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### THE OPENING OF CROSBY HALL.

On Wednesday of next week the Duchess of York will unveil a tablet to commemorate the purchase of Crosby Hall, Chelsea, by the British Federation of University Women, and the completion of the new wing which is being built as a clubhouse and hall of residence for University women, both national and international.

It is now 17 years ago since Crosby Hall, Sir Thomas More's old home, was saved from destruction by being moved, stone by stone, from Bishopsgate to its present site on the Chelsea Embankment, only the central part of the original E-shaped building remaining, the wings at either end having been burned down in the Great Fire. The Hall that was left is, as is well known, a wonderful oak-beamed dining-hall, which in Tudor times was used as the general living-room of the family. It was in this room that Erasmus sat and talked with Sir Thomas More and his gifted daughter, Margaret Roper, where Holbein painted, and where all the cleverest men of that day gathered to discuss the new learning then spreading through Europe. It is eminently fitting that a Hall of such famous memories should now be occupied by women of University learning.

The new wing, where the residents will have their rooms, does not spoil the general effect of the ancient Hall. The aim of the architect throughout has been to achieve harmony with the original 15th-century building. Even the bricks resemble those of Tudor days, and there are mullioned windows and square chimney-stacks in keeping with the same period. On the ground floor will be the common room, the warden's room, and a charming garden room, with big French windows, where members will be able to sit and work practically in the open air. The 43 study bedrooms on the upper floors will be furnished with divan beds that can be used as sofas, and also comfortable writing desks and bookshelves, for the British and foreign women graduates living at the Hall will principally be engaged in some kind of research work. The furnishing of certain rooms is practically assured, for five branches of the Federation—Manchester, London, Birmingham, Yorkshire, and Scotland—have not only each collected the £1,000 necessary to name a room, but are also trying to raise an additional £50 for furnishing. Although only 43 women students can be accommodated with bedrooms at Crosby Hall, any member of the Federation of University Women, whether British or foreign, can use it as a Club, or have meals in the old Hall where so many famous figures of the Renaissance had their banquets in past centuries.

During the last four years, when the British Federation first conceived the idea of buying the Hall and turning it into an International Clubhouse for University women, the scheme has met with support from women all over the world, so that £33,000 out of the sum of £50,000 required has already been received.

### CANADIAN WOMAN SCHOOL INSPECTOR.

A recent issue of the *Glasgow Herald* gives an interesting account of Dr. Aletta Marty, the only woman inspector in the public schools of Toronto, where she has been in office since 1919. She inspects one-sixth of all the classes in Toronto, composed of both boys and girls, up to high school entrance, both men and women instructors coming under her supervision. In the Toronto public schools, those institutions supported by the municipality with the aid of Government grants, in which free instruction is given in all classes below high school entrance, fully 80 per cent. of the teachers are women. In the smaller towns and in the rural districts the feminine proportion is very much greater. Although a few of the very small high schools in Ontario are presided over by women principals, Dr. Marty's appointment has represented the most decided advance in women's work in the whole provincial educational system. As teacher of modern languages in

Ottawa Collegiate Institute, the future Inspector had already held one of the coveted posts in the secondary schools, while she was the only woman who had written or compiled a test work for use in the high schools of the province. The importance of the Toronto appointment was recognised by the conferring upon Miss Marty of the honorary degree of LL.D. by her Alma Mater, Queen's University, the only other woman previously so honoured by this institution being Queen Mary and Lady Aberdeen.

Dr. Marty is an enthusiastic worker for the welfare of young women, and was largely instrumental in obtaining a well-equipped Young Women's Christian Association, with an accompanying hostel, in one of the towns in which she has taught, and also the residence for women students at Queen's University, the corner-stone of which she laid three years ago. She was also the prime mover in establishing the Canadian Chautauqua.

In her school work she is a great advocate of equal pay for equal qualifications and equal work. She also recommends the downward extension of kindergarten age below the present minimum of five years, and a more vitalised curriculum.

### NO WOMEN COUNCILLORS.

The following are Councils on which there are no women serving:—

#### ENGLAND.

Abingdon, Acerington, Aldershot, Andover, Appleby, Arundel (Sussex), Bacup, Barnsley, Batley, Beccles, Bedford, Beverley, Bideford, Bishop's Castle, Blackburn, Blackpool, Blyth, Bodmin, Bootle, Boston, Bridlington, Bridport, Brighouse, Buckingham, Bury, Buxton, Chichester, Chipping Norton, Chipping Wycombe, Calne (Wilts), Chatham, Clitheroe, Colne, Congleton, Darlington, Darwen, Daventry, Devizes, Dorchester, Dover, Dudley, Durham, Eccles, Evesham, Fowey, Glastonbury, Glossop, Godmanchester, Grantham, Gravesend, Grimsby, Guildford, Hartlepool, Haslingden, Hedon, Helston, Hemel Hempstead, Henley-on-Thames, Hereford, Hertford, Heywood, Huntingdon, Hythe, Ilford, Jarrow-upon-Tyne, Keighley, Kendal, Kidderminster, Launceston, Leigh, Leominster, Liskeard, Louth, Ludlow, Luton, Lymington, Maidenhead, Maidstone, Malmesbury, Middleton, Morley, Morpeth, Mossley, Nelson, Newark-on-Trent, Ossett, Penryn, Penzance, Peterborough, Portsmouth, Pudsey, Richmond (Yorks.), Ripon, Rochdale, Rochester, Romsey (Hants), Ryde (Isle of Wight), Saffron Walden, St. Ives (Cornwall), St. Ives (Hunts), Salford, Saltash, Shaftesbury, Shrewsbury, South Molton, South Shields, Sudbury (Suffolk), Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth, Tenterden, Tewkesbury, Tiverton (Devon), Todmorden, Great Torrington, Totnes, Truro, Twickenham, Wakefield, Wallingford, Wareham, Wednesbury, Widnes, Winchelsea, Wilton (Wilts), Wisbech, Wokingham, Workington, Yeovil.

