

# CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE



The minimum wage is now a solid fact, and in all parts of the country groups of poor women are richer by several shillings a week.
They are richer in more than money. Better wages have meant better food, but they have also meant better hope and better courage. The spirits of these women, as well as their bodies, have been refreshed.
Is this good work to go on ? The League has secured the further extension of the Trade Boards Act to the Shirt Making, Linen Embroidery, and other trades, embracing 150,000 workers. These need to be instructed and helped, as were the other workers—a huge task for which no funds are available.
Will you not assist to provide them ? A small donation from every reader of the 'CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE' would be in itself sufficient. See that yours is not lacking.
The League is commended to you by the Bishop of Oxford, the Bishop of Birmingham, Canon Scott Holland, Lord Lytton, Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., and others, and by its unsurpassed record of truly humane and religious work. For the sake of its poor clients, see that it does not fail for want of aid.

National Anti-Sweating League, 34, Mecklenburgh Square, London, W.C.

I desire to contribute £ : : to the Special Fund for helping the women newly ded in the Trade Boards Act.

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No one who was not present in Southampton during the (1) All donations, collections, and new annual subscriptions Church Congress can have any adequate idea of the enthusiasm sent to the Central Office on or after October 13th will be regarded aroused by the C.L.W.S. Campaign, and the influence exerted as contributions to the £1,000 which we seek to raise. It is upon the thought of the Church by the Congress itself. Our estimated that about £200 of this sum will be needed to meet packed meeting in the Palace Theatre, our audiences in the open the necessities of the current year. air (numbering at times 1,000 persons), the sale of 1,000 copies (2) Our effort will culminate in a great Meeting in the Church of our paper and of innumerable pamphlets, the large number of House, Westminster, on December 9th, at which the Bishop of signatures to our Petition to the House of Commons secured from Kensington will preside. The main purpose of this meeting clergy who are not as yet Members of our League-all these are will be to re-state the spiritual principles which animate our but outward tokens of an attitude of acceptance, not to say of welcome, on the part of the Congress as a whole of those principles support. The Branches of the League will be represented by pennants, which will be specially provided without cost to the for which we stand. Branches, and subsequently retained at the Office for use on The Hour of Opportunity. similar occasions; and it is hoped that every Branch will send work. Already requests for speakers for new Branches are arriv-The way lies open before us for wide development in our a delegate from the Branch, or in the case of distant Branches by some London Member deputed to represent the Branch. A general collection will be made; and promises of donations

ing at Headquarters. Several such centres of light and influence have been already formed, or will be formed, before these lines are in print. We can go forward now as we never have gone forward before, if only the Members of the League will rise to the height of their opportunity. For the hour of opportunity, long-looked for, long-prayed for, has at last struck. After the collection has been made, the total sum contributed Our Appeal to the Branches. But we cannot go forward with our present resources. More

workers who can devote their entire time to the work are impera-

In appealing for the hearty co-operation of the Branches tively needed. we do not forget that many have already helped us this year, Voluntary Work at Headquarters. and that all have local expenses to meet on their own account. But it is obvious that the organization which prevents them from We doubt whether our Members in general realize how much being isolated and comparatively ineffective units is the organiza-tion at the Central Office. Without the Literature thence proof our work is carried out from Headquarters by voluntary helpers. The Monthly Paper is written, edited, and posted to vided, without the speakers often thereby secured, without the subscribers without one penny of cost to the League funds beyond sense of corporate strength thereby imparted, the smaller Branches the actual outlay on stamps and wrappers. Were it not for would be crushed out of existence, and even the larger Branches ungrudging voluntary service, the expenditure upon book-keeping would lose much of their force and vitality. We ask for a supreme effort on their part. A sum of £5 from each Branch would provide one half the total amount required. There are would be enormously increased. The amount of voluntary propaganda work done in connexion with the Monthly Paper and other League activities is very great. Hundreds of personal very few Branches to which that sum would be really impossible, letters are written by voluntary helpers. The Press department though in many cases the provision of it would call for considermakes no charge upon League funds, save for out-of-pocket expenses. But all this work centres in London; and the need able self-denial on the part of many individuals. There are many Branches which a true perception of the needs and oppor-tunities of the hour would prompt to provide a much larger, of the Provinces is the need of the hour. The Need of the Provinces. though not more liberal, gift.

