of the Holborn Borough Council (for the last ten years), and a Freeman of the City of London, an honour conferred upon her in the second year of the war, after she became a Director of Wilson's. Added to these distinctions, she also excels in a somewhat rare capacity as a masterly exponent of the deaf and dumb sign language, and during the time she was Secretary to her future husband, who is stone deaf, she carried on business interviews as his interpreter.

During her thirty years' service with the firm, Mrs. Wilson was successively typist, private secretary, company secretary, and director, and has been personally in charge of highly important contracts. Before the war she formed a club for women advertisers, which lapsed during the war years. She is now Presi-

dent of the present Women's Advertising Club, which has about 40 members, all of whom hold posts that are definitely executive.

Mrs. Wilson is a great admirer of the modern business girl, and declares that it is sheer nonsense to say that women are physically unfit to engage in business. "There is no sex in business," she affirms, "and no

reason why a woman should not be as successful in business as a man. As to physical disability, I have not had 30 days' absence from business through sickness in 30 years."

Asked if she thought there was any royal road to success in business, Mrs. Wilson said certainly there was, and it was summed up in two words—"application," and "a knowledge of the value of money."

Since Mrs. Wilson joined the firm in which she has proved herself so signally successful, the staff has grown from 5 to 200, and the place from a few offices to large freehold premises, bought by the firm. Mrs. Wilson is at her desk at 9.30 each morning, where she remains until about 7 each evening, and she smiles at the modern demand for an 8-hour day or less.

In some reminiscences given to the Press recently on the attainment of her

present high position in the firm, Mrs. Wilson recalled that 30 years ago it was considered a dreadful thing for girls to take up a business career. In those days she was much troubled with high collars, long skirts, and a "bun" coiffure, and never had her two hands free out of doors because one of them was constantly holding up her ridiculously long skirts!



MRS. A. J. WILSON.

WOMEN AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Australian Woman Pastor.

The first Australian woman minister of an Evangelical Church has been appointed in the person of Mrs. Winifred Kiek, B.A., B.D., who is to be the new pastor of the Congregational Church at Colonel Light Gardens, South Australia. Mrs. Kiek, who was the first Australian woman Bachelor of Divinity, is the wife of Principal E. S. Kiek, of Parkin College, and the mother of three children.

Woman Assistant Curator.

England has at last followed the example of Holland, America, and Italy, and has appointed a woman in one of our museums. Miss A. M. Longhurst has been made Assistant Curator in the Department of Architecture and Sculpture at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Women in the Civil Service.

The results of the administrative group competition, held in August this year, for the recruitment to the Junior Grade of the Administrative Class in the Home Civil Service, have now been published. The number of vacancies announced was 19, and the number of competitors was 118, of which 12 were women. One woman was successful, Miss Evelyn A. Sharp, who took the seventh place.

Woman Expert in Stainless Steel.

Miss C. Griff, the well-known woman engineer, is making many interesting experiments with stainless steel, including the manufacture of stainless steel mirrors for signalling purposes. She has perfected a process for making coloured stainless steel which is quite unique.

Maori Woman's Task.

Maggie Papa Kura (Mrs. Staples-Browne), the famous Maori guide, has returned from a five months' tour of New Zealand, where she has been collecting funds for a Maori War Memorial to be erected in England. This Memorial will take the form of a picture of Christ and the Virgin Mary, and will incorporate some ancient Maori carvings and inscriptions.

Russian Woman Scientist.

Madame R. P. Mitusova, a plucky collaborator of the Russian Academy of Science, after 12 months' residence with a new race of people discovered in the Arctic wilds of Western Siberia, has collected much interesting information about these strange people, who are organised into five clans, and number only about 600.

Scotswoman Senior Magistrate.

In November, Bailie Mrs. Bell, of Glasgow, will be raised to the position of Senior Magistrate, and as such will preside over the first meeting of the Corporation, at which the Lord Provost will be elected and installed. This will be the first occasion on which Glasgow's Deputy Lord Provostship has been held by a woman.

First Woman Freeman.

The first woman to become a Freeman of Arbroath, Mrs. Agnes Lindsay Carnegie, of Anniston, was last week, on her 83rd birthday, formally presented with this honour. The Freedom was in recognition of her valuable social work and many excellent services rendered to Arbroath. Provost Robertson, in presenting the Burgess ticket, stated that Mrs. Carnegie had dedicated her life to the well-being of her less fortunate fellows.

Woman Jockey's Win.