#### SCOTLAND.

Aberdeen, Airdrie, Anstruther Easter, Anstruther Wester, Arbroath, Ayr, Brechin, Burntisland, Crail, Cullen, Culross, Cupar, Dingwell, Dornoch, Dumbar-ton, Dundee, Dysart, Earlsferry, Elgin, Falkirk, Forfar, Forres, Galashiels, Hawick, Inverary, Inver-bervie, Inverness, Inverurie, Irvine, Jedburgh, Kilmarnock, Kilrenny, Kinghorn, Kirkcaldy, Lauder, Linlith-gow, Lochmaben, Montrose, Musselburgh, Newburgh, North Berwick, Oban, Peebles, Perth, Peterhead, Port Glasgow, Renfrew, Rotherham, Rutherglen, Sanquhar, Selkirk, South Queensferry, Whithorn, Wigtown.

#### WALES.

Aberavon, Abergavenny, Beaumaris, Brecon, Carnarvon, Cardigan, Conway, Cowbridge (Glam), Denbigh, Haverfordwest, Kidwelly, Lampeter, Llan-elly, Llanfyllin, Llandovery, Llanidloes, Montgomery, Neath, Pwllheli, Wrexham.

## GREEN, WHITE AND GOLD FAIR.

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

### STALLS AND STALLHOLDERS.

**Hampstead Branch.**—Handkerchiefs, Antiques, and White Elephants. Miss Goodliffe, Miss Lyndon, and Miss Vibert.

**Mid-London Branch.**—Stationery Stall. Miss Sparkman and Members.

**Montgomery Boroughs Branch.**—Welsh Produce, Cakes and General. Miss Alix M. Clark and Friends.

**Portsmouth Branch.**—Household Goods. Mrs. Whetton and Mrs. Brading.

**South-Eastern Branches.**—Dairy Produce and Pound Stall. Miss White, Mrs. Finch, and Mrs. Palmer.

**China Stall.**—Mrs. Potter and Miss F. E. Potter.

**Knitted Goods (Supported by the Edinburgh Branch).**—Mrs. Mustard, Miss Munro, the Misses Mustard, Mrs. Rose, and Miss Sidley.

**Literature Stall.**—Mrs. Pierotti, Mrs. Lindus, and Miss Trotter.

**Overalls and Aprons.**—Miss Underwood, Miss F. A. Underwood, Mrs. Turriff, Miss Brewer, Miss Charles, Miss Higley, and Miss Stone.

**Shilling Stall (Supported by the Minerva Club Branch).**—Mrs. Delbanco and Mrs. Wiles.

**Sweets.**—Miss Mary Knight and Friends.

**Toy Stall and Bran Tub.**—Mrs. Knight and Friends.

**Underclothing Stall.**—Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. M. M. Abbott.

**General Stall.**—Mrs. Lloyd.

**"Vote" Stall.**—Mrs. Flowers, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. North-croft, Mrs. Newsome.

### PLEASE HELP.

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

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

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Entertainments will be on an extensive scale, and will include Dramatic Performances each day at 6 p.m., and a display by Camp Fire Girls on Tuesday, November 23rd, at 7.15 p.m.

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

Character Readings by Mrs. Simons and Miss Wall; and Numerology by Miss King.

### COMPETITIONS AND GAMES.

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

### TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS.

Miss Reeves has most kindly undertaken the Teas and Refreshments, and will be assisted by the staff and members of the Minerva Club, also by Miss Sadd Brown, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Beville, Miss T. Goodliffe, and other friends.

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

### SOCIETIES AND FRIENDS TAKING STALLS.

The British Commonwealth League.  
The Nine Elms Settlement.  
The League of the Church Militant.  
St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance.  
The Montessori Society.  
The Friends' Council for International Service.  
Miss Burwood (Beads).  
Miss Dobie (Batik Work).  
Miss Johnson (Knitted Goods).  
Miss Lindsay (Miniature Gardens).  
Mrs. Shawcross.  
Miss Ida Stamm (Veloutine Work).

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

All communications and gifts (also applications for Stalls) should be sent to Miss E. Berry, Hon. Fair Sec., at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.