Three additional organizers are imperatively needed. One To Central Members. should be at work in Wales, which, save in the extreme south, is at present untouched by the League. One should be respon-But we must not look to the Local Branches alone. The sible for the South Coast-a field of unrivalled opportunity. Members of the Central Branch must take a foremost part in One should be at work in the North, giving such help in Scotland this work if it is to be accomplished. Those who have not given as might be possible from time to time. A shorthand typist must give, and those who have given much must give more. should be engaged at Headquarters to relieve the Secretary For the sake of women, for the sake of the Church, for the sake of Christ, let us do according to our ability. and Miss Corben from the necessity of much mechanical labour which at present they are bound to undertake, to the great detri-The following information and suggestions are given for the use of Branch Secretaries :--ment of their value to the League. With these additional workers, and with Miss Axford at work in the Midlands, we should (1) A marked copy of this paper should be sent to every be making some real attempt to cover the ground. We should Member in the Branch, with a request for a gift (which should be accomplishing in a twelvemonth what would otherwise be the reach the local Secretary not later than December 1st) towards the work of years. Branch purse.

The Executive Committee has carefully considered the posi-(2) Free copies of the paper for distribution to Branch Members who do not subscribe to it will be sent on application tion, and has resolved that the needful expansion can be undertaken if a sum of £1,000 can be raised by collections, donations, to the Office. To obviate error the application should be headed or new annual subscriptions before the close of the current year. Free Copies of Paper.' Application should be made at once, Ways and Means. stating the number of free copies required.

Can this be done ? It can and will, if we all set about it in (3) Branch Members should be reminded that they can augment their contributions to the Branch purse by gifts from Our first need is prayer. We publish with our Thanks- sympathizers who do not belong to the League. Collecting pences. They will be sent to Secretaries and others on appli-But earnest prayer will not free us from the necessity for cation. They can be used otherwise than in connexion with

which we ask every member of our League to use frequently and to the collection of sums in pence, in threepences, and in six-

the right way. givings and Intercessions for this month a Special Collect, cards will be issued in three forms, adapted respectively devoutly during the coming weeks. careful organization. The plan we propose is as follows :- Branch purses.

These costumes which are made under my own supervision, possess the individuality when finished that distinguish them from the ordinary factory mude comparts factory made garments. I attend to all alterations personally,

and they are given to skilled work-people, not the usual so-called alter-ation hands. The prices range from 31 guineas

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(5) Secretaries should inform the Organizing Secretary (Mrs. Joan Cather) not later than December 1st whether a delegate will attend the meeting or not. If a delegate cannot attend arrangements will be made for the purse to be presented by a London Member.

(6) Delegates and others presenting purses should wear white dresses. They will be provided with scarves in the colours of the League. Seats will be reserved for them.

(7) If the purse is not sent by the hands of a delegate, it should be forwarded by registered post, and should reach the Office not later than December 5th. Each purse, whether forwarded or delivered in person, should be accompanied by a slip of paper upon which the name of the Branch and the amount contained in the purse should be legibly written.

(8) Branches in the London district should send to Mrs. Cather before December 1st the names and addresses of Members who will be willing to present purses provided by Branches unable to send delegates to the meeting.

(9) In view of the present appeal the customary appeal for Christmas gifts will not be made this year.

## The Work of the League at Southampton.

Four busy weeks, and the campaign at Southampton is at an end.

To us who look back upon it, it seems a confusion of meetings, marches, paper-selling, bill-distributing, and the thousand-and-one odd jobs which fall to the lot of the Suffrage worker at such times. It needs an effort to disentangle the plan of campaign from the multitude of details necessary to its success, and it is, indeed, impossible in a short description to give more than the briefest and barest outline of the work done.

The first event of importance was the Sweated Industries Exhibition, held on September 24th in the Victoria Rooms and followed the same evening by a Public Meeting, at which the Earl of Lytton and Bishop Powell were the principal speakers. The local Suffrage societies, N.U.W.S.S., W.F.L., and W.S.P.U., gave most valuable help with the stewarding and tea arrangements. Much interest was aroused by the various exhibits and speeches, and new Members were obtained.

On Saturday, 27th, the Ecclesiastical Arts Exhibition was opened. Many sympathizers and inquirers found their way to the pretty white-and-gold stall of the C.L.W.S. During the ensuing week many signatures to the Clergy Petition were obtained, and much literature was sold both inside and outside the Exhibition. The evening ended pleasantly with a reception given by the local N.U.W.S.S. to Members of the Church League at which we had the pleasure of hearing Miss Royden speak.

On Monday, 29th, the eve of the Congress, members of both Suffrage societies joined us in a lantern procession through the town. Although most of our workers did not arrive till Monday and some not till the following day, we mustered about eighty altogether, and with our gaily coloured lanterns and white-and gold bannerets, made a brave show. The Town Band was not able to march with us owing to another engagement, but to the great delight of the children we secured the services of a piper.

