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The Holiday Idea.

Excursions and—no; not alarms, but a happy holiday idea—Go to Ulster! Yet if we are to believe the newspaper correspondents the naked sword and the marchings of men—not to mention the signalings of women—are the features of the moment there; photographs present to us camps, piled rifles, the presentation of colours, while King Carson says: "Clean cut or fight!" Not exactly a happy holiday resort for rest and quiet. Perhaps it is the *Daily Mail's* subtle way of inviting us to become militants—the sort of militants it likes—and take a hand in the next gun-running exploit or anything else exciting, without danger of arrest.

Male Militants Win.

Another element in the situation which gives women "furiously to think" is that the Press is finding fault with itself for romancing—or something else. It is the pot calling the kettle black. "On the brink of revolution!" Ready to fight to the bitter end!" say the Tory papers. "All quiet!" retort the Liberals." "Carson and Redmond to meet." Where is and what is the truth? Meanwhile at Westminster the Government, swearing they will not be coerced, give way to coercion; militancy wins. An autumn session? Oh dear, no! An "early winter" one. Quite a different thing in the great game of politics. The Amending Bill upsets the Government programme, but it has militant men behind it. Women, demanding justice and the fulfilment of pledges, are spurned and tortured—to the eternal disgrace of a Liberal Government, which prefers coercion to justice. There is to be a holiday—someday—for weary legislators; then they are to come back and finish the great Liberal programme—which does not, we note, include Votes for Women. What can women do but rebel and determine to turn out the pledge-breakers?

McKenna Nay and Yea.

Vowing he would ne'er consent, he consented. Mr. McKenna has now decided to receive a deputation of the Medical Protest Committee against Forcible Feeding. His first answer to the doctors' request was to cut through their questions by asking another. What would you do? Now he says: Come. The next thing he must say is: Stop torturing women. And then: Give them the vote. Sir Victor Horsley and his colleagues have a strong case and recent revelations are arousing public indignation against those who prefer horrible torture to the point of death to remedying the grievances of women.

Welcome Revolutionists—More Wanted.

Mr. Harold Begbie has been to see the Women Co-operative Farmers at Heathfield, Sussex; he has come back with some new ideas, which he sets out in an article in *The Westminster Gazette* of July 13. One of them runs thus:—

"A wise and bold President of the Board of Agriculture would, I think, send for Miss Emerson, and say to her, 'Organise for me from one end of the country to the other colonies of co-operative women farmers.' But imagination does not easily enter the offices of Government."

Why, we ask, does he not urge the unimaginative males, who refuse the help of women in "running the nation," to go and see Miss Emerson, whom he describes as "perhaps one of the most remarkable and able women now living; certainly a mighty farmer." Oh, no! They are to go on in their unimaginative ruts while "rich women should

discuss this great matter with Miss Emerson." Yet men, we are bidden to believe, are the practical sex and women—*vide The Times*—have no sense of proportion. What is a Department of Agriculture for but to promote agriculture on the best lines? A grateful country, if it were assured of practical common-sense from these its well-paid servants as a result of a visit, would not grudge them railway fares or a motor run to Heathfield. "The mighty farmer" would be able to teach them something, even as she has given Mr. Begbie new ideas. He calls the women co-operative farmers "revolutionists," and even ventures to ask: "Is it possible that the future of British agriculture is part of the woman's question?" "There is a swing about the whole concern as if an exceptionally good housekeeper has turned husband-man." The eyes of the blind are being opened; some men are coming to see that women mean what they say when they claim equal rights with men in the national housekeeping. Heathfield has taught Mr. Begbie that women are fitted not only to grow fruit and tend children, but that they are good big stock-keepers. "We allow men to work in the fields and gardens," writes Mr. Begbie, quoting Miss Emerson; "Animals thrive very much better under the care of women." The method by which a woman official quelled a mutiny of male prisoners (as reported in our International column, page 213), also works at Heathfield. "Such quiet, satisfied, dignified animals," writes this candid friend; "no one shouts at them. You never hear the thwack of a stick." He sees a new type of woman coming into existence. He notices that the women farmers love their work do not waste time or money in taverns, that it would be impossible to find happier or healthier human beings; colonies of them are wanted all over the country, yet—"the new type is rather disturbing to the old psychology." The old psychology needs to be disturbed and we congratulate Miss Emerson and her colleagues on the severe jolt they have given to Mr. Begbie. May "Heathfields" grow and multiply.

HONESTY.

I think, when man is prone to compromise,
To woman right is right and wrong is wrong.
In heart she knows that truth alone is strong,
And they who follow truth alone are wise.
I think she loves not wordy sophistries,
That to man's heated parliaments belong.
Her soul joins not the sycophantic throng,
Contending to obscure a nation's eyes.

She will not darken counsel for base ends.
Then let her speak to all whose ears may hear,
For nature's foes alone shut out the light.
To woman as to man creation sends
Grief and oppression terrible to bear,
If silence be compelled throughout the fight.
EDWARD URWICK.

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THE PRESIDENT'S THANKS.

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11th July, 1914.

DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW-MEMBERS,
From this beautiful place on the shore of the Atlantic, to which I have come to see dear Irish relatives, and to establish the strength which I am slowly regaining, I write to thank with all my heart those who came to my birthday festival; those who worked so hard to make it a success; those who contributed to the Fund which, I hope, when gathered in fully, will make the extending of our work possible, and free from anxiety my colleagues at Headquarters and myself; those also who, unable to be present themselves, sent kind thoughts and kind messages. It is not possible for me to answer by letter all the kind and gracious telegrams of congratulation and sympathy that were sent to me. I must thank them through THE VOTE. One coming from the Russian women, whom I have always so keenly admired, gave me peculiar pleasure. There is nothing more hopeful in our whole movement than the drawing together of women of all nations in a common aim. By and by that will mean the dawning of an era of universal peace.

You will all agree with me that special thanks and gratitude are due to Mrs. Harvey, who not only put her garden at our disposal but, with her daughter and Miss Watson, did so much to make our festival beautiful. In many of our minds it has left a memory which will not die.

I cannot close without expressing my great pleasure that our honorary treasurer, Dr. Knight, the initiator of the Birthday Fund, was with us at our festival.

I hope to return to my work in the month of September, and then those who came to my birthday festival, with many others who were unable to attend, will, I trust, accept my invitation to Caxton Hall that we may not only rejoice together but also formulate our work for the winter, and give evidence of our solidarity and mutual loyalty. —Yours sincerely and gratefully,
C. DESPARD.

AT HEADQUARTERS.

Next Wednesday we shall hold another open-air meeting in Hyde Park (near Marble Arch) at 5 p.m. We shall be pleased to see a good rally of our members and friends on this occasion.

Holiday Campaigns.

For a fortnight from July 31 the Headquarters of the southern campaign of which Miss Trott is in charge will be at Worthing, afterwards at Brighton. Members who are taking their holiday in this part of the country are cordially invited to co-operate with Miss Trott, to make this campaign a success. Miss Andrews is now in Douglas, and will be glad to welcome all helpers who can spend their holiday in the Isle of Man, and to receive subscriptions for the campaign. Letters can be addressed to her, c/o Post Office, Douglas, I.O.M. Particulars of our Welsh Campaign will be found on page 219.

A WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE MILITANT PROTEST.

In consequence of the continual complaints which members of the Women's Freedom League have had to bring recently against the police for various forms of petty ill-treatment and the entire impossibility of securing redress from the Home Office, the Commissioner of Police, or the Magistrates, a series of militant protests is being organised, the first of which took place last Saturday at the temporary Police Court in Francis Street, Tottenham Court Road. The doors leading to the Court Room were chained together, and the five members who carried out the protest were also chained together. The result was that all were arrested.

The object of these protests, when injustice has been done to members of the League, is each time to hold up the business of the Police Courts with as long and involved a case as is possible. The time of the courts and the money of the country is thus wasted; the "traffic is held up"; and the absurd police charges of obstruction are converted into very real and irritating obstruction. The case now being heard has been remanded twice, owing to pressure of business in the Courts, after having occupied several hours of Mr. Graham Campbell's time at Bow Street. The final hearing took place after we had gone to press. A full account will be given next week of the experiences of the prisoners in court, in the prison van, and on remand in Holloway. The names given by the five prisoners were: Ann Smith, Louisa Smith, Lilian Smith, Annunziata Smith and Edythe Smythe.

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Stafford, March 16th, 1914.

