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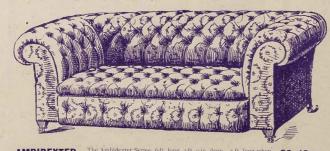
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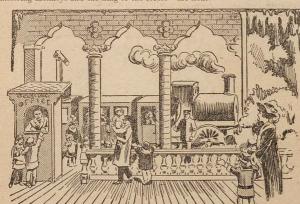
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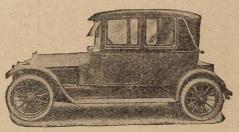


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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether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

### THE OUTLOOK

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers, in honour of our 300th issue, a special Christmas double number, with its cover in the colours of the Votes for Women Fellowship-purple, white,

Votes for Women claims the honour of being not only the oldest of all the existing suffrage papers in this country, but the only one which represents all sections of the movement. It is read in every part of the civilised world, from the enfranchised States of America, where women have complete political equality with men, to those backward countries where harem, and are forbidden to take the smallest part in the public life of the country. Wherever it goes it fires the blood and quickens the imagination of women by telling them the story of the great fight for freedom carried on by their sisters in this country. It appreciation of the value of their womanhood, a would have liked to have sent him out food, bu

### Special Features

eparture in suffrage journalism, contains many is done to give effect to this wish. readers. Miss Honor Appleton contributes some delightful illustrations to Mr. Laurence Housman's witty verses on the political situation. Mr. Nevinson sends us a humorous skit on the members of Irene M'Leod. The cover is decorated by our old friend "A Patriot." G. Colmore and Miss Mary Neal contribute characteristic stories, while the editors have written on the political outlook.

### In the Liberal Party

The situation in the Liberal Party with regard to woman suffrage is becoming more and more serious. Prime Minister, pulling wires to prevent woman woman to endeavour to secure their defeat. suffrage from being carried into law.

## "Eighteen to Three in the Second Eleven"

the Liberalism of the future; he added that he believed that if great Liberal leaders would lead on on the Government. Pledge cards and all particulars this subject as on others, there would be a tremendou speaking to the Tottenham and Wood Green Women's Liberal Association, Mr. Acland informed his audience that in the "second eleven" (by which he meant those members of the Government who were not in the Cabinet) there was a majority in favour of the suffrage of eighteen to three.

### Circular by Anti-Suffragist Cabinet Ministers

The deliberate plot of anti-suffragists in the party is attested by two ominous circumstances to which the Manchester Guardian draws attention. The first these is the rejection of Sir Victor Horsley at Market Harborough, which it is believed, it says, "was to some extent the result of a circular of the anti-suffragist members of the Cabinet. strong suffragist Liberals," the Manchester Guardian he Government in the Eighty Club work, disestablishment, and other matters, and they feel that if the tactics at Market Harborough are continued they will be supporting, not a neutral, but an anti-

### North Islington Liberalism

The second circumstance referred to by the same paper is the adoption of Mr. Costello as the Liberal andidate for North Islington, a man so strongly anti-suffrage in his opinions, that he refuses even to discuss the question. It is believed that the Liberal agents in the constituency are counting on making up Liberal abstentions at the election by anti-suffrage Tory votes, Mr. Touche, the Unionist member for the constituency, being a suffragist. It is noteworthy that Mr. Lloyd George chose Mr. Costello to be his chairman at his latest land reform speech, thus throw

### Neutrality in Action Impossible

These facts bring out clearly the contention, which we have put forward over and over again in this that one woman, Mrs. Watkins, was given a black women are still shut up within the confines of the Party are allowing themselves to be led by the nose by the anti-suffrage minority. It is easy to talk about neutrality, but in matters of action there is no such thing as neutrality, there is only doing or leaving undone. If a hungry man was standing outside a house where a dinner party was going on, and asked gives to them a new sense of their own dignity, a new to him to be told that a large majority of the diners for food and was refused, it would be no consolation new understanding of the common humanity of the others. Equally, it is no consolation to suffragists to be told that there is a majority in the Liberal Party Our Christmas number, which constitutes a new anxious to enfranchise women, so long as nothing

### Mr. Acland's Position

Mr. Acland indeed seems to have had some glim-Mr. Actand indeed seems to have had some gimmering of this point of view himself, for we notice that in the earlier of his two speeches he went so far as to say that he would be unable permanently to adhere to a Liberelism which refuses to treat the Cabinet. The special frontispiece is the design women as citizens. But we notice that he was careful of Miss Ethel Everett. A conversation between a to say at the same time that nothing could be done for baby and a bulldog forms the subject of a sketch by Miss Evelyn Sharp, illustrated by Miss Kate Olver.

Mr. Israel Zangwill writes on "Actresses and the Vote." A striking poem is from the pen of Miss

### All Liberal Politicians Must be Opposed

Liberal Party, that they cannot run with the hare mittee at Cambridge by Lady Darwin and Miss Con and hunt with the hounds in this matter of woman suffrage. So long as the Government refuse to enhance Tite, though, for the present, the Committee have decided against the proposal. Policewomen have An overwhelming majority are favourable to the enfranchisement of women, and are anxious that the stigma of opposing it shall be removed from the party.

An active minority, on the other hand, are at work

If anchise women they are an anta-suffrage Government and of the party are rightly classed as anti-suffragist by their actions. It is therefore the duty of every elector who puts woman suffrage first to vote against them woman have, by securing the parliamentary vote, with the connivance, if not with the support, of the at the polls, and it is the duty of every self-respecting obtained recognition of their equality of status with

The "Suffrage First" Committee report that very facts. Speaking at a meeting of young Liberals at
Farnworth on November 26, Mr F. D. Acland,
Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that from

In that large numbers of letters are reaching the hon.

Secretary daily from electors pledging themselves to make the question of woman suffrage the suprement of the supremental properties.

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Readers who are not recorded. Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that from his experience at Liberal meetings he knew that there was a growing determination that woman suffrage on a democratic basis must be an essential part of electors to sign the pledge card, as this is the most of their constituency. We hope that our readers will take every opportunity of pressing forward this organisation, and of inducing electors to sign the pledge card, as this is the most order the paper to be sent to them each week from their newsagent.

an be obtained from the hon, secretary at the offices

### More Women Liberals on Strike

We have great pleasure in recording the fact that another local body of women Liberals has gone on strike. The Ely Women's Liberal Association has by its president, Miss Julia Kennedy, deciding, in question by the Government, to withdraw officiall franchisement of women is either carried or placed on the Liberal programme. We hope that many members of the Association will individually go further and work against the Government, and so help forward the day when the Liberal Party is brought to its senses in this matter.