### SWEDISH WOMEN AND THE ELECTIONS.

Apropos of the recent Swedish elections, "Morganbris" has a very interesting article on the first women elected to the Swedish Riksdag, in 1921, and the stand taken by them on the various questions under discussion, concluding with these words: "They spoke calmly, and as having full knowledge of the subjects with which they were dealing, and the Elders of the Riksdag listened to their words with marked interest." This we can well believe, when we take at random an example such as the following:—During a discussion on unemployment, Fru Thüring, we are told, disputed the position taken up by Herr Björnberg, who held forth to the effect that the unemployed should move out of the towns and go out into the country—"out to the flowers and the birds"—pointing out that, as there were no flowers in the country in winter, it might be a little difficult to carry out the programme; and that, moreover, there were no spare dwellings in the country for them to move into. In regard to the elections, we congratulate our Swedish friends on Fröken Kerstin Hesselgren again being elected to the Upper Chamber of the Riksdag.

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### EDITORIAL.

The Editor is responsible for unsigned articles only. Articles, paragraphs, or cuttings dealing with matters of interest to women generally will be welcomed. Every effort will be made to return unsuitable MSS. if stamped addressed envelope be enclosed, but the Editor cannot be responsible in case of loss.

### PARLIAMENT RE-ASSEMBLES.

Both Houses of Parliament re-assembled last Tuesday for the Autumn Sittings. This week the Second Readings of the Expiring Laws (Continuance) Bill, the Police Pensions Bill, and the Lead Paint (Protection against Poisoning) Bill are to be taken in the House of Lords, and we sincerely hope that their Lordships will carry an amendment to the last-named Bill which will prevent the injustice of women being excluded from employment in painting any part of a building with lead paint. Mr. Baldwin, in the House of Commons, gave a long list of Bills which the Government proposed to carry into law before Christmas. The Report stage of the Electricity (Supply) Bill was proceeded with last Tuesday. Among the Departmental Bills to be taken this Session, and which the Government consider are non-controversial, are the Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Bill, the Mental Deficiency Bill, the Sales of Food and Weights and Measures Bill, the Wild Birds Protection Bill, the Legitimacy Bill, and the Smoke Abatement Bill, and it was stated that it might be necessary to consider the Lords' amendments to the Expiring Laws (Continuance) Bill, the Lead Poisoning Bill, and the Police Pensions Bill. It is not proposed to proceed with the Factories (No. 2) Bill before the Prorogation. There was no mention of Equal Franchise, and every effort must be made to see that a measure granting the vote to women at the same age and on the same terms as men is included in the King's Speech at the opening of Parliament next February. We urge our friends in Parliament to keep this matter before the Government during the remainder of the present Session, and to point out that any delay now may result in the breaking of the pledge given to women so emphatically by both the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary. After those pledges it will be outrageous if women have to face another General Election with unequal voting rights to men. Not only our friends in Parliament, but every suffragist throughout the country, should now be up and doing, and before the King opens Parliament next February there should be a public meeting held in every constituency to demand that the subject of Equal Franchise has a place in the King's Speech. Wherever such a meeting is held, the local Member or Members should be interviewed by deputations of their constituents and urged to bring pressure on the Government to this end. This Government, like previous Governments, must be made to realise that women expect that pledges made to them will be redeemed. Again and again we have urged that women's present inferior political status is at the basis of their inferiority economically and in other ways. Why is it that women's unemployment is of so little concern to the Government compared with men's? On November 2nd, 1925, there were 172,006 women and 28,866 girls registered as unemployed. On November 1st, 1926, there were 277,300 women and 40,400 girls on the registers. If women in industry had the vote at 21 years of age, and on the same terms as men, should we not hear more in Parliament about women's unemployment?

### WOMAN MAGISTRATE HOLDS HER OWN.

We are glad that Mrs. Green, J.P., refused to shirk her duty at Colchester Police Court last week, and remained on the Bench after the Mayor had asked the public to retire from the Court while a charge against a soldier was heard in regard to offences against boys. A fellow-magistrate, Mr. E. P. Hutton, asked if the case should not be considered by men, and only by men. When Mrs. Green replied, "No, certainly not," he left the Court as a protest. In our view, his action was entirely wrong. He had no manner of right to suggest that any magistrate—man or woman—should shirk his or her duty, or to shirk his own duty by withdrawing himself from the Court. He should remember that he and all other magistrates, both men and women, have sworn to "do right to all manner of people under the laws and usages of this realm without fear or favour, affection or ill-will." As Mrs. Green herself said: "If a woman undertakes a public duty, she should perform it faithfully, no matter how unpleasant it may be. I am against women magistrates leaving Court when objectionable cases are heard. They are shirkers." In this particular case, boys of twelve were concerned, and Mrs. Green declared: "As a woman magistrate, I have a duty to all young people, and that duty, I think, must be performed, irrespective of what and against whom the charge may be. I have never heard of anyone going to see a charge sheet and then leaving because there is something disagreeable in it." We congratulate Mrs. Green on the stand she made, and also on her spirited defence of that stand. Readers of THE VOTE will remember that in October last year Mrs. Jason Kerr, J.P. (a member of our Executive Committee), decided to remain on the Deal Bench when an elderly man was charged with an indecent assault on a lad of fifteen years, and after two other women magistrates had retired from the Bench in view of the nature of the case. She, too, felt that it was her duty, as a magistrate, to remain. We cordially agreed with her, and stated at the time that such a case was of the gravest concern to women; and we repeat what we then said: "It is not the business of men magistrates, whatever their motives might be, to question what is women's duty in such cases. Women magistrates have taken the same oath that men magistrates have taken, and we expect them to carry out their whole duty without fear or favour."

