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FEEDING BY VIOLENCE.

The men of Ulster are threatening to resort to violent and lawless insurrection if the Home Rule Bill is carried.

The Prime Minister, speaking in the House of Commons, has said that the attitude of Ulster is a factor which it is no use to ignore or to minimise, which has got to be faced and dealt with. He is even prepared to have a General Election if Ulster will promise to abide by the result, and to renounce militancy should the election endorse the Home Rule Bill.

Why does Mr. Asquith take the threatened Ulster militancy so seriously? It is not because he doubts the power of the police force and the British Army to suppress the insurrection. He is afraid of Ulster militancy because he does not want to be obliged to use violence against the insurrectionists. They are men, and therefore he has, perhaps, a fellow feeling for them. More than that, they are voters and they have friends and brothers in other parts of the Kingdom who are voters too. To deal violently with them will therefore be politically dangerous to Mr. Asquith.

Women Mr. Asquith is perfectly willing to attack by methods of violence. They have no votes, so they and their suffering are of no importance politically. The men electors could by their votes punish violence done to the women, but Mr. Asquith trusts to being able to buy them off by giving them something for themselves. Thus he treats women with a brutality that he dares not even to dream of using towards Ulster men.

Feeding by violence is one of the Government's methods of coercing women, and it is a method that they are using even now.

The abominable and reckless cruelty of the Government's action is illustrated by the fact that lately a man died within half an hour of being forcibly fed.

Three of the most distinguished doctors in the country have reported, after careful investigation of the facts, that feeding by violence is dangerous to health and life. They show that it means risk of injury to nose and throat; that it has caused the formation of abscesses in those parts; that it is harmful to the digestion organs; that it puts a severe strain on the nervous system, often leading to sleeplessness, and in some cases to acute delirium; that it involves other most serious consequences. They describe the whole revolting process as "torture," and they point to the fact that in very many cases women put to this torture have had suddenly to be released in order to save their lives.

Another doctor says: "I wonder that medical men can be found to carry out such operations, which I consider to be degrading them to the level of a common executioner!" We too wonder that the medical profession, so many of whose members are now complaining that their own dignity and liberty are being assailed, should be willing to be the tool of the Government, and to do the Government's dirty work of coercing the women of the Suffrage movement.

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A Review of the Week.

Government's Break-up Threatened.

It is announced that the women's amendments to the Manhood Suffrage Bill are to be discussed and voted upon in the week beginning January 20. It is also announced (not in the same official manner but as we happen to know with perfect truth) that Mr. Winston Churchill (a turncoat on the Suffrage), Mr. Harcourt, and other ministers, are now more industrious than ever in informing Liberal, Labour and Nationalist members that the passage of a Woman Suffrage amendment means their resignation and the destruction of the Government.

Premier's Pledge Finally Destroyed.

This action on the part of Mr. Winston Churchill and the rest means the final destruction of the Prime Minister's pledge. No one, in view of what Mr. Churchill and others are saying and doing, can pretend for one moment that the vote on the women's amendments will be a free vote. The Nationalists will be more determined than ever to wreck the amendments. Suffragist Liberals will be strongly affected by fear of the Government's breaking, nor will even Labour M.P.'s be unaffected by this fear. The W.S.P.U. foresaw the whole thing when first the Prime Minister's pledge was made, but, alas! other Suffrage societies fell into the trap, and even now the Government are convinced that upon the defeat of the amendments militancy will not spread beyond the ranks of the W.S.P.U.

The Pledge Was a Lie.

It is now evident that as the W.S.P.U. has all along suspected the Prime Minister's pledge was a lie from the first. He declared that the pledge was made on behalf of the Government as a whole, and now leading members of the Government are saying that they will not abide by the pledge, but will resign rather than be responsible for carrying a Franchise Bill which enfranchises women. Surely no one will ever say again that Mr. Asquith is a man of honour!

Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Lloyd George.

There are two men whose honour is if possible even more compromised than the honour of the

Prime Minister himself. These are Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Lloyd George, because while he has been thoroughly untruthful and deceitful he has at least made no professions of friendship. Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Lloyd George are really in a more discreditable position than any of their colleagues, because they have misled the trustful section of Suffragists into accepting and relying upon the Prime Minister's sham pledge.

Circulating False Coin.

Sir Edward Grey, though he knows as well as we do of the threats that are being made by other Cabinet Ministers, wrote only a little while ago that "the Members of the Government who are in favour of Woman Suffrage and those who are adverse to it will equally accept the decision of the House of Commons whatever it may be." In our opinion Sir Edward Grey's self-chosen function is to put into circulation the false Suffrage coin uttered by the Prime Minister. Never again can he expect his assurances to carry any weight even with the most gulleible.

"You Will Look Very Foolish."

Now is an appropriate time to revive Mr. Lloyd George's famous pronouncement made to the Downing-street deputation on November 16, 1911. Shaking a warning and rebuking finger at the untrusting militants, he spoke as follows:—"The only thing I would say now is this—and I say it after twenty-one years experience of Parliament: Don't you commit yourselves too readily to the statement that this is a "trick" upon Women's Suffrage. If you find next year as a result of this "trick" that several millions of women have been added in a Bill to the franchise, that this Bill has been sent to the House of Lords by the Government, and that the Government stand by that Bill whatever the Lords do, then those who have committed themselves to that ill-conditioned suggestion will look very foolish.

The members of the W.S.P.U., the authors of the "ill-conditioned suggestion," would remind Mr. Lloyd George that they are still waiting to wear that foolish look.

The Working Women's Deputation.

In view of the state of affairs described in the foregoing paragraphs, the working women's deputation to the Prime Minister and to Mr. Lloyd George is particularly opportune. To the working women these Ministers will perhaps explain what they have to offer in substitution for the sham pledge now so utterly destroyed. Mrs. Drummond's formal request for an interview is to be sent to the Prime Minister and to Mr. Lloyd George in the course of the present week. There are many reasons why the Ministers in question should accord an interview, and none why they should deny it. To criticise Mrs. Drummond's scheme, as some people do, on the ground that its outcome will be disorder, is really to encourage a refusal of her request.

Premier's Shifty Reply.

Mr. Asquith seems to labour under a constitutional incapacity to give a straight answer to a straight question. Our readers will not have failed to notice the shifty statement made to Sir Henry Craik, M.P., who asked him whether the Solicitor-General expressed the view of the Government when he said in the London Opera House on December 4 that the Franchise Bill, with a Woman Suffrage amendment, was secure in enjoying the full advantage of the Parliament Act.

Mr. Asquith, in reply, said that in the speech referred to the Solicitor-General was careful to point out that what he was saying did not constitute any new declaration, either on behalf of the Government or himself (the Prime Minister).

Those who accepted the Prime Minister's pledge certainly believed that a Woman Suffrage amendment, if carried, would enjoy the protection of the Parliament Act. What do they think of his reply to Sir Henry Craik!

A General Election.

What did Mr. Redmond think of the Prime Minister's offer to have a General Election on the

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Home Rule Bill if Ulster will accept the verdict of the electors as final? Certainly a General Election could not now be refused if Ulster were to accept this offer. Ulster is, however, determined for the present to reserve an unconditional right of rebellion and to resist Home Rule whatever the electors in other parts of the kingdom may say. Furthermore, the Unionist Party as a whole is not at present in that condition of internal harmony which would make a General Election desirable to them. Still, Mr. Asquith's reference to the possibility of an Election on the Home Rule Bill has certainly not improved the present Parliament's prospects of longevity. The defeat of the women's amendments will make a General Election very desirable from the Suffragist point of view.

Mr. Snowden Favours Opposition to Government.

We are greatly edified by reading in an article by Mr. Snowden, M.P., that "the Labour Party will require to take up a strong line against the Government" if the Trade Union Bill is dropped. So Mr. Snowden does, after all, believe in an anti-Government policy when something he cares for enough is at stake. Although he condemns and rejects the W.S.P.U. demand that the Labour Party shall oppose the Government in the interests of Votes for Working Women, he desires that the Labour Party shall oppose the Government in the interests of the Trade Union Bill! Here is a new proof that the Labour M.P.s do not merit the special favour and confidence of Suffragists.

Message From Australian Premier.

Miss Vida Goldstein cables to us from Australia that the Prime Minister at the closing of Parliament said, in answer to a question, that Woman Suffrage has distinctly improved the government of Australia, and that he and the House would be gratified if the Imperial Parliament thought it advisable to extend the privilege of voting to the women of the United Kingdom. This important statement by the Prime Minister of Australia has, through boycott or through oversight, been omitted from the ordinary Press. We commend it to the attention of the Imperial Government. They are prepared to give weight to Australia's opinion in regard to other questions, why should they not give it equal weight where Women's Enfranchisement is concerned!

L'Etat c'est Nous.

Another Honours' List which takes no account—or so little as to amount to none—of women! It is true that the methods of their sale and barter makes such honours of doubtful value, and yet the practice of reserving them for men only is a sign of women's inferior position in the State.

In fact what men say by their monopoly of the Franchise and of Honours is this—"L'etat c'est nous." Women are branded as an inferior species unqualified for civic rights and privileges. And yet we have non-militant Suffragists! Well, perhaps that is not surprising, for subjection must breed some ills.

The Prisoners.

No further news has been received of Miss Howey and Miss Marion, who are being forcibly fed in Holloway Prison. The Home Secretary's reply to a question in the House on January 1 that Miss Howey's health was maintained does not at all bring conviction to the minds of those who have a too intimate acquaintance with the value of official statements on the health of Suffragist prisoners.

The relatives and many friends of these two prisoners are awaiting news of them with the greatest anxiety.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

The financial result of the Christmas Sale has now been ascertained. It is one of which the organisers of the Sale may be very proud. The sale of goods and refreshments realised £626, and the money paid for admission to the Sale amounted to £48. In addition, the Woman's Press stall took £132. Thus the total sum realised was £806. There is, I am glad to say, very little to be deducted from this sum on account of expenses which were almost negligible owing to the voluntary service of members. The success of the Sale is all the more remarkable when we consider the circumstances under which it was organised. The Union's removal to new premises, the founding of a new paper, the Bow and Bromley election—all these tasks had heavily mortgaged the time and energy of our members, and it was impossible that there could be that concentration upon the Christmas Sale that would otherwise have been possible. The success of the Sale is therefore an impressive sign of the Union's vigour and stability.

Equally encouraging is the financial support that members and friends are giving to Mrs. Drummond's scheme. At the London Pavilion on Monday £50 was raised. A subscriber who is at the head of a co-educational school where the principle of sex-equality is carried daily and hourly into practice, writes:—

A Christmas present has enabled me to have the joy of sending a contribution towards the working women's deputation, which I think such a splendid scheme. If only my gift could be more worthy of the great object!

Another woman who did not forget the Union at Christmas writes:—

I am sending a contribution (£2) for Mrs. Drummond's deputation, as I fear I shall not be able to go myself. I asked all my friends to give me money for the Cause several of Christmas presents this year, so was able to collect this little sum.

A Cornish member writes from Penzance:—

I enclose a small cheque (£1), the result of some domestic economies on the part of my daughter and myself at the Christmas season. Will you please accept it for Mrs. Drummond's deputation fund. We all here wish the deputation all success in their undertaking, and shall be with them in thought and spirit all the time.

From Yorkshire comes the following letter:—

I am sending just a little contribution to Mrs. Drummond's fund. It is only a trifle saved in car fares, when I have walked instead of riding, but every little helps, and mother and I wish the deputation every success. Will you please send us particulars of membership of the W.S.P.U.—the finest political union in existence (at least that is our opinion). We always show the poster of THE SUFFRAGETTE and are proud to do so.

It is such women as these who make the W.S.P.U. unconquerable.

Yet another typical message comes from the Tumbridge Wells W.S.P.U., whose hon. treasurer writes:—

At our members' meeting this afternoon we decided to give £5 out of our local funds to aid the working women's deputation. We feel as a local union that we must do something to help the working women in the splendid stand that they are going to make.

At the present time of crisis these evidences that the members of the Union are ready to answer every call upon their generosity and devotion are invaluable to us at headquarters. Knowing how strong the Union is, we can face the enemy and the future without any fear.

E. PANKHURST.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £250,000 FUND.

DECEMBER 30 to JANUARY 4.

Table with columns for names, amounts, and sub-totals. Includes entries like Mrs. Kenyon, Mrs. G. F. Ward, Mrs. Barnard, etc., with amounts in pounds and shillings.