Miss Iris Rickaby won the Town Plate at Newmarket last week. Miss Eileen Joel, daughter of Mr. S. B. Joel, was second. The Town Plate is the only horse-race in which women are allowed to compete.

Mrs. Snowden and the B.B.C.

Mrs. Philip Snowden is mentioned as being one of the Commissioners who will be appointed following the supplanting of the British Broadcasting Company by a corporation, in accordance with the recommendation of Lord Crawford's Committee. Nothing official, however, will be stated in regard to the composition of the new corporation until after Parliament meets next month, when the Postmaster-General will make a statement.

Woman Warden Appointed.

Miss Margaret Silcock, of Girton College, Cambridge, has been appointed Warden of the new missionary guest house shortly to be erected at Selly Oak, Birmingham. She has been Bursar at the Froebel Educational Institute, Roehampton, and has also served as lecturer in domestic science at King's College for Women, London.

Trophy for Miss Cordery.

Miss Violette Cordery, the well-known woman motorist, has been awarded the Dewar Trophy for 1926 for the most meritorious performance in a certified trial carried out under the observation of the Royal Automobile Club. The trial which gained her the trophy was a 5,016 mile test on the Montbery Track, Paris, covered in 70 hours 59½ minutes at an average speed of 73.8 miles per hour.

Girl's Plucky Demand.

Mlle. Jacobin, a young Parisian girl student, has demanded admittance to the famous Ecole Militaire Supérieure, on the grounds that she sat for the entrance examination with other pupils of the College, and obtained a second place on the pass list. Mlle. Jacobin realised that she could not be admitted an internal student with members of the opposite sex, but she asked to be allowed to take lectures with them. This, however, was also refused, and she has now appealed to M. Heriot, the Minister of Education, who has promised to look into the matter.

A Domestic Bureau.

Berlin is to have a municipal bureau, whose task will be to solve the domestic servant problem, which is very acute. Mistresses and maids will be asked to submit their disputes to a bureau official, and, if harmony between the parties cannot be restored, to accept as binding his decision. Dances for maids and lectures for mistresses will be arranged by the bureau.

Mayoress and Novelist.

Madame Sarah Grand, the novelist, has consented to assist Alderman Chivers, Mayor Designate of Bath, by acting as mayoress for the forthcoming year—her fourth in this capacity.

Married Women Workers.

Married women are to be appointed as domestic servants at two of the Metropolitan Asylums Board hospitals.

Girl Swimmer Breaks Record.

At Exmouth, recently, Miss Mayne beat the world's mile swimming record by 12 seconds, and the 1,500 metres world's record by over 65 seconds.

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SUNDAY NEXT at 7 p.m.

MR. WM. KENT on

"George Eliot—A Study in Religious Evolution."

THE WORK OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

The College of Nursing was founded in 1916, as the central representative association of the British nursing profession, and is now the largest professional association of women in the kingdom, having a membership of over 25,000 members, all fully trained nurses.

The advance of the College has been a rapid one, and it has now a growing influence on professional and national affairs, and a recognised status in the life of the nation.

Notable progress has been made on educational, economic, and co-operative lines, and the nurses, with their skill for organisation and their habit of selfless devotion, have bravely supported their professional association in the work which has been accomplished.

The educational progress began with the State Registration Act of 1919, which standardised the basic training of the nurse. This Act owed its existence to the influence and support of the College.

Having won this advance, the College devoted more time to post-graduate education, and has secured to-day for trained nurses the advantages of scholarships, loan funds, specialised training courses and library facilities, and it has been largely through the initiative of the College that two universities—London and Leeds—have established their Diplomas of Nursing; nor have the College members neglected to play their full part, but have subscribed a large sum towards founding a Chair of Nursing.

In addition to the work carried out at headquarters, educational work is organised by the 52 local branches of the College in all parts of the United Kingdom, where winter and spring sessions of lectures and classes are held, which assist the nurses to keep in touch with modern medical science.

WOMEN POLICE IN GERMANY.

The International Police Congress, which was held in Berlin concurrently with the Police Exhibition during the last part of September and the beginning of October, was attended by the representatives of some 20 countries. Among the countries represented at the Congress were Germany, Austria, Belgium, Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Italy, and Hungary. Commandant Allen (representing the women police of Great Britain), and representatives of the Irish Free State, Bulgaria, Rumania, Finland, Yugoslavia, Sweden, and China also attended the Conference.

The Congress covered a wide range of subjects in its deliberations, first and foremost being the need for international co-operation in police work. Methods of combating the vast system of illegal traffic in drugs, and of preventing alcoholism, the sale of indecent literature and pictures, were some of the subjects discussed.

