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MLLE. LOUISE VAN EEGHEN.

Mlle. Louise van Eeghen, who attended the Annual Conference of the International Council of Women in London this year as correspondence secretary, is a leading feminist in the Netherlands.

As President of the Dutch Women's Liberal Federation and reserve candidate for the Liberal Party in a country where Proportional Representation is the system of voting, Mlle. Eeghen is looking forward to a political career. In Holland, women were eligible for Parliament before they were allowed to vote, and one woman was elected into Parliament by the men's vote. There are now 8 women Members out of 100 representatives. Mlle. van Eeghen said there are eleven political parties in Holland, and keen women supporters in all of these parties. Five of the biggest parties have women representatives, yet women still have a hard fight to get themselves placed high up on the list of candidates, as men give preference to their own friends. She urges women to attend the political meetings of the various parties and press their claim for better places on the list.

Like Madame Hélène Romniciano, Mlle. Louise van Eeghen 18 studying for the Degree in International Political Science at Geneva. She believes the only way to world peace is in a better understanding between the people of different nations. When possible, the best way to arrive at such an understanding is by travel. "Go and see other nations at home," she advises.

As an officer of the International Council of Women, Mlle. van Eeghen has had exceptional opportunities to put her theories into practice. She has travelled widely for the International Council in Europe and in South America, where she carried out a lecture tour. Due to the interest she aroused, she was able to found new Councils in Bolivia and Brazil. Last autumn she visited the Balkan States and established Councils in Latvia and Lithuania. She was much gratified that during its first year of existence Latvia sent its President, Frau Berta Pipin, its Secretary, Frau Milda Salnais, and its Treasurer, Frau Cecilia Heince, to this year's Annual Conference.

In addition to her arduous work in connection with the International Council of Women, Mlle. van Eeghen is on the Board of the Netherlands League of Nations' Union; is a member of the Board of the Netherlands section of the Women's Alliances of Churches; and is the founder of the Young Women's Guild-an offshoot of the Young Women's Christian Association.



LOUISE VAN EEGHEN.

WOMEN AT HOME AND ABROAD

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Bondfield, M.P.

We are glad to hear that Miss Margaret Bondfield, M.P., is making excellent progress towards recovery. Although she has been obliged to cancel many engagements, she has carried on with the routine work American Woman Forces the Door. connected with her office.

Lady Heath.

We are very pleased to be able to state that Lady Heath is expected to be able to leave hospital within four or five weeks.

Mrs. Bruce's Courageous Effort.

Last week, in an effort to create a 24-hours' British Endurance Record for continuous driving in the sea of a motor speed-boat, Mrs. Victor Bruce covered 691 nautical miles in twenty-four hours, at an average speed of 28.79 miles an hour. Before the start she had been driving for $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours; thus altogether she was at the wheel $27\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Mrs. Bruce circuited the course 195 times.

Another Woman Mayor?

Mrs. Ald. Wainwright, who has been a member of the Mansfield Town Council for six years, has been invited to be Mayor of Mansfield.

Young Woman's Success as Preacher,

Miss Varney Hancock Cashmore, a young woman of about twenty-six years of age, who combines the duties of housemaid and barmaid at the Marlborough Arms Inn, Banbury, was invited last Sunday week to preach and conduct the service at the Unitarian Chapel, Dr. Ellen Gleditsch. Banbury.

Miss Cashmore, who has studied elocution and has a good voice, preached her sermon on "Religion in the Church." She contends that she can exert as good an influence in a public-house as elsewhere.

Woman House Property Manager.

Miss A. V. Baines, assistant house property manager to the Bebington-Bromborough Urban District Council, has obtained the position of house property manager to the Chesterfield Corporation.

Girls' Fine Swim.

Elsie Westenborg, a nineteen year old Milford Haven girl, swam the Bristol Channel from Penarth to Weston-super-Mare last week.

First Woman Road Scout.

The first woman road scout—a young woman of isation in Roumania to receive such an appointment. twenty-three-started work on the Portsmouth road, between Kingston and Guildford, this week.

Indian Woman Lawyer Complimented by Chief Justice.

Stri-Dharma (official organ of the Women's Indian Association) reports that Miss Shamkumari Nehru, the first and only woman lawyer in Northern India, recently completed her apprenticeship under Sir Tej Bahadur first woman to fill this office. Sapru and has now begun practice as an advocate in the High Court of Allahabad. She argued her first WOMEN AND THE CONSULAR SERVICE. case in a murder appeal before the Chief Justice and succeeded in securing the acquittal of her clients. The Chief Justice complimented Miss Nehru on her very able defence of the two men charged with murder.

Free Education for Girls in Madras.