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NOTE.—Item in last week's issue "Miss M. McArthur, 17s. 10d." should have been "Miss M. McArthur, 6s. 4d., and Miss M. L. McArthur, 10s. 9d."

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PILLAR-BOX TRIAL AT THE OLD BAILEY.

MISS BILLINGHURST'S MAGNIFICENT SPEECH TO THE JURY.

WOMEN EXCLUDED FROM THE COURT.—ALL THE PRISONERS FOUND GUILTY.

At the Central Criminal Court on Wednesday, before the Recorder, May Billinghurst and Grace Michell were indicted for unlawfully placing in a certain Post Office letter-box situated at Aberdeen-terrace, Blackheath, a certain deleterious fluid. Louisa Gay was indicted for a similar offence in respect of a pillar-box at Tanners-hill, Deptford.

The accused pleaded not guilty, and the case of Billinghurst and Michell was taken first. THROUGHOUT THE PROCEEDINGS the prisoners' interests were watched by Mr. Marshall, the legal adviser of the Women's Social and Political Union. The prisoners conducted their own defence.

Mr. Forster Boulton, prosecuting on behalf of the Postmaster-General, pointed out to the jury that the motive prompting the women was something quite outside the case. The jury had nothing to do with what the accused asked for—votes for women.

Miss Michell emphatically denied the statement made by P.C. Alfred Harland that when arrested she denied having put the stuff in the pillar-box, and had stated that Miss Billinghurst did it.

At the close of the case for the prosecution the prisoners made the statement that they did not wish to give evidence on oath.

Miss Billinghurst then addressed the jury.

Verbatim Report of Miss Billinghurst's Speech.

THE SUFFRAGETTE'S CREED.

"The Guilt Lies on the Shoulders of the Government."

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY,—I will ask you to allow me to explain some of the circumstances which have led me to be standing before you to-day in this dock, to fight for the liberation of women that they may be freed to take their part in legislation for the good of our country.

This is a woman's war, in which we hold human life dear and property sacred, and if one has to be sacrificed for the other, then we say let property be destroyed and the human life be preserved. Let the panes of glass be broken and envelopes smashed. Attack man's property if that is the last resource to rouse him to think and to act on behalf of the oppressed women of his country, to make men realise that pressure must be brought to bear upon the Government in order that a Bill be passed this Session giving women the vote.

I should like to say here to the counsel for the prosecution that he could convey a message to the Postmaster-General as to the one and only way to stop the raid on pillar-boxes, which is for him (the Postmaster-General) to see to it that a Government measure to enfranchise women is brought in without delay.

The guilt lies on the shoulders of the Government for delaying the measure, not on the women who continue to fight for the protection of the weak and the oppressed.

In our union are women doctors, nurses, inspectors, teachers—women in almost every branch of industry and seeking to destroy, but we mean to wake the public mind from its apathy, and to make our cause the burning question of the day, so that something shall be done for women.

Gentlemen, I have stated a few facts of my life to show you why I am standing in the dock to-day pleading "Not Guilty." I am fighting a righteous battle with a high motive.

You may think me guilty; I may be imprisoned. In that case I shall adopt the hunger strike as a protest against imprisonment being given to women instead of the justice they demand.

The Government may further maim my crippled body by the torture of forcible feeding, as they are torturing weak women in prison to-day. They may even kill me in the process, for I am not strong, but they cannot take away my freedom of spirit or my deter-

mination to fight this good fight to the end. If my body should be injured, I hope the kindness and sense of justice lying latent in most Englishmen's hearts will be roused, and that they will realise their responsibility to their countrywomen, and will rise in a body and say to the Government, "This oppression of women must cease."

We, the men of England, demand that a Bill be passed for the enfranchisement of women without any more delay.

I cannot understand why no member of my sex is even present to witness our trial in this public court.

This warfare is a political necessity. The members of the Government are the culprits, not I.

The Recorder, addressing the jury after summing-up the evidence, said that the opinion of the jury on the motive which led Miss Billinghurst to do what she had done did not in any way concern them.

Miss Billinghurst had said that the calamitous condition of women which she described would be greatly improved if women had the vote. It might be said to express no opinion, but nothing she had said had anything to do with the case at all.

The jury, without retiring from the court, declared that they found both prisoners guilty.

The Recorder made inquiries as to the number of pillar-boxes attacked in the neighbourhood, and whether the fluid used was the same in all the present cases. In reply it was stated that the same fluid had been used in all cases.

The Recorder then asked whether anything was known of Miss Michell's family, but no information being forthcoming except that her father and mother lived in the district of Lewisham, he said, "I shall adjudge with the case to-day. You (Detective-Inspector Brown) go and see her father and mother, and I will postpone sentence until tomorrow morning."

In reply to a question by Miss Billinghurst, the Recorder refused bail.

Miss Billinghurst: "Then can I go on to the dock to prison. I can't go without it."

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The prisoners then left the dock and were taken to Holloway Prison.

The attacks on postal letter-boxes in the Lewisham district have been renewed this week. On Monday night a substance resembling tar in appearance was dropped into four boxes, and a number of letters were damaged, the tar being again enclosed in pieces of india-rubber tubing. On the wrappers and envelopes in which the tubes were packed were written, "Down with the Liberal Government," "More to come," "Messages to Mr. Lloyd George" and "Votes for Women."

Letters were also damaged at the Grove-park-terrace letter-box on Monday evening.

On January 5 it was discovered that a brown fluid had been emptied into the letter-box at the head office at Putney and similar attacks had been made on two other pillar-boxes in the district. In each case a number of letters were destroyed.

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It was ascertained that some fourteen boxes had been interfered with.

Further pillar-box outrages were perpetrated in the centre of Cardiff on December 28, and nearly 200 letters were damaged, a big proportion being rendered unrecognisable.

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THE EQUALITY OF WOMEN.

VERBATIM REPORT OF A SPEECH BY ABDUL BAHA, LEADER OF THE BAHAI MOVEMENT.

On January 2, at the Essex Hall, His Excellency Abdul Baha lectured on the Equality of Women. The views of this great religious leader will be of interest to all the readers of our paper.

Abdul Baha is the leader of the Bahai Movement, and has a following of 3,000,000 people who call him Master. The Bahai Movement originated in Persia less than a hundred years ago, when Mirza Ali Muhammad proclaimed that he was the bearer of a message from God. He himself was the forerunner whose work prepared the way for the "Coming Great One,"—Baha'ollah, "The Glory of God."

Mirza Ali Muhammad suffered martyrdom in Tabriz, but his pioneer activities were continued by the disciples whom he chose, and in spite of much bitter persecution the movement grew in strength and numbers. When the long-expected leader came, he too suffered, passing many years in a Persian prison. He declared that the movement would be carried on by his eldest son, Abdul Baha, "The Servant of God."

The meeting at which the lecture was delivered was held under the auspices of the Women's Freedom League, and presided over by Mrs. Despard.

His EXCELLENCY ABDUL BAHA (who spoke through an interpreter) said:—

The world of humanity is compared to a bird having two wings; one wing the male, the other wing the female. As long as the two wings are not strengthened and reinforced by the same common force, the bird cannot fly heavenward. Therefore it is in the spirit of this age that woman must and should advance. They must go on and fulfil their missions in all the departments of life, so that they may become equal to men and attain to the same level as men, and receive all rights. There must remain no difference whatsoever between men and women. This is my earnest prayer. This is one of the fundamental principles of Baha Ulla. Baha Ulla has proclaimed that the world of humanity is one tree. All the nations, all the peoples, all the religions, all the men and all the women, constitute the branches, the leaves, the blossoms, and the fruits of this tree of humanity. Humanity is one single, peerless tree. There is no distinction of gender whatsoever.

As we wonder and think of the world and its phenomena, we come to the conclusion that the laws of male and female are enjoyed by the mineral and vegetable kingdoms; that in the vegetable kingdom there is no distinction and no difference. In this plant life one does not see any strife nor any contention for suffrage. The vegetable enjoys suffrage already. Likewise in the animal kingdom. Between the male and female there is no quarrel and strife, although it is of an inferior type of creation, the male animal never taunting the female as a superior being. Considering that they are enjoying a Parliamentary equality and suffrage, man, who is endowed with this great and universal intelligence, and is the image and likeness of God, why should ever man stoop himself so low as to permit such a condition of things. To ever declare that men are superior to women! How can man descend to this state as to ever dream of this iniquity, and to think that creationally he is a little above woman!

There is one thing yet to be settled. It is this—that men declare that for the present women have not yet attained to the same degree of intellectual and artistic level of life, and intellectually they are weaker and the power of will is a little less in them. "Therefore we men are above them." Some anatomicians have declared that "We have weighed the brains of men and have found them heavier than the brains of women, and this will scientifically show you that men are superior." We have often come in contact with certain souls; when we look at their heads we see their heads are very small; their brains weigh very little; yet they show the keenest intelligence, and the most wonderful power of understanding. On the other hand, some men are endowed with great big heads. The cranium is very large, but very useless. But the avoirdupois of the brain has nothing to do with intelligence and superiority.

The second proof that men are wont to bring up is this: "So far we have not witnessed great omniscience and superiority in women. Transcendent accomplishments have not been undertaken by women; therefore they are not like unto men." Such poor argumentators have not been conversant

with past history. Were they fully informed with the information which history gives them, they would know how many powerful and great women have appeared in past history and contemporaneously.

Great Women in History. Let us return for a moment to history, and there you will see great women who have indeed accomplished humanitarian and charitable works, women who have done great work in the religious world as well as in governmental life. As regards the political life, one of the great and powerful women who have appeared in history is Zenobia. No doubt most of you are conversant with her dramatic history. She was a woman living in Syria. Her husband was the King of Athens. He was a king appointed by the Emperor of Rome. The husband passing away, and the woman showing the greatest administrative capacity, the Roman Government appointed her in his stead. Later on she became so great as to carry warfare against Syria and conquer that country. Later on she was enabled to occupy another part of that kingdom, and she became so powerful as to lay a siege to the city of Cairo, and take possession of that country likewise. She organised a great, efficient, and just government. Through her sagacious administration and wise deliberation, she was enabled to govern her subjects equitably and most fairly.

Although she was not a woman belonging to those foreign lands, yet all these people universally declared her to be their queen, because she manifested this great desire for the regeneration of the people. She practised the greatest justice. She was very wise in her administration. She built up many cities, the signs of which are yet to be seen in those countries.

Many European tourists going to those parts specially make a point of visiting these antiquarian places, all of them expressing astonishment and wonder at her power and her wisdom—and in reality it is so. One is astonished with what power and with what great painstaking trouble she has planned these marvellous cities of the ancient time. She became so powerful as to try to throw away the yoke of the Roman Emperor, and the Roman Empire rose against her.

A great army was drilled and sent to wage war against Zenobia. As soon as the army reached the gates of Syria, Zenobia with her army came out of the city and planted her soldiers in front of the opposing army. It is natural that her army, in comparison with the Roman army, was less in number, because at that time the Roman Empire was very vast, having in her possession all the then known parts of Europe; likewise she had many Asiatic colonies from which she drew armies and conscription. In Africa she had these vast colonies. The Empire of Rome at that time was very vast and aggressive; but Zenobia was only the Queen of Egypt and Syria, therefore she could not muster as many soldiers as the Roman Emperor could bring into active force.

The day on which the engagement between the two contending armies opened, Zenobia clad herself in a red and glorious garment. She crowned her head with the diadem, and she threw her dishevelled (loose) hair behind her back, rode on a charger, took a sword in her hand, and carried herself with such energy and dauntlessness that the Roman army was completely routed, and had to retreat. The Romans had to go as far as the very gate of Rome.

Likewise there are many women in the histories of various nations who have accomplished great things, which it would take me a long time to explain and give you details of. In short, this woman (Zenobia) practised the greatest amount of justice towards her subjects. She was very powerful and very resourceful; she was very eloquent and fluent in tongue, and above all else she was very courageous. History testifies to these facts.

Women Leaders in Religion. As regards the religious world, all the conquests which were made by the Israelitish nation were inspired by one woman, and if you read the Old Testament you will find out this fact. His holiness Moses carried the doctrine of Israel for forty years along the river of Jordan, and they could not cross, unfortunately, that river. After the death of Moses, however, it seems that the circumstances were changed, and one woman carried the Israelitish people to great confidence and victory; and this is recorded, as you know, in the Old Testament.