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WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

Our Position and Policy

We are gratified to learn of yet another Suffrage organisation in our midst—the United Suffragists—and it is a matter of congratulation to ourselves that this body has practically adopted most of our own programme and our own policy. So long ago as September, 1907, the Women's Freedom League broke away from the Women's Social and Political Union on a question, not of policy, but of organisation; our idea being that in the struggle for the enfranchisement of women there should be self-government in our own organisation, that it should in fact be a training-ground for women in self-government: Throughout its existence the Women's Freedom League has kept to, but somewhat developed, the older forms of militancy with which the Women's revolt began. The line of action was antagonism to any Government which denied justice to women, in conjunction with the education of the public in the matter of our country's constitution, as well as in the present need of the enfranchisement of women. We demanded not so much a right for women as the restoration of an old right—the right of women freeholders and women burgesses to a voice in the counsels of the nation—a right which was taken away from them legally and technically by the Reform Bill in 1832. We insisted that it was the lawyers and not the law which kept women outside the Constitution, and, citing instances of women who had held high positions in our land—notably the Abbess Hilda, Anne Clifford, Joan, Dowager Countess of Pembroke, Agnes de Hastings, Anne, Countess of Dorset—we maintained that it was an oriental tradition and not a tradition of the people of our race and temperament that women should be kept in subjection.

In 1908 the Women's Freedom League initiated the first organised tax resistance campaign by which we tried to prove to the nation that we were the Constitutionalists of the country in upholding a principle of our Constitution that taxation and representation should go together, and that in denying this principle by their refusal to allow representation to the women whom they taxed, the Government were acting unconstitutionally. Ever since that time Tax Resistance has been one of the foremost planks in our platform. Not only does the Women's Freedom League object to taxation without representation; it is just as strongly opposed to legislation being passed over the heads

of women without women's opinions being represented in the legislature, and has endeavoured to prove that the government of women without their consent is both a difficult and costly matter. The Women's Freedom League also initiated the Census Protest, urging its members to resist and evade the Census. The result was that thousands of women up and down the country were not enrolled on the nation's register, nor did they give any information concerning themselves. Before the National Insurance Act was passed the Women's Freedom League declared its intention of refusing to comply with its regulations, and it has not paid one penny towards the insurance of any of its many employees. This Act not only imposes taxation and legislation on unrepresented women; it adds the further insult of asking women to collect taxes from other women who are unrepresented!

Early in its history the Women's Freedom League protested against the fact that women had not the right of equal access with men to the House of Commons. Two of its members chained themselves to the Grille while a very dull debate was in progress, and enlivened the proceedings by discoursing on Votes for Women. Before they could be dislodged part of the Grille had to be sawn away. Many other protests have been and still are being undertaken by the Women's Freedom League, the aim of each being to draw the attention of the public to the Government's denial of justice to women, or to the administration of the law as it affects women. The Women's Freedom League claimed and won in face of a good deal of opposition the right of entry to the Law Courts when cases termed "indecent," in which women and children were the victims, were being tried; and its members have on several occasions protested in Courts when women have been tried and sentenced by men alone for offences in which men have been equally concerned.

We do not claim for the Women's Freedom League that it pursues any "middle course" of militancy. We claim for it quite distinct lines in that its militancy is always directed against the Government, the Law which does not acknowledge the citizenship of women, and the Administration of Justice when it bears unfairly on women. Our policy at by-elections is an uncompromising anti-Government policy, all our force and energy being directed against the Government's nominee. Our demand is primarily Votes for Women on the same terms as men, but ultimately absolute equality between the sexes—politically, socially and economically. We steadily refuse to criticise or comment upon any action taken by any other Suffrage Society in its endeavour to secure the victory of our Cause, for we cannot find enough blame to lay at the door of the Government for its incitement of women to ever-increasing militancy because of its treachery and unredeemed pledges to women, and even more for its dastardly outrages on women in its futile attempt to suppress an agitation with which it is incompetent to deal.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

NEW BOOKS STOCKED—
 "The Claims of Justice," by the Bishop of London. Price, 1d.; post free, 1½d.
 "Woman Under a Liberal Government," 1906-1914, by Winifred Holiday. Price, 2d.
 "Woman in Industry" (from seven points of view). Post free, 2½d. Price, 2/-; post free, 2/3.
 "Workers' Handbook," by Gertrude Tuckwell and Constance Smith. Price, 2/-; post free, 2/3.
 "Sweated Industry," by Clementina Black. Price, 2/-; post free, 2/3.

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HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

The Youngest Suffrage Society comes into Being.

The British Dominions Overseas Woman Suffrage Union was formally inaugurated at a conference at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Thursday, July 9, under the presidency of Sir John Cockburn. The youngest Suffrage Union was blessed at its birth by most of the existing Societies, and if good wishes can ensure success its existence and service will be both strenuous and valuable. As Sir John Cockburn pointed out from the chair, the franchise is an outward and visible sign of the Woman's Movement; the whole world moving towards it. With paternal pride Sir John, referring to the beneficial results of Woman Suffrage in Australia, which he helped with practical energy and conviction to bring into existence, declared that women must be called in as citizens to help to put the Imperial House in order. The actual working of Woman Suffrage in Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America, Finland and Norway proved that fears and forebodings have been falsified and the best hopes fulfilled. It was an honour to take part in the inauguration of a movement which would be able to render great service to the women of His Majesty's Dominions struggling to be free.

It was specially interesting to hear the testimony of representatives of the voters of Australia and New Zealand and of the voteless women of South Africa and Canada. Miss Margaret Hodge who, with Miss Harriet Newcomb, has been largely instrumental in successfully gaining the co-operation of all the Overseas Dominions in the new Union, gave an interesting sketch of her recent experiences in Canada. She said people were often apathetic towards woman suffrage because, in a new country, they thought that all was well. Yet this was not the case. She gave distressing details of sweated labour and infant mortality in Montreal and Toronto, and maintained that such things exist where women have no vote. She was sarcastic over the "Fablegrams" of the Press, and rejoiced that by her personal experiences of things as they are in Canada she had been able to open the eyes of Canadian women to the realities of life and stir them to effort to improve social conditions.

Mrs. Wyburgh, representing South Africa, told how heartily South Africa would join in the new Union and do what she can to bring in the era of Votes for Woman. As to General Botha's attitude, she said that, though sympathetic, he sheltered himself behind the old excuse that "the time is not yet ripe." "It is rotten ripe" was always the reply of women, she observed.

Mrs. Pethick Laurence, wishing the new Union the best possible success, said that more meetings had been held, more speeches made on behalf of woman suffrage than for any other proposition. Woman had one weapon in her armoury which rarely failed—her tongue; it was used to splendid advantage in the movement.

Mrs. Montefiore, speaking on behalf of Australia, said that she was a political amphibian—a citizen in Australia but not a "person" in the United Kingdom and Ireland. She insisted that women were prepared for the vote, that pressure must be applied to the Government to make the good resolve, even on its death-bed, to enfranchise women and stop forcible feeding. Mrs. Merivale Mayer remarked that if politics were a dirty game it was time women done in to clean the political machine. Mrs. Annie Besant's letter of goodwill and fellowship, read by Mrs. Cecil Chapman, was warmly applauded, and Mrs. Chapman arraigned the Government for the torturing of women and its futile policy with regard to woman suffrage.

Mrs. Leathes, of Canada, and Mrs. Ransome, of Australia, spoke with strong insistence against the Nationalisation Bill through which British women, without being consulted, are to lose their nationality on marrying a foreigner, and to be unable to recover it if left widows. "I stand amazed; I am aghast," declared Mrs. Ransome; "It could not have been done if women had votes."

Lady Aberconway, in a powerful speech, protested strongly against the disposal of women's rights by lawyers. Mr. Harcourt had admitted that women had not been consulted. She urged that if one State stood out against this measure "hatched secretly," Mr. Harcourt's scheme of uniformity would be broken.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

1. That this meeting, held under the auspices of the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union, cordially welcomes the formation of this new Union, and wishes it all good speed.

2. That this meeting, held under the auspices of the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union, arraigns the Imperial Government for its attitude towards the great constitutional agitation for Woman Suffrage, deplors the coercion of the unconstitutional agitators instead of the redress of a just grievance, and urges the immediate introduction of a Government measure granting votes to women on equal terms with men.

3. That this meeting, held under the auspices of the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union, protests against the treatment of women by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in his British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill, and calls upon Parliament to accord to all British women the right to decide whether they shall retain or change or revert to their own nationality.