### The Mystery of Mr. Bethell

Grave doubts have been cast by the police and the Press upon the statements published in the thoroughly reliable information) juries were inflicted upon Mr. William Edward Bethell at a Liberal meeting in Camberwell, and that he subsequently died as a result of his ill treatment. On learning of these doubts we at once instituted a searching inquiry into the facts, but the statements of the various persons concerned mystery. We ask our readers therefore to suspend judgment until our next issue.

fact that brutality of a highly dangerous character is constantly employed against men and women interrupters by Liberal stewards. At Limehouse, on November 27, where Mr. Churchill and Mr. Master eye and a blow under the jaw, a young man named Schnack had his face distorted and cove another woman was pummelled in the face while being held by stewards, and was carried in a stunned dition to a neighbouring doctor. Our correspondent's account is borne out by the independent testimony is concerned, by a medical certificate from Dr. Elizabeth Wilks.

### Forcible Feeding

An important public meeting is being held in the Queen's Hall on Friday evening, December 5, to protest against forcible feeding. The Bishop of Kensington takes the chair, and the speakers include the Rev. Lewis Donaldson, Canon Simpson, Archdeacon Escreet, the Rev. P. A. Lacey, Sir Victor Horsley, and Mr. Mansell Moullin. The Bishops of Hereford, Oxford, Lincoln, Guildford, Leicester, and Glasgow have all sent messages supporting the pu pose of the meeting. Meanwhile there is no news of the release of Miss Rachel Peace, and therefore presumably she is still being fed by force in Holloway We learn from Germany that England's bad example

All Liberal Politicians Must be Opposed

The fact is that no real progress will be made until it is brought home to every member of the Government, and, indeed, to every member of the Liberal Party that they cannot are with the control of the liberal Party that they cannot are with the liberal Party that they cannot are with the liberal Party that they cannot be also that the liberal Party that they cannot be a liberal Party thad the liberal Party that they cannot be a liberal Party that the

Owing to a large number of requests it has been We have had fresh evidence recently of both these great interest is being taken in their proposals, and decided to reprint the "Open letter to the Bishop of London, from Mrs. Pethick Lawrence," appearing in our issue of November 21, in the form of a leaflet

# A VISION OF THE FUTURE

# Leading Men and Women on what the Woman's Vote will effect

ent to us in reply to the question :-

What, in your opinion, would be the most significant hange likely to be brought about in the political, social, and intellectual world by the enfranchisement of women

### PROFESSOR GILBERT MURRAY

o have the following results :-

- 1. To improve the general relations between mer
- 2 To better the social and economic prospects of he most oppressed classes of working women.
- 3. To help forward the Temperance Movement.
- 4. Probably, after the first shock is over, to steady and make more conscientious the political judgments

### MISS BRADDON (MRS. M. E. MAXWELL)

I have been too busy of late years to go deeply nto any political question, but I naturally consider hat from the moment the franchise was widened rufficiently to admit all sorts and conditions of men, t was high time that women should have an equal vote. As to the effect that their influence would have. I think it could but work for good, and in the sause of law and order.

M. E. Maxwell.

# VISCOUNT DILLON

These are my opinions :-

Politically.-Women being by nature more conservative than men, it would arrest or stop the downward progress of political immorality.

Socially.- It would improve conditions as causing a greater respect for purity and a high standard of

who have already attained high positions in the cientific world, no less than those who are striving to gain the place due to their intelligence, which ha been so liberally distributed by Providence among their sex, as amongst men.

I think that if women were enfranchised on equal erms with men, there would be an element of greater liberation of the spirit of things, in political, social, and intellectual matters. Because women would have obtained their equality with men, which would enable their dissimilarity to temper the male personal ambition, and individualist aspirations.

MISS LILLAH McCARTHY

Lillah McCarthy.

### MR. ST. JOHN G. ERVINE

I do not know. There may not be any immediate I believe that the mass of women are like the mass of men, having the same silliness and the same sense.

on the day on which I was first allowed to vote. down and replaced by healthy homes, the bars to My exercise of the franchise did not make any education removed, the doors that are shut to women difference to anyone. The man for whom I voted in nearly every walk of life thrown open. And did not do the things I wanted him to do, and he did through these changes there is a great light which do some things that I strongly objected to his doing, shines from the dawning of a happier time—the but that sense of my own importance has not left me, and I think it was worth while obtaining it. It is very needful that women should have that sense, I think that the enfranchisement of women is likely | too. If you ask me what will be the most amusing result of women's enfranchisement, I shall answer: The antics of the politicians in their efforts to adjust

St. John G. Ervine.

### MISS ELLEN TERRY

Impossible for me to answer your questions.

### MRS. JOPLING ROWE

In my opinion, the political, social, and intellectual world would decidedly benefit by the enfranchisement of women. The business that our Parliaments transact does not relate solely to men's affairs: the advice and the co-operation of women world be of great service to Members of Parliament.

Society is composed of both men and women. Its interests can best be served by the sexes working harmoniously together.

The widening of the intellectual outlook of women nust be better for the future race, as women have more to do with the man-child at its most receptive

Louise Jopling Rowe.

### THE EARL OF SELBORNE, K.G.

I do not think that any very significant change will be brought about by the enfranchisement of women. Any change that there is will, in my opinion, be for the better, but it will be very gradual Intellectually.—It would encourage those women | and to most people scarcely perceptible.

### MISS HORNIMAN

I believe that when women get the vote there will gradually be less fuss about what is "manly" and womanly," and that, instead, a more balanced view will be taken in the "human" point of view-some thing which will be above sex without ignoring that question.

A. E. F. Horniman.

### LADY CONSTANCE LYTTON

One cannot divine, shut up as I am from ill-health and scarcely able to read, how the vote would most significantly change the world were all women enfranchised on equal terms with men. In various countries the wants of women are different, but no doubt there would be a great substratum that would work out the same everywhere. Honour for women, change or one that can be described; there may be welfare for children; cleanliness, healthiness, one so drastic that we men will be left breathless | morality for men, women, and children. These are some of the chief aims of women, but what giant achievement they call up! The White Slave Traffic and that the enfranchisement of women will not make stopped, the horrors of syphilitic disease put an to disperse the deadening weight of suggestion that much difference to the general level of things. The end to, the unprotected mothers defended by law, at present, in most cases, prevents women from value of the vote does not lie in what women will the prison, workhouse, and doss-house abolished or developing their natural powers to the full). do with it, but in the fact that women are allowed transformed past recognition, the dwelling houses

The following important pronouncements have been | to use it. I received a sense of my own importance | where women and families spend their life pulled greater freedom of the human race.