Likewise, if you turn to the Messianic dispensation. After the crucifixion of His Holiness the Christ, the great apostles were shaken. Even Peter, who was the rock upon which the Church was going to be built, denied the Christ three times, he was so agitated. Finally, Mary Magdalene was instrumental in reinforcing and in strengthening the apostles. She gathered all the apostles together, addressing them thus:—"His Holiness Christ is ever-living, is immutable, changeless; the Messianity is everlasting and eternal. The only thing is that his body was crucified. His Holiness Christ is the Word of God. He has ever been from the beginning, and will be to the end, to which there is no end. Why are you agitated?" In this fashion she inspired them. In reality this peerless woman served His Holiness Christ and Christendom in such a way as will shine everlastingly from the horizon of glory.

A Persian Heroine. Among the women of our time in the religious world is Kurratul-Ayn. Kurratul-Ayn at the time of the appearance of the Bab, was the daughter of a Mahomedan clergyman. This lady revealed such tremendous power of activity and courage that all Persia was astounded. Before that woman were veiled. Dissociation between men and women existed. Even they considered it impolite to speak with men. This was the immemorial custom of the Persians; but this heroic woman, in every gathering she appeared, carried on a wonderful conversation and controversy with the wisest men of Persia, and in every meeting she vanquished them.

Finally, affairs reached such a crisis that the Persian Government was forced to take Kurratul-Ayn into custody, and throw her into prison. In the streets they stoned her, anathematised her, exiled her from town to town, threatened her with death and anathema. Never did she fail for one second! She withstood all these calamities with the greatest amount of courage and heroism. Finally, they found out that even in prison she was beginning to make converts to the rights of women. She was not resting; she was busy with her business. And so the last drama of her life is that she was taken into a garden, and there she was strangled to death.

During all these tragic events of her life she never wavered for one minute. Whilst they were carrying her (he means, of course, just before they took her to the garden) she put on herself a new garment. She dressed her with the best kind of clothes that she had, the nicest dress that she could get at the time, as if she was going into a bridal party. With such magnanimity and fearlessness she entered her fate, the garden, and she gave up her life in this way, which is thrilling and most startling.

One of the Persian Ministers, in whose house she was imprisoned for some time, often she would tell him, "You are perfectly free to do away with me as soon as you like, but you cannot stop the emancipation of women." She indeed was a heroine.

To-day in Persia amongst the Bahais there are some workers of your sex who demonstrate the greatest amount of heroism and dauntlessness. They are very eloquent; they display the greatest poetic passion and insight; they speak before large gatherings and societies. And to-day they are advancing. These things are being done through the acquirement of sciences and arts, and to-day they try to adorn their beings with these scientific accomplishments. In literature and history they are becoming efficient. In the perfection of humanity they strive. And ere long in Persia women will receive their rights. This will be done undoubtedly through the acquisition of knowledge.

Men will witness that these women are earnest, and are carrying themselves with the utmost dignity, and are trying to improve civic and political life through not trying to carry warfare, and they demand the right of Suffrage through the perfections and qualities of scientific attainments. Therefore, the men naturally will feel themselves quite satisfied and contented.

Therefore, I request you to strive to adorn your beings in the perfections of humanity, to acquire the virtues of the world of man. May you advance in science, may you progress in belles-lettres, may you show your worthiness in the line of industrialism, so that your brows be crowned with the diadem of eternal glory

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Militancy a Virtue.

Ministerial intrigues, including threats of resignation by Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Harcourt, and others, are likely, in the opinion even of non-militant Suffragists, to prove fatal to the women's amendments.

After the defeat of the amendments, what next? Militancy! Only by militancy can women hope to get the vote, so long as such men as form the present Government control the nation's affairs. It is not only Mr. Asquith and others of that generation who are beyond the reach of reason and justice. Their younger colleagues and all those who seem likely in course of time to assume positions of leadership are just as il-Liberal and reactionary as they are. Not in our lifetime are we likely to see in office a Government that will give votes to women from motives of benevolence, compassion, or high principle. It is idle to point to other countries and other parts of the Empire where women have won the vote without militancy. Conditions there are very different from conditions here. No one who understands the political conditions in Great Britain will deny that, if Woman Suffrage is to be secured, the politicians must be compelled by pressure to grant it.

Who is going to apply that pressure? Not the official Labour Party, whatever some of us may once have thought. The Labour Members of Parliament have not only refused to oppose the Government in order to compel the inclusion of a Woman Suffrage clause in the Manhood Suffrage Bill, but they intend, even after the defeat of unofficial Woman Suffrage amendments, to continue to keep the Government in office, although they believe that by so doing they will be delaying for years the next opportunity of enfranchising women. The Labour Party's betrayal of women puts an end to all hope that votes for women will come through the aid of any men's political party.

Women are thus driven to self-reliance and to militancy. Pressure upon the Government is essential to victory. No one will apply that pressure save themselves. Only by militancy can they apply it. Therefore, militancy is the policy for all earnest Suffragists to adopt. Women need not surely hesitate to be militant now that the leader of the largest party in Parliament has proudly declared that if the Home Rule Bill is carried and enforced without being approved by the electors of the United Kingdom, he will assist the people of Ulster to resist it! Mr. Bonar Law's militant policy and the support which his followers accord to that policy prove that militancy is at any rate politically respectable.

That militancy is also politically expedient is proved by the Government's eagerness to prevent militancy in Ulster at the cost even of a General Election!

Is militancy morally right? That is the important question for women who, more than men, dislike doing evil that good may come. Yes, militancy is morally right and a thousand times morally right! This is, whether consciously or not, admitted even by non-militant Suffragists. So right and so glorious do they think it that they are for ever using the language of militancy. Every time they use militant metaphors they are, we

would remind them, affirming that militancy has an ethical basis.

Their hearts burn within them, say these law-abiding Suffragists, when they read in the pages of history of the great struggle of Holland for political independence in the sixteenth century, or of Italy for national existence in the nineteenth. They thrill with responsive sympathy at the thought of the Chinese Revolution and the Balkan Allies' struggle against the Turk. Then why don't they follow the example of those fighters for freedom, and fight themselves? We have never heard a convincing answer to that question yet!

The reason for non-militancy cannot be a doubt of women's power to be effectively militant. We women should be poor creatures if, given the necessary numbers, we could not make things intolerable for the powers that be! Even the armed rebels of Ulster do not expect to defeat the British army in open combat. What they count upon being able to do is to create a most unpleasant situation. Surely women can at least do that!

We have discovered in a publication issued by one of the Suffrage Societies the nearest approach that we have ever seen to an explanation of why Suffragists who rejoice in the militancy of other people done in other causes will not themselves be militant. This explanation, after denouncing violence—as though in the wars and revolutions in Holland, Italy, China, and the Balkan Peninsula violence had not been done for the sake of liberty—says, "The claims of women to representation rest not on physical but on moral force." Most true, we militants admit. But so also do the claims of men to representation rest upon moral force. It is by physical force that either men or women are kept out of their enfranchisement. It is by physical force that the politically disinherited ones, whether they are men or whether they are women, are obliged to challenge the physical force used by their tyrant to keep them in bondage.

Then this explanation goes on to say: "The day of physical violence is passing, has almost passed. Leading trade unionists are now advising the members of their societies not to rely on physical violence, but on political organisation, and on getting the support of public opinion."

This is strange reasoning for a Suffragist! Of course the day of violence has almost passed for men, but that is because they have got the vote. Of course trade union leaders are relying upon peaceful political methods. That is because men trade unionists have the vote. The day of violence will pass for women also—when they have the vote!

What the explanation then proceeds to say is in effect that militancy, while right for men, is wrong for women. We quote the words in question:—

It is not on the ground of physical incapacity that we of the law-abiding Women's Suffrage Societies oppose the resort by women to violence, but because it is essentially inimical to everything that women stand for in the home and in the nation. It is woman's function to preserve, to nourish, to succour, to give life and not to take it. And, therefore, in descending to the crude methods of physical violence a woman is violating the essential law of her own nature.

Women cannot accept the view expressed in these words, which seem to us to lay down a double moral standard for the sexes. The woman who in this twentieth century fights for the vote by militant methods does not descend morally, any more than did Joan of Arc when she fought to liberate France.

Women are human beings before they are women. It is therefore right to possess all human virtues. It is right for them to be fierce as well as mild, to be strong as well as gentle. While they are mild and gentle towards their friends, they must be fierce and strong before their enemies and all who despitefully use them. The gentleness of a strong man is hailed as lovely, and it is the gentleness of the strong woman that is lovely, too. In fact, the gentleness that cannot in the face of wrong be transformed into aggression is not gentleness at all, but only weakness. It is not right for women, any more than for men, to have characters of tepid milk and water, to be incapable of a divine rage and to be impotent to resist oppression.

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

THE NEW BRIEUX PLAY.

"LA FEMME SEULE."

La Femme Seule is frankly a play with a purpose, a tract on the position of the self-supporting woman. The author concedes to the critic by implication full liberty to regard the play entirely from that point of view.

The play throws into high relief the difference between the views accepted in France and those accepted in this country where marriage is concerned. Thus upon the rising of the curtain we are admitted to a discussion between M. and Mme. Gueret, whose fortune and the fortune of their god-child and adoptive daughter, Thérèse (the femme seule of the play), have just been lost by the dishonesty of a lawyer. Thérèse herself and her god-parents take it for granted, and the event proves them to be right, that the parents of René Charton, to whom Thérèse is engaged, will forbid his marriage because she has no longer any dot.

Thérèse tells René that they must obey the parental decree, and must regard their engagement as ended. After some protest he accepts her view of the situation, and to that view he holds, even when at the close of this farewell talk she suddenly changes her tune and appeals to him to break free of his parents' control and marry her, so that they may make the struggle of life together. To one who is not French the elder Chartons' sense of honour seems defective, especially as they are represented as being rich, and therefore able to repair more or less completely the financial injury that the young ménage would sustain by reason of the lost dot. M. Brieux, however, would have us believe that marriage in France has, even in these days, a purely commercial basis, and that men contract to marry not women, but dots.

The Modern French Girl.

Thérèse, being poor and thrown over by her affianced husband, has now to decide upon her future career. Her god-father accepts a small salary post in the country and offers her a home, but his wife is determined that if the offer is accepted Thérèse shall renounce her emancipated ways and become a jeune fille of the old school. M. Brieux gives us, through the mouth of his character, a description of the modern French girl, who, we are glad to hear, is breaking through the absurd and insulting restrictions of an earlier day.

Thérèse, it seems, has travelled farther than most along the road of independence. In this crisis of her life she determines to decline her god-parents' offer and to stay in Paris and earn her own living. In spite of warnings and remonstrances from her elders, who regard it as monstrous that a woman of her age and social position shall work and live alone, she adheres to her resolve. Then her troubles begin.

M. Brieux contends that with few exceptions all the self-supporting women in France are black-mailed by men, who call upon them to surrender their honour as the price of getting or keeping their employment. Not only Thérèse, but other characters in the play, are represented as being blackmailed in this fashion. One of the women on the staff of the paper announces to her colleagues that since she cannot live without selling herself, she intends to abandon "respectable" employment, which is only to be got and kept at the cost of being immoral, and to take instead to a life of out-and-out immorality. She will then, she declares, at least be able to choose the man who buys her.

The Employment of Married Women.

The man who owns the paper does not wait long before making overtures to Thérèse, and this compels her to resign her post and seek work elsewhere.

We next see her happily installed (after many vicissitudes) as head of a department in the works owned by an old family friend. She has constituted herself the champion of the women employed by the firm, and has organised a trade union. Her position is assured and prosperous, and to add to her contentment, René Charton, by hard work done for her sake, has made himself financially independent of his parents, and all her old affection and respect for him are restored.

Trouble is brewing, however. Enters her office one of the workmen, who asks if she will find employment for his wife. She refuses, and pronounces herself an opponent of the employment of married women. Her theory, which is to say M. Brieux's theory, is that a married woman who earns a wage is robbing the woman who has no

husband to support them. This is a fallacy. No one who takes to productive work is making his or her fellows poorer. Nor is the economic position of married women sufficiently safeguarded merely by having a husband who has or earns money. Thérèse is astray when she seeks to distinguish between the interests of married women on the one hand and of unmarried women on the other.

The workman, very irate at her refusal of his request, then puts forward another. It is that the women's trade union shall be dissolved. This demand, as Thérèse declares, is the prelude to demanding the dismissal of all women workers. Here M. Brieux puts his finger on a very real evil, one which is manifested in every country where men and women compete for paid employment. The working men of to-day are often as rabid in their opposition to the employment of women as their forefathers were to the introduction of machinery.

Working Men's Opposition.