Doktor Ministerialrat Barek, the delegate from Baden, introduced "Women Police" as his subject for the Conference, and, touching on the development of police work since the war, mentioned Commandant Allen's book, "The Pioneer Policewoman," as giving the history of that development as regards Women Police. He reminded his hearers that the League of Nations Committee on the Traffic in Women and Children had emphasised the value of Women Police in dealing with the traffic, and also alluded to the resolutions on the subject of Women Police passed in Paris in May at the Conference of the International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship. Commandant Allen, in her speech, emphasised the

importance of policewomen being specially chosen and trained, of their wearing uniform, and of their value from an international point of view. She asked the delegates to consider the question very seriously; that they did so is evident from the fact that the next day the following resolution was passed by this Conference of police experts from all over the world:—

"This Congress recommends the question of Women Police to the attention of all governments and police organisations, because it considers that the co-operation of women in the various departments of police work is of very considerable benefit to the welfare of the people."

It is evident that the experience of London is being attentively watched in all Continental police circles. Already in various States of Germany women police are either already instituted, or are in contemplation. For this the good work of the women police during the occupation of Cologne is mainly responsible. On the strength of it, according to an authoritative statement, the *Bund Deutscher Frauenvereine* has continually impressed upon the German police authorities the necessity of a similar force, not to augment the regular police, but to assist them in their dealings with offences against women and children.

The above summary does not exhaust the work of the Congress. The President, at its conclusion, repeated what he had insisted upon in his opening speech, that the first need in police work was to approach the criminal with human understanding, for which a very special type of person was required.

Each April the Public Health Section of the College arranges for a Post-Graduate week, which is attended by nurses from all parts of the kingdom. The College has done much to help nurses to place their profession on an economic basis, and the salaries paid to nurses in resident posts compare favourably with other occupations for women. The nurses employed by local authorities still suffer from bad conditions and poor pay; but it is hoped these will improve as the importance of preventive medicine is appreciated. The generous gift of the fine headquarters building in Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, by Lord and Lady Cowdray, has served to centralise the various activities of the College and to offer exceptional facilities for development of Post-Graduate education. To endow their College with a permanent income, the nurses have been collecting a capital sum of £100,000, of which they have yet £30,000 to raise. It is seldom that the professional education of nurses is presented to the public as a matter of personal interest. The public, whom the nurses serve with such devotion every day, expect from them the altruistic zeal long associated with the medical and nursing professions; therefore, to fit themselves for such service and such duties, the nurses of to-day are striving to win the educational opportunities they require. It is strange how little interest the public have taken in a matter vital to their own welfare, and how unusual it is for money to be given to further the higher education of nurses. It is hoped that as each university establishes its own Diploma of Nursing, generous donors will come forward and endow scholarships, so that able nurses may fit themselves for posts of higher responsibility and administration. M. S.

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"GO ON PESTERING!"

By EMMELINE PETHICK-LAWRENCE.

"Go on Pestering," together with the following article, is the message received from our President, Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence, on the eve of her departure for India with Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.

The Women's Freedom League is proceeding on these lines during the next few months, and calls upon all members and old suffragists to join in this critical time in focussing public opinion upon the Vote in 1927.

This autumn of 1926 ushers in a very critical year for the Women's Freedom League and for all other Suffrage Societies. It is essential that a Bill giving women the vote on equal terms with men should be carried into law during the Parliamentary session of 1927. Otherwise it will, in all probability, be too late to enable women to vote on equal terms at the next General Election. The reason is: If the Bill were not brought in until the session of 1928, it is practically impossible for it to be carried into law in time that year to enable women to be put on the new register, which is made up in early July, and comes into force in October of the same year, and remains in force until the October of the following year. As the General Election is almost certain to take place before October, 1929, it will be clear to anybody who gives this matter attentive consideration that, in order for the promise of the Prime Minister to be carried duly into effect, it is necessary that the enabling Bill be carried into law during the session of 1927, in which case women would be duly registered in the autumn of 1928 and able to vote in an election subsequent to that date.

There must be no sense of false security, no exercise of cheap and easy optimism, if we are to enter our promised land of complete political equality. Any slackness from this moment onwards may mean many more years of wandering in the wilderness.