### WOMEN AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

We direct the attention of our readers to the list given in this week's VOTE of women members of City and Borough Councils, and to the further list of Councils on which there is no woman member. When it is remembered that each of these Councils consists of from twenty-four to thirty-six or more members, we can realise how comparatively small is the part which women are taking in the local government of England, Wales, and Scotland.

On many of these Councils it is usual to co-opt women on to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee and on to the Education Committee; but even there they have not the prestige or the influence of elected members. We sincerely hope that before further elections for local governing bodies take place, public-spirited women in every city and borough will realise the importance of women taking their share in the work of these Councils, and see that capable women are put forward, either through the local parties or independently, to contest seats. We congratulate Banbury, Margate, and West Bromwich on having elected women Mayors, and we wish these Mayors every success during their year of office. We are glad, too, to learn that Mrs. Foster Welch has been elected Sheriff of the County Borough of Southampton. The Sheriff is the chief officer of the Crown in every county, and Mrs. Welch is the second woman to be chosen in England and Wales to be the King's officer. The first was Mrs. Lucy Green Wells, of Canterbury.

## WOMEN MEMBERS OF CITY AND BOROUGH COUNCILS.

The following is a list of women now serving on City and Borough Councils in England, Wales, and Scotland. A star (\*) indicates that they were elected last week:—

### ENGLAND.

ACTON.—Mrs. Gertrude Barnes, J.P., and Miss Harriet Mountford.  
ASHTON-UNDER-LYME.—Councillors \*Hester Edith Heginbottom and \*Mary Ellen Wild.  
AYLESBURY.—Mrs. Ellen More.  
BANBURY.—Mrs. Gillett (who was elected Mayor on the 9th inst.) and Mrs. Courage.  
BARNSTAPLE.—Mrs. F. M. Rootham.  
BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Mills, and \*Mrs. Lee.  
BATH.—Mrs. Helena Cooke and Mrs. Latter Parsons.  
BEXHILL.—Mrs. Meads and Mrs. Sansom, J.P.  
BEWDLEY.—Miss Catherine Marshall Fox.  
BIRKENHEAD.—Mrs. Winifred Agnes Moore, \*Miss Kathleen Mary Worrall (re-elected), and Mrs. Mary Ann Mercer.  
BIRMINGHAM.—Miss Bartlett, O.B.E., J.P., Miss Martineau, J.P., Miss Wilson, Miss Sant, \*Mrs. Wilson, and \*Mrs. Longden.  
BLANDFORD (Dorset).—Miss E. G. Castleman-Smith, O.B.E.  
BOLTON.—Mrs. Bertha L. Agnew, Mrs. Annie E. Dowling, and \*Mrs. Emma Hailwood.  
BOURNEMOUTH.—\*Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Laney, J.P. (re-elected).  
BRACKLEY.—Miss B. A. Cartwright.  
BRADFORD.—Alderman Kathleen Chambers, Councillor Harriet Ann Grundy, Councillor Margaret C. D. Law, and Councillor Amy Anna Sykes.  
BRIGHTON.—Mrs. J. M. Buckwell and Mrs. E. J. Smith.  
BRISTOL.—Mrs. Lilian Maud Pheysey, Mrs. Edith Sara Robinson, and Miss Emily Harriet Smith.  
BROMLEY (Kent).—Miss Margaret Stafford Smith.  
BURNLEY.—Mrs. Marie Brown.  
BURTON-UPON-TRENT.—Miss Mary Goodger.  
BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—Mrs. Mary Fryer and Mrs. Eva Paulina Greene.  
CAMBRIDGE.—Miss Blair, Mrs. Foister, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Hartree, Mrs. Keynes, J.P., Mrs. Stevenson, and \*Mrs. Weber.  
CANTERBURY.—Mrs. L. G. Wells.  
CARLISLE.—Mrs. Buchanan, Miss Musgrave, and \*Mrs. Sewell (re-elected).  
CHARD.—Miss Edith Langdon.  
CHELMSFORD.—\*Miss F. J. Chancellor (re-elected).  
CHELTENHAM.—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, who was first elected a Councillor in May, 1918; elected Mayor in November, 1921, and held office for two years; and was elected Alderman in November, 1925.  
CHESTER.—\*Mrs. Louisa Phyllis Brown, J.P. (re-elected).  
CHESTERFIELD.—Mrs. Mary Ashmore, Miss E. B. Eastwood and Miss Violet Markham, J.P.  
CHORLEY.—\*Mrs. B. M. Gillett (re-elected) and Mrs. E. M. Marsden.  
CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—Mrs. Bellamy and Miss Robinson.  
COLCHESTER.—Councillors R. L. Bensusan-Butt, Catharine B. Alderton, J.P., Dame Catherine Hunt, D.B.E., J.P.  
CREWE.—Mrs. E. A. Address and Miss R. L. Ward.  
CROYDON.—Mrs. Squire, Mrs. Roberts, and \*Mrs. Heighton.  
DARTMOUTH.—Miss Marian Allport.  
DEAL.—Mrs. W. R. Edgar.  
DERBY.—Mrs. Emma Jones and Miss Elizabeth Petty.