Before many hours are over an official of the men's trade union, armed with orders from his committee, calls upon the head of the firm to demand the dissolution of the women's trade union and the dismissal of Thérèse.

In the meantime, and before this crisis is reached, René Charton comes to see Thérèse to claim fulfilment of her promise (made since his independent position was acquired) that she will marry him whether his parents consent or not. To his dismay she tells him that since her promise was made she has seen his father, and in answer to his upbraiding has vowed never without his consent to marry René.

This foolishly sentimental and dishonourable proceeding on Thérèse's part weakens the conclusion of the play. Young Charton, after protesting against her promise to his father, then makes the proposition that they shall renounce the idea of legal marriage, and shall live together in a union libre. This proposition Thérèse rejects, and he leaves her.

Then she learns that unless she quits the works the men's trade union will wreck the firm and ruin her employer. Once more she is thrown upon her own resources. Appalled by the prospect before her, and by the thought of the men who bar every door and will not let her pass through except upon a hideous condition, she goes to her lover. Thus she owns herself beaten in the struggle to live as an independent woman, entirely by the work of her own hand and brain.

The Cure of it All.

Accepting M. Brieux's picture of conditions in France as true, one's first thought is to compare these conditions with those in our own country. That conditions are better here is we think unquestionable. Women in this country are, far more than in France, regarded as independent human beings, who are not created expressly for the service and pleasure of men. But the difference is one of degree only, and we are compelled to admit that (white slavery quite apart) there are men in Great Britain who are not guiltless of the particular crime against women which M. Brieux lays at the door of his own countrymen. Black mail of the kind he denounces is far too common on both sides of the Channel.

The cure for it all? The Vote!

M. Brieux does not admit that fully, although at two points in his play he introduces a neat little plea for woman suffrage. One of his remedies for the difficulty that besets the self-supporting woman apparently is that men shall marry women without stipulating for their possession of a dot. The portionless woman would thus not necessarily be husbandless too. But as we in this country could tell him, the women who marry without a dot and without being equipped to earn money are in a position of very unenviable dependence. The economic independence of wives is felt by the modern woman to be more and more a necessity. It is by a marriage portion or by her own money-earning exertions that such independence can be obtained.

As we have shown, M. Brieux's discussion of a very serious problem is not without defect, but on the whole this play is of the highest value as a means of educating French public opinion. The femme seule of France may well rejoice, as things are, at having so bold and honest a champion as M. Brieux.

FAIRIES AND REVELLERS.

Miss Margaret Morris at the Court Theatre.

Miss Margaret Morris is the youngest actress-manager in London, but that is after all a secondary claim to the attention of the public, for she is primarily a dancer of quite original and distinguished gifts.

She has surrounded herself at the Court Theatre with a troupe of most delightful children, whose training she has conducted on the lines of Hellenic rhythmic art as reconstructed by Raymond Duncan.

Of all people, "the Greeks are the people who have dreamt the dream of life most splendidly" and artistically; so these happy children who in their dances are giving the people who are wise enough to go and see them a real and beautiful sense of the controlled freedom and plastic sense of restraint (never degenerating into mere barren movement) which is a quality found in all great art. The gestures of the children, their unselfconscious grace and their evident delight in rhythmic movement, to the music of various modern or "early" composers should be, to all lovers of real dancing, as opposed to transportive toe-tipping, a revelation of all such teaching may develop in the potential artists of to-day.

The quaint little ballet on the old nursery rhyme, "Monday's Child," was deliciously rendered by the children, who each in turn represented a day of the week dedicated to a particular virtue, grace, or woe. Tuesday's child is full of grace" was represented with very remarkable charm by little Iris Love (the small daughter of a very well-known member of the W.S.P.U.) and a tiny May Meggs gave "Saturday's child" with most amusing verve and colour; but it is really invidious to choose, for all were one delightful testimony to their teacher's love of art. Miss Morris's solos were a revelation of her very remarkable gifts. The superb freedom of the Spanish dance and the bizarre effects of the Scarlati dance were something every lover of original artistic power should see.

To all her other qualities Miss Morris adds that of being a whole-hearted suffragist, and every member of the W.S.P.U. who has the opportunity will be glad, not only to go to the Court Theatre and see the artist, but to go to the Essex Hall on January 16 at 8 p.m., when Miss Morris, the suffragist, will speak to men and women anxious for real freedom in the State for both. R. S.

MORE GOOD WISHES.

The following messages from well-known actresses were received too late for insertion in our last number:—

Miss Eva Moore. "I hope with all my heart that 1913 will be a good year for all women. I don't think, though, a message to the W.S.P.U. is needed to show one's belief and admiration for its work."

Miss Margaret Morris. "Heartiest good wishes for success to our Cause in the coming year."

AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

English Women Transformed.

To the Editor of THE SUFFRAGETTE. Permit me, a foreigner who has just revisited this country after seven years' absence, to record my impressions of the Woman's Movement.

I do not recognise the Englishwoman. She has grown up, risen, has left the hearth and come out into the public arena to seek for her own enfranchisement and obtain justice for her less fortunate sisters.

I cannot but admire the intellectual and moral change which has taken place in this short time. I can plainly see that the Englishwoman has succeeded in forcing the whole world to stop and consider the conditions of her sex; that she has made this country realise the fact that humanity cannot be truly free whilst one half of it is deprived of all rights to self-expression. I am overwhelmed by the valour and the courage of the Englishwoman, and I have no words with which to express my feelings.—Yours very faithfully, KATHERINE TEREBRIAKOFF.

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HOW I BECAME A MILITANT.

By MARIE NAYLOR.

When in the early days of 1906 the political and conventional virtues were startled and shocked by accounts in the papers of outrageous and disgraceful conduct on the part of a set of unsexed viragoes demanding the vote, I was much interested, for I was a long-standing and keen Suffragist, and had, after years of hope deferred, begun to relegate this question to the shelf of the dim and distant future.

The loud outcries of putting back the clock did not make much impression on me, for I knew that since 1884 the clock had been going back so steadily that it was hardly possible to put it back farther. The unstinted abuse and insulting epithets flung from all quarters at these "Suffragettes" as they were soon nicknamed in derision, recalled to my mind a sentence in one of Lady Cook's essays: "Woman can be kept in subjection so long as there is one epithet in the language which can be hurled at her, and which she fears." Evidently this new type of woman could not be kept in subjection that way; she was apparently fearless of everything.

Gradually I began to realise that the hitherto impossible was happening. Already the year-long conspiracy of silence in the Press had been broken down, the hard crust of public indifference was slowly but surely breaking up, and I felt that whoever and whatever these women were, they were the winning party, and I had a longing to join them while the mud and stones were still flying, and not wait for the time when it would be "Roses, roses all the way."

Prepared to Lay Down their Lives.

At last I met them, and my heart recognised them as those for whom the Cause had waited long; their whole-hearted devotion touched me deeply, and I called to mind the words of Mona Caird in one of her essays on this subject: "A cause will advance in proportion to the number of people prepared to lay down their lives for it." I could not help feeling these women were such.

Though I joined their membership I had no intention of being actively militant, but after a time my conscience became uneasy and pressing. How could I applaud others for doing what I held back from doing myself, and while some were paying so heavy a price should I withhold my quota? Then when fear had been put aside and the decision made to take part in the sacrifice, the reward was immediate and wonderful in a great peace and glorious feeling of liberty.

Prison, even with all its indignities and hardships before the 24th Rule, was easier to bear than the pricks of an unquiet conscience while holding back.

But where, one might ask, does conscience come in in the destruction of property? For later on I went to prison for breaking a window. Like many another, nothing would have induced me to destroy property had not the scenes I witnessed on Black Friday forced me to choose between two evils, the lesser of which I judged to be the destruction of property. Better to destroy senseless property than have women's bodies grossly insulted and injured for life. My conscience is clear as to all I have done in this battle for Women's Freedom; it is only uneasy on the score of the things I have left undone.

Programme of the Week.

LONDON.

Friday, January 10th. Bow, The Obelisk. Miss G. Richard. 8 p.m. Bromley, Small Hall. Miss Guttridge. 3 p.m. Bromley, Public Hall. Mr. George Lansbury, Mrs. Drummond. 8 p.m. Clapham, The Plough. Miss Rogers. Miss Hunt. 8 p.m. N. Kensington, 3, Testerton-street. Women's Meeting. Dr. Le Garrett. Anderson. 8 p.m. N. Kensington, Lancaster-road Baths. Mrs. Bartlett. 7.30 p.m. Poplar, 157, East India Dock-road. Dr. Helen Gordon. 8 p.m. Sloane-square. Miss Canning. Mrs. Temple Bird. 12 noon Stepey-green. Miss Wingrove. 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, January 11th. Bow, Vernon-road. Miss Hopkins. 3 p.m. Hammersmith, Avenue Chapel, Avenue-road, Gold-lark-road. Debate. Miss P. Ayton. 7.30 p.m. Harenden, Manor Park-road. Miss P. Richards. 8 p.m. Ilford, Balfour-road. Miss Bonwick, B.A. 8 p.m. Kingston, Church-street. Mrs. Theresa Gough. Chair: Mrs. Dacre Fox. 12 noon Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway. Procession to Holloway Prison. 2.30 p.m. N. Kensington, 2, Testerton-street. Miss Canning. Chair: Miss Phillips. 7.30 p.m. N. Kensington, 235, Portobello-road. Mrs. Porch. 7.30 p.m. Stratford, Maryland Point. Mrs. Bouvier. Chair: Miss Friedlaender. 8 p.m. Stepey, Mile-end Waste. Miss R. Barry. Chair: Miss Hume. 8 p.m. Wimbledon-broadway. Miss Daisy Gibbs. Chair: Miss Edith. 7 p.m. World's-end. Miss Kelly. Chair: Miss F. Haig. 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 12th. Bethnal-green, 30, York-street. Miss S. Pankhurst. 8 p.m. Hampstead-heath, Flagstaff. Miss Nancy Lightman. 11.30 a.m. Wimbledon-common. Mrs. Bouvier. 3 p.m.

Monday, January 13th. Bermondsey, Oakley-place. Miss Coombs. Miss Lynch. 8 p.m. Bethnal-green, Bytton-street. Institute. Miss S. Pankhurst. Mr. Charles Gray. 8 p.m. Bromley, Small Hall. Miss Gidewell. 3 p.m. Croydon, 50, High-street. Miss Naylor. 8 p.m. Kensal-rise, Harvist-road Schools. Miss G. Richard. London Pavilion, Piccadilly-circus, W. Mrs. Pankhurst. Miss Annie Kenney. Mrs. Drummond. 3.15 p.m. Redhill, V.M.C.A. Debate. Mr. E. Shaw. 8.30 p.m. Waverley-street and Tachbrook-street. Mrs. Bartlett, Miss Liddle. 8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14th. Bermondsey, Munton-road. Mrs. Bartlett. Chair: Mrs. Javal. 2.30 p.m. Clapham, Morris Hall, North-street. Women only. Mrs. Javal. Chair: Mrs. Barron. 8 p.m. Linehou, Philpot-street. Miss Ada Wright. Chair: Miss M. Barry. 7.30 p.m. N. Kensington, Lancaster Baths. Mrs. Drummond. 8 p.m. N. Kensington, 235, Portobello-road. Mrs. Smithwick. Chair: Mrs. Colburn-Hirst. 2.30 p.m. Poplar, 157, East India Dock-road. Miss Haslam. 8 p.m. Southfields. Miss Kelly. Chair: Miss Laughton. 7.30 p.m. Stepey, Grosvenor Hall, Grosvenor-street. Miss Hicks, M.A. 3 p.m. Stepey, Burdett-road and Courts-road. Miss Harvey. Chair: Miss Haig. 8 p.m. Streatham Hall. Mrs. Pankhurst, Mr. Harben. Chair: Miss Leonora Tyson. 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15th. Bow, The Obelisk. Miss Hopkins. 8 p.m. Bromley, Small Hall. Miss Medwin. 3 p.m. Hampstead, 2, Chesterford gardens. Dr. L. Garrett. Anderson. Miss B. Barraden. Mrs. Thomson Price. Hostess: Mrs. Sadie Brown. 8 p.m. Ilford, Manor-park, East of Essex. Miss Wingrove. 8 p.m. Kilburn, 510, High-road. At Home. Miss Wylie. Miss Limonzin. Miss E. Cronin. 8 p.m. N. Kensington, opposite Frodo Library. Miss S. Pankhurst. Chair: Miss Phillips. 7.30 p.m. N. Kensington, 235, Portobello-road. Dr. Florence Murray. 2.30 p.m. Poplar, 157, East India Dock-road. Miss Kelly. 3 p.m. Westminster, 17, Tothill-street. Shop Opening. Mrs. Pankhurst. Recitations and Tea. 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, January 16th. Bermondsey, Junction of Tower Bridge and Grange-road. Miss Kelly, Mrs. Smithwick. 8 p.m. Bow Baths, Roman-road. Mr. G. Lansbury, Mrs. Drummond. 8 p.m. Essex Hall, Miss Barrett, B.Sc., Miss Margaret Morris, Mrs. Dacre Fox. 8 p.m. Muswellhill, 2, Hillside-gardens. Mrs. Dacre Fox. Chair: Miss Yeoman. 8 p.m. N. Kensington, St. Ann's-road. Mrs. Bartlett. 7.30 p.m. Notting Hill Gate, Hurbury Rooms. Mrs. Pankhurst, Anderson. Chair: Dr. Garrett. 8 p.m. Poplar, 157, East India Dock-road. Miss Canning. 8 p.m. Stepey, Grosvenor Hall, Miss S. Pankhurst. 5 p.m.