Women, do not be deceived because everybody does lip-service to our cause to-day! Even in the darkest days of 20 years ago, two-thirds of the Members in the House of Commons were "pledged supporters" and "life-long friends." "But now," they said, "is not the time." In the first years of a Parliament's life it was "too soon"; directly it left off being "too soon" it became "too late"! It went on like that for fifty years. At the end of that time, women were told the rough and wholesome truth by three Prime Ministers in succession. Mr. Balfour told them to take action that would "bring their movement into the political swim." Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman advised them to "go on pestering people"; and Mr. Asquith admonished them to "work out their own salvation."

The truth, however hard, is better than soft, deceiving words. The same advice is needed to-day. Women, do not "trust"—that is not one of the rules of this difficult political game—but Act! Pester! Work!

You will meet no open enemies to-day. Flattery and professions of friendship will be ladled out to you. But your seeming friends will postpone and postpone. Suddenly there will be the "unexpected" dissolution; after that the cycle will begin again.

How can these tactics be defeated? The situation is now being faced, and will be met in advance by the leaders of the co-ordinated Suffrage Movement—that faithful few who are always quietly and continuously working for the realization of our ideal of full political equality.

They realise that the Prime Minister will not be able to carry out his promise unless he is supported by pressure from outside Parliament. For that fact is the queer thing about politics which the uninitiated never understand. Well-intentioned, but politically inexperienced people say: "We must not worry the Prime Minister; he is doing his best." And all the time the Prime Minister, if he honestly wants to fulfil his promise, is simply praying to heaven that the people who really care will stand up and show themselves, and will un-deceive the opponents, who think the others are tacitly supporting them. "Go on pestering!" It would be well if a private deputation of women of his own Party, and a more public deputation of representative women from all Parties and sections of society would press for an immediate interview with Mr. Baldwin, to put their point of view to him and to urge him to include an Equal Suffrage measure in the King's Speech.

Every Member of Parliament should be waited on in his own constituency, either by women of his own Party, or, better still, by a joint deputation representing all opinions in his Division, and should be given to understand that the passing of an Equal Suffrage Bill into law is the supreme interest of all qualified women voters. In fact, this pressure of the qualified voter should be employed in every way to the full extent, by word of mouth and by letter.

The first urgent need is for a great expansion and consolidation of the Organised Movement, which is the spear-head of pressure. This hour is the great opportunity and supreme occasion. Let us seize it, and go forward. It is not only the equal status of women, not only the reality of democracy, but it is also the reputation of our country that is at stake. It is high time that Great Britain came into line with the sister nations by giving her daughters the same citizen rights as she has given to her sons.

NO WOMAN'S NAME APPEARS!

From lists issued of new Justices of the Peace, we find that the names of seventeen men have been inserted in the Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Blackpool by fiat of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, but no woman's name appears. Similarly, eight men have been added to the Commission of the Peace for the county of Suffolk, but no woman is included. When we remember the many thousands of men already installed as Justices of the Peace throughout the country, and the comparatively few appointments of women, the Benches which have no woman magistrate, and the numbers which have only one, or at most two women, we consider that the appointments made now and henceforth should include at least an equal number of women with men. Our view is that there should be an equal number of women with men on every magistrate's bench throughout the country, and that no case in which a woman or girl is either the victim or the accused should come before any Bench unless women are on that Bench. That procedure is quite impossible where no woman has been appointed, or where only one or two women have been appointed; but it is the only fair and just procedure, and we emphatically protest against lists being issued which contain only the names of men for the Commission of the Peace.

WOMEN IN THIS YEAR'S ASSEMBLY.

It is very disappointing that the women who attend the Assembly at Geneva each year are still but a mere handful compared with the number of men delegates. Last year, only six out of the 55 countries adhering to the League of Nations included women in their delegations.

With Germany's admission, however, this year, the number of countries sending women has now increased to seven, Dr. Gertrud Bäumer having been attached to the German delegation as technical adviser on matters concerning infant welfare, child labour, and the treatment of young offenders. Dr. Bäumer is one of Germany's most representative women, and it is small wonder that she was selected for so important a position at Geneva. She began life as a teacher, after studying philosophy and taking her degree as a Doctor of Philosophy, but later drifted into politics and literature. She was one of the first women M.P.s in the German National Assembly after the Armistice, and is now an important member of the Reichstag, and also occupies a high rank as an adviser on Child Welfare in the Home Office. Another of her interests is an Institute in Hamburg for social and pedagogical training, of which she has been a Director for a number of years. Dr. Bäumer is a familiar figure at International Women's Congresses, and was Germany's representative at the Tenth Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, in Paris, last June. At the meeting of women M.P.s of all nations in the amphitheatre of the Sorbonne on this occasion, it was her speech on international co-operation which evoked the generous and spontaneous embrace of a French suffrage leader, amidst the thunderous plaudits of a Parisian audience.