During the Congress Week, meetings were held every evening at the offices, followed by special Services of Intercession at St. Michael's Church, which was placed at the service of the League by the Vicar. Both meetings and services were extremely well attended, and received good notices in the local Press, which devoted a very fair proportion of its space to the work of the C.L.W.S.

We advertised these ourselves daily by means of poster parades, which excited much friendly comment, and, in the more remote parts of the borough, with a small motor decorated in the colours and carrying placards of the various meetings. But the most encouraging thing of all was the attitude of the working men and women in Southampton. Outdoor meetings were

held daily, both in the dinner hour outside the Dockyard, where large crowds assembled, many of the men (we were told) going without their dinner in order to come to them; and in the evenings in the High Street and various quarters of the town. The audiences were invariably large and sympathetic, and the Paper sold splendidly, not only at these meetings, but outside the Congress and Exhibition, and in the streets as well. Southampton did not seem to need any converting, but accepted us from the first with a warmth and friendliness which made the most tiresome work delightful.

Although Thursday, October 2nd, our great day, was wet, members of the other Suffrage societies and sympathizers joined us in large numbers, and falling in behind the Church League banner, marched to the Floating Bridge to welcome the Qui Vive Corps on their entrance into Southampton. Their march from Cosham to Southampton had been most successful, and the meetings held in different towns and villages on the way aroused much interest. A short prayer was read by Mr. Hinscliff, and then the united processions returned to the Palace Theatre, where a splendid meeting was held. Truly in this campaign everything turned out for the best. It was the difficulty of ecuring a hall which determined us to hire the Palace Theatre. In no other building, save in the Congress Hall itself, could we have found room for the crowds of Congress members, workingmen, and women with babies in their arms, who filled the theatre to overflowing, and then, when no more seats were to be had, stood patiently at the back of the circle till the last question had been answered.

It was with very thankful hearts that we attended a special Corporate Communion at St. Michael's Church on the following Saturday morning, and afterwards the work of the campaign being at an end, met one another for a farewell breakfast.

On the following Wednesday a Meeting was held in St. Michael's Parish Room to inaugurate a local Branch. After tea and speeches the Branch was duly formed with a large membership and strong committee, which augur well for the future of the C.L.W.S. in Southampton. X.

## Organiser's Note.

THE SOUTHAMPTON CAMPAIGN came to a successful conclusion with the inauguration of a strong Branch of fifty members. As accounts of our activities appear in other parts of this paper, it only remains for me to point out briefly the many causes that contributed to such a satisfactory result :---

1. The frequent opportunities given us for Corporate Communion, Thanksgiving, and Intercession at St. Michael's Church. 2. The fine spirit and energy displayed by our members

and friends who came from far and near to help us. 3. The ready response to our appeal for funds enabling us to carry out an effective campaign.

4. The magnificent work of Mrs. de Fonblanque and her Qui Vive" Corps in organizing a three days' March into Southampton for our Mass Meeting on October 2nd.

5. The eloquence of our speakers and the excellence of the October issue of our Monthly Paper.

6. The generous space allotted to us by the local press for eports of our numerous meetings.

7. The hearty co-operation of the other Suffrage Societies there

8. The courtesy of the police and the thousand and one acts of kindness received on all sides which greatly facilitated our work.

Though nominally responsible for the organization, a very large share of it fell on Lieut. and Mrs. Cather, who devoted themselves with unfailing energy during, before, and after the Congress to the carrying out of the work we had together planned. L. CORBEN.

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# Great Women of History.

## X.

# ELIZABETH FRY.

# By EMILY C. GROWSE.

In the story of Elizabeth Fry we see a life lived consciously day by day and hour by hour in the very presence of God; a will bent in glad submission to the Divine will; a heart aglow with love to Christ, and to every sorrowing child of man for His dear sake. Have we not here the secret of the wondrous power of this woman—so simple and yet so truly great; so humble, and yet so wonder-working; so shrinking and retiring, and yet destined to fill so prominent a place among the helpers of the world's woe? "A light to the blind, speech to the dumb, and feet to the lame." Such was it foretold in her girlhood that she should become. The prophecy was verified, and men and women of to-day rise up and call her memory blessed.