COUNTRY.

Friday, January 10th. Dundee, Panmure-street. Miss M. Scott. 7.30 p.m. Prestonpans. Miss A. Scott. Chair: Miss Shaw. 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, January 11th. Dundee, Greenmarket. Miss M. Scott. 3.30 p.m. Dundee, High School Gates. Miss M. Scott. 7.30 p.m. Musselburgh, Miss Melrose. Chair: Miss E. Macdonald. 7.30 p.m. Portobello. Miss M. Burn Murdoch. Chair: Miss E. Hudson. 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, January 12th. Eastbourne, British Socialist Party, 95A, Cavendish-place. Miss Hicks, M.A. 7 p.m.

Monday, January 13th. Hastings, St. Clement's Parish Hall. Working Women's Meeting. Mrs. Dacre Fox. 3 p.m. Hastings, Lower Public Hall. At Home. Mrs. Dacre Fox. 4-6 p.m. Norwich, Octagon Chapel. Miss Brackenbury. 3.30 p.m. Norwich, Market-place. Miss G. Brackenbury. 8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14th. Norwich, Stump-cross. Miss G. Brackenbury. 8 p.m. Norwich, Silver-road and Barrack-street. Miss West and Mr. Francis. 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15th. Norwich, Thetford Assembly Rooms. Miss G. Brackenbury. The Rev. Anthony Fern. 3 p.m. Norwich, Market-place. Miss G. Brackenbury. 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 16th. Norwich, Bull Close-road. Women's Meeting. Miss G. Brackenbury. Chair: Mr. W. Jenon. 8 p.m.

AN ALLEGORY.

BY MAUD ARNCLIFFE SENNETT.

A vanload of women passed by with a message which they shouted loud. The citizens came out of their houses and held up their hands in horror. "So noisy! So unladylike! So unwomanly!" said they.

But the echo of the shouts which bore the burden of the women's message left them thinking a little as they retreated to their homes. And the women passed to prison.

Another vanload of women went by with the same message, and the citizens interested in its novelty came to their doors again, and in so far as the message had penetrated their intelligence and stimulated superficial thought, they waved their handkerchiefs in kindness as the women passed to prison.

And yet another vanload of women went by. The novelty had now worn off. The citizens were busy making money, pursuing pleasure, or idling their time.

"Oh, those women!" they cried. "What will silence them?" "Justice," answered the travellers. "Then go the proper way to get it," retorted the outraged citizens.

"Which is the way?" queried the women. "Behave yourselves," they answered. "We have been doing that for fifty years," said the women; "but justice cometh not."

"Do as the first vanload of women did," retorted the citizens; "we believed in them." "You did nothing to help them," said the women. "You let them go to prison for what you say you now believe in; this protest's just the same."

"Well, you should behave yourselves," mechanically reiterated the citizens, as they quietly watched the women bundled higger-mugger into gaol.

More pass by with the same message of burdens unrelieved. No one notices them now, except the Press—exploiting them for coppers—for they and their sufferings, like the sweated sisters they are fighting for, are become a part and parcel of the national life, so degenerate is the nation, so oblivious to the never-ending cavalcade of prisoners.

The women now throw stones to arouse the conscience of the country, and they arouse a storm of indignation from the comfortable citizens, whose slumbers are disturbed.

"Crucify them! Crucify them!" cries the white-washed savage "Trader," as he halts between the intervals of slaying women's souls.

"Stone them! Drown them! Scalp them!" cries gallant little Wales. "Transport them!" pules the shopkeeping soul of the whole country. "They are spoiling the look of my windows; I have little else within."

"Cells, not Votes, for Women," sneer the daily halfpennies. "Hard labour for Suffragettes!" "Forcible feeding for Suffragettes!" "Penal servitude for Suffragettes!"

"Five years for Suffragettes!" joyfully shout the gamins of the gutter, who, like their masters, are scrambling for coppers. "Give us Justice!" answer back the women. "You don't deserve it," retort the outraged citizens.

"We are the self-same army that once you waded to," cry the women. "We waded to you because you only fought policemen and got knocked about yourselves. When you touch our property, it is another matter, for you touch our sacred pockets."

"Governments are picking ours. They are exploiting us and starving us. Governments are violating our bodies, and those of our children. Governments are taxing us and making us keep them out of our exploited miseries, which soon must fall on all. Forward! Forward!" cry the leaders, bearing aloft the torch of truth. "There is no time to lose!"

The battle cry resounds in all responsive souls and generous hearts.

All the great, the soldier women take up the cry "Forward! To Liberty or death! Justice or the grave! God is in the movement urging it on. He shall judge 'twixt us and man."

The comfortable citizens close their doors and retire to their comfortable homes and comfortable women, clothed in comfortable garments, made and fashioned out of other sisters' wretched misery.

A mighty crash is heard. The foundations of the earth are shaken. The earth is cracking; it is hard and barren, unenriched and uncared

for; everything has been extracted, nothing been implanted; it is yielding under the iron weight of its machinery; rumbling sounds as of distant thunder emerge from its depths. Awake at last, the terrified people rush to their doors, trembling and aghast; their houses are tumbling in upon them.

"Help! Help!" they cry. "To whom?" "Each other."

Everyone is helpless now, for the earth is giving way.

"The women! The women!" says one, "those women who warned us, where are they?" "They have all passed into prison," says another trembling citizen.

"Follow them and release them, before it is too late," the people cry. "Theirs was the vision, theirs the knowledge, for they had understood. Break down the barriers and release them, that they may guide us, before it is too late."

And the threatened nation, trembling in the balance, rushes to the women who have passed before.

Will it be in time?

IN THE LIGHT OF OTHER DAYS

Question: "Whose fault was it that no one listened to the women?" Answer: "The Government's."

Question: "But weren't the people Sovereign?" Answer: "The men of the people were, not the women."

Question: "Were they not free men?" Answer: "Can man be free, and woman be a slave?"

Question: "It was a slave nation then?" Answer: "Yes."

Books that should be read by all readers of "The Suffragette."

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PRISON NEWS.

Forcible Feeding Still Goes On.

The relatives and the many friends of Miss Howey and Miss Marion are still waiting with great anxiety for authentic news of them.

This is Miss Howey's second hunger strike this year, and the second time in the year that she has been forcibly fed. As the result of her prison treatment her health has suffered very severely. It is feared that the forcible feeding she is now enduring, following as it does on a fast of ten days, will have the gravest possible effect on her health.

The Home Secretary's reply to a question in the House on January 1 that her health was maintained does not reassure those who have a too intimate acquaintance with the reliability of official statements.

Mrs. Howey, who has been refused all further information as to her daughter's state of health, sent the following letter to the Press on January 3:—

"I shall be much obliged if you will kindly give publicity to the following letter, received yesterday from Mr. Harris, of the Home Office:—

Madam,—I am desirous by the Home Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday in regard to Miss Howey, and to say that he is informed that your daughter is in good health. I am also to point out that if you are not satisfied with this information, it is open to you to obtain the release of your daughter from prison by paying the remaining portion of her fine, which amounts to about £13.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) S. W. HARRIS.

"Now, as everyone who has had friends or relations in prison knows quite well that the official formula, 'is in good health' or 'is in their usual health,' covers almost every case of illness up to death or insanity, the above letter amounts to an invitation to me to pay in order to receive truthful information; and I have been refused permission to send my own daughter's doctor to visit and report on her health."

"I should add that as my daughter had gone without food for at least ten days, and has since then been forcibly fed, it is an absolute impossibility that she should be 'in good health' except in the official sense. I think it is high time that the public should realise how widely official language differs from ordinary English.—Yours, &c., (Mrs.) E. G. HOWEY."

Miss Kitty Marion.

It will be remembered that Miss Kitty Marion was one of the women who endured such brutal treatment at Llanystumdwy. Miss Marion has also suffered very severely from forcible feeding, and news of her health is anxiously awaited.

Every evening during the past week rallies of members have met outside the prison to hear those who are inside by singing and cheering, and on Saturday afternoon a meeting was held there. We would ask all our readers to make a special effort to join the procession to the prison which is being arranged for Saturday afternoon. Particulars will be found among the announcements.

Release of Miss Ker.

Our readers will be glad to know that Miss Margaret Ker was released on January 4. Miss Ker was sentenced at the Manchester Assizes on November 22 to three months' imprisonment in the second division for placing a dangerous substance in a letter-box in Liverpool, and served her term of imprisonment in Walton Gaol, Liverpool. Miss Ker's many friends and fellow-workers will be glad to welcome her back among them.

QUESTION IN THE HOUSE.

Date of the Franchise Bill.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, January 2, Lord R. Cecil asked the Prime Minister if he will state when he proposes to take the Committee stage of the Franchise and Registration Bill.

Mr. McKenna: We hope to enter into the Committee stage of the Franchise Bill during the week beginning January 20.

THE ACTRESSES' MEMORIAL.

Another Letter Sent to the Prime Minister.

Beyond a formal acknowledgment the Actresses' Franchise League has received no reply to their request to the Speaker that they should be allowed to lay their claims to political equality with men before the Bar of the House of Commons on January 8, a second letter, which we reproduce below, was sent to the Speaker and to the Prime Minister.

Sir,—We have received an acknowledgment of, but no reply to, our request of December 19, to be allowed to come before the Bar of the House of Commons. The situation is daily becoming more urgent and critical. We feel our great cause is being tried in a public arena, and the happenings in Parliament during the last few years on the subject have not inspired us with confidence.

Every man has his party machinery, and every party is reflected in its own party Press; thus every man, through party representation, has his grievances, both inside and outside the House of the People. Since, however, all these privileges are denied to the women of this country, who have not even common rights, the actresses claim to come before the Commons and lay the case before them. They ask no more than was granted to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, who was admitted to the Bar of the House on May 12, 1910, to lay the views of the Dublin Corporation on Women's Suffrage before Parliament; and the actresses claim an even greater right to do so, because every other channel has been closed to them, and because it is women's question which only women can adequately explain.

They feel quite sure that no democratic Government would wish to bar their way or block the progress and happiness of British women in the evolution of the country, and they therefore respectfully beg for an answer from the Speaker of the Commons and the Prime Minister of the Government to their request.—Yours obediently,

GERTRUDE FORBES ROBERTSON, President.

ADELINE BOURNE, Hon. Secretary.

The Actresses' Franchise League are organising a peaceful protest outside the House of Commons while the amendments to the Franchise Bill are before the House, and will be glad of volunteers for this from all Suffrage societies. Names should be sent to the Secretary, 2, Robert-street, Adelphi, W.C.

A MALE MILITANT.

Frank Brailsford, described as a commercial traveller, was charged, on remand, before Mr. Curtis Bennett at Bow-street, on Friday, January 3, with breaking a window at No. 10, Downing-street, doing damage to the amount of 2s. 6d. Prisoner, when arrested, said, "I did it for a purpose."

Prisoner, addressing the Court, said his offence was purely political; he did it because of the attitude of Mr. Asquith with regard to votes for women. Mr. Asquith and his confidants were about to concede the claims of a party which had practised intimidation, boycotting, cattle-maiming, arson, and murder, but they declined to grant the claims of a party, the members of which had merely shattered a few windows and obliterated a few addresses on letters. Mr. Asquith had strangled the Suffragist grant and allowed the Home Rule camel. The moral of it all was obvious—the Suffragists did not do sufficient damage. He (prisoner) could remember when women were agitating for votes thirty years ago in a ladylike, peaceful, and orderly manner. They got plenty of public sympathy, but no votes, although there was no sound argument against votes for women.