# A WORKING WOMAN

Immediate uprisal of our Political, Social and Intellectual Standard, owing to the new and feminine themselves to the new electorate. They are a queer teachings to our coming generations which are and race, politicians, aren't they? Still, they, too, are cannot be otherwise than foreign to the masculine gender, insomuch as there are matters of great national seriousness such as our men folk could not possibly probe, so must be left to the administrative

### MRS. FLORA ANNIE STEEL

The most significant change in the political world will be the automatic disappearance of party Government. When the male element in humanity finds the female element, it will cease to feel, as it does now, that necessity for criticism outside itself which lies at the bottom of party Government. The secret that Two are One and One is Two is the secret of the Universe. The natural "opposition" of man is

In the social world, the disappearance of chivalry in favour of charity. Mutual forbearance is only possible in equal share to man and woman when they stand together on equal ground.

The intellectual world will benefit at once by the automatic division of intellectual work which must follow on a widening of intellectual qualities. The outlook of man and woman being essentially different, it stands to reason that the inclusion of a different element into public and private life, into politics, morals, and manners must be beneficial to humanity

Flora Annie Steel

### A CHARWOMAN

Women would be better represented by their own sex who would understand best what they require. They would get better wages and would feel themselves of some importance rather than mere machines which we are in most cases compared to now.

### LADY SYBIL SMITH

I believe that, in the political world, the enfranchisement of women would lead to the subordination of party considerations to principles.

That in the social world, it would help to establish one standard of morals for both sexes (seeing that such legislation as the equalising of the Divorce Law, the raising of the Age of Consent, and the amendment of the Laws of Bastardy, legislation long demanded by women, could hardly fail to bend public opinion in this direction).

in an increase of high attainment (because the greater facilities for education and the wider opportunities for the exercise of ability likely to ensue would tend

# THE WHITE CROSS

Everything was white, or so it seemed to the magistrate; even the sea; for the surf that seethed about the rocks was pale as milk, and the waves, dashing the rocks was pale as milk, and the waves, dashing the only rort of our policy that is similar to the rocks. Besides," she went on, as the magistrate moved forward (for indeed he was very cold), "we women don't hurt men; it's whether there is anything white about you except

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with friends who had urged that the further away he was from London, the greater would be the change from the atmosphere in which his official days were passed, the fuller the refreshment of mind, the surer the rest. And so it had proved; the police court was shut away by a wall of distance, of merry-making, He was feeling a little better. of the companionship of cheery kindly men, and of women easy to talk to and pleasant to look upon. It was in buoyant mood that he had come out for an after luncheon stroll, and, exhilarated by the crisp air, had gone on and on across the snow clad country; straight on, as it had seemed till, turning, he found no guiding landmark in the white expanse that faced him. Then the snow had come on again and fell like a moving veil about him, and, wandering on and on, he found himself at last upon a rock-strewn beach with white headed waves rushing inwards, tossing clouds of spray up into the silent snow.

The castle, he knew, was not far from the coast; if he followed the coast line surely he would come to it, and if the daylight failed, lights in the windows would guide him safely. He went on, keeping to the landward side of the beach till the low cliffs, rising higher, hid from him all save the sea and the jagged rocks which broke the waves. Those rocks became more thickly grouped, larger; it would have been better to mount the cliffs and keep along their edge; he stopped, hesitated, and turned. A little way back were two tall rocks, with a space between through which he had passed, and just beyond these rocks the cliffs, he remembered, were low enough to mount. There they were ahead, the two high jagged points; he could just see them through the blinding snow, which fell ever more swiftly, more densely, and to the left of them the wall of lower rocks which ran right into the sec

e was close to the tall rocks now : he thought he would stand for a minute to leeward of them and rest; but he stopped before he reached the scant rest; but he stopped before he reached one scant shelter they might give, stopped short and gazed. In the space between them, a space that had been empty some ten minutes since, stood a cross, white as the snow and the breaking waves: a white cross, with arms that stretched from rock to rock, the stem of it wider than the arms, the head of it rounded. He of it wider than the arms, the head of it rounded. He stopped, and advanced, and stopped again; for there were eyes in the cross, and the eyes looked at him. Not of wood it was, or stone, but of flesh, human, living; it was a woman's form that barred his progress, snow covered, with face as white as the snow.

"Who—what—?" he stammered.

"One who walks when night or storm makes it safe to take the air." The figure dropped its arms, but otherwise did not move. "I am a wanted woman. And you for the moment are a wanted woman. And you for the moment are a wanted work.

woman. And you, for the moment, are a wanted

'I-I don't understand."

"I will explain." The woman stepped forward. You don't know me?"

Yet the recollection dawned dimly in the mind of the magistrate. I know you. You are that one of McKenna's cats

who put me into the trap of Holloway." You are a — then, a —."

You looked more like a-" he tried to laugh-" a

cross than a mouse, just now."
"Is it the first time that you have seen in a woman's form the form of a cross?" Her voice changed. "Come," she said, "if you stand shivering there, you will catch your death of cold. We can

"Yes, to the castle. I know the way, a shorter way than following the coast line.'

"Oh, you needn't be afraid. I have no bombs about me, any more than you have a posse of police classes had learnt to read and to write political

the rocks was pale as milk, and the waves, dashing themselves into foam, were like snow rising upwards to meet the falling flakes. It was Christmas Eve, and already in the early afternoon the daylight was dim; soon twilight would be here, and then darkness. The magistrate had come north to spend Christmas with friends who had come north to spend Christmas the feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they defel."

Was very cold), "we women don't hurt men; it's the only part of our policy that is similar to the policy of the Government. The Government doesn't touch men; nor do we, except just to frighten them a bit. But there the similarity ends. For we direct our attacks to inanimate things, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the Government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the government attacks women, because they don't feel, while the government attacks women, because the government attacks women, because the government attacks women, because the government attacks women, bec they do feel.

"I really can't allow this," exclaimed the magistrate. "It's—er—almost seditious, a libel on—on—"
"Oh! On what?" she asked. "See here, we

must climb now just a little way." "A libel on English justice," said the magistrate.

The woman stopped short.

"Here," she said, "you and I stand quite alone away from all tradition-save only that which will be celebrated to-morrow, the tradition that Christ had but one human parent, and that one a woman Here, on Christmas Eve, in a world that is white whichever way you look, the blackness that you have put in the place of justice should seem, even to you a libel indeed. Not my words, but your own acts the court where you deal it out, your-justice."