Messages of greeting and goodwill from Mrs. Fawcett, on behalf of the oldest Suffrage Society to the youngest, were conveyed by Miss Courtney, honorary secretary of the National Union, who gave an outline of its policy and work; also from Mrs. Despard, on behalf of the Women's Freedom League, by Miss C. Nina Boyle, who, paying tribute to the work of the extreme Constitutionalists and the extreme militants, referred to the work of the Freedom League, its militancy, and its efforts to secure justice to women and children in the courts of law. "No matter what women do," she said, "we are always wrong when we first do it." All political parties were tarred with the militant brush and history proved how militant men can be. Great enthusiasm was aroused by the chairman's tribute to our President.

Miss Hodge read a very sympathetic letter from the Rev. Claude Hinscliffe.

The Rev. F. M. Green, in Mr. Hinscliffe's absence through illness, gave the welcome of the Church League to the new Union, and wished them the greatest success in their work.

As an immediate result of the successful inauguration of the Union, the delegates from the four self-governing Dominions are seeking to obtain audience of the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to lay before them the resolutions passed unanimously at the Conference, concerning the questions of Woman Suffrage in the United Kingdom and the Status of Women under the new British Nationality Bill.

During the week the delegates from Overseas have paid visits to the various suffrage societies and seen something of their work and methods, and very pleasant social functions have been arranged. One of the first was the welcome by the Women's Tax Resistance League, for which Lady Brassey kindly placed her house at their disposal and dispensed delightful hospitality. She told how she regretted ever having been opposed to woman suffrage, but declared herself an enthusiastic convert and supporter. Five minutes' speeches on the theory and practice of tax resistance on the ground of "no vote, no tax," were made by Mrs. Cecil Chapman, Miss Clemence Housman, Mrs. Ayres Purdie, Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss Decima Moore, Dr. Marie Slopes, Mrs. Louis Fagan, Mrs. Kineton Parkes and Dr. Stantor Coit. At the International

Franchise Club, Grafton Street, the delegates and friends were welcomed on Wednesday evening. The special interest of the gathering was a moving speech by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, on the ideals of Indian women and the characteristic contribution they will bring to the strength of the woman's movement. To many who heard her for the first time, the thoughts the Indian poet expressed, the glowing fire of her enthusiasm, and the eloquence of her words, came as a revelation of the gifts and power of an Indian woman.

On Thursday evening, July 7, the Union gave a reception at the Western Palace Hotel to meet the president and officers of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance; the hostesses were Mrs. Muirhead Collins (Australia), Mrs. Pember Reeves (New Zealand), Mrs. Saul Solomon (South Africa), Mrs. Leathes (Canada), and Mrs. Auerbach (Great Britain). Mrs. Chapman Catt, in an interesting speech, spoke of her experiences in her world tour and of the help needed by the Oriental women; she declared that victory was certain; it was only a question as to which country would give the triumph first.

THE OVER-SEAS SUFFRAGE CONFERENCE, JULY 9, 1914.

Welcome, O sisters, from those far young lands,
Whose hearts to ours we pray you help to bind.
Let love be foster'd by the clasp of hands,
And reason soar from intercourse of mind.

Zeal joined to zeal shall issue in such strength
That justice cannot fail but to appear.
Her foes must yield them to her friends at length,
Blind eyes shall open and deaf ears shall hear.

The energies of woman, long suppress'd,
Shall find their scope for every nation's good.
Her right to freedom, tardily confessed,
Shall now be recognised and understood.

Great poets and great sages shall arise
Acclaiming her, who will not be denied
For high souls ever tyranny despise,
And poets ever have brute force defied.

What fitter subject for immortal song
Than triumph over ignorance and sin?
Such are the themes that to the muse belong;
Such themes most surely Heaven's approval win.
E. URWICK.

A FUTURIST MARCONI CON- VERSATION.

"Can I hear? Yes! Why?"
"Do I understand? Yes, we understand."
"Oh, how funny! A mascuman speaking! Well! Naturally you knew you were not one of Ussees! You don't understand the language! Just waken up! Don't know where you are! Oh! how true! You see that is what has happened to all 'I's' before they changed to 'Ussees.' You speak of yourself as I, very large I too. That was the first stage. Some have already reached the third stage of Otherdom, but even here Selfdom is not obliterated yet. No, you can't understand it yet. Mascumans always spoke of I! Me! Mine! the Femuman was pretty bad at it, but the Mascuman carried about those letters in heavy lead. You didn't need to hear him say them, you saw them written all over him!"

Where is your what? Oh! Castles—um-um!
Yes, we understand! Used to be a Duke! Huge I, eh, what! Castles, land, servants, horses, valuable pictures, family plate, etc., etc. And—oh, yet!—the detail that you had a wife coming back to you too! Dear! dear!"

"Yes!—Oh, don't despair, you'll become an Us one day!—Don't want to! Want to get your own back! Want us to help you! Of course we will, but you must reverse nearly all old ideas first. You see, mascumans had gone so terribly blind and the world was getting so uncomfortable. Sin, wars, strikes, poverty, sickness, crime, unnecessary death,

all dreadful things to live with, yet all nurtured by the poor little mascuman because, in his blindness he thought they aggrandised him. Then the femuman awoke! She had been asleep for so many years that she woke gradually at first, then she woke fully, with a start, tried to get up and found she couldn't move. She saw the mascuman standing up and moving freely and she asked for his help! He was so astonished at first that he only laughed, then he utterly refused. Femuman was so weighed down by the load of thousands of years of custom, that at first she almost thought she couldn't rise, but as she struggled much of the customs crumbled to dust, which she threw off, and after some fifty years she was on her feet, though still terribly bound by things or thongs called laws, which mascuman had made for himself, when he never thought of her waking. Laws, you repeat! Yes! The laws of the country. Man-made laws for men! But when she woke she asked, "Where do we come in? As we help to make the men, we must help to make the laws!"

What about wars now! Oh! you are funny! How could Ussees fight? Whom would we fight and what for?—land, possessions, gold, etc.—But we've got it all! It all belongs to Ussees! Hard to understand! Yes, of course it is, and we will gladly help you! As we said before, you must reverse all old ideas, metaphorically walk backwards, keep your head up, look at the stars, which are only little holes in the curtain to give us an idea of the glory behind, and realize that the advance of woman to the state of Femuman has produced from the mere man, her glorious equal in the Mascuman. Think of the beauty of the word, mother, and realize that her purity has cleansed the world! Bow in adoration at the feet of Purity! Go, wash yourself in the River of Total Abstinence from vice of all sorts! That is what men did in order to become Mascuman, before they could count themselves worthy to ask in union of love one of the new daughters of Ussees, who are the new women of the New World! Yes! Do! Come at once, we will gladly welcome a New Us!

I sign this with a great name, it is mine by the right of High Endeavour.

PURITY.

OUR OPEN COLUMN.

*** Letters intended for publication must be written on one side of the paper only, and authenticated by the name and address of the writer. It must be clearly understood that we do not necessarily identify ourselves with the opinions expressed.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.
159, Franciscan Road, Tooting, S.W.,
July 3, 1914.

DEAR MADAM,
Miss Nina Boyle would deserve the good opinion that most women and not a few men have of her if she had done nothing else than to draw the King's attention to the absence of the names of women from the lists of Birthday and New Year Honours. It has always been a mystery to me why women have "taken lying down" the insult to at least one woman in the past, viz., Florence Nightingale, by exclusion from the Honours list, until at an advanced age the Order of Merit was given her. It is up to women to see that the insult is not repeated to others of their sex.

It is quite true that many men receive honours that they do not merit, but that should not be a reason for excluding all women, nor should women cease to agitate for recognition on that account. Of course, women not being represented in Parliament are practically helpless in the matter, but I think they might draw the attention of the public to the way they are ignored by making a point of speaking and writing of those they consider worthy as if the honour had been conferred. Really, I do not think Lady Ellen Terry, Lady Lena Ashwell, Lady Olive Schreiner, etc., etc., etc., would object. Try it, it would cost nothing, and might have the desired effect.

Yours faithfully,
ROBSON PAIGE.

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ON OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

DR. CHESSEY AND HER WORK.

Woman, Marriage and Motherhood. (Cassell, 6s. net.)
My Baby, in Sickness and in Health. (Ewart, Seymour and Co. 2s 6d. net.)

Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chessier's recently published book, *Woman, Marriage and Motherhood*, should certainly find a place on every suffragist's bookshelf. The "Anti" will find this author a particularly hard nut to crack, since her useful public work is simply based on her wide knowledge of matters vitally important to the home, and her personal experience of motherhood and mother-craft. As Dr. Chessier amply points out, "A woman's first duty is to those in her own home, but she has no right to neglect the cry of the helpless and unfortunate in multitudes of other homes which go to make up the State." The old idea that women must, of necessity, be chained to the hearth is responsible for much, and the lack of opportunity to develop on individual lines has meant the partial loss of women's contribution to the world's affairs; for, in spite of the fact that women have done much for the cause of progress, their rigid exclusion from the political realm has handicapped them in matters relating to the law and its administration.