Stri-Dharma, the official organ of the Women's Indian Association, reports that the Elementary Education Committee of the Government of Madras, which has been sitting at Ootacamund and has gone into the whole question of elementary education, has decided that all poor girls shall be exempt from the payment of fees right up to the Seventh Standard.

Admission of Women to Quebec Bar.

sion of women to practise law in the province. Quebec Consular Service with official status in this country.

and Prince Edward Island alone of the Canadian provinces exclude women from the legal profession, but next session legislation will be introduced in the Quebec Legislature to put an end to this exclusion.

According to the Associated Press, when women were granted the suffrage in 1920, the people of New Hampshire refused to strike out the word "male" in the qualifications for holding office as a justice of the

We learn from Equal Rights that Miss Jennie Blanche Newhall, a member of the New Hampshire Bar who wished to hold this office, resolved to put the matter to the test. She applied for the office of justice of the peace, made an appeal to the Supreme Court, and argued the case herself.

The Court ruled that no appointment could be made without legislative action. Nothing daunted, Miss Newhall drafted a Bill allowing women to hold public office. It was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

Woman Member of 'Change in Argentina.

According to the Bulletin, for the first time in Argentine business history, a woman has been admitted to the 'Change by the Committee of the Buenos Aires 'Change. The woman who has thus broken one of the barriers which hamper women in business life is Senorita Eduvigis Luisa Nava, an expert in financial matters and holder of an important position in a wellknown firm of brokers.

The Bulletin (International Council of Women) reports that Dr. Ellen Gleditsch, Past-President of the International Federation of University Women, has been appointed Professor in Chemistry at Oslo University. Dr. Gleditsch lived several years in Paris, where she studied and worked under Mme. Curie. In 1916 she was appointed Lecturer at the University of Oslo, and has since written several valuable books on radio

Princesse Alexandrine Cantacuzène, Delegate to the Assembly.

Princesse Alexandrine Cantacuzène, Vice-President of the women's organisation, "La Solidarité," in Bucharest, has been appointed by the Roumanian Government as delegate to the Assembly of the League of Nations. She is the first member of a feminist organ-

Woman Railroad Head.

Mrs, Thomas W. Bickett has been appointed as President of the North Carolina Railroad by the Governor of North Carolina. This railroad was built by the State, which now leases it to the Southern Railway Company, maintaining its interest through Government officers and directors. Mrs. Bickett is the

The Woman's Journal (New York) reports that so many United States visitors have flocked to Geneva, Switzerland, as the seat of the League of Nations, that the State Department has appointed Miss Margaret Warner, a special Vice-Consul, to take care of their needs. Miss Warner, a Radcliffe College graduate, recently passed the examinations for admission to foreign service.

In the September issue of the National Council of Women's News we read that the need for women in the Consular Service was discussed by the Public Service and Magistrates' Committee, and that Mrs. Mellish Clark gave an account of the difficulties experienced by her daughter when she was involved The Times states that the General Council of the Bar in a railway accident in France. The Committee of Quebec has passed a resolution approving the admis- decided to urge that women should be admitted to the

GREEN WHITE AND GOLD FAIR.

Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Thursday and Friday, November 14th and 15th, and will be open each day from 3 to 9 p.m. The Fair will be formally opened on Friday, November 15th, at 4 p.m., by MISS ELEANOR RATHBONE, J.P., C.C., M.P. The chair will be taken on Thursday by Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence, and on Friday by Mrs. Mustard.

Stalls and Stallholders.

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and Friends. Overalls and Aprons. - Miss Underwood, Miss F. A. Underwood, Miss Brewer, and Mrs. Turriff.

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"Vote" Stall.-Mrs. Flowers and Miss E. Pigott.

Please Help.

A large supply of goods are needed to furnish all these Stalls with pretty and varied articles for visitors to the Fair to buy. Will everyone who reads this notice make a point of sending a gift "or gifts" to help the Fair. Nothing will be too large or too small; too cheap or too expensive. We require goods of every shape, every size, and every description to help our Stalls. So please remember to send something for our Fair on the 14th and 15th November.

Entertainments.

A splendid programme of Entertainments is being arranged by the Entertainment Committee. Miss Auld is kindly acting as Secretary to this Committee, and Miss New as Chairman. The programme will include a short Poetry Recital each day by Miss Marjorie Gullan's Verse Speaking Choir, and a short Play on Friday, November 15th, by the Practical Psychology Club of London, Dramatic Group. There will also be Concerts, and a String Orchestra by Students from the Royal College of Music. Further particulars will be announced later.

Character Reading.

acter Reading. Readings will be given by Mrs. E. House, Canonmills, Edinburgh.