The magistrate did not answer: certainly all around was white, certainly the London court would

"I have always thought." the woman said moving on, "and always said, that in everybody there is somewhere a bit of white. But looking at you elderly men, dealing out months of imprisonment to women for political offences that are sometimes ven no offences at all, knowing that you give but into the darkness came a dreadful doubt. Was the weeks or days to men who have assaulted little girl

"I am cold and wet," said the magistrate, "an cannot bandy words with you." "And I, I suppose, am very warm and dry."

It was almost dark now, but the snow was stil falling: it was a white figure the magistrate followed like a ghost—or—it was because it was Christmas time, he thought, that there came back to him hi

childhood's idea of an angel.

Not ghost nor angel, but a woman it was wh stopped as they rounded a belt of trees. "Over ther do you see the lights in the windows?"

I-I ought to thank you

"Oh, no, the boot's on-I mean-for I know yo are particular—the glove's on the other hand. I'v had my interview, you see

Do you mean that you planned ?

Of course, when I heard you were coming here "It was disgraceful," said the magistrate.

Well, you can run me in again. Oh, not to-night because there's only one of you. But you might tra me. May I—" she raised her hand to her headmay I offer you the usual clue?"

She was gone, lost in the whiteness of the falling snow. Before the magistrate were the castle lights

appetising the dinner, very merry the voices of th guests, very restful the soft warm bed. But in th night the magistrate awoke, and, with the vision

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Then came the Balkan war, and Mrs. Stobart hoped to be sent out as a detachment of the British Red Cross. That Society, however, determined to send only men, and from what I have heard of their performances in certain parts they had better have sent

formances in certain parts they had better have sent nothing at all. Finding her fully trained women's orprs rejected with the scorn customary to masculine oride, Mrs. Stobart selected fifteen of them, including pride, Mrs. Stobart selected fifteen of them, including three women doctors, and set off to prepare the way. The whole of her convoy soon followed her to the Bulgarian headquarters. Unhappily, as I had gone forward, as near to the fighting front as we were allowed, before they arrived, I never saw them. But Mr. Noel Buxton, to whose quiet generosity the scheme owed so much, has given us a faithful and inspiring account of their excellent work at Kirk Kilisse, where he found them established. ("With the Bulgarian Staff.")

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mrs. Stobart now tells the whole story from her point of view with great modesty and frankness. There was the invariable trouble of getting stores collected and organised in war time, and the greater trouble of transporting them to the scene of action. Remember, that in the Bulgarian army there was no transport but ox-waggons beyond the three main bases. Day and night the few roads were crowded with ox-waggons going and coming in preserveding with ox-waggons going and coming in never-ending lines. In these waggons the women had to live on their seven days' march from Jamboli to Kirk Kilisse. The waggons are small, wooden concerns, without springs, and the sides slope inwards usually to a springs, and the sides slope inwards usually to a single plank. Only by heaping straw deep upon the plank can you sleep, and in war time the drivers steal your bed to feed their oxen. What is worse, the country is devastated, and you can't get food for love or money. In one village Mrs. Stobart actually found a woman baking:—

"It locks levels." It said and thinking of my ctore.

How often have I also proclaimed that truth! And still we hear Mr. McCallum Scott and his war-like band of M.P.'s wearily maundering that women hall have no voice in peace or war because they can'

Betwixt Odalisque and Women's Convoy Corps she says in another place, "what an interval About the same interval, I suppose, as between Anti and a Suffragette. H. W. N

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# THE VOTE IN 1914

To politicians the year 1913 is already over. Its lebates and its intrigues, its divisions and its tions, even its successful legislation are for them things of the past. The year 1914 occupies their ole attention. The Government have their programme for the new session well in hand, the Opposion are sharpening their weapons for the attack. The Labour men and the Irish are determined that in 1914 they will secure the reforms upon which they have set their heart.

We suffragists are equally determined that the year 914 shall see the enactment of the most important project of legislation before the country-the enfranchisement of women. This great reform is now long verdue. It is nearly fifty years since it first attracted attention, and nearly thirty since it first ecured a majority in the House of Commons. For several years it has occupied a prominent place in public thought. We cannot wait any longer for it to e settled. Let us recount some of the more important of the reasons why it ought to be dealt with in 1914.

First and foremost we place the fact that the vast najority of the people-men and women-are fully onvinced to-day of the inherent injustice of excludng qualified persons from the franchise solely on the round of sex. Amidst a great deal of ill-informed riticism of militancy and its origin, there is on every ide a growing feeling that this injustice ought to be noral sense of the community.

Secondly, we claim the immediate passage into law of this reform on the ground that government of the people by the people is an essential part of Liberal people by the people is an essential part of Liberal doctrine which the Liberal Party cannot, without Party can exist without Mr. Asquith; it can exist Full Tariff and Testimonicals on Application.

Tolographic Address. "Thackeray London." Operation in the case of women.

Thirdly, we remind the Liberal Government that their explicit pledges to women remain unfulfilled, and that this stain on their honour can only now be removed by the frank adoption of woman suffrage as part of the official programme for 1914-the last effective session of the present Parliament.

Finally, we commend to their attention the words f Mr. Winston Churchill, who said that Liberalism vas successful because when faced with a section of the public in rebellion it did not content itself with applying methods of coercion, but sought to find a emedy for the injustice by which the rebellion had been brought about.

We are aware that Liberal partisans are able to produce a multitude of reasons why the Government cannot bring in and carry a woman suffrage Bill in 1914. It is said that there are so many other reforms to which the Government are committed that there is no time to enfranchise women. We answer that there never will be a session with regard to which this con tention will not be brought forward with an equal semblance of truth. When Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment are disposed of there will be Land Reform and Housing Reform, and a host of other questions which demand immediate attention. Woman suffrage, affecting as it does every section of the population, transcends all these questions importance, and is entitled not merely to proceed alongside of them into law, but, if it were necessary, o take precedence on the Government programm

Again, it is said that the last session of a Parlia ment is unsuitable for the enactment of a measure of his kind. We reply that, on the contrary, it is of all sessions the most suitable, because it enables the neral election to be fought on the new register containing the new electors. We are so used to hearing he opposite argument put forward-viz, that the arly sessions of a Parliament are not suitable for he passage of a franchise Bill, because they would tate an immediate dissolution-that this audacious plea causes us nothing but supreme amaze-