Tracing the subjection of women from the earliest ages to the present political and social agitation among them, Dr. Chessier touches on a variety of subjects affecting the life and work of her sex, giving facts and figures of the greatest importance to all who are interested in the development of the race. If any reader of THE VOTE still believes that women are the protected sex, the chapters entitled "The Factory Mother" and "The Sweated Mother in the Home" will quickly dispel that rosy illusion. We hear nothing of "physical incapacity" when a woman has a baby every year on insufficient food, and is also compelled to perform the combined duties of housewife and bread-winner. If the husband be unemployed or unemployable, it is the most natural thing in the world for the woman to do his work and her own as well. Her strength is as the strength of ten where duties are concerned; as Mrs. Swanwick has pointed out in her recent book, "physical incapacity" only affects rights and privileges—such as, for example, the very light task of putting a cross against a man's name once in four or five years!

The chapter in *Marriage and Motherhood* dealing with women prisoners should prove of special interest to suffragists, since so many modern women have learnt, in their fight for freedom, that the opening of the prison doors must be done from within rather than without. Dr. Chessier wisely contends that qualified medical women ought to be attached to every woman's prison in the country, and that the appointment of a specialist in women's diseases would do much to make for better hygienic conditions and physical improvement, without relaxing necessary punishment for actual crime. In short, this wise and sympathetic woman-reformer realises what so many Home Secretaries fail to understand: that penology, at correction, rather than punishment leaves the criminal still more disposed to crime.

With poignant pathos, Dr. Chessier puts the case of the unmarried mother; and of all the sufferings of women under the existing law, hers may be said to be the worst. The girl who sins is not only punished by Nature (surely her share of the punishment), but she is hounded by society, her "character gone," making it well-nigh impossible for her to support herself even if the child dies, and thus is frequently driven to further sin by the fear of starvation—"a lily trampled in the mud" that man may gratify his animal instincts. What of the man, her partner in guilt! To quote Dr. Chessier:—

"No physical suffering nor dread of the future for him. The girl has all the burden of suffering and shame. She must try to induce the man to make an honest woman of her. She usually fails, and she knows that if she gives birth to a living child the future is black indeed. . . . For the majority, there is no refuge but the workhouse, where, according to the Report of Royal Commissioners on the Poor Law, expectant mothers are herded with prostitutes, and often left to await their confinement in the midst of imbeciles and epileptics. They are not even allowed to make any clothes for the infant; still less are they instructed how to do so. There are no separate bedrooms; there are not even separate cubicles."

Yet women are told that men legislate for them, and guard their interests! It may be true that all our social and economic evils cannot be remedied by legislation, but it is equally true that much cannot be done without it, and, as the author of *Marriage and Motherhood* tells us, "Reform can only be accomplished by legislation which will improve the status of women." *Women, Marriage and Motherhood* is not only a book to buy and read, but one which will help women to understand the conditions under which other women live and labour.

In her latest book, "My Baby," Dr. Chessier is at her brightest and best. It is packed with mother-love of every

description, and the anxious and inexperienced young mother will find herself, by its aid, transformed into an amateur doctor! It is difficult to praise the book too highly, and it would be still harder to find anything relating to the needs of infants which has not been treated with the skill born of personal knowledge and medical training. "Infectious Diseases," "Nervous Ailments," "Nursery Accidents," etc., are all dealt with in clear and concise language; while the chapter entitled "The Care of Children in Hot Climates" will prove invaluable to those charged with the care of children in Southern lands. The book is profusely illustrated, and the various charts and diagrams given will be of the utmost use to young mothers and nurses. The publisher, as well as the author, is to be congratulated on a book that is a marvel of cheapness, and one calculated to set at rest the fears of the mother to whom motherhood is still a new—and somewhat anxious—experience. The book bears the appropriate dedication, "To my Mother." Altogether, even an "Anti" might almost admit the claim to citizen rights of a woman who has contributed so much to "woman's sphere"; for whom, in fact, the State begins with home if it does not end there.

CICELY FORD.

"A Quaker Grandmother," by Ray Strachey. Fleming.

This brief memoir of Hannah Whitall Smith, the Quaker grandmother in question, should interest everyone, but especially women, since its subject performed a great service in the seventies in persuading her sex, both sexes, that the Church must be opened as a career to women as well as men. And this she did in the best possible way, not as one conducting a campaign against our "made-manned" pulpits, but simply by preaching. All who heard her or her able husband, Robert Pearsall Smith, were convinced afresh of the truth of the dictum that "The spirit bloweth where it listeth." In the year 1874 the husband and wife, together with Mr. Andrew Jukes, conducted wonderful revival services at Oxford and Brighton. Mrs. Smith's brilliance and felicity of expression, her entire forgetfulness of self, her wonderful capacity to expound things that make for spiritual peace attracted great attention. At Brighton, thousands of visitors poured into the town on purpose to hear her. It was her custom to speak to an audience of some 3,000 in the Dome for 50 minutes, and then pass into the Corn Exchange and address another equally large, every day. The clergy were amongst those who heard her most gladly and profitably; her inspiration and enthusiasm were as impressive as her wonderful fluency and insight.

It was in 1867 that she had published "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life." This book has passed through innumerable editions, has been translated into every civilised tongue and a great many others that cannot be so classed.

But all this part of her career, all her life-long devotion to the cause of temperance, which she served unweariedly to the end, is foreign to Mrs. Strachey's purpose, which is merely to unfold one aspect of a character and capacity that were exceptionally rich and varied, Mrs. Whitall Smith in her relationship to her grandchildren. It was her settled conviction that old people impose their will and their views far too much on the younger generation, and that nine-tenths of them are bores without knowing the fatal truth. She determined to do and be different, and the well of gratitude that sprang up in her grandchildren's hearts testifies to her success in steering clear of rocks on which others make shipwreck. In the minds of some beholders there did indeed rise the idea that Mrs. Smith carried indulgence to an exceptional, an extreme point. Thus "Gran" was induced to climb haystacks, though her age and infirmities might well have exempted her from the exercise. She assisted not only in the purchase but in the letting off of fireworks; and on one never-to-be-forgotten occasion did her utmost to hire a live elephant for the amusement of her grandchildren. These facts would have been praiseworthy in any grandmother; in the author of "The Christian's Secret," in the great expositor of the Bible, and the first-class business woman who helped to direct the B.W.T.A. they certainly deserve the tribute that Mrs. Strachey has rendered, her monument to the best of grandmothers. She loved that children should have "a happy childhood tucked under their jackets"; she insisted on the importance of health in spite of the readiness with which she purchased sweets, its undoubted enemy, and with that high degree of practicability which distinguished her she inculcated the valuable lesson that one must never take offence. An excellent little book conveying a delightful picture to the reader. Perhaps its chief drawback is that it sets the standard of grandmotherhood so high that the rising generation of grandmothers will fall painfully short by comparison, and for this reason may refuse even to attempt to follow in her footsteps.

C. S. BREMNER.

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WHO ARE THE REVOLUTIONARIES?

Who are the Revolutionaries?

In this our day we hear so much of revolutionaries that it is important to be able to recognize them when we meet them. Who are they, and what is the sign whereby we may know them?

Of course, they are persons to be avoided by the weak and silenced by the strong. But that is no definition. If we ask why a revolutionary is to be avoided, we shall be told that his doctrines when ably stated, have a dangerous fascination. He preaches revolution, and that very word creates terror in many minds. Before the timid, when they meet it, there arise visions of wanton and horrible destruction; of internecine warfare waged with the fury of despair; of streets deluged with blood; and of a return to order—capital and custom re-establishing themselves—at the cost of irreparable losses. Others see further. To them comes the appalling conception of a revolution, successful enough to sweep away the old order altogether, to destroy civilization for many generations and to plunge society into savagery.

We are of those who believe, not in what is known as revolution; but in evolutionary movement. This may sometimes be slow in its progress; at other times it may rush forward with extraordinary rapidity. These are what are known as revolutionary periods, and the violence that fulfils them or ends them will be found if we read history aright, to be due not to the rapid movement of evolution; but to those who divert it from its true and properly-prepared channels. Therefore it is the part of those who desire the physical and spiritual advancement of humanity to keep careful watch over the times. They will then know when the moment of swift movement comes, and it will not disturb them; rather, they will be ready to give it scope.