The Green White and Gold Fair will be held at the axton Hall, Westminster, on Thursday and Friday, Wall; and Mrs. Peters will tell stories from tea cups.

Competitions.

Visitors to the Fair may look forward to a delightful time in the Competition Corner of the Fair. There will be various attractive Competitions, including Magic Squares, a Treasure Hunt, and a Mystery Stall.

Afternoon Tea and Evening Refreshments.

Teas will be served in the Lounge from 4 to 6 p.m., and Refreshments will be served after 7 p.m. Miss Reeves, Miss New, Miss Owen, and the members of the Minerva Club Branch have very kindly undertaken this part of the work, and will be assisted by the staff of the Minerva Club and other friends.

The Information Bureau.

Mrs. Seymour Pritchard has very kindly promised to manage this part of the work.

Other Societies and Friends taking Stalls.

St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance.

The Dames of St. Joan.

The Open Door Council.

The Psychological Aid Society.

Miss Burwood (Beads). Mrs. Clifford (Wax Flowers).

Miss Seyfang.

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TICKETS, price 1s. 10d. (including Tax), the first day until 5 p.m.; after 5 p.m. and on the second day, 1s. 2d. (including Tax). All communications and gifts, also applications for Stalls, should be sent to Miss E. Berry, Hon. Fair Secretary, at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.

Notices.

Helpers are needed for giving away Handbills outside meetings. Any readers of The Vote willing to help in this way should send in their names to the Hon. Fair Secretary.

The Misses Underwood, Mrs. Turriff, and Miss Brewer are again undertaking the Aprons and Overalls Stall at our Green, White and Gold Fair, to be held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, November 14th and 15th, and they will be very grateful to friends for help in making this Stall a success-donations to buy material, material to make aprons and overalls, or finished aprons and overalls. Gifts in money or in kind should be sent either to the Misses Underwood, at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1., Mrs. Turriff, 28, King's Avenue, New Malden, Surrey, or Miss Brewer, "The Shieling," Vale Road, Claygate, Surrey, by whom they will be gladly acknowledged.

Scotland.

Scottish members, please note!

Scottish Stall (General Stall). - Mrs. MACLEOD Easson is taking charge of this Stall at the Fair, and Miss Ivy Hawke has kindly promised that, if in will be grateful for any gifts either in money or in kind London during November, she will organise the Charfor the Stall; these should be sent to her at Heriot Hill

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MEDICAL WOMEN AND THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Board of Control consists of the following:-The Chairman: Sir F. J. Willis, K.B.E., C.B.; Unpaid Commissioners: Sir L. Colin Forestier-Walker, K.B.E., M.P., Sir Marriott Cooke, K.B.E., M.B., and Miss Darwin; Paid Commissioners: S. J. Fraser M.P.—and New Zealand has included Miss Myers in Macleod, K.C., Lt.-Col. B. T. Hodgson, C.M.G., its delegation. Denmark has again sent Froken Henni C. H. Bond, C.B.E., D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P., A. Rotherham, M.B., Hon. H. C. Bailey, Mrs. C. F. Pinsent, C.B.E., R. Cunyngham Brown, C.B.E., M.D. (temporary), and Dr. Bedford Pierce (temporary). land has sent Fru Tilma Hainari, but Sweden has this No medical woman's name appears among these Com- year not included a woman in its delegation. Last missioners, and the Women's Freedom League has for many years past urged that medical women of equal status with the medical men members should be appointed to the Board of Control. We are glad, therefore, to print the following letter from Dr. Violet Kelynack, which appeared in The British Medical Journal of September 7th, under the above title :-

Sir.—It may be of interest to the members of the British Medical Association who have read the recent correspondence in your columns under the heading,

"Medical Women and the Board of Control" (August 10th and 17th), to know that this subject is one on which the Medical Women's Federation holds definite views, and on which it has made an official pronouncement. The following is a brief summary of the evidence which was submitted on behalf of the Federation to the Royal Commission on Lunacy in January, has a woman secretary, Mlle. Pantip Devakul.

"The Medical Women's Federation submitted that at least one of the members of the Board of Control should be a fully qualified of the members of the Board of Control should be a fully qualified medical woman with previous experience in the care and treatment of mental disease. The advantages from the point of view of the patient, the public, and the Board of Control were summarized, and the fact emphasised that there is a greater number of females than males amongst mental cases, and that for this reason the opportunity of consulting a medical woman should be provided. It is not the question of providing medical women for all the women patients, but of having one available on the Board of Control to advise on those special cases which constantly occur amongst women of all ages under its jurisdiction.

"There is undoubtedly a demand by the relatives of the insane for a medical woman's advice, more particularly in cases of puberty and adolescence and at the climacteric.