Of the three Scandinavian women who sit in the Assembly, Fru Bugge Wicksell (Sweden) and Fröken Forchhammer (Denmark) have attended regularly since 1920, when the Assembly first came into being. This year, Miss Forchhammer attended as a substitute delegate. In former years, like Dr. Gertrud Bäumer this year, she went in the capacity of a technical adviser on women's questions. Fru Larsen Jahn (Norway), who last year replaced Dr. Kristine Bonnevie, owing to the pressure of the latter's scientific duties at Oslo University, was again sent by Norway this year, which looks as if her appointment is likely to be a permanent one. For the Northern countries, unlike our own, do not change their women delegates from year to year, but prefer to send the same women on each occasion, so that these may gain additional experience each time.

Fru Larsen Jahn, although an expert librarian before

her marriage, and now the wife of the Chief Director of the Statistical Bureau of Norway, nevertheless claims Housewifery as the greatest profession of all. Since her marriage she has occupied herself more exclusively with social hygiene, and is a Vice-President of the Oslo Branch of the Norwegian Women's Public Health Association, which has a membership of several thousands of women, and which was the first public body to plan an organised campaign against tuberculosis in Norway. Another of her interests is Education, and this is not surprising, considering the long years she spent in librarianship. She is particularly anxious that some kind of permanent Institute of Education may eventually be created in connection with the League of Nations.

Dame Edith Lyttelton's inclusion in the British Delegation evoked general satisfaction this year, not only because she is an extremely able woman in herself, but also because she attended the Assembly in 1923, so knows the ropes, as it were. Dame Edith has always been interested in work on international lines, and was instrumental in founding the Victoria League, an international organisation which mainly functions in the British Overseas Dominions, and which has for its object the development of mutual friendliness between Great Britain and her Possessions across the sea. She is especially interested in the industrial side of the League's activities, as Labour problems have always absorbed a good deal of her attention. She served on the Cave Committee appointed to inquire into the action of Trade Boards, and is now an appointed member and Vice-Chairman of the Waste Reclamation Trade Board. She is also the only woman member amongst a group of statesmen, under the Chairmanship of Lord Buckmaster, who are making an inquiry into the social, economic, and medical aspects and dimensions of the drink problem in Great Britain.

Miss Freda Bage, Australia's substitute delegate, is the fifth Australian woman to sit in the Assembly, and, like Dr. Bonnevie, is a distinguished biologist. After winning numerous scientific honours and scholarships, and occupying various important biological tutorial positions, Miss Bage is now Principal of the Women's College within the University of Queensland, where the happiest co-operation exists between herself and her students in all branches of the College life and activities. In 1923, and again in 1925, she was elected to the Senate of the University of Queensland. Miss Bage has also travelled extensively, and has attended numerous International Women's Conferences in different countries.

FEMINISM AND FARMING.

Under the above title, the *Edinburgh Evening News* gives an interesting description of Mrs. Chalmers Watson's pioneering activities on her husband's home farm on the Fenton Barns estate, in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Watson, who are both M.D.s, have long associated themselves with questions relating to the importance of food purity and nutrition, so that the opportunity afforded by the inheritance of the farm, coupled with Mrs. Watson's great organizing ability, was used for a personal pioneer effort in milk reform.

The first objective was a model dairy for the production on a large scale of tubercle-free milk, secure from contamination of infection and dirt throughout all stages of distribution.

The West Fenton Aerodrome, erected on the farm was taken over, and the spacious hangar, all light and air, made an ideal byre. In the adjoining buildings, the mechanical processes through which the milk and the containers pass are arranged in successive stages, beginning with the huge steeping tank in which the bottles first soak, and finishing with sterilisation in a closed cabinet heated to a degree that not even the diards of bacteria can survive, then a division of space, and a door from the byre. Through here the pails of foaming milk direct from the herd are brought and

turned immediately into a filter, from which it passes into a cooler, and is then run straight into the bottles. These at once receive a thick parchment cap mechanically fastened with stout wire which defies any effort to remove or replace. The "tamper-proof" bottles are then ready for loading to a motor lorry which takes them to the distributing centre in Edinburgh.

The dairy herd at Fenton Barns consists of 80 pedigree Ayrshire Cows. They have a high financial value as pedigree animals and breeding stock, and a high commercial value in their lactal yield, and every factor that will make for an increased production of milk and a longer producing life for the cow is studied.