Mr. Curtis Bennett: Come to the question of damage. Brailsford: It was a political offence. I did it deliberately. Prisoner was ordered to pay a fine of 40s. and the amount of the damage in default one month's hard labour.

SPECIAL CABLEGRAM TO "THE SUFFRAGETTE."

AUSTRALIA'S ADVICE TO THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

The following cable has been received from Melbourne from Miss Vida Goldstein, President of the Women's Political Association of Victoria:—"The Press fails to report that the Prime Minister, in closing the Australian Parliament, replied to a question about the British Parliament adopting Woman Suffrage. He stated that Woman Suffrage distinctly improved Australian government, and the House would be gratified if the Imperial Parliament thought it advisable to extend the same privilege to the women of the United Kingdom."

In view of the approaching debate on woman suffrage in connection with Clause 1 of the Franchise Bill, meetings of members on both sides of the question were held at the House of Commons yesterday. A Unionist gathering in opposition to woman suffrage, attended by Mr. Auston Chamberlain and Mr. P. E. Smith, decided to oppose all suffragist amendments. The other meeting was in support of the adult suffrage amendment. It is understood that the negotiations which have been in progress to secure unity among friends of woman suffrage have not proved altogether successful. Assuming that the adult suffrage proposal is defeated, the Unionist group will be divided on the Dickinson amendment, and if this also fails, full support will not be forthcoming from Ministerial ranks.

Now, however, by the process of exclusion, suspicion has been fastened, according to *The Yorkshire Post*, on a junior Minister attached to one of the important departments. The information directed to does not reach the militants directly, but is furnished by the Minister concerned to a non-militant lady, who subsequently passes it through various channels until it reaches the militant leaders. If the leakage can be definitely brought home to the Minister under suspicion, there will be an interesting sequel.

WARNING TO GIRLS.

Realising the grave dangers to which young girls and others are subjected in London, the controllers of the Metropolitan telephone service have taken the unprecedented step of warning their girl employees plainly and boldly against the evils which beset them. Pamphlets entitled "Forewarned is Forearmed," published by the National Vigilance Association, have been officially circulated among the girls. These pamphlets point out that girls should never speak to strangers, either men or women, in the street, in shops, in stations, in trains, in lonely country roads, or in places of amusement, should never stay in a woman who appears parently faints at her feet in the street, and Keir Hardie, that a concerted effort is made to bring these other Members of Parliament into line. It is a great work, and the men who have a hand in doing it, to whatever party they belong, will go down to history as men who bravely served the cause of equality and freedom and helped to bring in a new era in Britain.—*The Daily Herald*.

Telephone Authorities Take an Unprecedented Step.

What ever may be done or may not be done by militant and non-militant women during the next two weeks, it is the men in Parliament who will have to settle this question now, and how they will settle it will depend not upon what women think, but upon what men, and more particularly those in Parliament, determine. No solid argument against the amendment is forthcoming. Silly talk about the evil effects of militancy should have no weight whatsoever, and we should see, especially through men like Snowden and Keir Hardie, that a concerted effort is made to bring these other Members of Parliament into line. It is a great work, and the men who have a hand in doing it, to whatever party they belong, will go down to history as men who bravely served the cause of equality and freedom and helped to bring in a new era in Britain.—*The Daily Herald*.

A SPLENDID RESULT.

Our readers will be glad to know that the proceeds of the Christmas sale held at Lincoln's Inn House reached the magnificent sum of £296 9s. The stalls and tea realised £266 1s. 8d., admission £48, and the Women's Press stall £182 7s. 4d.

Owing to the fact that the sale was held in the hall of the new offices, and that some members contributed the decorations, no expenses were incurred there than for electricity lighting. The proceeds were therefore a neat profit. Grateful thanks to Mrs. Lowy, Mrs. Sald Brown and Mrs. East for the loan of furniture and china for the lounge and tea room.

THE CHANCES OF THE AMENDMENTS.

FORECASTS FROM THE PRESS.

Within the last few days various prophecies have appeared in the daily Press on the fate of the amendments to the Franchise Bill. We reproduce some of them below.

The London correspondent of the *Yorkshire Post* writes:—"I have the authority of a Minister for saying that both Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lewis Harcourt have picketed the lobby in the interests of the anti-suffragists, holding over the heads of Liberals the threat of the resignation of these two members of the Cabinet if the women's amendments to the Franchise Bill are carried. 'This form of 'peaceful persuasion' has given deep offence to prominent Radicals interested in the Suffrage amendments. I understand that a strong personal appeal has been made to the Prime Minister, through a quarter he cannot ignore, asking him to put an end to the uncertainty created by these threats by making a clear and explicit statement regarding the present attitude of the Government towards Woman Suffrage."

For some time past it has been obvious to the Government that someone in the Ministry was keeping the militant suffragettes well informed regarding the attitude of individual members of the Cabinet towards woman suffrage. Member after member of the administration was marked down as the suspect, but each in turn was able to establish his innocence.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

To the Editor of THE SUFFRAGETTE. DEAR EDITOR,—Hearty congratulations on the continuous improvement of THE SUFFRAGETTE. I have taken it from the first number and enjoy it more each week. The defence of "pillar-box outrages" in the leading articles is especially needed and useful. I forward my copies (well marked) to an anti-pillar-box sympathiser.

There are probably several readers like myself absolutely unable to do any work, either militant or propagandist, yet anxious to show our sympathy with the cause by a definite step. I would gladly wear the colours continually and "talk" Suffrage at every opportunity, but I can offer no more work, and it makes me hesitate to join active workers for the cause. I forward my copies (well marked) to an anti-pillar-box sympathiser.

I wish to say I heartily agree with a letter in a previous issue about the value of wearing the badge of the Suffrage Society to which one belongs. If every member did so, at all times, I am confident much benefit would accrue.—Yours faithfully,

N. P. 75, Risherdon-road, Upper Tooting, S.W.

[Apart from militancy, there are many ways of strengthening the W.S.P.U. These include speaking (training in which can be obtained at the Speakers' Class), collecting funds, and obtaining new readers for THE SUFFRAGETTE.—Ed.]

To the Editor of THE SUFFRAGETTE. DEAR EDITOR,—K. D. S., in reviewing "Two Anthologies" in your issue of December 27, quotes the tale of a certain Bishop who "maintained women were not human beings," as historically true, whereas it is extremely inaccurate. In his "Historia Francorum" Gregory of Tours says:—"In this Council (Macon 585) there was one of the bishops who declared that a woman could not be called 'homo.' But when the other bishops had reasoned with him he held his peace." &c. The passage is too long to quote in full, but as Father MacMahon, S.V., has explained elsewhere: "One of the bishops doubted whether it would be correct to apply the generic term homo to a woman, and he yielded before the appeal of Scripture was brought forward by the other bishops." "Of this Council," says he, "we have the official decree, and there is no reference to any such discussion" (as to women being human beings—or things!).—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) BRITA FORBES (W.S.P.U.) 219, King's-road, Chelsea.

WHY?

Suffragettes' Intimate Knowledge of Mr. Asquith's Movements.

The following appeared in *The Oxford Chronicle* of January 2:—"The Prime Minister paid one of his flying visits to Oxford on Wednesday evening (January 1), and dined at Balliol College with the Master, afterwards motoring to Sutton Courtenay. On his arrival at Balliol a little group of Suffragettes gathered round the motor, and there were cries of 'Votes for Women.' Timely police interference put a stop to these tactics. The question is being asked—How is it that the Suffragettes are so well-informed about Mr. Asquith's movements?"

Who can it be? In view of the above, the following, which appeared in *The Globe* of January 7, is of interest:—"For some time past it has been obvious to the Government that someone in the Ministry was keeping the militant suffragettes well informed regarding the attitude of individual members of the Cabinet towards woman suffrage. Member after member of the administration was marked down as the suspect, but each in turn was able to establish his innocence.

Now, however, by the process of exclusion, suspicion has been fastened, according to *The Yorkshire Post*, on a junior Minister attached to one of the important departments. The information directed to does not reach the militants directly, but is furnished by the Minister concerned to a non-militant lady, who subsequently passes it through various channels until it reaches the militant leaders. If the leakage can be definitely brought home to the Minister under suspicion, there will be an interesting sequel.

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Barnet. A public meeting will be held at Edmonstone Co-operative Room, High Barnet, on Thursday, January 23rd, at 8 p.m. Speaker, Miss D. Harvey, paper secretary, hopes to start a pitch in Ilford Broadway. Members who can spare half-hour or so to this useful work should communicate with her 21, Norfolk-road, Seven Kings. Members are reminded of the meeting at Broadway-church, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. Speaker, Miss Evelyn Sharp. After this date the indoor meetings will be on the second Friday in each month. Gratefully acknowledged towards band fund: Miss N. McQuinn, 1s.; Miss Harvey, 2s. 6d. (Hon. Sec., Miss Haslam, 68, Cranbrook-road.)

Bowes Park and District.

Tickets, price 1s., 6d. and 5d., are now ready for Mrs. Fankhurst's meeting, St. John's Hall, Jan. 21, 8 p.m. Rev. E. B. L. Exton will preside, and Miss Winifred Mayo has kindly consented to recite. Members are asked to make the most of the time left to advertise the meeting. (Org., Miss H. Garrett, 4, Stenard-road, Palmer's Green.)

Camberwell and Dulwich.

The campaign in N. Camberwell and Bermondsey is in full swing. A shop has been taken, and a team from Westminster, Waterloo, Blackfriars, and Southwark Bridges pass the door (alight at Bricklayers' Arms Station). The district is so densely crowded, and time so short that it will be impossible to have too many helpers. The committee will meet Hanslar Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 8.30 p.m. Miss Douglas's social gathering. (Hon. Sec., Nurse Evans. Shop, 130, Old Kent-road.)

Chelsea.

Jumble sale will be held on Jan. 21. Sellers are wanted; further gifts for sale will also be accepted. Mrs. Douglas's meeting on Saturday, Jan. 4, was a great success. She spoke to an interested audience on "Women and the Insurance Act." Miss Ada Moore has kindly consented to speak on "Voice Production for Public Speaking," at the office on January 24, at 2 p.m. The general meeting will be held on the same afternoon at 3.30 p.m. Will those who can give even an hour weekly to paper-selling please send in their names to Miss Eva Haig at the office? Gratefully acknowledged: Funds in memory of Cecilia Walseley Haig (Rev. vii. 9, 13, 14). (Hon. Secs., Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock. Office, 508, King's-road.)

Fulham and Putney.

The Press Cart visited Putney and Fulham on Dec. 29, and 1,250 papers were distributed to the help of Miss Edith Shepherd, Mrs. Sheehing and friends, Mrs. Pawley, Mrs. Barnes, Miss Tanner, Miss Cameron and Miss Cutler. Members' rally shop next Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.; Miss Gwen Richard will speak. Mrs. Fankhurst will speak in Putney on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Members are asked to make this known as widely as possible. Four local members have already volunteered for Mrs. Drummond's deputation. THE SUFFRAGETTE poster is being shown at Waltham Green Station, and subscriptions are being needed for one at Putney Bridge. Received with thanks: Miss Trotter, 2s. 6d., towards shop-rent. (Hon. Secs., Miss B. L. Cutten. Shop, 955, Fulham-road, S.W.)

Hampstead.

Every effort must now be concentrated on Mrs. Fankhurst's meeting in Hampstead on Town Hall, Feb. 13. Every member is expected to undertake to sell and distribute a certain number of tickets and handbills. Plans for Spring Campaign will be discussed at members' social on Feb. 15. Members are urged to obtain all their household goods from the shop, and also to send in suggestions as to future stock. Regular orders are particularly requested. Miss Brackenbury and Miss Meakin addressed a splendid meeting on Hampstead Heath last Sunday. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Bull, 21s.; Miss C. L. Collier, 15s.; Miss E. Lyndon, 1s. New members welcomed: Mrs. Goldberg, Mrs. Jones, the Misses Phillips, Miss Rittell. (Hon. Org. Sec., Miss D. Solomon. Sec., Miss Batsan. Shop, 178, Finchley-road. Tel. 4900 Hampstead.)

North Islington.