"Other departments of the Ministry of Health have accepted the principle that medical women are desirable, and it is felt that there is at least as great a necessity among patients suffering from all forms of mental diseases. The fact that there are already two women Commissioners does not affect the point at issue.

"The desire is to have a woman as well qualified as her male colleagues, appointed to sit on the Board, in addition to any and all of its present members. Even if more than one medical woman were appointed, there would not be an undue representa-tion of women on the Board." -I am, etc.,

VIOLET KELYNACK,

Medical Secretary, Medical Women's Federation. this Article is carried out effectively.

WOMEN AT THE ASSEMBLY

The British Government has sent two women substitute delegates to the Tenth Assembly of the League of Nations, which is being held this month at Geneva-Mrs. Swanwick and Mrs. Hamilton, M.P. This is the second time that Mrs. Swanwick has attended as delegate, the Labour Government in 1924 having sent her to the Fifth Assembly. On that occasion she was placed on the Fifth (Humanitarian) Committee and was made rapporteur on the question of refugee work. Mrs. Swanwick's knowledge of foreign affairs and the disarmament problem were so well known, however, that she was asked to speak on the Protocol, and she had the privilege of making the closing speech to the Assembly on the subject of Disarmament. This year Mrs. Swanwick has been appointed to the Fifth and Sixth Committees-the latter dealing with political questions, such as Slavery, Mandates, Minorities, etc. Mrs. Hamilton, M.P., has been appointed to serve on two Committees-the Fifth and Second (Technical Organisations). Lithuania has this year sent a woman as a full delegate-Madame Ciurlioniene. The Australian delegation again includes a woman - Dr. Roberta Jull-the first medical woman to practise in Perth, Western Australia. Canada has sent its only woman Member of Parliament-Miss Agnes MacPhail, Forchhammer, who has attended every Assembly since 1920 and has worked so hard with Miss Karen Jeppe on behalf of the Armenian refugees. Norway has again sent Dr. Ingeborg Aas, a medical woman. Finvear Sweden sent Froken Hesselgren, the only woman Member of the Upper House of the Swedish Parliament. Before that, ever since 1920, Sweden was represented by Fru Wicksell, who died in February last vear. Fru Wicksell was connected with three Committees within the League-the First Committee, which deals with legal questions concerning the Covenant, the Mandates Committee, and the Humanitarian Committee. Roumania has included two women in its delegation-Mlle, Helene Vacaresco, who has attended the Assembly ever since 1921, and Princesse Alexandrine Cantacuzène, a very prominent worker in the woman's movement of her country. Hungary has for the first time sent a woman-Countess Apponyi, the wife of its chief delegate. She has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Fifth (Humanitarian) Committee.

Two women have been sent as technical advisers to their delegations-Frau Lang-Brumann, of Germany, and Mme. Kluyver, of Holland. The Siam delegation

The International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship has again opened a temporary office at Geneva during the meetings of the Assembly. Both this and the office of the International Council of Women afford opportunities for women of all nations to meet and confer together. Among those present in Geneva who have been following with interest the proceedings of the Assembly are Eady Astor, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, J.P., D.Sc., Mrs. Bigland, Madame Malaterre-Lettelier (France), Mme. Plaminkova (Czecho-Slovakia), Mrs. Pennybacker (America), and other well-known women. The League of Nations has no keener supporters than the women of the various countries, and we look forward to seeing women given greater opportunity to take a more active and more responsible part in its actual We greatly regret that Dame Rachel Crowdy, the head of the Social Section of the Secretariat, is shortly terminating her work at Geneva, and that there is a tendency to replace women who have done good work at Geneva by men. Art. 7 of the Covenant of the League declares that "all positions under or in connection with the League shall be open equally to men and women." It is women's business to see that

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN LONDON.

By MARIAN BERRY.

Substance of an Address given to a Meeting of our London Branches on September 11th.

government in the country, changes which must ulti-

In London, outside the area of the City, the present Councils, namely, the County Council and the twentyeight Borough Councils, were established by the Local Government Act of 1888 and the London Government Act of 1899 respectively, and the work of relief has been dealt with by the twenty-five Boards of Guardians, on which there are 620 elected members. After April 1st of next year the powers and duties of the Guardians will be transferred to the County Council, and the Council's scheme for the administration of Public Assistance has recently been published.