Take the illustration of a great river flowing so mightily, yet, withal, so silently, between its fertile banks, that few are aware of its prodigious force; and imagine a body of ignorant and mischievous persons contriving on account of some fancied advantage to themselves to obstruct the channel through which the river flowed, without preparing any other outlet for the waters. We know what the result would be. The peaceful stream would become a devastating torrent and all the familiar landmarks would disappear. Those who witnessed the devastation might, in their ignorance, blame the waters. But these would be only obeying the law of their nature. The persons who, unregardful of possible results, dared to throw a dam across the stream, would be the true criminals.

So with society to-day. It is a time of rapid movement. From day to day the outlook changes; but it is ever moving. Let no mistake be made! Behind the determination of our women; behind the unrest of our workers; behind the vast combinations now being formed, which will soon, if wisely led and wisely met, change beneficially the face of the country, there are mighty forces, whose full momentum cannot be gauged. If they are obstructed the result may be unspeakably awful. But who will be the real criminals? Surely those who, fearing change and thinking chiefly of their own security, fail to read the signs of the times.

And if it be asked, "What are the signs of the times and how can they be recognised?" we answer: Look round. See the pass to which those who profess to govern the country have come. In fear of civil war compelled to bow to force on the one hand, and on the other by denying justice, stirring up a strife, which, if they persist in their folly, will be far more deadly than the civil war they dread.

In the meantime, while fidelity to party and fear to lose the place and power—which they have so grossly misused—keep our rulers busy, revelations are coming in daily of the miserable life conditions of great masses of the people. The powers that be, for instance, boast of old-age pensions and of the blessings conferred on hard-workers by the Insurance Act. Of what use are these in face of such facts as have just been revealed by an honest medical inspector?

Many reports of a like nature have been made; but this, given by Dr. Thomas, of Finsbury, is peculiarly outspoken. Moreover, he has the courage not only to show what the conditions are, but also to point out clearly, as one who knows, to what they are due. He tells of mothers compelled to return to work immediately after the birth of their infants. "Some 480 cases were reported in Finsbury alone last year." He tells also the wages that are received by homeworkers in his district. Blouse-making, 3s. a dozen; mantle-making, 7d. each; knickerbockers, 1½d. each, are some of the items.

Many of these women are compelled to work at this miserable wage on account of their husband's illness or unemployment. And in addition to their miserably-paid work, which must be done with lightning-like rapidity, they have the care of the house and the feeding and clothing of their children. It may be said that the women should not take such miserable pay and that Governments can have nothing to do with private contracts. But nothing is private or individual that concerns the life of the people, and this, if we had strong and wise Governments, the sweater, and those who batten on his crimes, would soon find out to their cost.

The voice of this brave and honest medical inspector is, after all, only one out of many. In the times that have been only a few would have known anything about them and these would have kept their knowledge to themselves. Now we have a brave little paper, *The Daily Herald*, from which these extracts have been taken, that dares to tell us the truth about the life-struggles of our women.

What is the result going to be? Is it to be imagined that the workers—men and women—that, above all, the mothers of the nation, those who make her wealth and rear children to carry on her traditions will, when their eyes are opened, continue to accept the conditions meted out to them by their rulers? We are certain they will not.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." Such a tide is upon us. Indignant misery on the one hand, and fiery compassion on the other, are cry-

ing out and will not be denied.

In the old time it was said: "The people perish and no man layeth it to heart." Now true hearts are awake, willing hands, following heart-impulse, are ready to tear down the barriers that hold in the fertilizing waters; and those who oppose, those who try, by punishment and repression, to still the clamour, those who cry "peace, peace, when there is no peace," are the revolutionaries.

C. DESPARD.

OUR INTERNATIONAL COLUMN.

Woman Governor of Prisons in New York.

Dr. Katharine Bennet Davis, Commissioner of Corrections in New York City, has issued a report on the first six months' work of her department under her administration. Not even the most reactionary organ of opinion but has joined in a chorus of commendation on the splendid showing of the Commissioner. Her most important work of the past week is the enforcement of the Boylan anti-drug law in the institutions of New York City.

How She Quelled a Prison Mutiny.

The way in which Dr. Katherine Davis virtually subdued the revolt of 1,400 male prisoners at Blackwell's Island, when the efforts of men officials had failed, has been deemed worthy of the honour of "cabled news," and many London papers last Monday reported the woman's victory. From the account sent by the New York representative of the DAILY TELEGRAPH, we take the following extracts:—

Blackwell's Island, as I have described in previous despatches to *The Daily Telegraph*, has been in a state of riot ever since the arrest of the prison doctor, who confessed that he increased his salary by selling morphine to the inmates. It has been shown that one-third of the prisoners were maddened by narcotic deprivation, and have been ready to assault the warders and turn the prison into pandemonium on the smallest provocation. It is true that several hundred inmates, even to-day, are reported unruly and disorderly, but it is claimed that Dr. Davis practically substituted order for chaos and peace for war.

"Since Friday she has lived in the gaol, mingling with the prisoners and diffusing 'a spirit of kindness and charity.' The practical application of this golden rule, supplemented by a bread-and-water diet and sleep upon the concrete floor in obdurate cases, has, it is declared, worked wonders.

"The woman commissioner's methods strike Europeans as original. The popular vote and referendum were parts of the 'kindness plan' to which Commissioner Davis resorted to bring back order. Each floor of the gaol was canvassed by warders, and if the majority expressed their willingness to be good occupants the whole floor were released. In one case thirty out of forty men promised to be good, and the thirty accepted the responsibility for the acts of the other ten. The plan seemed to work very well.

"Although it was admitted by the warders that Miss Davis subdued the prison in an almost unbelievable degree, some fear was expressed to-day that the mutinous conditions might arise again after the Commissioner left. The warden, Mr. Patrick Hayes, the centre of the prisoners' attack, might become his old fierce self again after the Commissioner's face was turned homewards. The warders, however, remarked that a great change had come over 'Paddy.' He was kindness personified, and his old-time sternness seemed to have melted away, they declared.

"Dr. Davies conducted the service for Jewish prisoners yesterday, spoke at the nine o'clock Mass for Roman Catholics to-day, and later addressed the convicts of other denominations. As each she preached a little homely sermon, addressing the prisoners familiarly as 'Now, boys, listen to me and be good.' Reporters were allowed in the gaol to see the birth of the golden rule, and they heard the Commissioner's kind words of reproof, admonition, and encouragement. The men sat with reverent expressions, and everything was orderly. Some, of course, showed no interest, and stared blindly in front of them, but they were very quiet. Miss Davis's sermon was about twenty minutes' long, and the convicts seemed pleased with both the text and its length. She gave the 'boys' an explanation of the growth of, and need for, laws. Her sermon was directly to the point, and was intended to show the 'boys,' in the mildest way possible, how they erred. Several prisoners who made special pleas to see Miss Davis tried to bargain with her. They said they would be good if they were not punished for past performances. The Commissioner told them they could not bargain with her, and they would have to accept whatever the Warden had in store for them."

Internationalists in London.

Suffragists have loomed large this week—even in Parliamentary precincts and the Press. The presence of the International Council has been felt at Westminster and elsewhere. At the Women's International Franchise Club Mrs. Chapman Calt and her colleagues were welcomed by Lord Lytton and many friends at an afternoon reception on July 13, and this week has been full of business and social engagements. It is all to the good; it emphasises the world-wide demand. The Cause goes on and prospers; pride, prejudice and Mrs. Partington cannot arrest it.

French Women Suffragists at Work in England.

Many of our readers will welcome the announcement that the "Union Française pour le Suffrage des Femmes" has had the happy idea of forming a Branch Society in London under the able management of Madame Gustave Rudler, who, before coming to England, so successfully organised the Versailles Branch of the Union. On the committee, which is now almost complete, are distinguished Suffragists and friends of "L'Entente Cordiale." The "Groupe de Londres et de Grande Bretagne" will be composed of French and French-speaking English Suffragists, and will be of great service in advancing the cause of women in both England and France. The Branch will bring the British and French movements into close touch; it will be a bureau of information for both countries; it will organise lectures in England by French Suffragists; and in France by British workers in the Cause; it will also arrange for the publication of articles in the Press of both countries. Frenchwomen here, many of them married to Englishmen, will exert a twofold influence, their interest being divided between the country of their adoption and the land of their birth. Miss Pool, 36, Upper Bedford Place, London, W.C., will be glad to hear from anyone wishing for further particulars. The address of the President, Madame Rudler, is 61, Haverstock Hill, N.W.

Uruguay Coming into Line.

The official journal *Dia* announced that a Bill would be introduced in the Chamber on July 14, giving Uruguayan women the same political rights as men on condition that they are not subject to any disability provided in the Constitution.

Progress in Canada—Votes for Married Women.