DEWSBURY.—\*Mrs. M. M. Watts (returned unopposed).  
DONCASTER.—Miss H. M. Clark and \*Mrs. E. M. Firth (re-elected).  
DROITWICH.—Mrs. M. K. Blake.  
DUNSTABLE.—Miss Lucy Dales. She has been Mayor for the past twelve months, and will be elected Alderman this week.  
EALING.—Mrs. E. S. Taylor.  
EAST HAM.—Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Tungate and Mrs. Miriam Ridler.  
EASTBOURNE.—Miss D. Chamberlain, Miss A. Hudson, \*Miss M. H. Rammell (re-elected), and \*Miss E. M. Thornton (re-elected).  
ELY.—Mrs. Lucy Davis.  
EXETER.—Miss Edith Splatt, Mrs. Florence Grace Browne, and \*Mrs. Emilie Ward Reed.  
EYE (Suffolk).—Miss Mary Elizabeth Short.  
FALMOUTH.—Miss M. M. Whitburn and \*Mrs. E. R. Hoskin (re-elected).  
FOLKESTONE.—Mrs. Edith Gore and Mrs. Mary Isabel Anness.  
GATESHEAD.—Mrs. Mary Gunn and Mrs. Alice Mary Wicks.  
GODALMING.—\*Mrs. Clara Lucinda Wilde (re-elected).  
HALIFAX.—Mrs. Miriam Lightowler, J.P.  
HASTINGS.—Miss Annie Lile, J.P., Mrs. Badcock, and Mrs. Edwards, J.P.  
HARWICH.—Mrs. L. M. Hill.  
HIGHAM FERRERS.—\*Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson.  
HORNSEY.—\*Mrs. K. Ray (re-elected) and \*Mrs. C. M. Cave (re-elected).  
HOVE.—Mrs. Frances Plues Fothergill and Mrs. Nellie Louise Cushman.  
HUDDERSFIELD.—Mrs. Ada Tansley.  
HULL.—Mrs. Mary Hatfield, Miss Helen Theilman, J.P., and \*Miss Mary Agnes Anderson, J.P.  
HYDE.—Councillors Annie Brooke and Margaret Oldham.  
IPSWICH.—Mrs. E. M. Fletcher, Mrs. S. E. Grieve, and Miss A. L. Broome.  
KING'S LYNN.—Mrs. Florence Ada Coxon, who has just completed a year of Mayoralty.  
KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES.—\*Mrs. J. Astbury (who is a "Lieutenant-Colonel" in the Salvation Army) and \*Miss M. E. Farmer.  
LANCASTER.—Mrs. W. Croft Helme, J.P.  
LEAMINGTON SPA.—Mrs. Rice, J.P., and \*Miss S. Sargeant (re-elected).  
LEEDS.—Councillors Gertrude Dennison Blanche Leigh and Beryl Gott.  
LEYTON.—\*Mrs. E. H. Marshall and \*Mrs. E. E. Parry.  
LICHFIELD.—Mrs. Stuart-Shaw and Miss A. M. Thompson.  
LINCOLN.—Councillor Maria Elizabeth Nevile, M.B.E., J.P. Miss Nevile has been Mayor for the current year.  
LIVERPOOL.—Miss Margaret Beavan, Miss Mabel Fletcher, Mrs. Rosa Hoch, \*Miss Alice McCormick (re-elected), \*Lady Muspratt (re-elected), \*Miss Eleanor Rathbone (re-elected), and Mrs. Gertrude Elizabeth Wilson.  
LOUGHBOROUGH.—\*Councillor Jane Maria Stapleton (re-elected).  
LOWESTOFT.—Mrs. G. M. Harris and \*Miss B. M. C. Doughty (re-elected).  
LYME REGIS (Dorset).—Mrs. Helen Radford.  
MACCLESFIELD.—\*Mrs. Emily Eliza Laird (elected at the head of the poll).  
MALDON (Essex).—\*Miss Ada Maud Freeman (first woman to be elected to this Council).  
MANCHESTER.—Councillors \*Edith Chorlton, Mary Latchford, Kingsmill Jones, Annie Lee, Hannah Mitchell, Shena Dorothy Simon, Dora Taylor, Mary Welch, and Janet Blair Zimmern.  
MANSFIELD.—Mrs. E. E. Wainwright.

