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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

"Expecting."

Thomas Atkins has gone to the war, and the country is left with the responsibility of his wife and children—soon, alas, it may be his widow and orphans. And in many homes, it is not only the mother and the children round her all too frugally spread board of whom we have to think. In many of these homes, Mrs. Thomas is "expecting," as are hundreds of other women, the wives of men who have been thrown out of work owing to the war. Even in cases where the maternity benefit will ultimately be paid, it does not meet the needs of mother and child before the birth of the latter. Often the sole breadwinner of the family, she is now incapacitated for her daily work, though she struggles bravely with it and refuses to give it up until she is absolutely compelled. The Women's Co-operative Guild is asking for the immediate establishment of maternity centres where medical advice can be obtained, both before and after the birth of the child. It is suggested that, to meet the special circumstances of the war, free medical attendance at confinements and free food should be added. The Local Government Board has promised to pay half the costs of such establishments. More prosperous mothers would gladly take their part in helping forward such a scheme, and it may incidentally be mentioned that to provide layettes for babies whose mothers have not been able to furnish the traditional muslin-covered basket will be a form of work which will not take the bread out of other women's mouths. The establishment of such centres, when possible in conjunction with the local health authorities, is a field of effort to which voluntary workers might well be directed. Much is already being done by means of charitable agencies. Now is the opportunity for enforcing public recognition of the needs of mother and child. On the battlefields of the continent the dead lie in heaps and the rivers are choked with corpses. This is all the more reason for us to do all in our power to preserve the little lives that are being born in sorrow and suffering at home.

A Dangerous Trade.

Some very interesting figures were given at the annual meeting of The Royal Liver Friendly Society at Nottingham last week regarding the sick rate of women and the relative amount of sickness in married and single women. This Society has 310,550 members in its Health Section, of which 118,127 are women. The estimated cost of sick benefit for women per annum is about 7s. 9d. For the first eighteen months it was over 12s. per annum and the deficiency in the Women's Section is £26,000. The Men's Section has a surplus of £7,000. The most important figures were those that showed the relative sickness of married and single women. The following are the figures in a tabulated form, for sick benefit only, in Burnley, Bury and Dundee:—

		<i>Burnley.</i>		Claims.	Paid in Benefits.	Per cent.
Married	women ...	421	248	£1,014	74	
Single	.. ...	447	125	£352	26
		<i>Bury.</i>		Claims.	Paid in Benefits.	Per cent.
Married	women ...	609	341	£1,004	70	
Single	.. ...	939	221	£440	30
		<i>Dundee.</i>		Claims.	Paid in Benefits.	Per cent.
Married	women ...	752	398	£1,254	71	
Single	.. ...	1,007	265	£507	29

Since Burnley, Bury and Dundee are essentially factory towns, and that, in spite of poor conditions and low wages, the health of the unmarried operative is so vastly superior to that of her married sister, the above figures go far to dispose of the arguments of those who hold that industrial life is unsuitable to the physical constitution of women, and who recommend early marriages as being "what nature meant."

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In the Sheltered Valley.

We look back over the history of the last eight years of the Suffrage Movement and remember the methods of barbarism, by which those in authority have endeavoured to crush out the most insistent and the most vital agitation of recent years—that of the Women's fight for political freedom. Bearing in mind the forcible feeding, the hose-playing on defenceless prisoners, the repressive and vindictive police measures employed against us, we women may be excused if some of the panegyrics poured forth on the liberties enjoyed by Britons have left us tepid. In his speech last Saturday, Mr. Lloyd George told us that we have been living in a sheltered valley and that our lot has been too comfortable, too indulgent and too prosperous. It may have been the sad fate of Cabinet Ministers to live among these "enervating" surroundings. We do not find the general population of Nine Elms and Shoreditch, either men or women, suffering from too much prosperity. The hard-worked charwoman or seamstress does not complain that she is surrounded by too much luxury. Even that section of the people, in which, happily, the breadwinner is in receipt of regular wages, cannot be said to be "too comfortable." We are glad that Mr. Lloyd George sees the birth of a new patriotism "bringing a new outlook for all classes." We hope it will bring a new outlook towards the position of women and her claims for justice. We hope it will bring a recognition of the value of the life and work of women, and, with this new outlook, we hope that a stern determination will grow up that outrage and violence committed on the bodies of women and children shall be put down, whether these are the work of "modern Huns" or of British Hooligans.

Going a Milking.

An excellent suggestion relating to women was made in the House of Commons by Mr. C. Bathurst. In view of the depletion of the agricultural industry, owing to a large proportion of farm workers joining the colours, he asked whether the Board of Agriculture would "take steps to promote classes for giving instruction in milking to young women, and so enable them, as in other countries, to take the place of the male milkers." It is not only as feminists, with a view to making work for women, that we support this proposal. We all know the radiant cleanliness of the stage dairymaid. And many of us, who know something of life in agricultural villages, are aware that she is a long way from the reality of the modern milker, who is probably a farm hand who has spent the remainder of the day in the stables or carting manure. It has been said that our milk is contaminated from the cow to the pudding. We believe that the re-instatement of Patience on her milking stool, after she has been trained in the hygiene and practice of her art, would go far to lessen the danger to which the whole community is prone by milk contamination. "The wimmen don't like milking" the men will say in districts where the work is done entirely by men. We believe that it is not dislike of the work which

drove Patience into domestic service. As a farmer's daughter, she probably did not get paid at all. As a paid helper, her wages were ridiculously small. It will be of no avail to train dairymaids unless they can be assured of adequate wages.