It is now about two years since Mrs. Watson started milk production, and up to now throughout the periodic tests to which her 80 cows have been subjected, each cow has been found to be tubercle-free. In the byre over each cow's stall, a tablet is fixed, upon which are registered all particulars concerning the cow, including her number of lactations, the amount yielded at each lactation and its percentage of butter fat (or cream). This is known as milk-recording. The amounts are calculated with mathematical exactness, and each producer receives an additional ration of "concentrate" in proportion and appropriate to her output above a certain minimum.

GREEN, WHITE AND GOLD FAIR.

Our Annual Green, White and Gold Fair will be held this year at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 23rd and 24th, and will be opened each day at 3 p.m. On Tuesday, November 23rd, by Professor Winifred Cullis, O.B.E., D.Sc., and on Wednesday, November 24th, by The Lady Amherst of Hackney. The Chair will be taken on Tuesday by Miss Anna Munro, and on Wednesday by Dr. Knight.

STALLS AND STALLHOLDERS.

Hampstead Branch.—Handkerchiefs, Antiques, and White Elephants. Miss Goodliffe, Miss Lyndon, and Miss Vibert.
Mid-London Branch.—Stationery Stall. Miss Sparkman and Members.
Montgomery Boroughs Branch.—Welsh Produce, Cakes and General. Miss Alix M. Clark and Friends.
Portsmouth Branch.—Household Goods. Mrs. Whetton and Mrs. Brading.
South-Eastern Branches.—Dairy Produce and Pound Stall.—Miss White and Members.
China Stall.—Mrs. Potter and Miss F. E. Potter.
Knitted Goods.—Mrs. Mustard.
Literature Stall.—Mrs. Pierotti, Mrs. Lindus, and Miss Trotter.
Overalls and Aprons.—Miss Underwood, Miss F. A. Underwood, and Mrs. Turriff.
Shilling Stall (Supported by the Minerva Club Branch).—Mrs. Delbanco.
Sweets.—Miss Mary Knight and Friends.
Toy Stall and Bran Tub.—Mrs. Knight and Friends.
Underclothing Stall.—Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. M. M. Abbott.
"Vote" Stall.—Mrs. Flowers, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Northcroft, Mrs. Newsome.

PLEASE HELP.

All the Stallholders are much in need of Gifts to supply their Stalls with suitable and pretty Christmas presents. Will all members and friends, therefore, make a special effort to send some contribution for one or other of the Stalls?

Miss Sparkman will welcome all articles suitable for the Stationery Stall, such as writing-paper, both plain and fancy, envelopes, postcards, Christmas cards and calendars, pens, pencils, paper, doyleys, etc. Everything useful for the home will be gladly received by Mrs. Whetton for the Household Stall; the things that sell the best are towels, tea-cloths, dusters, pillow-cases, pots, kettles, table-cloths, mops, floor-cloths, scrubbing-brushes, etc. Our South-Eastern Branches have undertaken the Dairy Produce and Pound Stall; they will be most grateful for any gifts, such as butter, eggs, jam, rice, tea, sugar, currants, etc. Mrs. Potter has undertaken the China Stall, and will be extremely glad of any gifts to make this stall attractive. The articles mostly required are cups and saucers, plates, teapots, glasses, jugs, flower vases, egg-cups, etc. The Literature Stall will, as usual, be most attractive; Mrs. Pierotti will welcome parcels of both new and second-hand books for this stall. Our Overall and Apron Stall is one of the features of our Fair, and has again been undertaken by the Misses Underwood. Any gifts of money or material, also overalls and aprons of all descriptions, will be most welcome. The Shilling Stall is always most successful, and Mrs. Delbanco will require many small articles, such as pincushions, calendars, ash-trays, etc. Miss Mary Knight will be very grateful for any kind of sweets for her stall, and Mrs. Knight will greatly welcome toys of all descriptions for the Toy Stall; the goods that sell the best are dolls, balls, bricks, games, puzzles, toy animals, etc. The Underclothing Stall has again been undertaken by Mrs. Holmes, who will be most grateful for all kinds of ladies' and children's underclothing. Handkerchiefs, antiques, and white elephants of every description are much needed for the Hampstead Stall, and knitted goods of all kinds are required for the Knitted Stall; these articles always sell well, and it is necessary to have a large supply.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Entertainments will be on an extensive scale, and will include Dramatic Performances each day at 6 p.m.

Display by Camp Fire Girls on Tuesday, November 23rd, at 7.15 p.m.