MARGATE.—Mrs. Hatfield, J.P., who has been elected Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

MARLBOROUGH.—\*Mrs. Agnes M. Leadley.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—Mrs. Hannah Guthrie, Mrs. Marion Coates-Hansen, and \*Mrs. H. M. Levick, M.D.

MORECAMBE.—\*Mrs. Elizabeth Bond.

NEWCASTLE - UPON - TYNE. — Councillors Catherine Ann Auld and Jeanie Lillie Gibbin.

NEWPORT (Isle of Wight).—Mrs. Elizabeth Ruby Chandler.

NORWICH.—Miss A. Bloom, Miss D. M. Fitt, \*Mrs. L. Henderson, Miss B. F. Jermy, \*Mrs. A. Johnson, and Miss M. L. Loades.

NOTTINGHAM.—Mrs. C. M. Harper, J.P., Mrs. A. Shepherd, and Mrs. E. Webber.

OLDHAM. — Miss Marjory Lees. Miss Lees' mother, Dame S. A. Lees, LL.D., was for many years a member and an Alderman of this Council, and occupied the position of Mayor in 1910-11.

OXFORD.—Mrs. Anna Georgina Collier, Mrs. Mary Townsend, Mrs. Mabel Prichard, M.A., J.P., and Miss Lily Tanney.

PLYMOUTH.—Miss Elizabeth Bayly, J.P., Mrs. Beta Hornabrook, Mrs. Clara Daymond, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Shea, and Mrs. Jacquetta Marshall.

POOLE.—Miss C. H. J. Paterson, J.P.

PRESTON.—\*Mrs. Avic Margaret Pimblett (re-elected).

QUEENBOROUGH.—Mrs. E. Weekes.

RAMSGATE.—Alderman Dame Janet Stancomb-Wills, D.B.E., \*Mrs. E. R. Dunn (re-elected), and Miss E. F. Sanger Reeve.

RAWTENSTALL.—Miss Carrie Whitehead, J.P., C.C., \*Miss Winifred M. Edghill, M.B., Ch.B.

READING.—\*Miss E. M. Sutton (re-elected), Mrs. F. E. Stiles, Mrs. A. Jenkins, and \*Mrs. D. E. Wheeler.

REDCAR.—Mrs. Isabella Lonsdale.

REIGATE.—Miss Donkin, Mrs. Powell, J.P., and \*Mrs. Auerbach.

RETFORD.—\*Mrs. Ellen Gentle Howell (re-elected).

RICHMOND (Surrey).—Mrs. Ellen Edwards, Mrs. Ethel Johnstone, and \*Mrs. Bessie Nelson (re-elected).

ROTHESHAM.—Mrs. Mary Fordyce Maclagan.

RYE.—\*Miss Agnes Maud Roffey.

ST. ALBANS.—Miss Margaret Annie Wix, who has served on this Council continuously since November, 1919, and was Mayor of St. Albans in 1924-5.

ST. HELENS.—Councillors Ellen McCormack and Evelyn Pilkington, C.B.E., J.P.

SALISBURY.—The Hon. Lady E. M. Hulse.

SCARBOROUGH.—Mrs. L. M. Whitfield.

SHEFFIELD.—Mrs. Florence Cheetham and Mrs. A. E. Longden.

SMETHWICK.—Mrs. Edith Mary Sands, J.P.

SOUTHAMPTON.—\*Mrs. Lucia Welch, J.P. (re-elected), \*Mrs. Eleanor Morris (re-elected), Mrs. Bessie Leach, and \*Miss Edith Hillman.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA. — Mrs. Leyland, Mrs. Hawhen, and Mrs. Broom.

SOUTHWOLD.—Mrs. Margaret Ethel Sharp.

STAFFORD.—Mrs. E. M. South.

STOCKPORT.—Mrs. Helen Henderson.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES. — \*Mrs. Sarah Ann Hepton.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—Mrs. Wood, \*Miss Farmer, \*Mrs. Barratt, and Mrs. Hewitt.

STOURBRIDGE. — \*Mrs. Emily Francis (re-elected).

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.—\*Miss Earp, Mrs. Hastings, and Miss Justins.

SUNDERLAND.—\*Mrs. Ellen Bell (re-elected).

SWINDON.—Mrs. L. E. Fry and Mrs. M. George.

THETFORD.—Mrs. Emma Bidwell.

THORNABY-ON-TEES.—\*Mrs. Sarah Tate (first woman to be elected to this Council).

TORQUAY.—\*Mrs. A. E. Towell (re-elected) and \*Miss E. F. Wrey (re-elected).

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Miss Baker and Miss Power.

TYNEMOUTH.—Dame Maud Burnett.

WALLASEY.—Mrs. A. Siddall and Mrs. F. G. McFall.

WARRINGTON.—Miss Constance Harvey Broadbent, J.P.

WARWICK.—Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Davies.

WATFORD.—Mrs. Broad and Mrs. Ward.

WELLS (Somerset).—\*Miss Katharine Denison.