Women Doctors and the War.

Dr. Grace Giffen Dundas, the wife of the medical officer of health, has been appointed by the Ramsgate Women's Local Government Association to act as medical officer of health and school medical officer during her husband's absence on active service with the Territorials.

The above paragraph appeared in last Sunday's *Observer*. We have no doubt that the Women's Local Government Association would gladly take over the appointments of all the medical officers of health in the country. But, unfortunately, these appointments have not yet been delegated to Women's societies. It was, of course, the Ramsgate Town Council who appointed Dr. Grace Dundas. The work of medical women can nowhere be of more value than when employed in the direct service of the public. We hope that the impetus which has been given to their work at home, owing to the absence of their men colleagues abroad, may result in a large extension of the field of that battle which has to be waged against disease and dirt and ignorance.

Miss Louie M. Brooks, Secretary and Warden of the London School of Medicine for Women, writes to suggest that this is an excellent time for young women to begin to study medicine. She writes:—

Before the war began there was a serious shortage of qualified practitioners, owing to the enormously increasing demand for medical treatment and inspection. Under ordinary circumstances the entry at the Medical Schools for men would have been a large one this October. Now, most of the young men have a call to offer their services to their country in another way. In five or six years' time there will, therefore, be a serious lack of house-physicians and house-surgeons in the hospitals and infirmaries, unless more women have in the meantime entered upon a full medical course.

There are many centres throughout the country where women can study medicine, so there is no lack of opportunity to those who seek it. I am receiving daily applications from hospitals, etc., for the services of fully-qualified medical women, and there is no possibility of meeting the present demand. The position will be more difficult year by year, unless the capable young Englishwoman steps into the breach.

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WITH GRATEFUL THANKS.

Our kind and generous friend and member, the late Mrs. Bastian, of Hadleigh, left a legacy to Mrs. Despard. Legal formalities having now been concluded, the President has very kindly divided the proceeds and given £50 to the Women's Freedom League and £30 to the "Vote."

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AT HEADQUARTERS.

We hope to see a good rally of our members and friends this evening (Friday) at the Suffrage Club, 3, York-street, St. James's, when Mr. Laurence Housman will open a discussion on "Sinful Charity." The chair will be taken by Miss Nina Boyle at 8 o'clock.

By kind permission of Mrs. Ronald McAllister, the first of our Wednesday afternoon Suffrage meetings will be held at 1, Mount-street, Berkeley-square, on October 7, at 3.30. The speakers will be Mrs. Despard and Mr. Laurence Housman, and the chair will be taken by Mrs. McAllister.

On the following Wednesdays, these afternoon meetings will take place at the Suffrage Club, York-street, St. James's, and we appeal to all our readers to support us in our determination to keep Woman Suffrage the foremost plank in our platform, by themselves attending these meetings and by making them widely known among their friends. Admission is free, and a collection will be taken on each occasion in aid of the funds of the Women's Freedom League.

We have heard with very great regret, of the grave illness of that good Suffrage worker, Mrs. Sproson. She has latterly undergone a serious operation. We are glad to hear that she is progressing favourably, and wish her a speedy recovery.

F. A. UNDERWOOD.

As there has been such a great demand for patterns of the clothes being made at the workrooms at 21, Edgware-road, it has been arranged that paper patterns, cut in sets of three, for children aged 4, 7 and 10, will be on sale at these offices next week. The price of these patterns will be 1s. for the set.

THE "PROTECTED" SEX.

CRIMINAL COURTS.—Old Bailey.
HENRY WRAY, feloniously wounding Ethel Anstead; found guilty. 12 months' hard labour.

EDITH WILLIAMS, 17, found guilty of concealing the birth of her child. A nominal sentence was passed. 2 days.
FRANK THOMAS, 30, feloniously wounding his wife, Frances Thomas. 9 months.

MARY ANN CASEY, feloniously wounding Albert Cohen 5 years' penal servitude.
RICHARD TIMS, committing incest. 3 years.

DONALD LESBINI was found guilty of the murder of Alice Storey by shooting at her. He was sentenced to death.
GEORGE PHILLIPS, 35, feloniously wounding Maria Frances. 18 months.

FLORENCE GEE, for committing bigamy. 3 months.
THOMAS PYLE, 52, pleaded guilty to indecently assaulting Helena and Ivy Hatherall, both being under 13 years of age. 6 months.

CATHLEEN SCOTT, obtaining money under false pretences. 9 months second division.

GEORGE WALLIS, incest with two sisters. 15 months.
JANE and ANN WALLIS, for unlawfully permitting their brother to commit incest with them. 6 months.