St. John, New Brunswick, leads Canada in the matter of woman suffrage. A plebiscite in that city recently on the question of giving votes to married women assessed as property owners, decided in the affirmative by a vote of 3,175 for to 2,260 against—quite an handsome majority. Hereafter, a woman in St. John, married or single, who owns taxable property, votes upon exactly the same basis as a man. Under this condition, St. John now qualifies with 1,400 women voters. This we understand is the first move of the kind in this country. In the estimation of the *Ottawa Journal*, society will be benefited by the extension of votes to all women equally with the men. The St. John decision does not go quite so far as that, but it is a long step in the right direction. The men of St. John who came to this decision are to be congratulated.

Votes for Women a "Live Issue."

How many of our Regina women readers, asked *The Canadian* recently, noticed that a branch of the Political Equality League had been organised in Battleford, the object of the league being to create public sentiment in favour of suffrage for women?

"It is whispered that the Women's Christian Temperance Union branches of our own city, with the Central Union in the lead, will take active steps along this line in the autumn. In the meantime, how many women are making themselves better acquainted with public affairs, taking an intelligent interest in the women's movement, and finding out for themselves on which side they stand? "Votes for women" as a live issue has arrived in Saskatchewan. It is for the women of the province to say whether or not they will let their Alberta sisters beat them at the polls.

"The attitude of the outside women of the province on the question seems much more alive than that of the women of the capital city. However, the subject is one which cannot long be ignored.

"Optimists of the opposite sex tell us suffrage for women in Saskatchewan is coming, and coming soon."

Votes for Women in Manitoba.

Two very successful meetings were held in Swan River, Manitoba, on June 24, under the auspices of the newly-formed League of Manitoba. Mrs. N. McLung, Manitoba's famous authoress, was the chief speaker. The movement is a new one in Swan River Valley, and is making great headway. The Secretary, Miss D. A. Higgins, was formerly a member of the Harrow Branch of the Women's Freedom League, and it will interest readers to know that THE VOTE is largely read and much appreciated in the district.

Women Doctors Unanimous for Suffrage.

At the recent convention of the American Medical Association held at Atlantic City, there were present about 100 practicing women doctors. These women delegates held a banquet of their own. After dinner a resolution was put introducing Woman Suffrage and was unanimously carried.

**THE "PROTECTED" SEX.
IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS.
(Before Mr. Justice Wallace).**

Clerkenwell.

NELLIE EVERETT, 19, was charged with stealing a blouse, a watch and other articles from her employer. Previous conviction for stealing against her. Sentence: *Two years in Borstal.*

KATHLEEN DULLART, 28, charged with stealing a handbag containing £9 10s. 0d. from the sitting-room of a Mrs. Betteridge. There were previous convictions. Prisoner, who was expecting to become a mother, was given *Twelve months' hard labour.*

In another case of stealing, when the evidence against the girl was very slight, Mr. Wallace said, when the jury failed to agree, "Those of the jury who think a prisoner is guilty might be induced to give way, but any jurymen who really think a prisoner is innocent must never give way."

(Before Mr. Justice Laurie.)

FRANCIS THOMAS, 23, was charged with importuning men for immoral purposes. Two constables kept observation on him in the Park. He had been convicted for same offence in Jersey, and has five other convictions against him. Prisoner has a certain scrofulous complaint, and Mr. Laurie, in sentencing him, said "If you were not in such ill-health that no doctor would allow the order to be carried out, I should like to order you to be flogged, for that is what you deserve." *Fifteen months.* It is a pity prison doctors are not so tenderhearted about allowing the torturing of Suffragist prisoners.

GERMAINE CARON, 22, for disobeying Expulsion Order, was given *Twelve months*, and to be again expelled.

JANE HARVEY, 71, hawker, for begging. *Three months.*

MARY MAHONEY, 50, begging. *Six months.*

MARGARET NORRIS, 63, begging. *Nine months.*

HELEN RAYMOND, 41, soliciting. *Three months.*

EDITH WILSON, 22, soliciting. *Three months.*

ANNIE JENKINS, 27, soliciting. *Three months.*

FREDK. CATER, 35, a draper, was charged with indecently exposing himself to the public. There were two previous convictions against him for the same offence. The police doctor examined him for signs of insanity, but found none. *Four months' hard labour.*

WALTER DONNAVON, 42, was indicted for living on the immoral earnings of Edith Day. He pleaded guilty to

feloniously wounding her. Prisoner has known the woman for about 18 years, and during that period has spent 15½ years in prison. "She ain't kept me," he exclaimed indignantly, "Government's kept me." There was a previous conviction for the same two offences and about 14 other convictions. On this occasion she had kept him when he came out of prison until he stabbed her and jumped on her one night because she was not out earning money. For the wounding, *Eighteen months' hard labour*, and for living on her immoral earnings, *Twelve months* (to run concurrently) and *Twenty lashes.*

EDITH M. WATSON.

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The momentum of an ancient and large body is slow, but the Church of England has now made a step forward which some will regard as heroic, others historic, and yet others as—just. Sitting in solemn conclave at Westminster, the Representative Church Council, consisting of the two Houses of the Convocations of Canterbury and York, and of the Houses of Laymen of the two provinces, decided to give women equal franchise with men in the election of Church Councils. The Bishop of Southwell championed the women and as did the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of York; but of the debate was distinctly reactionary, but it was a working man who put the case in a nutshell by declaring that the present position, stoutly defended by certain ecclesiastics and laymen, was entirely illogical: the Church accepted the work of women but denied them the privileges granted to men. Where would the Church be if it were not for the devoted and unpaid work of thousands of women? The Council saved itself from complete blindness to the signs of the times by voting in favour of justice to women. The figures are significant: Bishops, 22 for; 3 against; Clergy, 90 for; 15 against; Laity, 76 for; 72 against. Is it a sign of repentance, and that the Church values the service and also the awakening of women? We trust so. But we remember that women, who asked for prayers for a right solution of their Cause were denied their request; they then prayed in the churches themselves; and a few weeks ago the Bishop of London ordered prayers to be said. Spiritual teachers have so often been slow to learn, blind to great and progressive reforms, leaders from the rear, not the van.

Forwards—and some Laggards,

The same question came last week before the Council of the United Synagogue; it was proposed to give women seat-holders equal rights with men to attend and vote at all meetings of constituent synagogues; some who took part in the discussion wanted to enfranchise the wives of seat-holders. The motion was defeated by 34 to 26, but that it was discussed at all is a sign of grace, and we trust it will not be long before the Laggards become Forwards in removing the sex barrier in the Jewish and all religious communities as well as in politics.

In pleasing contrast we note the action of the Portsmouth Unitarian Church, led by its Minister, the Rev. G. W. Thompson, in going to the root of the matter by petitioning the King for justice to women, to end disorder by granting their demand for citizen rights. The petition is as follows:—

PETITION TO H.M.'s GOVERNMENT.

From the PORTSMOUTH UNITARIAN CHURCH AND CONGREGATION.

Sunday, 5th July, 1914.

We are constrained to send this petition—Because of the grave and widespread disorder and destruction of property through militancy.

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And because, in our judgment, both these evils are having a deplorable effect upon the mind and morals of the nation, tending not only to subvert law and order, and respect for Government, but to general demoralisation, and bound to bear evil fruit in the future.

We therefore, convinced on its merits and worthy militancy, of the justice of women's claim to be enfranchised, pray the overnment to introduce a woman's suffrage Bill, believing that to be the only just and effective means to end these deplorable evils and do justice to the millions of law-abiding women. For the church and congregation.

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IN THE PARKS.

Hyde Park

Last Sunday the crowd began to gather round the platform more than half-an-hour before the time appointed for our meeting. When Mrs. Merivale Mayer appeared, accompanied by Mrs. Juson Kerr, there was an appreciative murmur, "Oh! she's a lovely speaker," and a rush for front places. Soon the crowd was huge, and most enthusiastic. Mrs. Juson Kerr opened the meeting; the immediate attention and interest of the audience spoke well for the impression left by previous Sundays. Mrs. Merivale Mayer gave practical illustrations of the benefits derived from the extension of the franchise to women in Australia—among others the effective dealing with the evil of tuberculosis. She showed that if the vote is good for the male half of the community, it stands to reason that it must be good for the other half. She dealt easily and in a witty manner with interrupters. "Ask Scotland Yard" was an obvious reply to a man who wanted to know why the hooligans had suddenly become quiet listeners. "I presume we may now sing the Doxology," remarked a man as he raised his Homburg hat and tried to be unctuously ironical. "Certainly," replied Mrs. Mayer, "if you will lead it and sing in tune"—and the laugh was immediately turned against him. There was every sign of good will when the crowd dispersed, with obvious reluctance, after the resolution had been carried by a very large majority.