Cake and Candy Sale was a great success. Gifts gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. and Miss Barfield, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Lunn, Mrs. and Miss Jolly, Misses Adams, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Darton, Mrs. Haskell, Miss Bryer, Miss O'Brien, Miss Gibson, the Misses Mann, Gantz, Burbidge and Setchfield, Mrs. and Miss Henly, Mr. Hamlyn, Misses Gilchrist, Pinn, Kirby and Swift. Special thanks to Miss Patty Adams, Mrs. Hervey, and Mr. Hamlyn for help; to Miss Bryer, of Southborough, and Miss Love, B.A., for money contributions. Members are urged to bring strangers and friends to the first indoor meeting of New Year on Thursday, January 9, 7.30 p.m., when the Rev. F. M. Green is speaking on "Expediency with Regard to Votes for Women." All members and friends welcomed. (Hon. Sec., Miss Constance Bryer. Office, 19, St. Thomas-road, Finsbury-park.)

North-West London.

The first evening "At Home" will be on Wednesday, January 9, when Mrs. White will speak on "Pillar-Box Tactics." Members are particularly asked to bring friends who are able to contribute. Miss Linoy will recite. Miss Jacobs will be at the office every Wednesday evening from 6.30, and will be glad to see helpers who cannot call during the day, especially those who would

Hendon, Golders' Green, and Finchley.

At the last members' meeting it was decided to include Finchley and Hendon. Volunteers are needed to sell THE SUFFRAGETTE in the new neighbourhood, and also to run an outdoor meeting at a suitable street-corner. Mrs. Morris, who presented her year's balance-sheet at the same meeting, is to be heard on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. She cleared up the union's financial affairs, and enabled it to start the New Year free from debt. Her report was most interesting work. It is hoped that members will do all in their power to support her, especially by paying all last year's arrears and contributions at their earliest possible convenience. Members' attention is drawn to the fact that the meeting will be held in the office on the first Tuesday in every month at 8 p.m. There will be no afternoon teas. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. L. Cutten. Shop, 955, Fulham-road, S.W.)

Hornsey.

Members and friends who have not yet had invitation cards for the "At Home"

like to start speaking. Miss Esther Hyams is thanked for getting a poster displayed in the high road, which has led to break paper sales. Will other members follow her example? Mrs. Penn Gaskell addressed, by invitation, a meeting of the Paddington branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers on Saturday, and the Lansbury resolution was carried without any dissent.

Members are reminded of Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting at Streatham Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Volunteers for poster parades are urgently needed to-day (Friday), and each day including Jan. 14. These will start from the shop at 11.30 a.m. sharp. Stewards are earnestly asked to send in their names at once, as a number will be needed. Tickets have been sent to each member, for which they will be held responsible unless returned to the shop by first post on Monday morning.

West Ham. Sincere thanks and congratulations to members and friends (too numerous for individual mention) who made the Christmas sale so great a success. Financial result will be announced at general meeting at 6, Hampden-road, Forest Gate, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7.30 p.m.; also full financial statement for 1912. All members asked to attend. First indoor meeting of the year, Workmen's Hall, 21, 22, 23, p.m.; speaker, Miss Bowdler, chair, Miss Froud. Poster parades needed for this; also paper-sellers, Friday and Saturday evenings. Mrs. Ingle has kindly arranged to give a drawing-room meeting at Barking on Jan. 29. Cordial thanks for gifts to Miss Sharpley, Miss Muriel Hines, Miss Hopkins, Miss Wyatt; also to Miss Wingrove and Miss Harbott, who held, at short notice, a very successful meeting at Maryland Point. (Hon. Sec., Miss D. Morland Hooper, Shop, 32, Romford-road, E.)

Westminster and St. George's, Hanover-square. Owing to Mrs. Pankhurst's absence the opening "At Home" at the shop has been postponed until Wednesday, January 15, almost a week longer in which to sell tickets. Everyone must help as the room must be full. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Esq., 21 towards Working Women's Campaign; Mrs. Cullough, 5s. bill distribution. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Miss Gladys Sheddin, Hon. Org. Sec., Miss Gordon Liddle, Shop, 17, Tothill-street.)

Wimbledon. To-morrow, Saturday, a special members' meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. in connection with Mrs. Pankhurst's St. Mark's Hall meeting on January 23. Will everyone make special effort to attend and be ready to repeat on ticket sales? The Organiser invites all who attend to be her guests for tea. To facilitate canvassing a district and route chart has been placed in the office. Will members fill in section they are undertaking without delay, also fill in on ticket chart number and kind of tickets sold? All replies to circular letter should, if possible, be in by to-morrow, ready to be acted upon at once. Tickets 2s. (numbered and reserved), 1s., and 6d. Handbills and posters can be had on application to the Secretary, Mr. Mansel-Moulin, F.R.C.S., has kindly promised to speak at meeting, Queen's Hall, January 27. Mrs. Goodchild is congratulated on having secured two new subscribers to the paper during Christmas holiday who will surpass her. Members will be glad to know the stall undertaken by Wimbledon at Kingsway Sale realised nearly £50. Local Christmas sale was great success. (Hon. Org. Sec., Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Shop, 9, Victoria-creセント, Broadway, Tel. 1092 Wimbledon.)

Wimbledon Park and South Wimbledon. The spring series of meetings at the Broadway was opened on Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Duval, who had a magnificent crowd and a most attentive audience. Members are asked to send jumbles as soon as they can to the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Scarborough, 5, Marguerite-villas, Copse-hill, Wimbledon.

Woolwich. Handbills and tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's Town Hall meeting on February 4 are now ready. Will as many members as can help to distribute handbills and sell Tea Suffragettes outside on January 15, 7.15 p.m.? The Treasurer wishes to thank all those who sent gifts of money as Christmas presents. (Hon. Sec., Miss Clifford, Miss D. Gregory, 4, Heathwood-gardens, Charlton.)

HOME COUNTIES. Bexhill. Members are asked to use every means of bringing Mrs. Drummond's deputation to the

notice of every working woman they may know. Leaflets for distribution can be had at shop. Those unable to join themselves can help others to go by contributing railway fares. Some local women have already sent in their names. How many others will volunteer? Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Stewart, 5s. Mrs. Holden, 1s. (Org., Miss M. S. Allen, Shop, Marina.)

Bournemouth. Members and friends will be much regret of the death of Mrs. Richards, who has always been a keen supporter of the local Union. Before her long illness she never failed to attend the meetings. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Miss Richards. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Bullen, 10s.; Miss Redbeck, 5s. 6d.; Mrs. Berry, 5s.; Miss Morgan Jones, 5s.; Mrs. Salvi, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Whipp, 5s.; Mrs. Sanderson, 5s.; Mrs. Goh, 10s.; Mrs. Osler, 5s.; Mrs. Blackledge, 5s.; Miss N. Blackledge, 5s.; Miss Howes, 4s.; Mrs. Hands, 5s.; Mrs. Loman, 5s.; Mrs. P. Shaw, 5s.; Miss E. M. Pridden, 5s.; Mrs. Howard Shaw, 5s.; Mrs. Nunn, 1s. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Berry, Office, 221, Old Christchurch-road.)

Brighton and Hove. Miss Nancy Lightman had a large and deeply interested audience during a two hours' meeting on the sea front, Jan. 5. Paper-sellers are required for both Brighton and Chichester. The organiser can be seen at the office between 11.30 and 1 o'clock on Saturdays; other days by appointment. Sea front meetings Saturdays, 3 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. Members meetings as usual. (Org., Miss G. Allen, Office, 8, North-street, Quadrant.)

Canterbury. The organiser will be at office each Tuesday and Thursday in January, 5.30 to 7. To see members, and to "coach" speakers and canvassers. Members welcome to read organiser's suffrage book and newspaper any time at office. Thanks to Mrs. Crosby for promised drawing-room meeting; other offers urgently needed. Donations to campaign fund will be most welcome. Members urged to attend, and bring friends to open-air meeting each Friday at Westgate Towers, 7 p.m.; excellent crowd last week. Members are asked to apply to organiser for tickets (5s., 6d., and 1s.) for public meetings, Foresters' Hall, Jan. 27, 8 p.m.; speakers, Miss Amy Hicks, M.A., and others. (Org., Miss E. Billing, 157, Maidstone-road, E.)

Eastbourne. Many thanks to members who worked up Working Women's Meeting, which was a great success. Mrs. Fred Allen very kindly took chair. Miss I. Green made an excellent speech. Women most enthusiastic, and many women volunteered for deputation. Members who subscribed towards hall and free teas for this meeting are heartily thanked. Another is being arranged. Members needed for paper-selling and for shop duty. Names to be given to Miss Gordon Liddle at shop. (Org., Miss M. S. Allen, Shop, 58, Grove-road.)

Hastings. Will all members give part of remaining days to help distribute handbills for Working Women's meeting on Monday. It is hoped this will be a great success. Donations are needed to pay for hire of hall and to provide free teas for women after meeting. Will members who are unable to help in other ways volunteer to provide "At Home" teas for next few months, as money made in this way helps the ladies' paper-sellers still needed. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Teitram, 2s.; Miss Schwarz, 2s.; Miss Parr, 2s. 6d. (Org., Miss M. S. Allen, Shop, 5, Claremont.)

Worthing. Miss Oliver has kindly offered to lend her drawing-room for a meeting at which Mrs. Zangwill will speak; date will be given later. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Richmond, 5s. 6d.; Miss E. Thorn, 5s.; Miss B. Keppel, 4s. Will all members and friends wishing to join in the poster parade to advertise Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting please send in their names at once. (Hon. Sec., Miss M. Douglas, Fox Down, Finton, Sussex.)

MIDLANDS. Barrow-in-Furness. Mr. George Lansbury will speak at the Town Hall in the near future; date will be announced later. Every member must make it her pleasure as well as duty to sell the biggest number of tickets. Miss Grew will address the local branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants on Sunday, Jan. 13. A circular letter has been sent to all local members. Any who have not yet replied are asked to do so at their earliest convenience. Please note change of address. (Org., Miss Grew, 130, Black-street.)

Birmingham. Workers are wanted for advertising the lantern exhibition of slides showing historical events in the Women's Movement, to be given in Ruskin Hall, Aston, on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Please call at office and get work to do. 1913 work is now being arranged. All suggestions will be welcomed at office. (Org., Miss D. Evans, Office, 97, John Bright-street.)

Leicester. Mr. Lansbury has promised to speak in the Corn Exchange on Monday, Jan. 20. Handbills and tickets (6d. and 3d.) can be obtained at the shop. The organiser is

anxious to make this meeting a great success, and will be very glad if members will give up some of their spare time to selling tickets and distributing handbills. Will all members who are unable to help themselves send their names to West? Members and friends are asked to save their old clothes for the jumble sale, which will be held in February. Contributions towards shop for December quarter are now due. (Org., Miss G. Hazel, Shop, 14, Bowling-green-street.)

Northamptonshire. More members are required to mind office in the mornings. Miss Nancy Lightman will address the first meeting of the New Year, and all members are asked to make a very special effort to attend. Tickets for lantern lecture on Feb. 5 are now ready. Please pay all weekly funds to end of December. (Org., Miss Miller, Office, 13, Abington-street, Northampton.)

Nottingham. The organiser appeals for names of volunteers for the deputation to be sent to her immediately. Those who are unable to go themselves can send contributions to the fund. It is hoped that a speakers' class will be arranged by the end of January. Members asked to help at open-air meetings (see programme), and to attend workers' meeting at office on Monday at 7.50. Please note annual subscription to the "Militant Movement" may be given in the Picture Palace, Haymarket. A definite announcement will be given next week. Mrs. Margaret West and Miss C. G. Given. Office, 52, London-street, Norwich.)

NORTH-EASTERN COUNTIES. Bradford. Tea on Monday, December 30, marked the end of the holidays, and members are asked more getting to work. The Secretary has been asked to address the Great Horton branch of the I.L.P. on Tuesday, January 14. Members are requested to attend the Monday tea weekly, when the work is planned out and discussed. All interest at present centres on General Drummond's deputation to the House of Commons. (Hon. Sec., Miss Millar Wilson, Shop, 68, Manningham-lane.)

Doncaster. Every member is urged to come forward to help Hon. Secs. with schemes arranged. Subscriptions are needed for local work. A whist drive and dance is arranged for January 28. Call at Albany Hotel on Friday for particulars. Every member should make an effort to get a new subscriber for this year. (Hon. Sec., Miss Brown, 61, Broxholme-lane.)

Sheffield. A jumble sale will be held on Saturday, February 8. Parcels can be sent to shop any time now. Volunteers wanted to sell. Subscriptions are now due. Will members call at shop and offer to help. Paper-sellers urgently wanted. Volunteers for Mrs. Drummond's deputation should send in their names. (Hon. Sec., Miss E. M. Echester, Shop, 28, 28, Chapel-walk.)