Before Mr. Atherley Jones.
SEAM YOUSRY, 25, who said she was an Egyptian princess, was charged with libelling Major Conolly by saying she was his wife and that he had deserted her. The Major's chief witnesses swore to a certain photograph being that of the prisoner and a man named Kent. This

was apparently the chief evidence against her, but, after the trial, Sir Ryland Atkins stated that the allegations (made by the prosecution, not the prisoner) were false and the photograph a faked one. The judge said she had pursued a vendetta or hatred against the Major. He asked counsel for the defence, at one point whether he suggested "it was for the public good that the actions and behaviour—which to some extent had been admitted—of an English officer in Egypt should be noised abroad in England." "I do, my lord," replied Mr. Beresford. She was recommended for deportation, and sentenced to six months, second division. She has already been in prison three months without bail.

MR. Atherley Jones, from the day of his elevation to the Bench, has shown himself unfit for that position. No uglier sentence has ever disgraced his record, however, than this, in which he openly tried to influence the jury in favour of the prosecution by insisting on the "honour" of this "British officer," pointing out the danger of attacking this "honour" at a time like the present. The W.F.L. will not lose sight of this case, and will take steps to call attention to what appears to be another grave miscarriage of justice.

EDITH WILLIAMS, 17, for concealing the birth of her child. Two days. She had been on remand for some time so this sentence meant release.

JENNIE SUGARMAN, charged with keeping a brothel. Two police officers had kept observation on her house. There were three previous convictions for a similar offence. To the Common Sergeant's disgust he found the Criminal Law Amendment Act only enabled him to give four months' hard labour.

EVAN DAVIES, found guilty of the wilful murder of his wife, but insane. To be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.

ALFRED SPEARPOINT, accused of an offence against an imbecile woman, who kept house for him. The Recorder said he had been guilty of a crime against society. Six months.

ARTHUR RABY, 46, police officer, was found guilty of committing an indecent offence on Isabella Douglass, aged 11. On August 7 prisoner sent out for an errand, and then took her to his room, where the offence took place. The evidence was very clear against the prisoner, who had twice been convicted of drunkenness and of indecency on the highway. Twelve months' hard labour.

CLERKENWELL.—Before Mr. Spokes.
HORACE TIMBELL, 42, indecency. Bound over.
CARRIE EDGERTON, 40, soliciting. 8 months.
DAISY HAWKES, 30, soliciting. 9 months.
STELLA MERTON, 32, soliciting. 6 months.
ANNIE DAVIES, 33, soliciting. 7 months.
NELLIE TERKER, 30, soliciting. 6 months.
JESSIE COX, attempted suicide. Bound over and to be sent to a home.

ANNIE NELSON, 38, soliciting. 8 months.
JOHANNA NICHOLS, 32, was found guilty of neglecting her four children. 3 years' detention in an Inebriates Home.

WILLIAM LEWIS, 30, charged with living in part on the earnings of prostitution and with assaulting Daisy Levy. 18 months.

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GOD (and the Women) OUR SHIELD.

The cartoon is one of *Punch's* "inspirations," it so perfectly embodies the spirit of the double fight that rends the world, the strife of nations for pre-dominance, and the struggle of the women for political and economic equality. Here we have personified the narrow faith that "God, pre-eminently the God of Battles, is working with us and for us; that Women, pre-eminently created for our satisfaction, must be sacrificed for us," and neither "God" nor "Women" are looked upon with the clearer, truer vision of the newly awakened sense that realises responsibility for the keeping of "brother" nations, and recognises that women can and must fulfil a better part.

Though full of bitter sarcasm, picture and words are a parable. In very truth "God and the Women" are the hope of the world, the only hope, the two-fold shield against annihilation—death of all that leads to life eternal, extinction of life material.

"God" our shield! The power that makes for good, that which is antagonistic to evil, wherever and however it exists; the force that by prayer, by thought-concentration, by will-power, is being centred, for their destruction, upon the powers of darkness that rage on our unhappy battlefields—the vital element without which there can be no growth towards national brotherhood and world-wide freedom, "that power is with us as we strive for the security of the "little one," and in its strength we shall prove, once for all, that physical force, brute force—even with brains to back it—does not and cannot rule the world. Nothing is more terrible than the government of the strong by the weak, cry Treitschke and his disciple Bernhardt. We agree, the strength of wide outlook cannot be subject to the weakness of narrow vision; strong endeavour, with no limit but humanity, must not be frustrated by weak, self-centred plans.

The nations strive for space, for a place in the sun: if we are to be "strong" for "government," let us see to it that, with a single eye, we fight for "space" for spiritual development, for "a place" in the sun of liberty. Fighting thus, we shall "die greatly," with "a glory that shall exceed all victories in the past." So, and only so, can we gain a lasting peace, a peace that will not kill our fighting strength, "the natural expression of the vital forces of the nation, the exact coefficient of the nation's idealism," but divert it into higher, purer channels, through which it will be poured forth, all-powerful for the regeneration of humanity.