Next Sunday will be the last of our meetings until the autumn, but the Actresses' Franchise League will hold meetings at the same place every Sunday at 5 p.m., from July 26 till further notice. We shall resume when their series ends.

Regent's Park.

On Sunday, July 3, the Mid-London Branch held their usual meeting at noon in Regent's Park. Miss Eunice Murray was the speaker, and had a most appreciative audience. The chair was taken by Miss Alix Clark, who after the meeting sold 40 copies of THE VOTE outside Gloucester Gate.

A very good-natured and orderly crowd, composed mostly of men, listened with keen attention to Miss Nina Boyle, who was the speaker last Sunday morning at the Mid-London Branch meeting. She spoke with her usual fluency and eloquence, and, although her fearless remarks about the lack of logic in all the male sex were not particularly complimentary, her hearers were wise enough to appreciate the humour as well as the truth of her words.

Miss Boyle laid special stress upon the double standard of morality existing in all departments of life between the sexes, showing not only the immorality but the inconsistency of it.

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ERRATA.—Scattered Members' list, July 3rd:—Miss Eunice Murray, 10/-; Miss Eunice Murray, 10/-; Mrs. David Murray, 10/-; Mrs. David Murray, 10/- The omitted 10/- is included in the total.

ALEXIA B. JACK, Hon. Treas.

"THE ADULT SUFFRAGIST"—A bright little monthly of eight pages, price 1d., entitled "The Adult Suffragist," has just appeared. It is edited by Mrs. Dora B. Montefiore, the well-known socialist and writer, whose memorable protest by barricading her house against the tax collector on the ground of "no vote no tax," showed an astonished public something of the spirit of the woman's demand for enfranchisement. The new monthly lives up to its name and strongly advocates the enfranchisement of every adult—women and men alike. The first issue contains an admirable "Appeal from Mr. Morley in 1899 to Lord Morley in 1914," urging the immediate application to women of the case he made out so strongly for enfranchising the Uitlanders in the Boer Republics in 1899.

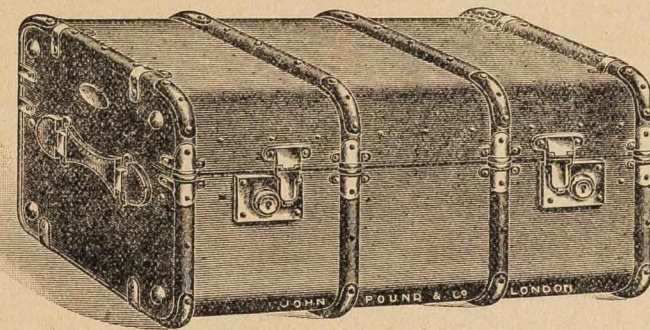
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BRANCH NOTES.

LONDON & SUBURBS.

Will Branch Secretaries kindly write their reports very distinctly and briefly on ONE SIDE of a sheet of paper, leaving a margin on the left, and address to the Editor, THE VOTE Office, 2, Robert Street, Adelphi, London, W.C. A halfpenny stamp is sufficient; the flap of the envelope should be tucked inside. All reports must reach the office on or before the first post on Monday mornings.

Croydon.

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"Birthday Cards" and collections should be sent in to Miss Foster without delay. Mrs. Loveday has become our VOTE Secretary, and will be glad to hear from members who are willing to sell the paper. We heartily thank Miss K. Stericker for the work and time she has given as VOTE Secretary during the past 12 months. Mrs. Taplin made an excellent and vigorous speech at our open-air meeting on July 9; owing to the Conservatives and their van securing our pitch before we arrived, we had to curtail our meeting, which was a disappointment to all concerned. At our last fortnightly meeting of this session, on July 10, Mrs. Baillie B.Sc., spoke on "The Evolution of Marriage." The history of marriage in different countries and at different times was traced by the speaker, and an interesting discussion followed. Open-air meetings will be resumed on September 17 and afternoon meetings on September 25.

Kensington.

Very successful meetings are being held on Monday evenings in North Kensington, when Miss Boyle, Miss Rushbrook and Miss White have been the speakers. Last week Miss Boyle delighted an exceptionally large audience who listened attentively and showed great sympathy with her arguments. They particularly rejoiced at the complete discomfiture of a well-known local heckler. Questions were asked, and THE VOTE was quickly sold out. The Branch is deeply indebted to Mr. Meeson Coates for the most enjoyable whist-drive, which she arranged at her studio, the proceeds of which will go towards the expenses of the Hyde Park meetings. Branch members are asked to remember that Mrs. Coates is "at home" to them and their friends on Saturday evenings at 8.15 p.m.

PROVINCES—Chester

We hope all members will bring friends to the meetings on July 21 and 22, at which we shall have the pleasure of hearing Miss Anna Munro. For particulars see Forthcoming Events, page 2

Grays.

Miss Eunice Murray held a splendid meeting on July 3 at which a large crowd carried a resolution in favour of Woman Suffrage, with only four dissentients. Sympathy was shown by a good collection, sale of literature, additional members, and regular subscribers to THE VOTE.

Portsmouth & Gosport.

The W.F.L. opened new ground on July 7, when Miss Trott and Mrs. Whetton held an excellent meeting at Fareham. A courteous and attentive hearing was given to both speakers, and every copy of THE VOTE was sold. The thanks of the Branch are due to Mrs. Bremner for hospitably entertaining the work-party. The picnic is postponed until July 22; same time, same place.

Southampton.

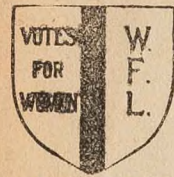
We were very glad to have Miss Eunice Murray at Southampton on Thursday evening last to keep things moving, and a large and intensely interested audience, forsaking the band in the park, shewed their keen appreciation by listening attentively for over an hour to her forceful and witty speech. As Mrs. Leigh Rothwell said from the chair: "Continual dripping wears away a stone," and Southampton is undoubtedly proving by its changed and friendly attitude towards the women's cause the fruitful result of persistent and frequent meetings. A most satisfactory collection was taken after the meeting and a good number of VOTES sold.

Scotland.

(Edinburgh Suffrage Shop: 90, Lothian Road.)

The summer session was brought to a close at an informal "at home," at which Mrs. Burnett presided, and a short address was delivered by Miss A. B. Jack. On July 4 a special sale of flowers was held in aid of the Birthday Fund. The shop window was most attractively arranged by Miss Thomson, Miss Davidson, and others, and in addition to those who contributed flowers and who sold in the shop, we have to thank especially Miss Jack, Miss Elsie Young, and Miss Dorothy Simpson, who sold button-holes outside the Caledonian Station with great success. Any members who can spare time for shopkeeping during the holiday weeks, when many of our regular workers will be out of town, might please communicate with Mrs. Thomson.

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



DARE TO BE FREE.

Saturday, July 18. CHELSEA, 55, Glebe Place. Mrs. Meeson Coates "at home to members and friends of Kensington branch. 8.15 p.m.

Sunday, July 19.—BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30 a.m. Miss Boyle. REGENT'S PARK, noon. Mrs. Mustard and Miss Le Croisette. CLAPHAM COMMON, 6 p.m. Miss Nina Boyle. HYDE PARK, 6.45 p.m. Mrs. Merivale Mayer and Mrs. Cobden Sanderson.

Monday, July 20.—KENSINGTON (corner Portobello Road and Lancaster Road), 8 p.m. Mrs. Mustard.

Tuesday, July 21.—STAMFORD HILL (corner Amhurst Park Road), 8 p.m. Miss Nina Boyle. CLAPHAM, 1, Imperial Mansions, Bromells Road. Branch meeting, 7.30.

Wednesday, July 22.—HYDE PARK (near Marble Arch). Open-air meeting, 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 23.—CATERHAM, "FRYERNE," GARDEN MEETING (by kind invitation of Mrs. E. M. N. Clark). 4 p.m. Speakers: Miss Margaret Hodge, on "Women's Vote and its effect in Australasia." The Rev. C. Baumgarten, Miss Nina Boyle and Miss Underwood.

Sunday, July 26. REGENT'S PARK, noon. Mr. Lawrence Housman. HYDE PARK (near Marble Arch), 6.45. Mrs. Merivale Mayer and Mrs. Juson Kerr. CLAPHAM COMMON, 6 p.m.

Monday, July 27. KENSINGTON, corner Lancaster Road and Portobello Road, 8 p.m. Miss Rushbrooke.