WEST OF ENGLAND. Bristol. Members and their friends are asked to cheer in mind this evening at Miss Barnes' rooms on Wednesday, Jan. 15. Preparations are being made to ensure a very interesting evening, including a musical and dramatic entertainment. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Harris, 2s.; Miss Strangways, 5s.; Miss Stannard, 2s.; Mrs. 4s. 6d.; Mrs. Dove Wilcox, 2s. 6d.; A. M. W., 5s. (Org., Miss E. M. Pridden, Office, 27, Queen's-road, Clifton.)

Cheltenham. Members are reminded that the jumble sale takes place on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Bayhill Lecture Hall, from 5 to 7 p.m. Articles can be sent there on Saturday morning. Many thanks for goods already received. (Hon. Sec., Miss E. L. Andrews, 2, Victoria-walk.)

WALES. Cardiff and District. Jumble sale at office, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2.30 to 7 p.m. Parcels sent to office gratefully acknowledged. Thanks to Mrs. Price for collecting 9s. 9d., Miss A. Thomas for 1s. 6d., Miss Oram, 5s., and Miss Lettice Floyd 1s. 6d. Will other members please return collecting cards as soon as possible, however small the amount? The organiser will be glad to address any meetings that can be arranged for her. She hopes members are speaking to women about Mrs. Drummond's deputation. Donations will be gratefully received. (Org., Miss Annie Williams, Office, 27, Charles-street, Cardiff.)

EASTERN COUNTIES. Cambridge and District. A lecture on "History of Militant Campaign from 1868 to 1912," illustrated by nearly 150 slides, will be given shortly. Date will be announced later. Mrs. Gail has kindly promised to arrange an "At Home" on Jan. 23, when Miss G. Brackenbury will speak. Working women's meeting same evening, when Mrs. Brackenbury will explain Mrs. Drummond's proposed deputation. It is hoped members will make a point of attending. Time and place announced next week. Members will be glad to learn at office if must increase in New Year. More sellers needed; also donations towards expenses. (Org., Miss O. Bartels, 73, Chester-road.)

Gloucester. It is hoped to be able to continue the work parties at usual every Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Next week members will meet at Mrs. Clark's, Arnold House, (Hon. Sec., Miss Kate Lilley, Shop, 47, Rosemary-road.)

Ipswich and District. Shop sale was a great success, a good sum being realised. The special calendars were entirely sold out. Many thanks to Mrs. Peacock for 1s. towards Mrs. Drummond's deputation fund, and Miss L. Roe 6d. for papers. An "At Home" will be held in the St. Mary Elms Parish Room, Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 3 p.m., when Miss Roe hopes to meet members and any friends interested in the movement. It is hoped that Miss Georgina Brackenbury will give a lantern lecture on "The History of the Militant Movement," in the Co-operative Hall, on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. (Org., Miss Grace Roe, Shop, Sec. Miss King, Shop, Dial-lane.)

Norwich and District. Help of all kinds will be welcomed during the time remaining before Mrs. Lansbury's meeting on Jan. 21. Miss Georgina Brackenbury will give a lantern lecture on "The History of the Militant Movement" in the Picture Palace, Haymarket. A definite announcement will be given next week. Mrs. Margaret West and Miss C. G. Given. Office, 52, London-street, Norwich.)

North-Eastern Counties. Bradford. Tea on Monday, December 30, marked the end of the holidays, and members are asked more getting to work. The Secretary has been asked to address the Great Horton branch of the I.L.P. on Tuesday, January 14. Members are requested to attend the Monday tea weekly, when the work is planned out and discussed. All interest at present centres on General Drummond's deputation to the House of Commons. (Hon. Sec., Miss Millar Wilson, Shop, 68, Manningham-lane.)

Doncaster. Every member is urged to come forward to help Hon. Secs. with schemes arranged. Subscriptions are needed for local work. A whist drive and dance is arranged for January 28. Call at Albany Hotel on Friday for particulars. Every member should make an effort to get a new subscriber for this year. (Hon. Sec., Miss Brown, 61, Broxholme-lane.)

Sheffield. A jumble sale will be held on Saturday, February 8. Parcels can be sent to shop any time now. Volunteers wanted to sell. Subscriptions are now due. Will members call at shop and offer to help. Paper-sellers urgently wanted. Volunteers for Mrs. Drummond's deputation should send in their names. (Hon. Sec., Miss E. M. Echester, Shop, 28, 28, Chapel-walk.)

WEST OF ENGLAND. Bristol. Members and their friends are asked to cheer in mind this evening at Miss Barnes' rooms on Wednesday, Jan. 15. Preparations are being made to ensure a very interesting evening, including a musical and dramatic entertainment. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Harris, 2s.; Miss Strangways, 5s.; Miss Stannard, 2s.; Mrs. 4s. 6d.; Mrs. Dove Wilcox, 2s. 6d.; A. M. W., 5s. (Org., Miss E. M. Pridden, Office, 27, Queen's-road, Clifton.)

Cheltenham. Members are reminded that the jumble sale takes place on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Bayhill Lecture Hall, from 5 to 7 p.m. Articles can be sent there on Saturday morning. Many thanks for goods already received. (Hon. Sec., Miss E. L. Andrews, 2, Victoria-walk.)

WALES. Cardiff and District. Jumble sale at office, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2.30 to 7 p.m. Parcels sent to office gratefully acknowledged. Thanks to Mrs. Price for collecting 9s. 9d., Miss A. Thomas for 1s. 6d., Miss Oram, 5s., and Miss Lettice Floyd 1s. 6d. Will other members please return collecting cards as soon as possible, however small the amount? The organiser will be glad to address any meetings that can be arranged for her. She hopes members are speaking to women about Mrs. Drummond's deputation. Donations will be gratefully received. (Org., Miss Annie Williams, Office, 27, Charles-street, Cardiff.)

EASTERN COUNTIES. Cambridge and District. A lecture on "History of Militant Campaign from 1868 to 1912," illustrated by nearly 150 slides, will be given shortly. Date will be announced later. Mrs. Gail has kindly promised to arrange an "At Home" on Jan. 23, when Miss G. Brackenbury will speak. Working women's meeting same evening, when Mrs. Brackenbury will explain Mrs. Drummond's proposed deputation. It is hoped members will make a point of attending. Time and place announced next week. Members will be glad to learn at office if must increase in New Year. More sellers needed; also donations towards expenses. (Org., Miss O. Bartels, 73, Chester-road.)

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Manchester. Members are reminded of the meeting in Onward Buildings to-night (Friday), at 8 p.m., when Mrs. Aldridge will speak on "Industrial Women and the Vote." Mrs. Race will take the chair. It is hoped there will be a good attendance. More women are wanted to join in Mrs. Drummond's deputation. Will all who are able to do so please send in names as soon as possible? There will be a committee meeting at the office on Friday next, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m., and the usual members' meeting at 8 p.m. (Hon. Sec., Miss Wallwork, Office, 32, King-street-West.)

Newcastle. Members are urged to devote all time and energy for the next ten days to working up Mrs. Lansbury's Town Hall meeting, January 22. Help wanted with open-air meeting campaign—beginning Saturday—bill-distributing, canvassing, poster-parading, and stewarding at meeting. (Org., Miss Mitchell, Office, 77, Blacket-street.)

Preston. Mrs. Williamson-Forester, M.A., will speak on "Our Anti-Labour Policy" at the I.L.P. Rooms, 152, Church-street, on Monday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. Mr. Joe Williamson will preside. Discussion invited. Admission free. Members' meeting, 28, Winckley-square, to-morrow (Saturday), January 11, 8 p.m. At Mrs. Baines' meeting last Monday from ten to fourteen Preston women gave in their names to go upon the Working Women's March to the Premier and Chancellor. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Rigby, 28, Winckley-square.)

SCOTLAND. Dundee. Many thanks to Miss Jolly, Miss Cuthbert, and others who will run a campaign of open-air meetings in London and suburbs during January. Funds are very badly needed to meet the increased expenses. (Office, 8, Park-mansions, Arcade, Knightsbridge.)

Edinburgh. Members will be gratified to hear that £43 was realised at the Christmas sale. Sincere thanks to all workers. Members are asked to help to send a contribution from Edinburgh to Mrs. Drummond on Friday for particulars. Every member should make an effort to get a new subscriber for this year. (Hon. Sec., Miss Key Jones, Office, 11, East Lothian, and local meetings will be cancelled for a few weeks. Many thanks to Miss Helen Murray for offering to be "Paper Secretary." Thanks to Mrs. Saffron for her handsome donations to library. Tea is provided every afternoon in the office at 4 p.m. at a charge of 2d. New members are particularly invited. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. A. S. Macdonald, Office, 27, Frederick-street.)

The Speakers' Class. Miss Leo, who, as announced in last week's issue of THE SUFFRAGETTE, is forming a class in Bow and Bromley to include men and women desirous of becoming speakers on behalf of the W.S.P.U., trusts that in appealing to past and present members of the public speakers' class, to help her with a donation for this purpose, she will meet with a ready response. Miss Leo feels sure members will feel as enthusiastic about this development as she does herself, realising with her the estimable value of turning out speakers from the ranks of working men and women who will be able to put their point of view with regard to the necessity of votes for women first hand. The money required for hire of room, &c., cannot obviously be raised amongst these poor people.

A subscription list has therefore been opened, and donations should be sent to Miss Leo, at Lincoln's Inn House, without delay, as the matter is one of great urgency. The first class of the New Year will be held at Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, to-night, Friday, at 7.45 p.m., when the subject will be the latest events in the movement. Miss Leo's private classes will recommence on Saturday, January 10, at 4 p.m., at 41, Norfolk-square, W., by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton. Courses are open to W.S.P.U. members only. All communications concerning the public class should be addressed to Miss Hale, and those about the private ones to Miss Leo.

REPORTS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES. Men's Political Union for Women's Emancipation. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend a reception in Knightsbridge Palace Hotel ballroom (opposite Hyde Park Barracks), on Wednesday, January 15, at 8.15 p.m., to meet Mr. and Mrs. Harbon. Mr. Harbon, J.P., whose resignation from the candidature of the Barnet Division as a protest against forcible feeding is well remembered by all suffragettes, has recently become the treasurer of the M.P.U. Invitation cards can be obtained at the office. Members will be glad to learn at office if must increase in New Year. More sellers needed; also donations towards expenses. (Org., Miss O. Bartels, 73, Chester-road.)

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Irish Women's Franchise League. Weekly meetings will recommence on January 7, speakers, Mr. F. Ryan, Miss Bloxham, and Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington, M.A. Special paper-selling at the queues is being organised during the month's season of the Quinlan Opera Company in Dublin. Mrs. Pugh Lawrence and Mr. Lansbury have promised to speak at Sackville Hall, Dublin, on Tuesday, January 28, at 8 p.m. The meeting is creating special interest. Volunteers are invited to assist in canvassing. A special series of meetings is being organised in Co. Mayo to take place the third week in January, and will be addressed by Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Mac, and Mrs. Conroy. (Offices, Anlian Concert Buildings, Great Brunswick-street, Dublin.)

Free Church League for W.S. A devotional meeting will be held on eve of Franchise Bill, Particulars later. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. F. W. Williams, 11, Holmby View, Springfield, Clapton, N.E.)

New Constitutional Society for W.S. At the next office "At Home" January 14, 3 p.m., Miss M. Mason (first inspector of boarded-out school children) will speak on "The Boarding-out of Children." Mr. Cameron Grant will address a meeting in connection with the White Slave Traffic, at Mrs. Cecil Chapman's, 24, Duckham-terrace, Friday, January 17, 3 p.m. Lord Willoughby de Broke will preside. Free admission cards can be obtained from the secretary at the office.

A new Organiser, Mrs. Merivale Mayer, has been elected, who will run a campaign of open-air meetings in London and suburbs during January. Funds are very badly needed to meet the increased expenses. (Office, 8, Park-mansions, Arcade, Knightsbridge.)

Clerks' W.S.P.U. Another meeting for business women will be held shortly, and donations towards hire of hall will be welcome. Meanwhile, members are asked to send as many parcels as possible for jumble sale. Papers are going well at Liverpool-street, but more sellers are needed. (Hon. Sec., Miss Cynthia Maguire, 39, Priory-road, W. Hamstead, N.W.; Miss P. A. Ayrton, 62, Edith-road, W. Kensington.)

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