"Women" our shield! Our existence as a nation depends on them at this crisis, in a very special sense. Woman, the constructor, must re-

plenish the earth which man, the destructor, is robbing of its strongest and best. In her, more than ever, lies our hope for the life of the world to come. That "the pick" of the nation are being rapidly killed in large numbers must have a serious effect on the physique of the coming generation; therefore it behoves us to do all that lies in human power to keep our women strong and robust, so that their super-abundant health may, as far as possible, counteract this evil effect of war. To neglect so obvious a duty would be national suicide; our women should receive all the help and care that the nation can bestow upon them.

Thus, firm in our faith, trusting in our protection, we march right on, our steadfast eyes upon the goal of our desire, and, in spite of darkness and unspeakable horror, we look hopefully for the dawn of "The Day," our day, the women's day of peace; peace to fight, to wage untiring war against disease and death, starvation and social evil; the day which will know no barrier of nationality, will see nothing save a great unity through much diversity. On that day we fix our hope and, fearless of the present, confident for the future, go forth to battle.

MATERNITY.

We have already called attention to the need for maternity centres. Miss Llewellyn Davies and the Women's Co-operative Guild, 28, Church-row, Hampstead, N.W., will be glad to send particulars to any of our readers who are interested in the establishment of such centres. This is, undoubtedly, the psychological moment for the inception of a scheme which shall render it impossible that either mothers or babies shall in future suffer from the evil results of starvation, malnutrition or neglect.

Miss Llewellyn Davies writes:—"If this war is not to destroy the men of the future as well as the men of to-day, let us look to our mothers now. It can be done; for not only does machinery exist already in many towns and districts by means of which work can be carried out, such as Infant Consultation Centres, but the new grant in aid for maternity and child welfare now passed by Parliament enables the Local Government Board to give 50 per cent. of all costs connected with this work to municipal and voluntary organisations. This would include half salaries of all health officials connected with maternity work (health visitors, medical officers, etc.), half expenses of rent, light, heat, etc., of a maternity centre or infant consultations, half cost of drugs and treatment. The £12,000 already voted is to cover these 50 per cent. expenses for the six months ending next September. After that time the same plan will continue, when further money will be given on a 50 per cent. basis for expenses incurred during the current year. Here, then, is the nation's opportunity. Let every Public Health Committee establish such centres, where expectant mothers can receive medical advice, and through the agency of which, meals may be provided under doctors' orders and prescription, where arrangements for skilled and proper attendance in confinement may be made, and where the nursing mother and baby may again find medical advice and nourishment if need be. Let them apply for free medical attendance at confinements, free dinners and milk to the National Relief Fund, which could not spend its money better than in helping the wives of the soldiers and sailors and the wives of civil sufferers from the war, when their turn comes to face death on the woman's lonely battlefield, for to help them is to help the babies, who are the nation's best asset."

MOTHERS DON'T COUNT.

Outside a large hall in one of our richest cities they stood—a crowd of 400 women. Women (and babies) of all ages and all conditions. Some with shawls thrown over their heads, some, obviously better-class women, who had made the best of themselves for this appearance—so unnecessary and so degrading—in the public eye; all waiting with an air of patient expectancy for the weekly pittance which should supplement the scanty allowance made by the Government to the wives and dependents of its soldiers and sailors.

Now and again the six foremost women would vanish and the ever-reinforced crowd move forward. I went round to the front of the hall and watched the "relieved" emerge, and found that patient expectancy had given place to a sense of injustice and bitterness. That there was a scale of payment according to circumstances I did not doubt, but not one of those poor souls would believe that the young girl who doled out her allowance (in many cases a shilling!) or "sent her empty away" did not do so on her own initiative. When the young girl gave gratuitous advice or asked, what the women deemed to be impertinent questions, they felt that insult had been added to injury.

To think that they had given up their men for this!

"I will write about it to my son in Aldershot," said an elderly woman who had come to ask relief for her grandchildren. "He will be angry; the King himself said that there was enough money to keep us. I should like to write to the King himself. Such a little that you get from the Army too, and twopence for each child." A young married woman spoke tearfully. "She (the girl inside) said 'You pay too much rent,' but I have always kept a nice little home together and I want to go on; it would be a nice thing for my husband to come back and find the home broken up. Then I asked for something for my mother—I keep my mother—and she said—she a girl with her hair down her back—'mothers don't count,' she said." The elderly woman took it up. "Oh, no, mothers don't count. We give them the men; we bear and rear them, and they go to fight for their country and their 'mothers don't count.'" And the young woman said, "I have one child and another coming, but I'll see to it that I have no more. They talk of increasing the population, and this is their encouragement—I'll have no more, there is nothing to keep them on, they give you twopence a day for a child, twopence a day won't keep a child, why, a small tin of Nestle's milk costs threepence-halfpenny; twopence a day won't keep a child."

What a triumph for our enemies! What an indictment of our provision for the families of those who are fighting our battles! What encouragement to the recruits we are demanding! Soldiers' and sailors' wives and dependents standing for hours in a public street for the sake of a few shillings—nay, often one shilling—wherewith to eke out an inadequate government allowance.

As I went home every recruiting station recalled the facts I had heard, and every khaki uniform suggested, "twopence a day won't keep a child," and "mothers don't count."

F.A.E.