WENLOCK.—Mrs. Lilla Marion Davies.

WEST BROMWICH.—Councillor L. E. Hazel, J.P., and Councillor G. E. Cottrell (Mayor).

WEYMOUTH.—\*Mrs. Comben.

WHITEHAVEN. — \*Miss Caroline Helder (re-elected), and \*Mrs. A. R. McGowan.

WIGAN.—Mrs. Emily Ashurst and Mrs. Martha Hogg.

WIMBLEDON.—Lady Roney.

WINCHESTER. — Miss Firmstone and Mrs. Hooly.

WINDSOR.—Mrs. Florence Cartaret Carey.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Mrs. E. Sproson, Mrs. Bowyer, and Miss Perry.

WOODSTOCK (Oxford).—\*Mrs. E. M. Brunyate and \*Mrs. C. M. O'Rourke. Both these ladies retired from the Council this year and were returned unopposed.

WORCESTER.—Mrs. Lucy Ann Clarke.

WORTHING.—Mrs. M. C. Greenfield, J.P., Mrs. Milbank-Smith, and Mrs. F. E. Smedley, M.B., B.S.(Lond.).

GREAT YARMOUTH.—\*Mrs. C. N. Harbord, Mrs. R. A. Middleton, Mrs. A. M. Perrett, Mrs. E. L. Leach.

YORK.—Mrs. Edna Annie Crichton.

#### WALES.

ABERYSTWYTH.—Mrs. Edith Katherine Jones.

CARDIFF.—Councillor Rhoda Parker, J.P.

GREENOCK.—Baillie Miss Isabelle Kerr, Mrs. Jessie Laurie, \*Miss Joan J. Duff, and \*Mrs. Catherine Campbell.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—Mrs. M. A. Edmunds.

MONMOUTH.—Mrs. Ethel Annie Jones.

NEWPORT (Mon).—\*Mrs. M. A. Jones (re-elected) and Mrs. W. B. Lewcock.

RUTHIN.—Miss Mair Thomas.

SWANSEA.—Mrs. A. J. Williams.

TENBY.—Mrs. Jane Jenkins.

WELSHPOOL.—\*Mrs. J. H. Davies (re-elected).

#### SCOTLAND.

ANNAN.—\*Miss Annie Steel (first woman to be elected to this Council).

DUNBAR.—Miss Jessie May Dunlop.

EDINBURGH.—Baillie Ella Morison Millar, Mrs. Euphemia Somerville, and Mrs. Eltringham Millar.

FALKLAND.—\*Mrs. Mary Brown.

GLASGOW.—Mrs. Mary Bell (Baillie), Mrs. Mary Barbour (Baillie), Miss Mary Snodgrass (Baillie), Miss Violet M. C. Robertson (Baillie), Mrs. Kate Beaton, \*Mrs. Laura McLean.

INVERKEITHING.—Mrs. Christina L. Henderson.

KIRCUDBRIGHT.—Mrs. Maud Steuart.

LANARK.—Mrs. Agnes C. Wilson.

ST. ANDREWS.—Miss Frances Warrack.

STIRLING.—Baillie Miss Grace Rosina Tasker, M.B.E., Miss Elizabeth Margaret Colville.

WICK.—Miss Georgina D. Sinclair.

#### In Memoriam.

COBDEN-SANDERSON.—On November 2, at 15, Upper Mall, W.6, Anne, widow of T. J. Cobden-Sanderson, and daughter of the late Richard Cobden, M.P.

We are grieved to have to record the death, after a very short illness, of our old and dear comrade, Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson. A portrait sketch will appear in THE VOTE as soon as possible.

## Women's Freedom League.

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### WHERE TO GO.

#### WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

##### LONDON AND SUBURBS.

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 23rd and 24th 3 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Green, White and Gold Fair, at Caxton Hall Opened by Professor Winifred Cullis on November 23rd, and by The Lady Amherst of Hackney on November 24th.

##### PROVINCES.

Monday, November 15th, at 4.30 p.m. Middlesbrough Branch, Public Meeting in the Scottish Tea Rooms, Albert Road. Chair: Mrs. Schofield Coates, J.P.

##### OTHER SOCIETIES.

Friday, November 12th, at 4.45 p.m. Society for the Overseas Settlement of British Women. Public Meeting in the Great Hall, Church House, Westminster. Speakers: The Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce, M.C., M.P. (Prime Minister of Australia). The Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P. (Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs), Miss Margaret Bondfield, M.P. (Chief Woman Officer of National Union of General and Municipal Workers).

Saturday, November 13th, at 3 p.m. Saturday Speech Club, Minerva Club, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Debate: "That, on the whole, London is the best place in the World to live in." Opener: Miss Stella Johnson. Opposer: Miss Wyatt.

Monday, November 15th, at 6 p.m. Six Point Group, 92, Victoria Street, S.W. Speaker: Lady Berry, M.D. Subject: "The Right of Married Women to Work."

Tuesday, November 16th, at 8 p.m. Central Hackney Labour Party, Kingsland Ward Association. Public Meeting at the Brotherhood Church, Southgate Road, N.1. Speaker: Miss B. Pearson. Subject: "Equal Franchise."