Special difficulties have always prevailed in London owing to the unequal conditions of wealth existing in the various boroughs, and in order to meet the needs of the very poor districts two measures were adopted, which instituted a method of rating equalisation—a system that the new Act has now established in all county areas. The Metropolitan Common Poor Fund was instituted in 1867 and the Equalisation Fund of the L.C.C. in 1894. Under the Equalisation Fund a contribution of 6d. in the £ of the rateable value of the county is distributed among the local districts according to the population basis. This has, however, led to

lack of uniformity in administration owing to the

different views and methods adopted by individual Boards of Guardians. In future, this will be obviated, as the financial control will be entirely in the hands of

the County Council. Under its scheme the L.C.C. will establish a Public Assistance Committee and local committees. The Public Assistance Committee will consist of forty-eight

members (including the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Deputy-Chairman of the Council), of whom thirty-two will be councillors and sixteen co-opted persons. Women must be included among the latter. The county is to be divided into ten areas, and a local committee established in each one. These local committees will consist of not more than fifty, and not less than thirtytwo members. Members of the Public Assistance Committee and other people (both men and women) appointed by the Council from within or without its body, will form the local committees, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman being appointed by the Public Assistance Committee on the recommendation of the local committees. If the Public Assistance Committee approves, local committees may appoint district subcommittees, which will consist of not more than ten and not fewer than eight members, who will be members of the local committee and other people appointed

and district sub-committees will be appointed annually. The L.C.C. has decided that assistance shall be given as far as is practicable under the different Acts of Parliament relating to special sections of the community, as, for example, provision for blind people under the Blind Persons' Act of 1920, and for mental defectives, under the Mental Deficiency Act of 1913, thus avoiding the relief coming under the poor law.

Public Assistance Committee and the local committees

from a panel of names passed by the Council.

The Public Assistance Committee will be responsible for the direction and control of the work of the local committees and sub-committees, and it will advise the Council on matters of public assistance policy. It will also be responsible for the care and maintenance of all people receiving relief in institutions, with the exception of children under three years who are separated from their parents, and of those over three years who are in schools. An extremely important part of their work will be the classification of existing institutions, and it is probable that arrangements will be made which will permit of a method of classification

The Local Government Act of this year will make of inmates that has not been possible under existing far-reaching changes in the administration of local conditions. It will also be the duty of the Public Assistance Committee to prepare the estimates to cover mately have a great effect on the well-being of the all expenditure for relief purposes, including the payments to be made by local committees and subcommittees.

The local committees will deal with applications for relief and the investigation of the various cases. Institutions coming within their area will be under the management and inspection of the particular local committee, and the latter can authorise any necessary small repairs not exceeding £100 in cost. Reports of the proceedings of local committees must be submitted to the Public Assistance Committee, and they will advise that body on any matters specially submitted to them.

The care of the sick will be dealt with by the Health Committee of the Council, which is to be reconstituted as "The Central Health Committee." This Committee will control the hospitals (existing infirmaries), making the necessary provision and classification, and working in consultation with the voluntary hospitals in the county. Cases needing hospital treatment will be dealt with by the Committee, which will arrange for their conveyance to and from hospital. Local medical services will be provided, and the Central Health Committee will be responsible for the institutional care of children under three years old who are separated from their parents. Hospital staffs will be under its direction, and other duties will include the provision of training for nurses and midwives.

Many of the existing duties of Boards of Guardians relating to children over three years of age will be carried on by the Education Committee, which will provide "for the care, maintenance, and education of children in schools and in hospitals at which education is provided." Children whom the Public Assistance Committee decide shall be boarded out, will be placed in homes selected by the Education Committee and will remain under its supervision. The Education Committee, too, will, on behalf of the Council, exercise the powers of adoption of children given under Section 78 of the Poor Law Act, 1927, when the Public Assistance Committee consider such action desirable. All staffs employed in schools and the teaching staff in hospitals will be under the direction of the Education Committee. and it will be responsible for the placing of children in employment through apprenticeship or by other means.

The new scheme for Public Assistance must tend to greater uniformity of administration and to many reforms in dealing with those needing assistance, but has one very serious defect, in so far as it must eventually increase the bureaucratic control in local government. In the past women have taken a large share in poor law work, but it will only be possible in the future for the majority to do so as co-opted members, and the position of the co-opted member is inferior to that of an elected person. If women are to continue their work in the administration of public assistance, a special effort will have to be made to secure their co-option on the local committees and district sub-committees, which will be the bodies that will be immediately concerned with the investigation of cases and the granting of relief.

Membership Application Form.

To be returned to the Secretary, 144, High Holborn, London, W.C.1.

Please enrol me as a Member of the Women's Freedom League.

I enclose £ d., as my first Annual Subscription.

LONDON MEMBERS AT THE MINERVA CLUB.

The speakers at the London members' meeting on Wednesday evening of last week included Miss F. A. Underwood and Miss Marian Berry, whose interesting speech on the new public assistance for London will be found on page 301.