Again, it is said that a constitutional change such directly consulting the people, that this Parliament was not elected to settle this question, and has no right o de so without obtaining an express mandate from the electors. Our reply is threefold, Firstly, a imilar proposition with regard to an "expres mandate" is frequently put forward by opponents of other legislative proposals, but is invariably over ruled by the leaders of whichever party happens to be in power. Secondly, prior to the last general election. Mr. Asquith explicitly stated that it the Liberal Party were confirmed in office they should consider that the new Parliament would be entitled to settle the question of woman suffrage; and after this thirds of whom had announced themselves favourable to the enfranchisement of women, was elected dealing with House of Lords Reform is to be introduced next session; the principles of this measure have not been before the country at all; if, therefore the Government consider themselves entitled to intro duce and carry a measure of this kind next session how preposterous it is for their supporters to deny their right to introduce and carry a Bill to give votes

Lastly, it is said that women cannot be enfranchised n 1914 because the Liberal Party and the Cabinet are divided on this question, and in particular because Mr. Asquith is an opponent, so that if the vast majority in the party who favour the enfranchise ment of women insisted upon having their way Mr. Asquith would be compelled to retire and the party would be wrecked. We confess that we are not very solicitous of the welfare of parties as such, and that to us faithful adherence to sound principles is of infinitely more importance than the preservation of any party, however great its traditions. But to those whose minds are cast in a different mould we recommoved. So long, therefore, as politicians refuse to mend consideration of the fact that there are more nfranchise women they are running counter to the ways of wrecking a party than one. It is true that a party may be wrecked by a cleavage between two of its dominating spirits. It is equally true that i may be wrecked by an abandonment on the part of the whole party of those principles on which stultifying themselves, continue to refuse to put into without Mr Luffi Harcourt; it cannot exist without operation in the case of women.

# THE SHEEP THAT DEFIED THE DOG

## By Mrs. Pethick Lawrence AN OPEN LETTER TO THE

You believe that women ought to have the vote when they fulfil the same duties that qualify men for the franchise. In fact, you are one of the rapidly and ever increasing majority of life-long suffragists. But your sympathy for the cause has received a check, you say. You are startled and angered by the new spirit of rebellion in women. You are roused to fury when women forget the traditional gentleness of their sex, and take to the methods of violence and destruction which have been in the past so often used by men, and which are being threatened by men at the present time in their struggle for what they onceive to be liberty and justice.

AVERAGE ELECTOR

I admit that the militancy of women is a phenomenon new and unexpected in public and political life. Does it not for this very reason call for an altogether new effort of the imagination and the understanding? Have you brought them to bear on the problem?

Let me give you a picture of militancy as I see it. Last spring I was walking in Scotland over a country road dusty with the trampling of a flock of Highland sheep. Amongst them were many ewes with their young. One lamb was lame and lagged behind the rest, its mother standing by. Suddenly a fussy sheep dog spotted the laggards and made in their direction with much ado. But instead of the panic stricken submission and obedience that one is accustomed to see given by the timid sheep to the the dog with steady and herce determination. In an instant the dog stopped dead, completely nonplussed, then turned and went off with his tail between his

If I had not seen this little drama I should scarcely all consciousness of itself as a unit.

Hold that picture in your mind while I set before you another as a companion to it. The root meaning of the woman's movement to-day is the awakening of women to the new consciousness of race motherhood. Into the heart of this awakened womanhood to-day certain conditions affecting the weak and the young and the helpless-conditions of which you and your fellows seem to be oblivious have been burnt by the passion of pity. Women are no longer content to accept the world into which the children of your race are born.

### It is Intolerable

It is intolerable to women that 100,000 infants should die in this country every year from causes that are to a large extent preventable. It is intolerable that hundreds of thousands of the children who manage to live should grow up stunted, blighted, and diseased in body and in soul. It is intolerable that the child of the widowed mother should be torn from her arms to be brought up in the workhouse. It is intolerable that the mother herself, after devoting her body and her life to her family, should, sweated labour market as the only alternative to about everybody and nothing in particular. pauperism. It is intolerable that young girls should be sold to agents of the White Slave Traffic, or should even more than there are to-day. Why, for instance, be driven to sell themselves for bread, and that baby should she be carefully tended in a darkened room children should be assaulted and violated often with | when assailed by a headache, while the parlourmaid impunity, and always with less risk to the offender a delicate girl about her own age, must wait at table

known, are no longer to be endured by the women | defiance, engaged in direct combat with her termenthe idea of divine and universal motherhood. We are not content to remain the passive agents of human generation. We demand to become an inherent part of that human will which, acting through the body politic, creates the forces that shape and fashion the human world.

We have cried to justice and appealed to reason, and our cry has not been heard. When in the history of the last eight years of this movement, women, ignored, tricked, and betrayed by politicians, have tried to raise voices of protest against their political helplessness in the face of these conditions, rough men have been employed to drown their words. This race-awakened woman-pioneer of the womanhood of the future-men have harried and hunted and driven Every means that obstinacy and cruelty could devise to break her spirit have been tried. Assaulted with terrible violence when she attempted to carry petitions to the rulers of the country; sentenced to outrageous terms of imprisonment for purely technical offences; treated in prison with every possible humiliation devised for the most callous criminal; forcibly fed when she protested against these degrading conditions by adopting the hunger strike; mocked and incited by Cabinet Ministers who threw back her patience in her teeth, and taunted her with her mildness; she has been driven by her persecutors at last to violence | be delivered into freedom and rebellion. And thus she stands to-day in noble

of the country in whose heart has been born again | tors, McKenna of the Cat and Mouse Act, and the forcible feeders of the Liberal Cabinet.

Such is the picture that you must place beside that of the ewe and her lamb, if you would understand

What are you going to do-you average elector? The position is fraught with dire portent. Immeasurable tragedy will be the outcome unless you intervene

. Remember that it is your young for whom this mother woman is fighting with such indomitable determination-yours and the Nation's. For them she has literally staked her life, regardless of sacrifice. Are you going to see the sacrifice completed? Will you take her blood upon your heads?

If not you must act, and act at once. You must call off these bloodhounds that represent you. You can do it with your vote. You did it for Larkin, the individual. You can do it for the awakened woman hood that stands to-day so fiercely and self-regardlessly on the defensive for the sake of the unborn children of the British race. No power on earth can subdue her spirit. Will you have her body broken before your eyes?