Note.—Since the above was in print Mr. Asquith has tardily recognised the rights of dependents and mothers may count on getting some allowance, the amount of which is not yet stated, if they have been dependent on the earnings of their soldier son. We hope that aged fathers may also enjoy the same consideration.—Ed.

OUR INTERNATIONAL COLUMN.*

Influence Plus Votes.

Since Illinois women have secured partial Suffrage, their much praised influence has not decreased but has increased mightily. Matters which voteless women had for years been vainly urging became approved by high officials, when championed by women voters.

Seven hundred women judges and clerks of election and nearly one hundred and sixty thousand women voters at the April elections, scattered through the city of Chicago, resulted in the most orderly, drunkless and fightless election of recent years. No woman was insulted. Even men's rights were respected.

Ten women police were recommended by the Mayor as soon as the Suffrage law went into effect. He wanted the young girls in dance-halls and bathing beaches safeguarded, though the dangers had been as imminent at any time for ten years back, and club women had urged the need of policewomen. We now hail the policewomen.

The Mayor of Chicago appointed two women to the Charter Convention, women on the Garbage Committee, women on the Board of Censors of Moving Pictures, and he announced that the women had changed his opinion as to the segregation of the social evil. He now believes in restriction and extermination.

The janitresses of the City Hall marched up to the paymaster and demanded the back pay, withheld from them last year. They were no more tactful or refined or coy or charming or brilliant than they had been the year before. But the first time they were disenfranchised, and this year they were voters. The innate chivalry of the officials was now so great that these "lady voters" got their back pay and an increase of two dollars and a half per month.

Women deputy assessors now interview many women as to the value of personal property, a change very pleasing to timid women living alone and dreading visits from men officials.

Judge Owens, of the County Court in Cook County, has had juries of women sitting in insanity cases, where women and girls were suspected of being insane, and the relief to these distressed sisters who can tell their stories to women only, is very great.

The last grand jury in Cook County, where nearly one-half of the population of the State reside, and where probably more than one-half of the State's crime arises, made a report in August recommending that, in case of crimes against women and girls, these prosecuting witnesses be sent before a grand jury of women, in order to avoid the distress of relating to men the story of the repulsive crimes of which they were victims. Such delicate thoughtfulness for the feelings of outraged women might have occurred when women had no vote and relied alone on chivalry, but it did not.

In Madison County, of which Alton is the largest city, many crimes against women had been so lightly treated by juries, that last winter a group of Alton's most respected social and philanthropic leaders among the women went to the trials of the new cases of outraged women. Although there were no women lawyers or court officials or women jurors, the mere presence of these noble women in the audience prevented vulgar jesting or the usual harassing innuendoes. A solemn dignity was felt in the courtroom, and the juries returned verdicts in accordance with the evidence. Several men went to the penitentiary, and helpless girlhood is that much the safer.

Many women in Illinois have been opposed to the licensed saloon and, when elections were pending involving this question, would hold prayer meetings, serve hot coffee and doughnuts to voters, urging a vote against the liquor traffic, and with little result. This last April, women did not neglect to pray, but they voted, and outlawed a total of more than one thousand saloons from dozens of small cities.

None of our temperance reformers or philanthropic workers want to go back to the days of mere influence, for now we have more influence, and power besides.

CATHARINE WAUGH McCULLOCH.

Evanston, Illinois.

* Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, the writer of the above article, was for many years President of the National Woman Suffrage Association; Vice-President of the Illinois Women Suffrage Association; and is a lawyer of the highest reputation. She is the mother of three fine children, and one of the most prominent and popular women of her State.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE NATIONAL AID CORPS.

The following letter has been sent to Mr. Asquith by the Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps.

21st September, 1914.

To the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith,
10, Downing-street, S.W.

Sir,—We see with marked approval that you have conceded the points on which almost every woman's organisation has insisted since the beginning of the war—that the dependents of soldiers, reservists, territorials, and volunteers should be paid an adequate allowance by the nation, and that such an allowance should be paid weekly and through the Post Office, and not through the medium of charitable organisations; and that a separation allowance is now to be granted to the wives and dependents of seamen.

The fact that it has been necessary for the country to express grave indignation at the treatment at first meted out to these unfortunate people is added evidence of the necessity for the voice of women to be heard in the councils of the country.

We beg leave to draw your attention to a further matter which is causing grave concern. We note that large numbers of married women have been called upon to vacate their quarters in barracks to make room for recruits, as to whose accommodation in camps there has been complaint and discontent. The daily Press notifies that eight hundred of such families have been turned out at Woolwich alone. The frightful distress consequent upon such treatment of a very helpless class of woman cannot be estimated, and we would remind you that the women married "on the strength," that is to say, on a Government guarantee that they should have quarters. We hold that a breach of this guarantee, at a time when it will be most felt, will be a public reproach, and that it is the duty of the Government to provide other free quarters for the families of soldiers instead of turning them loose to find accommodation at a rent which may be in excess of the allowance made by Government. We do not believe that the Government can be callous to these claims at such a time as the present.

We must also beg you to give your earnest and sympathetic consideration of the pensions for widows and destitute mothers of soldiers. It has been a crying reproach to the country, and the time seems a fitting one to set this matter, which we understand you believe to be one of considerable difficulty, on a right footing.