Mrs. Pierotti, in presiding, welcomed those present, and Miss Underwood greatly interested members of the audience in telling them of the work achieved at headquarters. Miss Underwood said that a vast amount of correspondence had taken place between headquarters and the Colonial Office regarding the mui tsai system, and mentioned that the League had received a letter of congratulation from Mrs. Haslewood for keeping the question going. The India Office had also sent an appreciative letter regarding women's institutes in India. A reply, Miss Underwood said, had also been received from Mr. Henderson, to the effect that a letter from the League was receiving his attention regarding the Codification of International Law; that the session dealing with the Nationality of Married Women should be made public; and that women should attend as consultative delegates appointed by women's organisations.

Miss Underwood went on to mention that Mr. Clynes had received a letter from the League, asking for the appointment of women to the Prison Commission, which at present consists of four men and no woman, and also the appointment of women governors to all prisons had been urged, and only women medical

officers in women's prisons.

At the close of Miss Underwood's speech, Miss Elizabeth Berry made some interesting announcements regarding the forthcoming Green, White and Gold Fair, and a most interesting and instructive evening concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers and chairman, proposed by Miss F. Potter and seconded by Miss Gwen Paine. The next meeting will be held at the Club on Wednesday, October 9th, when Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence hopes to meet old friends and new members of the League.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE CONGRESS.

This year at Prague was held the Sixth Congress of the Women's International League, attended by delegates from twenty-six countries and by visitors from China and Japan. Mussolini still denies passports to Italian women, and those from Ukraine had to come by an indirect route. Jane Addams presided; she has now resigned from presidency, but was elected honorary president. Among the outstanding figures were Agnes McPhail, M.P. (Canada), Ellen Wilkinson, M.P. (England), Marcelle Capy (France), a brilliant and moving orator, the veteran feminist, Anita Augsburg (Germany), and Rosika Schwimmer (formerly Hungarian Minister, now denied citizenship in U.S.A. because of her pacifism). A touching memorial service was held on Sunday, August 25th, in the Congress building, in honour of Dr. Aletta Jacob, the pioneer feminist and pacifist, who passed away suddenly a few days before the Congress opened. Jane Addams, Fraülein Heymann, Madame Duchesne, and Mary Sheepshanks paid tributes to the dead, each stressing a special phase of her many activities, from eugenics and suffrage to pacifism and feminism. Some recalled her response in 1914, in a war-mad world, to the cry of international womanhood, when she alone answered: "I shall do what I can!" Then the Women's International League was called into being at the Hague. Some of the older women, in speaking, made an appeal to youth for the Peace Movement, and one Dutch girl, fired by their words, arose, and echoing Aletta Jacob's words, said: "Dear, white-haired pioneers, we will do what we can!"

The thorny questions of China, Palestine, and of Austria (where civil war threatens) were among those dealt with, delegations being appointed in connection circumstances."

with these. One of the finest and most moving addresses delivered was by one of the Indian delegates, who put the case for her country in passionate, yet reasoned terms. After the Congress some of the delegates-French, German, Irish, American-and the Belgian woman Deputy, Lucie Desjardins, went to Dresden on the invitation of the Women's International League section there, and spoke at a large meeting in the Capitol Theatre on Sunday, September 1st, on the theme, "A World without War!" Both at Prague and Dresden opportunity was given to visit schools, welfare centres, labour exchanges, and to see what the authorities are doing in Germany and Czecho-Slovakia regarding the housing problem, the care of the children and of the aged, the unemployed, and other casualties" of peace. In Prague, the wonderful Masaryk homes outside the city were inspected, where room is being provided for 4,000 adults-the old people-and 500 children, this being one of the greatest experiments of the Socialist Government in care of its H. S. SKEFFINGTON.

RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP.

We learn from Equal Rights that Senator Tasker L. Oddie, of Nevada, is author of a Bill introduced in the present Congress to provide that any American woman who lost her citizenship by virtue of her marriage with a foreigner and who was residing in the United States on September 22nd, 1922 (when the Cable Act went into effect), shall, upon the termination of her marriage relation, be held and considered to have regained her citizenship from the date of the termination of the marital relation.

Emma Wold, an authority on nationality laws, and legislative secretary of the National Women's Party, comments that the Bill is perfectly proper from the feminist point of view, because women who lost their nationality by marriage prior to September 22nd, 1922, should justly have the right to regain it as easily as they lost it. But, as Mrs. Wold points out, the injection into the Bill of the phrase, "upon the termination of the marital relation," deprives the woman of her independent citizenship to that extent.

BRAVE WOMEN OF HOLY ISLAND.