Elizabeth Gurney was born at Norwich in 1780. Years of strife at home and abroad were those in which she grew to womanhood; but no shadow from the outside world seems to have fallen upon the home of the prosperous banker, whose large family of boys and girls revelled in the delights of the country and save for the one great sorrow of their mother's death, when the eldest was but seventeen, passed their childhood in joyous freedom from all care. Many tales are told of the frolics of the young folks, of the close friendship among the seven sisters, of the loving companionship and sympathy of the father, who would fain act a twofold part to his motherless children, and of the wise and careful rule of "Kitty," called so early to the post of authority in the household. The Gurney family were Quakers, and the childern were required to go to Meeting on Sunday mornings, though otherwise the customs and tenets of the society were far from strictly enforced. Dancing and singing were favourite amusements, and the girls wore bright colours-a scarlet riding coat and purple boots with scarlet laces being mentioned among Betsy's articles of attire !--and entered with keen enjoyment into any amusements which came their way. The Sunday Meetings were held in Goat Lane, and the lively young people, finding the silence and solemnity rather trying, would speak of being "goatified," and found once in the day all that their patience could endure. So the years passed until Elizabeth was eighteen, and on a never-to-be-forgotten Sunday William Savery, an American, addressed the Meeting at Norwich. The attention of all was arrested, but Elizabeth was deeply moved. After service she begged her father to allow her to dine at her uncle's house, where the preacher was staying, and was again present at the afternoon gathering of Friends. It was the turning-point of the girl's life, and from that day her interest in the things of the world seems to have passed away. At her own wish her father took her for a visit to London, where gaiety of all sorts would surround her, and where she might realize in some degree what were the pleasures of the world which she was now bent on renouncing. After seven weeks' stay her resolution was strengthened, and she felt convinced that she should never be content without becoming a "plain" Friend—*i.e.*, adopting the Quaker speech and dress, and giving up all worldly amuse-ments, be they never so harmless and innocent. At this time and, indeed, throughout her life-Elizabeth kept a journal, to which she confided her inmost thoughts and fears, her trials and temptations, her passionate longings after holiness, her dread of sin and self-deceit. It is touching to read these self-communings, to realize how sensitively eager she was not to hurt or offend others, nor to appear self-righteous; and yet not to shrink from saying and doing what she felt to be right for fear of ridicule or of incurring the reproaches of those nearest and dearest to her. Thus it was a hard struggle to hold aloof from the others, and to give up her part in the dances and songs which they had always shared; to dress differently, and to use the "thee" and "thou" which at once marked her out as holding stricter views than the rest of the family. A short rule of conduct was drawn up by her at this time, proving the pactical earnestness of her desire to live rightly. (1) Never lose any time. (2) Never err

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in the least in truth. (3) Never say any ill thing of a person. (4) Never be irritable or unkind to any one. (5) Never indulge in luxuries which are not necessary. (6) Rely on the Power which alone is able to assist me, and exert my own powers as far as they go.

Active work soon occupied her thoughts. Towards children and towards the unfortunate her warm sympathy had always been drawn. She now invited one forlorn little boy to spend his Sunday evenings with her. Friends soon accompanied him, and after a time, an empty laundry being placed at her disposal, she gathered round her some seventy little ones of the very poorest, and without the help of pictures or books kept them happy and attentive, quiet and orderly, till she sent them away Wales, where the glory of the mountains appealed strongly to her heart, though she cared little for the works of man, and neither the ruins of historic castles nor the splendour of some grand cathedral stirred in her any degree of enthusiasm. A visit was paid to Plymouth on the homeward journey, and the sailors and the degraded women seen in the streets awoke a longing to do something to better their condition. Some years earlier, when scarcely 15, she had persuaded her father to take her with him when he visited the House of Correction at Norwich, and even in those early days the same compassion had arisen in her heart, the same earnest desire to help. Twenty-seven years later she was to hold a great meeting at Devonport where her wish could be in some measure fulfilled, as she gave her message to the listening crowd—some 1,500 of the most hopeless of the great city.

Early in the year 1800 proposals of marriage were made to her by Joseph Fry, a member of a Quaker family, to which she Reform was thenceforth to her the work to which she was imperaat first entirely declined to listen, her fear being "to hinder her spiritual welfare." However, renewed advances met with better success, and in the August of that year the marriage took place at the Friends' Meeting House at Norwich. Mildred Court, in women, and read to them in her wonderfully impressive way the the City, became their home, and the young wife found her duties many and considerable, hospitality to her husband's large circle of friends being no small part, and during the nine years of their residence in London family affairs mainly engrossed her time. Five children were born to them, her own youngest brother was for some years an inmate of the house, and whenever sickness and sorrow, or death itself, touched the family circle, it was to Elizabeth that troubled hearts turned for comfort and for courage. Yet with these many claims of home and kindred, she had accepted the post of Visitor to the Schools | two devoted helpers were there daily, gaining more and more and kindred, she had accepted the post of visitor to the beings to devote helper store and by whom they brought the and Workhouse of the Society of Friends in Islington, and had done much careful and successful work. The death of her father-in-law brought about their removal to Plashet, the home they became "harmless and kind," and though the Governor father-in-law brought about their removal to Plashet, the home of the Fry family, where many happy years were to be spent, and where their five remaining children were born. The country surroundings and large garden recalled the days of her own childhood, and she rejoiced to see her little ones enjoying like pleasures. In October, 1809, her beloved father died, and it was at his funeral that the necessity first came upon her of addressing the Meeting and uttering her thoughts in prayer and praise. When the idea first suggested itself she shrank from it, imploring that this might not be required of her, but as the inward prompting grew stronger she yielded in what she felt to be obedience to the call of God, and felt great comfort in the sense of not having resisted His voice.