We cannot imagine that had women held any authority in the country that these matters would have been unattended to till the arrival of a serious emergency.

We deeply regret that it has been necessary for us to take up these painful matters, and you will, however, I feel sure, realise that as our sympathies and our organisation have been expressly directed to the relief of distress among women and children, these matters have been pressed upon us from the first. We could do no less in our turn than press them on the attention of those in authority. I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) CONSTANCE MAUD,
Hon. Sec. of the W.S.N.A.C.

A parcel of old clothes has been received from Mrs. Eastman, Princes Mead, Nettlesome, Isle of Wight.

The Singer Sewing Machine Company, Limited, has promised to lend two machines free of charge to our workrooms; one has already been sent to 21, Edgware-road.

Mrs. Cobden Sanderson writes to ask whether clothing made for school children at the work depot (21, Edgware-road) can be advertised in THE VOTE and prices given so that people on Care Committees shall know where clothing suitable to give away can be obtained. In answer to the above, the Hon. Sec. of the Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps instructs us to say that estimates are being made of the value of the material and work expended on the garments, and full particulars will appear in next week's VOTE.

Mrs. Marion Cunningham has very kindly promised to serve on the St. Philip's ward committee of the Borough of Finsbury in place of the General Secretary of the W.S.N.A.C.

Voluntary workers are needed to serve on the Care Committee of the Ricardo-street, Poplar, L.C.C. Schools. Readers of THE VOTE, who are able to serve at Poplar, or in any other district in London, should write to the Hon. Sec. of the Sub-Committee of the W.S.N.A.C., which deals with Care Committee work.—Mrs. Turner, 33, Park-lane, W.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE NATIONAL AID CORPS.

Quite a crowd of members and friends of the Women's Freedom League accepted Mrs. Ronald McAllister's invitation to a drawing-room meeting at 1, Mount-street, last week. Mrs. McAllister explained that the object of the meeting was to make more widely known the work of the Woman Suffrage National Aid Corps, organised by the Women's Freedom League. The speakers were Mrs. Despard, the President of this Corps, and Miss Lind-af-Hageby, its Honorary Treasurer.

Mrs. Despard said that women as well as men were at the present time fighting for their country. Thousands of women and children were suffering distress through the dislocation of industry caused by the war, and members of the Woman Suffrage National Aid Corps were trying to work with organisations already in existence through Care Committees, on Distress Committees and other Committees up and down this country to minimise this suffering. The unemployment among men was great, and a very large number of them were working for half-pay; there was also an enormous number of women out of work, chiefly those belonging to what are known as the luxury trades. The Woman Suffrage National Aid Corps had started workrooms in different parts of London to provide work for women. This Corps was also arranging meals for necessitous children, and at the workrooms clothes were being made for these children in readiness for the coming winter. The Corps had also established centres for providing nourishing meals for nursing and expectant mothers.

Miss Lind-af-Hageby prefaced her remarks by saying that all life is war. Mrs. Despard, in her way, was as great a soldier as Sir John French, who was now commanding the British forces in France. It was, therefore, appropriate that Mrs. Despard should lead the Woman's Movement of combined Suffrage and national service. In the past, many men and some women had honestly believed that women had no real interest in political life or in the affairs of their country. It was absolutely impossible for people to live in that illusion in war time. The speaker asked those present to look at the world as it was now, to look at the facts and face the consequences. War was more serious for women than it was for men. It had broken up their homes in Belgium and in France, it touched women through all they held most dear. War destroyed home life and the peaceful pursuits of industry, trade and civilisation. Women were called upon to suffer directly through war, and Miss Lind-af-Hageby considered that the chief argument of the opponents of Woman Suffrage was defeated as soon as women had to take part in the consequences of war. She expressed her ardent belief that women would be on the side of peace and civilisation, and as the influence of women came into force in every country—politically, diplomatically and socially—war would automatically cease. The present war was an unprecedented war, and women would be called upon to mend what men had destroyed. They would do more. With their increased influence they would work for a real re-construction of Society, for the building up of a new and better social order. The Woman Suffrage National Aid Corps was organised by Suffragists as Suffragists openly, frankly, defiantly for the relief of civilian distress during the present war, and Miss Lind-af-Hageby was convinced that, from the point of view of the re-construction of Society and a new social order, this was of the greatest importance.

OUR SUGGESTION COLUMN.

Mrs. E. M. Ebbutt, of Thorndale, Epsom, writes to suggest that educated girls, now out of work on account of the war, might be glad to offer themselves as probationer nurses in Poor-Law infirmaries, where there has been for some time a shortage of nurses. Probationers are usually advertised for in the Poor-Law and Nursing papers, and educated girls are always valued, especially in the larger infirmaries. She writes:—"The nurses are well housed, well fed and also gain a training that should be of real value to them in after life, even if they do not pursue the calling. They have uniform free. The salaries are certainly small, but there are practically no expenses."

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS: W.F.L. LONDON AND SUBURBS.



Thursday, September 24.—Highbury Corner, 8 p.m. Mrs. Tanner. ADDISCOMBE, The Blackhouse, 7.30. Miss W. St. Clair.