Although no date has yet been fixed, it is understood that the Centenary Celebrations in connection with the Holy Island lifeboat station will take place

In the records of the many thrilling rescues effected off this treacherous coast, tribute is paid to the services of the women of Holy Island, who on many occasions have helped to launch the lifeboat under the most dangerous conditions. In "The Lifeboat" of February, 1922, the journal of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, tribute is paid to twenty-five women who helped to launch the "Lizzie Porter" on January 15th of that year to go to the rescue of "James B. Graham," "and thus shared to a notable extent in the rescue of the nine hands of the trawler, which was in jeopardy."

"It is gratifying to the Committee of Management of the Institution," wrote Mr. George F. Shee, the Secretary, "to feel that the mothers, wives, and daughters of the lifeboat men of Holy Island are eager to assist in the noble task so often and so honourably carried out by the crew, and they feel that the action of the women of Holy Island reflects infinite credit, not merely on themselves, but on the women of our maritime race."

MARRIED WOMEN BANNED.

The Mayor of Dallas, Texas, recently issued an order that all married women workers in the city were to be dismissed "unless there were specially mitigating

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DARE TO BE LONDON AND SUBURBS.

Monday, September 23rd, at 6.30 p.m.

Mid-London Branch Meeting at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. Important business

Wednesday, September 25th, at 7.30 p.m.
Barnsbury and District Branch Meeting at 10, Barnsbury
Square, N.1 (by the kind invitation of Mrs. Blamey).
Monday, September 30th, at 3 p.m.

Hampstead Branch Meeting at 16, Denning Road, N.W.3 (by kind invitation of the Misses Berry).

Friday, October 4th, at 7.30 p.m.
Dinner at the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Speeches by Delegates to the Berlin Congress. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, from the Secretary, Minerva Club. Saturday, October 5th, at 10 a.m.

National Executive Committee Meeting at 144, High Holborn,

Tuesday, October 8th, at 7.30 p.m.

North Kensington Branch. Meeting at 14, St. Quintin's North Kensington (by kind permission of Miss

Wednesday, October 9th, at 7 p.m.

Green, White and Gold Fair Entertainment Committee at the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, W C.1,

Wednesday, October 9th, at 7.45 p.m.

London Members' Meeting at the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C 1. Speakers: Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence and others. Chair: Dr. E. Knight.

Thursday, October 10th, at 2.45 p.m.
"Fair" Sub-Committee at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. Thursday, October 10th, at 7.30 p.m.

Hursday, October 10th, at 7.30 p.m.

Hackney. Branch Meeting (place to be announced later).

Thursday, October 17th, at 4.30 p.m. (Tea 4 o'clock.)

Meeting at the Minerva C'ub, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Speaker: Miss Jenner, from South Africa.

Subject: "The Development of the Woman's Movement in South Africa." Chair: Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence.

PROVINCES Wednesday, September 25th, at 3 p.m.

Portsmouth. Annual Meeting at 2, Kent Road. Tea 4.30 p.m. Friday, September 26th, at 3 p.m.

Ashford. Branch M eting at the Hempsted Street Hall. Chair: Mrs. Miles.

Monday, October 7th, at 7.30 p:m.

Hastings. Branch Meeting at 4, Holmesdale Gardens. Speaker:
Mrs. Prelooker. Subject: "Berlin Congress."
Tuesday, October 8th, at 7.30 p.m.

Middlesbrough. Branch Meeting at the Grey House, Cam-

Linthorpe (by kind permission of Mrs. Schofield Coates. J.P.

Wednesday, October 16th, at 7 p.m.

Middlesbrough. Whist Drive at Grey House, Cambridge Road, Linthorpe (by kind permission of Mrs. Schofield Coates, J.P.). Tickets 2/- (refreshments),

Monday, October 21st, at 2.30 pm.

Middlesbrough. Jumble Sale. Crown Hotel, Cargo Fleet (by kind permission of Mrs. Watt).

SCOTLAND.

Saturday, October 26th, 3—6 p.m.

Edinburgh Branch. Cake and Candy Sale in aid of the Green, White and Gold Fair, at Heriot Hill House, Canonmills, Edinburgh. Donations in money, and all kinds of articles, cakes, sweets, fruits, jams, toilet requisites, antiques, fancy goods and woollens for the Scottish Stall will be gratefully received by Mrs. MacLeod Easson.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Thursday, September 26th, at 2.30 p.m.

British Commonweath League. Excursion: Kenwood and historical and literary places of interest in Hampstead. Car starts from 17, Buckingham Street. Tickets 3/6, including tea.

Saturday, September 28th, at 3 p.m.

The Speech Club, at the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Speaker: Miss Lucy Bell "On some Excellences in Oratory."

PUBLIC SPEAKING-MISS BELL'S CLASSES -SPEECH CLUB FIXTURES.