In 1811 she was acknowledged by the Friends as a minister, and her more serious work among them dates from this time. It became her duty to attend the Monthly Meetings and the great Yearly Meeting, to speak and to pray, and though the claims of her growing family often made it difficult for her to leave them, it was wonderful how obstacles were smoothed from her path, leaving her more and more the assurance that this active and public work was distinctly a call from God. About her own village, too, her influence was felt. With others she worked to establish a successful School for some seventy girls at East Ham, and by word and deed succeeded in bringing some order and relief to a colony of very poor Irish about half a mile distant disapprove of the frequent sentence of death. More and more did she feel that even these miserable souls were not past reclaimfrom her home. Everywhere the magnetism of her personality | ing, and that many a one might yet have lived a life of deep was felt, the calming effect of her presence, and the unforgettable tones of her sweet, deep voice. To her servants she was an ideal of her penitence.

mistress, realizing as was seldom done in those days their needs and cares as a part of the great human family.

The winter of 1812-13 was spent in town, and it was then that her first visit to Newgate took place. Some women prisoners were condemned to death, and Elizabeth was asked to see and speak to them personally. Even in this twentieth century we cannot consider that prison regulations have become ideal, but it is difficult for us to realize the actual hell upon earth of the prisons barely a century ago.

Attention had been already called to this crying evil. John Howard had dedicated his life-ay, and had laid it down a willing sacrifice-in the cause of prison reform, but in the absorbing anxieties of revolutionary days and the fierce terrors of war the to their miserable homes. A summer holiday was spent in matter seems to have sunk into oblivion, and his work of devotion to have been lost and wasted.

The women's side of Newgate was even worse than that of the men, and the Governor entered it with real fear and only when necessity arose. About 300 women with their children were confined in the narrow space of four rooms; tried and untried prisoners of all ranks and degrees of guilt were there to-gether—filthy, ragged, fierce, and violent, with no employment, no bedding, no attempt at instruction-under the charge of one MAN and his son ! Separated from visitors by a grating, they thrust their hands through, begging clamorously for alms, which were immediately spent at a spirit tap, so that drunkenness and the foulest language added to the utter depravity of the scene.

It was impossible for Elizabeth to dismiss from her mind the horror of it all, and though it was yet four years before home duties left her sufficiently free to carry out her intention, Prison tively called.

In the autumn of 1816 her regular visits to Newgate began. She asked upon the second occasion to be left alone with the parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard. She then addressed the mothers, dwelling upon the results to their children of the present conditions. She suggested that a school should be formed for all under 25 years of age, and that they should choose schoolmistress from among themselves. On her next visit Mary Connor, convicted of having stolen a watch, had been selected, and well and faithfully did she carry on the work for the remaining fifteen months of her imprisonment. An unoccupied cell was provided by the authorities, and for weeks Elizabeth and and his officials believed the schemes merely visionary, they gave all possible support, and the improvement among the prison inmates was undeniably great. Occupation, classification, and instruction were the three methods chosen. The women were assembled, and in the presence of the Sheriffs wereasked by Elizabeth if they would keep the rules drawn up by herself and eleven other ladies. They agreed unanimously. former prison laundry was whitewashed and placed at the ladies' disposal, and very soon the "tried" prisoners were at work upon stocking making. A visit from the Aldermen and Sheriffs of London brought hearty support and help, and the generosity of "Friends" supplemented these public funds.