Friday, September 25.—CROYDON, W.F.L. Office (32a, The Arcade, High-street). First afternoon meeting of the session. 3.30. Speaker, Mrs. Tanner. DISCUSSION MEETING at the Suffrage Club (3, York-street, St. James's, S.W.). Opener, Mr. Laurence Housman. Subject: "Sinful Charity."

DARE TO BE FREE.

8 p.m. Chair, Miss Nina Boyle. Admission free, discussion. Few reserved seats, 1s. Tickets from W.F.L. Office.

Sunday, September 27.—REGENT'S PARK, noon. Miss Nina Boyle and Miss Le Croisette. BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30. Mrs. Tanner and Miss Spriggs. CLAPHAM COMMON, 3 p.m. Mrs. Samuel and Miss St. Clair.

Monday, September 28.—KENSINGTON, corner Lancaster-road and Blenheim-crescent, 8 p.m. Miss Rushbrooke.

Tuesday, September 29.—TOTTENHAM, outside Gas Office, High-road, 8 p.m. Mrs. Mustard and Miss Eggett.

Thursday, October 1.—CROYDON. Open-air meeting, 7.30. Highbury Corner, 8 p.m. Miss Anna Munro.

Friday, October 2.—Mid-London Branch Meeting, 1, Robert-street, 7.30 p.m. Speaker, Miss Munro. DRAWING-ROOM MEETING, 39, Campden Hill-road (by kind permission of Mrs. James Boyd), 4-6 p.m. Speakers, Mrs. Despard and Miss Nina Boyle.

Sunday, October 4.—BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30. Miss Rushbrooke. REGENT'S PARK, noon. CLAPHAM COMMON, 3 p.m. Miss Nina Boyle.

Monday, October 5.—KENSINGTON, corner Lancaster-road and Blenheim-crescent, 8 p.m. Miss Munro.

Tuesday, October 6.—Corner Amhurst Park and Stamford-hill, 8 p.m. Mrs. Mustard and Miss Eggett.

Wednesday, October 7.—1, MOUNT-STREET, Berkeley-square. Mrs. Ronald McAllister "At Home" to members and friends of W.F.L. Speakers: Mr. Laurence Housman and Mrs. Despard and others, 3.30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10.—PORTMAN ROOMS. Mrs. Despard's Birthday Party, 7.30. Admission free.

Sunday, October 11.—BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30. REGENT'S PARK, MISS MURRAY. CLAPHAM COMMON, 3 p.m. Miss Eunice Murray. DRAWING-ROOM MEETING, 129, East Dulwich-grove, S.E. (by kind permission of Mrs. Mockford), 3.30-5 p.m. Speaker, Miss Boyle.

Monday, October 12.—W.F.L. OFFICE, 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, W.C. Members' meeting, 8 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Despard, Miss Murray and Mrs. Tippet. Chair, Miss Anna Munro.

Wednesday, October 14.—Public Meeting at the Suffrage Club, 3, York Street, St. James's, S.W., 3.30. The Rev. C. Baumgarten ("War and Franchise"), and Miss Boyle. Chair, Miss Murray. Admission free.

Sunday, October 18.—REGENT'S PARK, noon. BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30. Mrs. Mustard and Miss Le Croisette. CLAPHAM COMMON, 3 p.m. Miss MUNRO.

PROVINCES.

Monday, September 28.—MIDDLESBROUGH, Hinton's Café, 8 p.m. Business meeting.

Tuesday, September 29.—SALE, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, School-road, 3.30 p.m. Branch meeting, open to sympathisers. MANCHESTER, 79, Piccadilly, 7.30. Branch meeting, open to sympathisers.

Monday, October 12.—MIDDLESBROUGH, Hinton's Café, 8 p.m. "At Home." Speaker, Mrs. Schofield Coates. Chair, Miss W. M. Jones.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Monday, October 5.—ST. ALBANS' DEBATING SOCIETY. Debate: "Women's Work in Local Government v. the Suffrage Agitation." To be opened by Miss Boyle on the Suffragist side.

Sunday, October 11.—KINGSTON HUMANITARIAN SOCY, Fife Hall, Kingston-on-Thames. Lecture by Miss Andrews. "War—and after?" 7 p.m.

BRANCH NOTES.

Clapham.

The Clapham Branch are well content with their garden party. Our President came to us and inspired us all by her words. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Every for the loan of her beautiful garden and, under the management of Miss Winifred St. Clair, the programme of competitions and entertainments proved a great success. Miss Evie Hope, though a non-member, gave her professional services, and her piano entertainment was a real delight. Miss Nielson and Miss Crease also kindly gave their services. After sunset, Chinese lanterns combined with the hunters' moon formed a charming setting for the remainder of the programme. The part of Lady Teazle was delightfully taken by Miss St. Clair, who played with the true eighteenth century touch. Mr. Laube, in the character of St. Peter, is also to be congratulated. The same lady and gentleman were greatly appreciated in

a humorous little farce. As the evening became cooler, the younger folk danced, and everyone returned home after a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Croydon.