The Michaelmas Term for Miss Lucy D. Bell's Classes for Public Speaking begins at the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.I., on Saturday, September 28th. There will be classes for Voice Production, Practice Classes, Debates, and Discussions, and Special Classes in Logic. For all information and programme of Classes, Lectures, and Speech Club apply to Miss Bell, c/o Minerva Club.

In connection with the Speech Club some extremely interesting Debates have been arranged on Saturday afternoons at the Minerva Club, and they will afford valuable opportunities for practise and experience in public speaking for all those who desire to take any part in public work. On Saturday afternoon, September 28th, Miss Lucy Bell will speak "On Some Excellences in Oratory,'

BRANCH NOTES.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25th, at 3 o'clock, at 2, Kent Road. Business: Annual report; financial report; suggestions for winter's work; election of officers. Tea at 4.30. Members are asked to make a special

(Hon. Sec.) Mrs. Whetton, 89, Festing Grove, Southsea.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

By kind permission of Mrs. Schofield Coates, J.P., a branch meeting was held in the Grey House, Linthorpe, on Tuesday, September 10th, at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Schofield Coates presided. Much business was discussed. Final arrangements were made for the picnic which Mrs. Arnott had so kindly undertaken to run on behalf of the branch funds. Those who wished to be present were asked to meet at the Cenotaph at i p.m. the following saturday, when they would be conveyed in a motor-coach over the moors, via Whitby and Helmsley. For various reasons it was considered advisable to change the date of the coming Whist Drive at the Grey House from Monday, October 14th, to Wednesday, October 16th, at 7 p.m. Tickets were fixed at 2s. each, including refreshments.

Mrs. Watt's exceedingly kind offer of the use of a room in her premises (the Crown Hotel, Cargo Fleet) for a Jumble Sale was accepted with alacrity, and the date for this event was fixed for Monday, October 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Will members and friends please send any goods they can spare to that address, or a post card stating they have something to give, for Mrs. Watt has said that on receipt of such a post card she will arrange to have contributions collected?

One new member (Mrs. Davis) was enrolled, and a collection taken towards the branch funds.

EDINBURGH.

A most successful branch meeting was held on September oth, when there were so many matters to be discussed that the meeting had to adjourn. It was agreed to have a Cake and Candy Sale in October, to raise funds for the Fair, and those who could not contribute in kind were asked to be present and buy. Money and goods for the Scottish Stall were asked for, and it was decided that Mrs. F. E. Macleod Easson should take charge of the Stall and attend the Executive Meeting on November 16th. From now until the Fair, members and friends were urged to do their best to gather in goods. Glasgow has decided to send goods to the Scottish Stall Scottish Stall.

It was decided to hold meetings at least once a month. On November 9th Mrs, Zangwill has kindly promised to speak. On November 29th members are to attend a meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Hall of the British Union Against Vivisection. week some of our members are attending the Liberal Summer School and are pressing forward our views on Women's Rights, also Home Rule for Scotland.

A reception was arranged in honour of Mr., Mrs., and Miss Graham Moffat, old suffragettes, who are to be at the King's Theatre from September 16th to 21st. Mrs. Moffat was a member of the Women's Freedom League, and Mr. Moffat was one of the first to organise the Men's League for Women's Suffrage. Many years ago, Mrs. Moffat's sister acted for the Edinburgh branch of the Women's Freedom League.

It was decided to hold a Whist Drive in November and December for the local funds. Early in the New Year there is to be a Health Lecture for Women, by a woman nature cure

OUR OPEN COLUMN.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

"The Women of the Gospel."

Dear Madam,—With reference to the review which appeared in The Vote for August 30th of Miss Christitch's book, "The Women of the Gospel," may I point out that the subject from the feminists' point of view was treated by M. A. R. Tuker in "Ecce Mater," published in 1915. It forms the theme of the first part of her book, and is illustrated by taking the Gospel episodes in turn. This is the plan also adopted by Miss Christitch. Was Miss Christitch unaware that the subject had already been so adequately dealt with?-Yours faithfully,

"A READER OF 'THE VOTE."

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

Madam,-I have just seen Miss Christitch's little book on "The Women of the Gespel" and the review in your issue of August 30th. Neither makes mention of the previous treatment of the subject by M. A. R. Tuker in "Ecce Mater," a work (published as long ago as 1915) which broke fresh ground, and in which each Gospel episode and each saying or parable in regard to women is shown as exhibiting a "new spiritual discernment" concerning them, and an attitude such that if there were no other book in existence we should not know that women had ever book in existence we should not know that wood occupied an inferior position to men.—Yours, etc., "Feminist,"

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