Music and recitations at intervals between 4 and 6 p.m. and after 7 p.m., on both days of the Fair. The following have already promised to assist: Miss Dunsford, Miss Betty Lowe, Mrs. Harvey-James, Miss Olive Harvey-James, Miss Prelooker, Miss Price, Miss F. E. Potter, and Mrs. Sparrow.

Character Readings by Mrs. Simons and Miss Wall; and there will also be Phrenology and Numerology.

COMPETITIONS AND GAMES.

Mrs. Seymour-Pritchard has kindly undertaken to arrange the Competitions and Games, and will be assisted by Mrs. Blake. The Competitions will be of a very novel description and should prove a great attraction to the Fair.

TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS.

Teas will be served in the Lounge and Gallery from 3.30 to 6 p.m., and Refreshments will be served after 7 p.m.

SOCIETIES AND FRIENDS TAKING STALLS.

The British Commonwealth League.
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Tickets, 1s. 10d. (including tax) the first day until 5 p.m.; after 5 p.m. and on the second day, 1s. 2d. (including tax), are on sale at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1, or from the Societies and friends taking stalls, or can be obtained at the doors.

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Equal Political Rights Campaign.

A PUBLIC MEETING

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Speakers: Mrs. ANTHONY (of the Young Suffragists); Miss FROUD (National Union of Women Teachers, Vice-President Equal Political Rights Campaign Committee); Mrs. M. W. NEVINSON, J.P., L.L.A.; Miss MONICA O'CONNOR (St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance); FRANK BRIANT, Esq., M.P., L.C.C.; HUGH DALTON, Esq., M.P., and others.

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Friday, October 22nd, 7.30 p.m.
Equal Political Rights. Public Meeting, Caxton Hall. Speakers: Mrs. Anthony (of the Young Suffragists), Miss Froud (N.U.W.T.), Vice-President, Equal Political Rights Campaign Committee), Mrs. M. W. Nevinson, J.P., L.L.A., Miss Monica O'Connor (St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance), Hugh Dalton, Esq., M.P., and others. Chair: Miss Anna Munro. Admission free. Reserved seats, 1s.

Tuesday, November 2nd, at 8.15 p.m.
Minerva Club Branch "At Home." Speaker: Miss Karen Jeppe. Subject: "Armenian Women Refugees."
Tuesday and Wednesday, November 23rd and 24th, 3 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Green, White and Gold Fair, at Caxton Hall.

PROVINCES.

Wednesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m.
Bexhill Branch. Public Meeting at the Albany Hotel (by kind permission of Miss Skinner). Speaker: Rev. A. E. Mobbs. Subject: "Parents and Children." Chair: Councillor Mrs. Meads.
Thursday, October 28th, at 3.30 p.m.
Darlington. Drawing Room Meeting in Polam Hall (by kind permission of Mrs. Baynes, B.A.). Speaker: Miss Anna Munro.
Thursday, October 28th, at 7.30 p.m.
Portsmouth Branch. Election Meeting, Swan Street Council School. Speakers: Mrs. Hart, Mr. A. Williams, Mr. Blake Howell, J.P., Mrs. Poole. Chair: Mrs. Brading.
Saturday, October 30th, at 3.30 p.m.
Ashford Branch. Public Meeting at the Hempsted Street Hall. Speaker: Rev. A. E. Mobbs. Subject: "Parents and Children." Chair: Mrs. Miles.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

October 16—28th.
Guildhouse, Belgrave Road, S.W. Seventh Centenary of St. Francis of Assisi.
Saturday, October 23rd, at 3 p.m.
Saturday Speech Club, Minerva Club, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Speaker: Geoffrey Hutchinson, Esq. (Barrister-at-Law). Subject: "The General Strike."
Saturday, October 23rd, at 3 p.m.
Parents' National Educational Union. The Children's Festival of St. Francis of Assisi, at the Guildhouse, Eccleston Square, S.W. Preacher: The Rev. W. Hudson Shaw.
Thursday, October 28th, at 4.45 (Tea 4.15).
Women's International League (Kensington Branch). Public Meeting at 30, Hyde Park Gate, S.W.7. (by kind permission of Mrs. Coit). Speaker: Miss Jeppe (League of Nations Commissioner). Subject: "The rescue of women and children detained against their will in Moslem harems."
Friday, October 29th, at 7.30 p.m.
The Ethical Union, 1, Little George Street, Westminster, S.W. Speaker: Miss Alison Neilans. Subject: "Some Anomalies of our Financial System."