Open-air meetings re-commence this week, as well as our Friday afternoon meetings. Branch members represent our League and the Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps on the Mayor's Committee, the School Canteen Committee and the Mothers' Dining-room Committee. Collecting cards are now ready, so that members may get in money to start the special work that the Branch hopes to do during this autumn and winter.

East London

A Branch Meeting was held on Thursday, September 10th. It was decided to discontinue the Branch Meetings for the present, and that all members should be urged to attend the general meeting at Headquarters on the second Monday in each month. All who are able are asked to continue to buy the VOTE and to double the weekly levy, which should be paid to Miss Smith at those meetings or sent to her at her address: 1, Northbrook Road, Lea, S.E. Members intending to join the Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps should send their names and registration fee direct to the General Secretary.

Grantham.

On Thursday, September 17, a very successful drawing-room meeting was given by Mrs. Stephens, at 141, Dudley-road. Miss Wallis, of Nottingham, was in the chair, and the speakers were Miss Goddard and Mrs. Rawle. The latter, who has been in the Movement for many years, spoke of the formation of the Women's Freedom League and the methods adopted in the early days. Miss Goddard emphasised the need of women in politics, and showed how the brutalities practised on women in the present war are the outcome of the subjection and submission forced upon women in centuries past. An interesting discussion took place at the close of the meeting. Six more members were enrolled, and several present agreed to take our paper regularly.

Ipswich

The winter meetings began with a hard up supper on September 17. A fair number of members were present, and a very pleasant evening was spent. It is hoped that members will try and attend the weekly meetings as regularly as possible.

Manchester

A meeting of the W.S.N.A.C. was held on Tuesday evening, September 15. Miss Janet Heyes presided. Miss Andrews reported on the deputation to the Secretary of the Distress Relief Committee, and Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Dent and Mrs. James gave vivid accounts of cases they had visited as members of the Longsight Distress Committee. Whilst the work of the Corps was being discussed, members were busily at work making and getting out garments for destitute children. Material will be thankfully received, and should be sent to Miss Platt, 79, Piccadilly.

Sale.

A meeting of the W.S.N.A.C. was held on Tuesday afternoon, September 15. Mrs. Rutter presided. It was arranged to co-operate with the Civic League of Help, and, if possible, to get representation on that body. Mrs. Nidd contributed a large bundle of material for the making up of children's garments, and reported that she was serving on the Belgian Relief Committee. Our thanks are due to Miss Elliott, who has been working in Manchester and Sale for a fortnight of her holiday with unremitting energy. We gratefully acknowledge the sum of £1 from Mrs. Philip Johnston as a contribution to our N.A.C. Fund.

Middlesborough.

A Branch meeting was held last Monday night in Hinton's Café. Mrs. Walker gave a report of the first meeting of the representatives of Women's organisations in the town, of which she had been appointed secretary. Miss James reported that she had attended a meeting of the Ladies' Committee, at which the Mayoress presided, and that the shirts and socks distributed by this Committee were made by voluntary workers. Miss James was asked to put forward the point of view of the W.S.N.A.C. at the next meeting, and to strongly oppose this work being done voluntarily when so many women were in need of employment. The scheme of starting a feeding depot in one of the poorer parts of the town was discussed, but was left over for further consideration. Mrs. Despard's scheme for providing suitable clothing for school children appealed to all present as a very practicable and useful work. An "At Home" will be held on Monday, Oct. 12, at 8 p.m., in Hinton's Café, at which Mrs. Schofield Coates will speak, and members are asked to bring a useful garment or contribution for the W.S.N.A.C. Children's Clothing Fund.

IN THE PARKS.

Brockwell Park.

In spite of the inclement weather, a good meeting was held in Brockwell Park on Sunday morning last, a fair audience listening with attention to Miss Boyle's interesting address on the present situation. Next Sunday Mrs. Tanner will be the speaker.

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Organ of the Women's Freedom League.

The Social Committee, to whom was committed the task of organising a winter carnival, for the purpose of giving pleasure to our members and of raising more money for headquarters, have decided that in view of the present trouble, it will be wise, while making the effort, never more wanted than now, to add to her funds, to minimise expense as much as possible.

They therefore propose, on a date to be announced, to hold a Christmas presents sale and a little entertainment at these offices.

Members are earnestly requested to send us at least one article for sale, and not to buy their Christmas presents until they have seen what we shall have to show.

They ask for toys, games, dolls, children's garments, books, diaries, fancy articles and house-linen. Curios which members may wish to give for the cause will be heartily welcomed. Above all we desire a great variety.

C. DESPARD.
J. E. SNOW.

MISS JANETTE STEER announces lectures to be held during the run of "The Sphinx" at the Royal Court Theatre commencing October 3. On Tuesday, October 6, at 3 p.m., Miss Steer will speak on "The Femininity of Life"; chair: Miss A. Abadam. Friday, October 9, at 3 p.m., Mrs. Flora Annie Steel's subject will be "The Fruit of the Tree"; and Mrs. Frances Swiney's "The Divine Motherhood and Her Children"; chair: Lady Isobel Margesson. Admission free. Reserved stalls 2/6. Doors open at 2.30. For women only. Tickets may be obtained from the Box Office. Phone: 848 Gerrard.

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