The Bible-readings-twice daily-were of immense importance in the work of Reformation. The women crowded to hear. Visitors were allowed to be present, but nothing affected Elizabeth's entire concentration upon her subject, and the wonderful beauty of her tones reached to the very hearts of her hearers. Her own heart was often wrung with pity at the human tragedies around her. A young woman was condemned to death, and only awaited for the birth of her child for the execution of the sentence. Another was to suffer death for the murder of her babe. More and more as her experience widened did Elizabeth disapprove of the frequent sentence of death. More and more repentance, have regained her self-respect, and proved the reality

The great work thus begun was carried on with unflagging zeal for nearly thirty years. Steady improvement in the con-dition of the prisons rewarded her efforts: matrons were appointed, employment provided, and regular instruction given, and order, cleanliness, and quiet replaced the horrors of past days. The fame of such doings must needs be spread abroad. The name of Elizabeth Fry became a household word. The great of the land desired to see the woman whose personal

A WONDERFUL WEEK-a week for which to thank God and take courage—such has been this Congress Week for all who have the cause of Womanhood at heart. But to some of us who, at Southampton, came for the first time in touch with the leaders influence had done so much. High officials would fain consult her and benefit by her judgment. But through all her prayer was to be kept "humble, watchful, faithful, and persevering." of our League, the week has been in a special sense a revelation and an inspiration. "Tasks in hours of insight willed, may be through hours of gloom fulfilled," and the memory of the rousing From London to other great cities of England she passed, addresses we heard at our evening meetings, the thrilling speeches and thence to Scotland and Ireland, bringing everywhere the at the Palace Theatre, the patient courage of our workers selling same purifying influence, the same gently compelling force. the League paper, so cheerfully and untiringly, at the Congress Few could refuse any request from her, and the hardest hearts melted at her glance and word. "It is more terrible to be doors, and the march through the Southampton streets to meet the Qui Vive Corps will stir us to fresh efforts through the year brought before Mrs. Fry than before the judge," said a Newgate before us. But, best of all, a more abiding inspiration than any prisoner, and the best in every nature seemed to awake in response will be the treasured recollection of those consecrated moments spent daily in the grand old Church of St. Michael's. to her own. Always Many foreign authorities, with consciences aroused by her our hearts will throb with gratitude to the Vicar of St. Michael's -for his constant kindness to us, and, above all, for allowing us to use his beautiful church as the spiritual home of the League

example, wrote to her for advice, and in 1838 she visited Paris, accompanied by her husband and friends, and was received with high honour. In the following year the visit was repeated, during this momentous week. though the strenuous exertion had told upon her health. A Those of us who were able to arrive at Southampton before voice in her heart cried, " Daughter of God, go, go, go, and I will Sunday had an opportunity of hearing, in the Bishop of Southhelp thee." The tour made was extensive, including Avginon, Marseilles, and the Pyrenees. In 1840 Belgium, Holland, and ampton's morning sermon at St. Mary's, a fine exposition of the spiritual side of the Women's Movement. Referring to the claims of women, he said that the teaching of Christ and the Germany were travelled through, royalties vying in the respect and honour they paid her. In Denmark she dined with the development of His teaching in the history of the Church as a King and Queen in their country palace, and pleaded with success the cause of the persecuted Baptists. Travelling in the forties whole, formed a strong argument for the recognition of women's place and work, and for the equal treatment of the sexes. The was not the luxurious matter of to-day, but involved much hardlaim which women had put forward in these later days was a claim ship and fatigue, and her busy home-days brought scarcely less. for freedom to discover their powers of work and service, their In May, 1842, in company with the Lady Mayoress, she paid a capabilities-physically, intellectually, and spiritually; and visit to the Duchess of Kent, the Queen-Dowager, and the then for a fair, not prejudiced or harassed, opportunity to bring Duchess of Gloucester, and was then received by the "dear young Queen, Prince Albert, and their little ones." In 1843, their powers and capabilities into exercise. They had made themselves felt in many spheres of activity. Should we as Christians, discourage, oppose, and hinder these efforts ? Should on her last Continental tour, the Duchess of Orleans received her in great state in the Tuileries, and on her return Sir Robert Peel. we not, rather, work towards the enlargement of opportunity, Prince Albert, Lord Aberdeen (then Foreign Secretary), and the training of gifts, the providing of many fields for their exer-Lord Stanley (the Colonial Secretary) gathered to hear her experiences. With so ceaseless a round of activities, no wonder ise, the enabling of women to do the work for which they are fitted, whatever that work may be ? In concluding the Bishop that at last the lamp burnt low, and the large and devoted circle said that he should not touch the political question. He believed of her family-husband, children, and grand-children-knew that time would solve it, if only the right temper could be trained. that her days with them were numbered. Quietly she passed The great Women's Meeting of Monday afternoon gave a to her rest-strong in the faith by which she had lived-in fine opportunity for the sale of Church League papers and the October, 1845, in her sixty-fifth year.

distribution of pamphlets outside the doors. Canon Ivens's Her name is linked with many agencies for good, but her sympathetic remarks on the broader outlook for women were work in the prisons must ever stand as her great memorial, and loudly applauded. "I believe," he said, "that if the demand the thought of this woman, so brave and pitiful, will ever rise to the minds of men as they read or hear the words, "I was sick which you are making is urged with patience, wisdom, and forbearance, it will be granted, and I am convinced that you will and in prison, and ye visited Me." use your enlarged opportunities, as your sisters have done for years past in New Zealand, for the welfare of your country and for the maintenance of all that is pure and good.'