Up! And let this Government of proven cowards know that you and the other electors of the country are determined that the mother of the people shall

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence

# bark of the shepherd's dog, the ewe turned and faced PEOPLE WHO MATTER-AND SOME WHO DON'T

By Mary Neal

IV. - A Rebel

She began to rebel consciously at the age of six, | donation to the missionary society make his money have believed in the possibility of a militant sheep. when, at her grandfather's funeral, her brothers were by the manufacture, amongst other things, of brass What had happened to change a creature of allowed the dignity of black stockings instead of the idols as articles of trade with the benighted heathen traditional timidity and gentleness into this fear- red and blue ones then in fashion, while she was only whom he subscribed to save? lessly defensive rebel? The instinct of motherhood allowed a black frock and the compromise of white But she was quite grown up before the biggest imbued sense of fear. The divine miracle of nature "a'ard 'earted little thing with no proper feelings." always spoken of as "Poor Eliza Ann." The back of the world? seat of the carriage, the leg of the chicken, the management of the children while married sisters were away on holiday, tickets for theatres and

At the age of twelve she openly told her mother that she refused to be made into the sort of nonentity that | the future. her grandmother had made of her Aunt Eliza Ann. When still young enough for the nursery to be still in existence for a brother only four years younger than herself, she read Stuart Mill's "Subjection of sit for hours after breakfast behind the nursery barred window, watching the stream of men and boys who regularly every morning turned out from stuffy suburban breakfast-rooms to join the vivid life of trade and profession, leaving the women and girls "the ladies of the family," to dust the drawing rooms, arrange the flowers, make cakes and nastr in her bereaved widowhood, be driven into the and amuse each other with gossip and small talk

There were many puzzles for a rebel in those days, than he would incur by an offence against property, and go on with her work, however ill she felt and

These things that you have forgotten, or never looked? And why did the giver of the handsomest

had overwhelmed all other impulses; the sense of protective responsibility had driven out the long imbued sense of fear. The divine miracle of nature "a'ard carted little thing with no proper feelings." subduing nature was herein made manifest, I mean As she grew older there gradually grew up in her faithful to him for many a long year of poverty, and love of her he had ahandoned a mistress who had been the rising of race consciousness in a silly sheep above heart a great rebellion against the attitude of the who, now that things were prosperous, was to see family towards the one unmarried aunt, who was him "range himself" and become a responsible citizen-

Then the rebel understood revolt as never before She came into personal touch with the problem of life as it has to be faced by the deserted and wronged woman, and always will have to be faced until women concerts when someone else failed were always considered as belonging especially to the old maid of the And the rebel and the wronged woman faced the truth together, and the man went out from their pres awakened to a new realisation of the womanhood of

To-day the rebel still, with spirit all unconquered. rebels against the man-made laws and man-made standards of right and wrong to which society hows the head and to which the weak, both men and women, still submit. But, to-day, she is one of a great com Women" with passionate understanding, and would | pany all the world over, and is conscious of a great not call herself a rebel, but a "fellow." of the new fellowship of men and women working for the enfranchisement of women

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### THE BABY AND THE FIRE GOD

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the sort of tone that seemed to imply that all the Happy Christmasses going were his to give away.

Happy Christmas?" echoed the Baby, glancing down at him over the edge of her perambulator. What's that?

"Really!" said the Bulldog, looking pained.



You are a Most Ignorant Baby where the Greatness of the Empire is Concerned.

"You are a most ignorant baby where the greatness | she wasn't my parent, dad was my parent, and if he of the Empire is concerned."

asked the Baby. "Is it a whole holiday, and a mug couldn't afford to lose half a day's work, and I said with a flag painted on it?"

is-" It was surprising how difficult Christmas was | tucked under one arm and all the others crying for to define when one came to do it-"well, it's roast their tea. But the magistrate didn't seem to underbeef and plum pudding and holly and kissing under stand. He said: "Four-and-six. Next case"; and the mistletoe, and all the things that have made mother cried and said she didn't see how ever she

pressed; "then it's no good coming here and wishing me a happy Christmas. Those are not the things and that would save any more trouble. So I was." that have made our street what it is. I wish our "As it should be," grunted the Bulldog. "The law street was part of the British Empire, I do."

"But it is!" cried her companion in great excitement. "It is! No street is too mean to form part | known how to write," explained the Baby. "And it of the great Empire that stretches from-

I don't think much of your Empire," interrupted the Baby, "if it's got a street like ours in it. However," she added dreamily, "it's not going to be like to make. that for ever. By the time I'm grown up, there won't be a street like ours left in the Empire, and every day in the year will be a Happy Christmas, and all the babies in all the houses-

'Indeed?" remarked her listener, sarcastically. "Am I to understand that you, madam, are going to effect this mighty change?"

girls will help," she added modestly. "I don't and dad was at the club, and the others were dancing suppose I could do it quite alone."

became slightly vulgar. "The Empire ruled by us a pram now it's all over and done, as mother sayswomen! I don't think!" he chuckled.

"I do," retorted the Baby. "If boys and bulldogs can't make a better job of it than you've done, I | "I never heard of a talking fireguard before, not even think it's time we girls had a try. I know what I'm | in private theatricals got up in aid of the Empire talking about," she added, "because the Fire God | League."

"Fire God?" repeated the Bulldog, in a puzzled tone. "You mean fire-guard, don't you?"

"That's the way Lloyd George's doctor man pronounced it." admitted the Baby; "but it's Fire God, waving hair like little flickers of flame. But his really. I'll tell you all about it, if you like. The eyes were the wonderful part of him."

"Happy Christmas to you!" said the Bulldog, in | fact is, I've been seeing life in the police court since | you were last here."

"If there's a police court in it, it can't be a respectable story," objected the Bulldog. He was not sorry, however, when the Baby ruled this objec-

"Of course it isn't respectable," she said. "Nobody can be respectable on

sixteen shillings a week with seven-and-six-rent and fourpence Lloyd George and burial three and all the " pence. But it's the sort of story that happens every day down our street. It began with Mother said she would have no more of it, along of Bob having died of it. ha' died anyhow, 'cos of the milk being bad and not enough of it; but he said she could do have to fill in the paper, dad not being a scholar. But the magistrate (who lives in a stuffy round place with a glass top to it, and doesn't know anything that goes on at home here) told her

couldn't write it down he'd have to come and say "What's Christmas got to do with the Empire?" I wasn't to be vaccinated. Then mother said he at the top of my voice that she was my parent, not "Not at all," was the short reply. "Christmas is- | dad, who doesn't have to clean the house with me could, and a kind gentleman-at least, a policeman Oh," said the Baby, who was not at all im- said he was a kind gentleman—said he would pay the

must be fulfilled."

"But it wouldn't have been fulfilled if dad had wasn't your arm, so you don't know how it hurts."

"I shouldn't mind it hurting," he declared grandly 'I should feel I was obeying the law I had helped

"I wasn't, you see," the Baby pointed out. " was being hurt by the law I hadn't helped to make. So was mother. That makes all the difference."

The Bulldog, being cornered, grew testy. "I don't see what all this has to do with the fireguard," he said.