Wednesday, November 17th, at 12-1 p.m. Electrical Association for Women. Visit to Stage Lighting at Coliseum, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2. At 3 p.m., at the E.L.M.A. Lighting Service Bureau, 15, Savoy Street, Strand, W.C.2, Miss M. Partridge, B.Sc., will give "A Talk on Tariffs."

Wednesday, November 17th, at 3 p.m. Parents' National Educational Union. Shelley House, Embankment, S.W. (by kind permission of Mrs. C. H. St. J. Horsby). Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chesser. Subject: "The Development of Personality."

Wednesday, November 17th, at 8.15 p.m. "At Home" at 25, Wimpole Street (by kindness of Dr. Lewin), Dr. Lucy Naish, on "The Importance of Nasal Hygiene."

Saturday, November 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Women's Engineering Society. Visit to the Science Museum, South Kensington. Specially conducted tour of the Locomotion, Railway Engineering, Stationary Engineers, and Motor Engineering Departments.

Tuesday, November 30th, at 5.45 p.m. Margate Pioneers Society. Meeting at Fort Lodge Hotel, Cliftonville. Speaker: Mrs. Mustard. Subject: "Equal Franchise."

Monday, December 6th, at 8 p.m. St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance. Public Meeting, to demand Equal Franchise, at the Swedish Hall, Harcourt Street, St. Marylebone.

#### BRANCH NOTES.

##### DARLINGTON.

At a meeting of members held in the Temperance Institute last Wednesday, the Darlington Branch of the Women's Freedom League was officially formed, and office-bearers were appointed. Mrs. Jackson became Chairman, Mrs. Galloway and Miss Mary McNulty, joint Secretaries; Mrs. E. S. Hyton, Treasurer; and Mrs. Langdale, VOTE Secretary. It was decided to hold Branch Meetings the first Wednesday in every month, the next to take place on December 1st in the Temperance Institute at 7.30 p.m. (Organiser) LILLIAN LENTON.

##### PORTSMOUTH.

Mrs. Poole desires to thank all the members and friends who worked so wholeheartedly for her during the election campaign, and although defeated, urges the members to fight again and again until women are elected to the City Council. Will members please send a gift for the Portsmouth Stall at the Green, White and Gold Fair to Mrs. Whetton, on or before Friday, November 19th? (Hon. Sec.) MRS. WHETTON, 89, Festing Grove, Southsea.

#### OLIVER GOLDSMITH SCHOOL, PECKHAM ROAD.

SUNDAY at 7 p.m.: Mrs. SEATON TIEDEMAN,

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QUESTIONS INVITED.

#### OUR OPEN COLUMN.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

Y.W.C.A. Central Club for Business Girls.

Dear Madam,—I notice in your editorial of the 8th Oct., referring to the new Central Club for London's business girls, you say: "When the Club is built, its high windows will peer over a row of houses at the headquarters of the Y.M.C.A. on the opposite side of the street."

As all the premises facing Gt. Russell Street will shortly be pulled down, I should be very glad if you could see your way to make the necessary correction in your next issue. The main frontage of the new building will be directly on to Gt. Russell Street.

Yours truly,

ARCHIBALD T. SPIERS.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

Cookery Class for Men Only!

Dear Madam,—I was surprised, on making inquiry, to learn that the Cookery Class held at the West Ham Municipal College, and organized in conjunction with the Master Bakers' Association of West Essex for employees in the catering trade, is reserved for men only. There is something ironical in this particular example of sex discrimination, and the West Ham Council should be induced to remove it.

Yours, etc.,

E. SYLVIA PARKHURST.

#### CO-OPERATIVE WOMEN AND EQUAL FRANCHISE.

In an article in the *Co-operative News*, October 23rd, entitled, "What about Equal Franchise?" the writer says: "It is quite evident that women must be up and doing, for this autumn and next spring and summer will decide whether the women of this country are to get political enfranchisement on the same terms as men, or whether they must wait much longer. A General Election is expected in 1928, therefore only one Session remains in which women under 30 can get their vote before this Parliament goes out. Most of these women are in the industrial world, and need the protection afforded by the vote. Many others of a similar age are just about to get married or to become mothers—the most important time in the whole of a woman's existence—and who will say that such are not needed in our national life? Many of these are already in the branches of our Women's Guild, and a campaign on behalf of Equal Franchise should be part of the programme of our Co-operative Party."

#### GREEN, WHITE AND GOLD FAIR.

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C. M. Sparkman,

Stall Secretary.

#### EQUAL FRANCHISE MEETING IN ST. MARYLEBONE.

St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance has arranged a public meeting on Monday, December 6th, at 8.15 p.m., at the Swedish Hall, Harcourt Street (beside Queen Charlotte Hospital), to demand the Equal Enfranchisement of Women and Men. Members of the Women's Freedom League, more especially those living in St. Marylebone, are particularly urged to attend this meeting. Dr. Octavia Lewin will speak at it on behalf of our League.

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