We especially appreciated the story of his working-man parishioner who spent all his evenings at the club, leaving at A Rummage Sale. home in solitude a good wife, but one who "could not find time to be interested in politics and such like." It was certainly refreshing to hear the enlightened suggestion as to the whole duty of the working-class wife with which the Canon continued : How to Help the General Funds of the C.L.W.S. There is a great deal too much gossip and tittle-tattle going on A RUMMAGE SALE will be held at St. Andrew's Mission Hall. in our midst. The world is a larger place than the street in Malden Road, N.W., on Saturday, November 29th, at 3 P.M. which you live; and the politics which interest your husband We earnestly beg all members who can to send any discarded and your sons, and the book of travels which you take out from clothing, boots, or household articles, and not later than November the library, open up questions far more important than the petty 27th to Mr. Rose, 176E, High Street, Camden Town, N.W. To quarrel which is being waged between two neighbours. I feel any who will inform us previously by sending a card to the C.L.W.S. Office we shall be greatly obliged. Also we shall be sure that one good effect of the present movement for securing a larger sphere of action for women is, that a larger number are very glad of names of helpers for the day of sale. We feel sure being led to interest themselves in great matters, and are, you will all do your best to make this a very great success. perhaps, discovering that many petty things which have hitherto seemed so important are very trifling indeed." GERTRUDE WILLIAMS.

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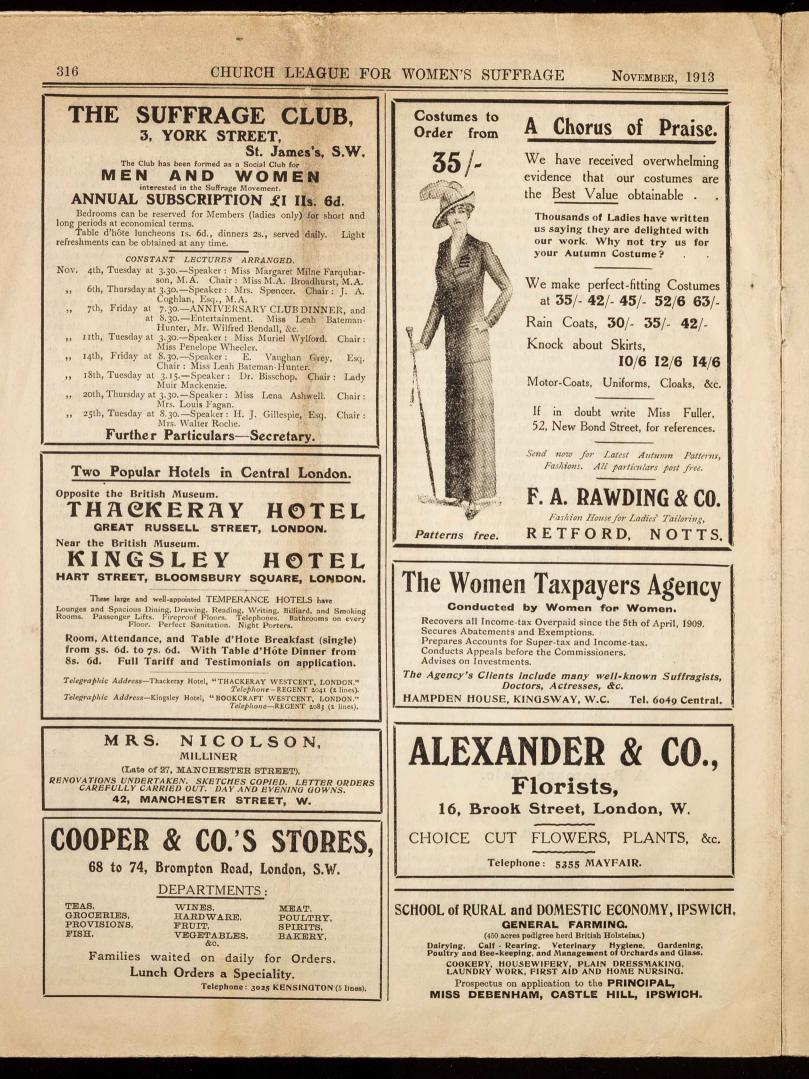
# CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

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# Some Impressions of the Church Congress Week.