"Fire God." corrected the Baby. "I'm coming to him. It was Saturday night, and my arm swelled up "Yes, I am," was her reply. "I daresay the other and pricked dreadfully; and mother was out shopping, to the organ; and I was all alone here, in that corne The Bulldog was immensely amused. He even by the fire, lying on dad's coat—the neighbour's lent

and suddenly, the Fire God began to talk to me." "Remarkable thing!" commented her listener.

"There was a great round hole in the fire," the Baby went on. "It was all red and gold and shining and there, in the middle of it, I saw the Fire God He had a beautiful wise face, and a kind smile, and

"What were his eyes like?" asked the Bulldog, just to humour her. Women always had to be humoured, he reflected, when they talked utter nonsense like this.

"They saw everything that had ever happened and everything that was going to happen. They saw all the mothers who had ever cried when magistrates told them their own babies didn't belong to them; and they saw all the children who had died because there was no air for them to breathe down the streets where they lived, and all the people who had gone away to prison because stealing was better than starving,

"Come, come!" interrupted the Bulldog. "Let us be practical, my dear lady. How do you know he saw all that?"

The answer came in a mysterious whisper. "Because he lent me his eyes to see with. He only does it once in a hundred years, he says-and this time, I was the once. I shall never forget what I saw with the Fire God's eyes. But the other part was the best, Dad said he would the things that are going to happen. That was fine, if you like! No more streets in the whole world like ours, and no mothers crying, and no one making my dad work so hard that he hasn't got time to learn to write on bits of paper; and all the little girls as she liked, only she'd | born with crowns on their heads and flaming swords in their hands, and-"

> "Hold hard!" barked the Bulldog. "You'll upset the British Empire if you go on like that."

"I mean to upset it," was the unabashed reply. "This one want's upsetting badly, seems to me! Me and the other girls are going to build up another Empire, and I shall be the one to show them how to do it, because I have seen the future with the Fire God's eves.'

The Bulldog felt uncomfortable. He always did when people were poetic. The Baby was being dreadfully poetic, he felt. So he changed the conversation.

"Hullo," he said, rising on his hind legs in order o get a better view of the Baby in the perambulator. What are those bandages on your arms for?'

"That was where I tried to hug the Fire God," explained the Baby. "He looked so nice and friendly,



"And Mother cried and said she didn't see how ever she could."

had no idea he could bite. Then other came in and screamed out loud. but she quite understood about the Fire God when I told her what had happened. The doctor man didn't understand; he called it fireguard, just as you do. And he said if I'd been burnt to death mother would have been put in prison. 'But I'm not the child's parent,' said my mother. "Oh, yes, you are, if you neglect her,' says the doctor man; it's the mother's business to mind the baby and to see there's a fireguard.' 'Oh, indeed!' says my other. 'And who's to pay for it? And who's to do the Saturday shopoing if I'm to stay at home and mind he baby?' 'I'll look in again tonorrow, and don't disturb the bandiges,' said the doctor man. He's like you; he always changes the conersation when you ask him something he can't answer.

'll come round for another of your fairy tales," he | mas dinner's waiting

y fairy tales come true," crowed the Baby.

The Bulldog trotted off. He never argued with | eyes.



"It was all Red and Gold and Shining."

The Bulldog smiled indulgently and licked the little | the Baby when she got what he called one of her andaged hand that hung over the side of the ideas into her head, "Ta-ta!" he barked over his orrowed perambulator. "Next time I want amusing shoulder. "Can't waste any more time. My Christ-

"Mine isn't. But it will be when I've grown up You won't be amused when I grow up and make and made my fairy tales come true," crowed the Baby who had seen the future with the Fire God's

# DOGS, CATS, AND LICENCES

A New Page from an Ancient Classic

(With Apologies to Mrs. Markham.

RICHARD: Pray, Mama, why is it that dogs are always called He, while cats are always called bitten somebody else before they punish it, don't

Mrs. Markham: Because dogs are supposed to possess Mrs. M.: Yes, dear child.

Mary: I do not understand, Mama.

Mars. M.: Well, dear child, you know that dogs are bigger and stronger than cats are. And they can leave clear tricks, as you saw when dear Papa

Mary: So a dog is really much more expensive and much more trouble to everybody than a cat is.

Pray, Mama, is that what makes it so valuable? bigger and stronger than cats are. And they can learn clever tricks, as you saw when dear Papa took you to Mr. Astley's entertainment. And they run about the fields and woods, hunting and fighting, while the cat sits by the fire and plays

MARY: Pray, Mama, what is that what makes it so valuable?

MIS. M.: Well:—— No, dear child. Not exactly.

But, you see, a dog has a Licence.

MARY: Pray, Mama, what is that?

MIS. M.: A Licence, dear child, means that every

GEORGE: O Mama! Not all cats, surely! For Keeper Simpkins told me they go ever such a way in the woods all by themselves, and always find their way home again; but dogs get lost without their masters. And he said they hunted and caught all sorts of things; he was quite cross about it. And they do fight, too, Mama; for two were fighting under my window last night, and I couldn't get

RICHARD: And they can learn tricks, Mama, if anybody will trouble to teach them; for uncle's cat can beg and open the door and do ever so many

George: And, pray, Mama, is it not easier to train a little kitten than to train a puppy? For when

I wanted a puppy, you said—
Mrs. M. (hastily): Yes, I know I did, dear child. MARY: Pray, Mama, are dogs more valuable that

Mrs. M. : Yes. dear child MARY: Why, Mama?

Mrs. M.: Er-er-Well, dear child, a dog is useful to guard its master's property from thieves.

Mary: Does Mrs. Robinson's pug guard Mrs. Robin-

son's property, Mama?

MRS. M. (rather shortly): No, dear child.
George: And it costs more to keep a dog than to keep a cat, doesn't it, Mama?

Mrs. M.: Oh, yes, dear child. A dog must have special biscuits and bones, and a collar and a kennel-and must be brushed and washed every week, and exercised every day, or he gets ill. But a cat can look after herself and live on the Mrs. M. scraps and sleep anywhere.

Mns. M. : Yes, dear child.

bitten somebody else before they punish it, don't

all the masculine qualities, dear child; and cats all the feminine qualities.

RICHARD: There are quite a lot of laws about dogs, aren't there, Mama? Mrs. M. : Yes, dear child.

dog belongs to the Nation as well as to its private owner. That is why no one dares to treat a dog unfairly, for fear the Nation will punish him.

RICHARD: Are there Licences for dogs in all the other countries besides England, Mama?
Mrs. M.: No, dear child.

RICHARD: What happens to the dogs in those other countries, Mama?