BRANCH NOTES.

PORTSMOUTH.

Members will be welcomed at the Committee Room, 122, Blackfriars Road, any time between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Mrs. Poole is putting up a splendid fight and is worthy of all possible help. There will be a public meeting on Thursday, October 28th, at the Swan Street Council School, at 7.30 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Hart, Mr. A. Williams, Mr. Blake Howell, J.P., Mrs. Poole, and others. Chair: Mrs. Brading.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.

The Misses Underwood, Mrs. Turriff and Miss Brewer appeal for goods for their Aprons, Overalls, and Children's Clothing Stall at the Green, White and Gold Fair, and would gratefully acknowledge articles for sale, donations, or material. Materials for making aprons, overalls or children's clothes should be sent direct to Mrs. Turriff, 28, King's Avenue, New Malden, Surrey; and articles for sale, or donations, to Miss Underwood, c/o W.F.L. Office.
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GREEN, WHITE AND GOLD FAIR.

We much regret that, owing to the need for a sudden journey to America, we shall not have the pleasure of seeing the Duchess of Hamilton with us to open the Fair on the first day. We are, however, delighted to say that Professor Winifred Cullis has most kindly promised to take her place.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FAIR CONDUCTED TOURS ROUND THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

The Annual Fair of the Women's International League is to take a particularly attractive form this year. Mrs. Laurence Binyon is lending her house at the British Museum for the occasion, and specially conducted tours by experts to certain departments have been arranged.

It is to be held on Wednesday, November 10th, from 3 to 8 p.m., admission 1/-, and will be opened by Lady Horsley. Parties of 20 will start on five different tours of the Museum at 3.30 and 4 o'clock, and a charge of 1/- will be made for each tour. As the numbers are limited, applications for tickets should be made beforehand to the Secretary, W.I.L., 55, Gower Street, W.C.1. The departments to be visited are: Roman and Greek, Porcelain, Manuscript, Egyptian, and the Library, Reading and Book Rooms. Other attractions at the Fair will be stalls, concerts, palmistry, teas and refreshments.

MISS FREDA BAGE HONOURED.

A representative gathering of the women of the British Commonwealth spent a delightful evening at the Lyceum Club on Monday, October 18th, when Miss Freda Bage, D.Sc., F.L.S., Australian alternate delegate to the seventh Assembly of the League of Nations, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the British Commonwealth League, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, President of the British Commonwealth League, presiding.

Miss Bage gave an interesting and detailed account of the procedure of the work done at Geneva, pointing out that women had served on three out of the five Committees that had been set up by the Assembly. She urged the women present to press for more women to be sent to the Assembly, not merely as alternate delegates but as fully accredited delegates. In concluding, Miss Bage said it was interesting to note that no country had stopped sending women delegates after having once commenced, and that Dame Edith Lyttelton, D.B.E., J.P., at the last Assembly, had had the great honour of presenting, in person, to the full Assembly the report of the Committee on which she had served.

FOUR INTERESTING LECTURES.

The League of the Church Militant announces the following lectures:—

October 27.—"A Chaplain's Life in the Near East," by the Rev. Claud Hinscliff, Caxton Hall, 5.30 p.m. November 12.—"Travels in Russia and the Near East," by Mrs. Wedgwood Benn, Caxton Hall, 5.30 p.m. November 26.—"Life in Kashmir," by Dr. Kathleen Vaughan, Caxton Hall, 5.30 p.m. December 10.—"Life in the Holy Land," by Mrs. Pollard, Caxton Hall, 5.30 p.m.

The first of these should prove of special interest to members of the Women's Freedom League, as the lecturer, the Rev. Claude Hinscliff, was one of the earliest members of the League. It is hoped that a large gathering of old friends will assemble to meet him on the occasion of one of his rare visits to London. Tickets, 1s. for each lecture, or season ticket, 2s. 6d. Please make these lectures known, and bring your friends.

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SUBJECTS OF FOUR LECTURES by Miss Mary Chadwick. Thursday, October 14th, "How the Understanding of Adolescence may affect the later life of Men and Women." Thursday, October 21st, "The Fear of Death." Thursday, October 28th, "Difficulties in the Care of Children." Thursday, November 4th, "Some Modern Theories upon the Psycho-Genesis of Women's Neuroses." The above Lectures will be given in the Large Hall at the College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Sq., W.1, at 8 p.m. Course 10s. Single Lectures 3s. Apply at above address for Tickets, or pay at door.

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