Tuesday, July 28. STAMFORD HILL, corner Amhurst Park Road, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29. HYDE PARK. Open-air meeting, 5 p.m.

PROVINCES.

Friday, July 17, Friday, July 24. Caravan campaign meetings daily in STAMFORD and district. Miss Goddard, Miss Barrs and Miss Killingworth.

Friday, July 17, Monday, August 31. ISLE OF MAN campaign. Headquarters: DOUGLAS. Open-air meeting daily. Miss Andrews and others.

Monday, July 20 to Thursday, July 30. NEW FOREST campaign. Meetings daily. Mrs. Leigh Rothwell and Miss Trott.

Tuesday, July 21. CHESTER, 18, Curzon Park. Mrs. H. F. Brown. Drawing-room meeting, 3 p.m. Miss Anna Munro.

Wednesday, July 22. CHRISLETON. Open-air meeting, 7 p.m. Miss Anna Munro.

Saturday, July 25.—MIDDLESBOROUGH (Wilstrop House, Roman Road). Garden party. Tickets 1s.

Monday, July 27.—MIDDLESBOROUGH. Open-air meeting. Speaker: Mr. Charles Coates.

SCOTLAND.

Clyde Campaign during July and August.—Headquarters, Rothersey. Open-air meetings at the Pier nightly, 8 o'clock.

NORTH WALES CAMPAIGN.

Hon. Organiser: Miss A. M. Clark. Speaker: Miss Anna Munro.

Friday, July 24—Friday, July 31.—RHYL, Address: Kingsley House, 14, Edward Henry Street.

August 1—7.—LLANDUDNO.

August 8—14.—COLWYN BAY, Address: 34, Sea View Road.

August 15—20.—BARMOUTH, Address: 1, Moss Bank.

August 21—25.—ABERDOVEY and TOWYN, Address: Balkan Hill, Aberdovey.

August 26—September 4.—ABERYSTWYTH and BORTH, Address: 25, North Parade, Aberystwyth.

PLEASE NOTE.—Will all friends who have accepted the invitation to Mrs. Clark's Garden Party at Fryerne, Caterham, on July 23, note that the time to meet the W.F.L. representative at the booking-office at Charing Cross Station, is 2 p.m.? The train leaves at 2.16.

JUST IN TIME.—You will be just in time for the Jumble Sale organised by the London Branches' Council if you send your parcel to Mrs. Fisher at Headquarters immediately you receive THE VOTE this week. More parcels and more helpers are wanted; the reward of all gifts and service will be a substantial sum for the work of the League. The Jumble Sale will take place at Tolmer's Square Institute, Hampstead-road, on Saturday, July 18, at 2 p.m. Anything and everything for household use and for men, women and children's wear will be most welcome.

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I shall be glad to receive the names and addresses of members and sympathisers who are spending their holidays in the above places on the dates mentioned. I must also appeal for funds to carry out this campaign. To make the work effective and to place the Women's Freedom League on a firm basis, money is necessary. Will members realise the importance of the campaign and give as liberally as possible? Donations to Dr. Knight or myself will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

Miss Anna Munro will be the speaker, and the profound impression she made at the places visited last year is still fresh in the minds of the inhabitants, who are eagerly looking forward to a return visit.

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WITH THE CARAVAN.

Our exit from Peterborough showed the advance our campaign has made in the town. We held dinner-hour and evening meetings daily, each being better attended than the last. A meeting at the Stanley Recreation Ground was interrupted by irresponsible youths. On Tuesday, Miss Barrs gave a short address to the employees of Brotherhood's engineering works, being listened to most attentively. At an evening meeting at the Fountain, New England, Miss Barrs and myself being the speakers, there was a great demand for THE VOTE and for badges, and many sympathisers' cards were signed. On Wednesday we had a dinner-hour meeting outside Werner's, another large engineering firm. The same evening a record crowd listened attentively at the Bridge Foot for over an hour to Miss Barrs and myself, the chair being taken by Mrs. Garner, a resident of Peterborough, who has been of great assistance to the League during our stay. Mr. Emerton, High Street, very kindly lent us his wagonette for the occasion.

We left for Stamford on July 9, and on our arrival were refused all assistance and protection from the police, who forbade us to hold any meetings in the town. Notwithstanding this rebuff, we have found an excellent camping-ground and have already made great headway with the Cause. An excellent dinner-hour meeting was held on Friday outside Blackstone's, the chief manufacturing works in the town, a very good reception being accorded the speakers, who dealt with the movement from the economic point of view. Much house-to-house canvassing has also been achieved.

FRANCES GODDARD.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Women's Tax Resistance League.

On July 7 a cake basket belonging to Miss Turquand, the Secretary of the Free Church League, was sold by public auction at Sydenham. A protest meeting followed, when the speakers were Mrs. Kineton Parkes and Miss Metcalfe, of the Women's Tax Resistance League. On July 8 goods belonging to Dr. Adeline Roberts were sold. In spite of the rain, Mrs. Kineton Parkes and Mrs. Cobden Sanderson held a protest meeting in the Finchley-road and addressed a crowd outside Barnes' establishment.

THE FEDERATED COUNCIL OF SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

The following Resolutions were passed unanimously at the meeting of the Federated Council of Suffrage Societies on July 8, 1914:—

CIVIL SERVICE WOMEN AND THE HOLT REPORT.

"That this meeting of the Federated Council of Suffrage Societies strongly protests against the continued neglect of women in the Post Office as evinced by the recommendations of the Holt Report, and is of opinion that the general interests of women will always be subsidiary to those of men until women are represented in the councils of the

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State. In view of the fact that one-third of the total staff of the Post Office consists of women, this meeting calls upon the Postmaster-General to appoint a woman representative of the staff on the promised Special Committee dealing with the Holt Report, and thus secure that the women's point of view shall receive due consideration.

2. DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF WOMEN.

"That this meeting of the Federated Council of Suffrage Societies protests against the differentiation of treatment by law and administration of women suffragists convicted of conspiracy and incitement and that given to men. It points out that whereas a vindictive policy is pursued against women such as Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and Mrs. Walker, men such as George Lansbury and James Larkin are released after a few days' imprisonment, and Sir Edward Carson is not even arrested."

3. THE BRITISH NATIONALITY BILL.

"The Federated Council of Suffrage Societies protests against the treatment of married women by the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Harcourt) in his British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill, and calls upon Parliament to accord to all British women, married, widowed and single, the right to decide whether they shall retain, or change, or revert to, their own nationality."

Actresses' Franchise League.

The League has taken a stall for the season in close proximity to the stall of the Anti-Suffrage Society in the Social and Economic Section of the Anglo-American Exhibition at Shepherd's-bush. By the regulations the League is not allowed to sell anything at the stall and all literature must be distributed gratis to the public, but orders may be taken and names of new members received.

Northern Men's Federation.

An excellent meeting was held at Springburn, on June 16, with Mr. Kirkwood in the chair and Miss Eunice Murray of the Women's Freedom League as speaker. A resolution calling upon the Government to enfranchise women, and condemning its action in regard to the re-arrest of Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, was carried amidst acclamation. THE VOTE and other literature was eagerly bought.

A deputation from the Northern Men's Federation was received by the Bishop of Edinburgh at his residence on June 18. It consisted of Councillor Crawford, Mr. Alexander Orr, Mr. J. Wilson McLaren, ex-Baillie Gordon, ex-Councillor Colbron, Mr. John McMichael, and Mr. Thomas Shaw, and waited upon the Bishop in connection with a correspondence which recently appeared in the Press. The interview lasted for one hour and a quarter. Many questions were put and replied to by the Bishop, among them the following:—Q.: Are you in favour of extending the Parliamentary Franchise to women? A.: I should be strongly in favour of giving the Vote to certain women under certain conditions. Q.: Do you consider that the possession of a Parliamentary Vote would enable women to improve their sweated social conditions? A.: No. Q.: Do you consider the question of Suffrage enters into the spiritual realm? A.: No; not in my personal opinion. Q.: Are you aware that in attempting to exclude the women's question from the Church you are doing the very thing that all the forces of evil (White Slave Traffickers, drink traffickers, sweaters, gamblers, &c.) wish to be done? A.: I do not think so. Q.: Is it not the duty of the Church to show how to cure social evils? A.: No, it is the Church's duty to point out the evils and let discussion crystallise the methods to be adopted for curing them.

The East London Federation of Suffragettes.

At a mass meeting at the Canning Town Hall on Sunday evening, July 12, the following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That this meeting calls on the Prime Minister to follow up the expression of sympathy which he made to the East London women who waited on him in Downing Street on June 20, by introducing an immediate Government measure to give a vote for every woman over 21."

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