MRS. M.: They run about wild in packs, living on whatever rubbish they can pick up; and they bite people, and fight among themselves, and alto

GEORGE: Were the dogs in England like that before they had their Licences, Mama? MRS. M. : Yes. dear child.

George: Pray, Mama, why did the Nation give them

MRS. M.: Because they got to be such a nuisance, Mary: Pray, Mama, if the cats ran about in packs and bit everybody, would the Nation give them

Mrs. M.: Perhaps so, dear child. But first of all the Nation would probably send policemen with guns to try and get rid of them.

GEORGE: You mean kill them, don't you, Mama?

George: You mean kill them, don't you, Mama?
Mrs. M.: Yes, dear child.
George: That would be very difficult, wouldn't it?
For each cat would have to be killed nine times over. Wouldn't it be better to give them their Licences before they began to be a nuisance, Mama?
Mrs. M.: Possibly, dear child.
Mary: Wouldn't the poor cats be much better treated if they had their Licences, Mama?
Mrs. M.: So some people say, dear child.
Mary: Pray, Mama, isn't the Nation very silly?
Mrs. M. (Josina retresse with her family for the first

RICHAED: And, pray, Mama, if a dog is lost, doesn't a policeman find it and take care of it?

MARY: Pray, Mama, isn't the Nation very siny!

MRS. M. (losing patience with her family for the first time on record): Oh, drat you, dear child!

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MR. F. D. ACLAND REVIEWS HIS POSITION
AS MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT
Mr. F. D. Acland, Under Secretary for
Foreign Affairs, addressing a meeting of
Young Liberals at Farnworth on Novementer 27, said:

I think that by far the most important
thing that we have yet to do with regard
to completing our democratic machinery is
to enfranchise women. (Cheers.) I notice
that my friend Mr. Lloyd George has recently said that militancy has put back
the cause of women's suffrage. That statement is perfectly true, but I do not think
it is quite the whole truth. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has been so busy
with his glorious work with regard to the
land that he is not perhaps quite up to
date on the subject. In saying that, I
suggest, of course, no sort of criticism.
Ono can only feel how things are going
by doing active work. Mr. Lloyd George
has been otherwise engaged doing very
splendid and active work with regard to
the land, and he has had no time to feel
the pulse of the community on the question of women's subrage.

"THE SECOND ELEVEN"

Mr. Acland, speaking again on Thursday in last week to the Tottenham and
Wood Green Women's Liberal Association on "The Position of Women in the
Isleral Party," said with regard to
that half the Cabinet were strongly in
favour of it, while the "second eleven"

-those members of the Government outside the Cabinet—were in favour of it by
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it had not been so. I believe that if
it had not been so the pulse of the community on the ques-tion of women's suffrage,

It so happens that I have spoken a good deal on the subject in the early part of the year, and again recently, and I find now a much saner view prevails generally about militancy. In the spring people were saying, "So long as militancy consider the question on its merits." But now, though people regard militancy as just as foolish and criminal as before, yet I believe they are beginning to get a little bored with it, and people are feeling that they are bound to consider the question of the extension of the suffrage and of citizenship to women seriously as a necessary extension of democracy, in spite of

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The Liberalism of the Future

But there is a growing determination that women's suffrage on a democratic basis must bo an essential part of the Liberalism of the future. I am proud

Irene M'Leod.

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The Doctor's Evidence

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A young man named Schnack, who sata the end of the row, urged the stewards to let her walk out quietly, whereupon they fell upon him, and his face was soon swollen and distorted and covered with blood. Meanwhile, the stewards were proceeding to throw Mrs. Watkins down the stairs, but a man sympathiser caught her and carried her outside. Numbers of other women, including Mrs. McChain, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Percival, an elderly woman, were brutally ill-treated, and dozens of people protested by leaving the hall as a cean eviction was made. One woman was seized by two stewards, who held her arms stitedted out whilst a third pummelled her face with his fists. She was

these will be accommodated in specially reserved portions of the hall. Under these circumstances it is hardly likely that any of the 'miltants' will be able to gain admittance to the meeting. It is also announced that there is to be no overflow meeting."

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### HEAVY SENTENCES Stealing and Forging a Cheque

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### THE SHELTERED WIFE Why want a Vote when there's always Chivalry?

The following illuminating passage is taken from the Scottish Prohibitionist (September 20):

To the average man the workings of the judicial mind is somewhat of a mystery. The reason on which he bases his sentence would be interesting to the passage is taken in the south-Western Police Court against her husband for assaulting her, said he took a knife, saying he would cut off her head like a true-born British workman.

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### ALICYLIC ACID IN BAISIN WINE

he presence of what was described as a negerous drug" in raisin wine formed subject of a summons at the Ampthill sion Petty Sessions on October 2, when rocer was summoned for selling non-holic raisin wine containing .087 per . of sahoylic acid, equal to 7:6 grains pint. Medical evidence was given to effect that the official dose of salicylic was 5 to 20 grains, that it was a cent drug," exercising special effects nt drug," exercising special effects certain people, and that even 1 or 2 might be dangerous to certain by The defence was that it was used

Bench imposed a fine of 10s. and

### Why Astonished?

### MILITANT TAX RESISTANCE

Following upon the battering open of several doors and the forcible invasion of Mrs. Harvey's house at Bromley by a tax collector on November 25, came the announcement that a sale of distrained goods would be held there on Saturday last. A poster parade of men was organised, which paraded the town during the day, and a most successful meeting was held in the Market Square in the evening, all the speakers being men. Mrs. Harvey issued a manifesto protesting as a mother, a business women, and a human being against the seizure of her goods for non-payment of taxes.

The sale was held in Mrs. Harvey's dining-room, or it would be more correct to say that an attempt was made to hold a sale. A large number of men and women sympathisers were present, who made speeches setting forth the illegality of the whole proceedings. Then when the first lot was offered, a sideboard, all hid together, unanimously offering "One penny." Eventually someone was found who bid £9, but it soon became impossible for the auctioneer to proceed, and the sale had to be abandoned. So the auctioneer left, saying that he would be the loser of £7 for failing to complete his work, but he took the £9 for the sideboard, which itself remained in Mrs. Harvey's possession.

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### THE ENFRANCHISED SEX

to vote, was met by an intimate friend, who said:

"Why, John, I'm surprised to see you here, I thought you never voted."

John: "Well, I haven't east a vote for thirty year, but I came down here to cast a vote against that crazy woman's suffrage amendment. Why, they wouldn't ever use the vote if they had it."

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pletely to trace the whereabouts of so many victims of the "Cat and Mouse" Act; would not be very ready to assert just now that women cannot keep a secret.

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