### By Mrs. R. A. THOMAS.

Miss Maude Royden, in her speech on purity, gave those of her own sex who were present an earnest of the power and dignity with which she was to address their husbands and brothers at



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Perhaps we were most grateful to Bishop Welldon for his the magnificent mass meeting for men held that same evening at plain words on 'Women's Interests and Legislation.' Every the Coliseum. It was surely an epoch-making event when she member of the C.L.W.S. should learn them by heart. Miss appeared-one woman facing 2,000 men-to address them on Ruth Rouse presented clearly and forcibly the international the most delicate, vital, and pitiful of questions. We women were proud to hear afterwards from men friends of the profound aspect of the Woman's Movement, and summed up the forces behind it as " a desire for self-expression and a desire for liberty." impression Miss Royden had made. Those who heard her Miss Soulsby, in her humorous panegyric of the early Victorian would, we are sure, heartily subscribe to the words of a woman woman, gave us a restful interlude amid the more strenuous writer in The Southampton Times. "She is surely one of the quietest speakers who ever stepped on to a platform; and, speeches, and her old-world ideal provided incidentally a charming antique foil for the pictures painted by other speakers of the perhaps it is her gentleness, her perfect mental poise, her aloofcomplete woman of to-day, who, with her wider knowledge of ness from heated argument, and freedom from prejudice of any the outside world, develops a quickened sense of responsibility kind that have made her, not a conspicuous figure, but a peneand duty. Miss Constance Smith's practical advice to the trating influence throughout the week. Miss Royden is curiously public-spirited woman is memorable for its heart-lifting concluabove the clang and dust of the Suffrage Movement-by which Even though it be our fate to leave the battle at its I do not, of course, mean that she is not taking a very large part sion : hottest and most indecisive moments, perhaps when the clouds of in the struggle on the level plains. But her spirit, so it seems to impending defeat seem dark overhead, we at least should be me, dwells on the heights.' content if there may be pronounced over us those great words With the echoes of this great Women's Meeting still ringing of Robert Louis Stevenson-words which I always feel would in our ears, we listened to Canon Scott Holland's fine address be a fitting legend for the picture of Watts's "Happy Warrior" falling on his chosen battlefield—" There, out of the sun and the in St. Michael's Church to our League and its friends. His glorious suggestion of the possible spiritual explanation of what dust and the ecstacy, there goes another faithful failure." But is commonly called the "psychological moment" in a great failure is not, after all, the right, the possible word. It is not cause thrilled us with its grandeur and inspiration. We had failure to have dug patiently even one little corner of the vast already listened, not without emotion, to Miss Canning's appeal field over which shall wave by and by the harvest of righteousto us at our previous meeting that evening to continue, however ness; it is not failure to have helped to fill the morass, and great might be the discouragement and the difficulties, in our gather out the stones, and make smooth the highway over great fight for the cause of Womanhood. which shall presently march the armies of the kingdom-to On Tuesday, at our local office, we heard an address full of certain victory.'

the charm of enthusiastic common sense by Miss Sutcliffe of Buxton, and the Rev. J. W. S. J. Danbury, Vicar of St. Michael's, gave us wise words at the service of intercession that evening on

To the discussion which followed the most original contribution was, perhaps, that of the Rev. F. Lewis Donaldson, who apparently displeased a portion of the audience by asserting The Realization of Self, and of its Responsibilities.' hat women's inability to combine and free themselves from Wednesday was Woman's Day at Congress-" a real live pitiful burdens was partly due to the habitual depreciation of women from the cradle to the grave. The President's fine conday," as the local papers truly described it. Mrs. Luke Paget dealt with the subject of the day from the historical point of view, clusion to the discussion contained a protest against the overand her remarks on Women's position-or, rather, lack of posisexualizing of the treatment of woman. "She shows," he said, tion-on the Councils of the Church were of outstanding interest in many cases more power to transcend sex, either by instinct or by spiritual development, than is common in man. It is a to us of the Church League. "To-day," she said sarcastically and truly, "the women of commonplace of language that she is the more spiritual of the two." To this same point Mrs. Lewis Donaldson returned in her powerful address to our League that evening, when she insisted upon the need of a common ideal, morally and spirit-

the Church are thought to have no contribution to make worthy of serious consideration beyond that of the collection or giving of alms and punctual attendance." "Women," added Mrs. Paget, " have, I think, never been invited to attend diocesan or ually, for men and women. ruridecanal conferences. Though Elizabeth Fry gave evidence Thursday was a very full day for our Members, and in spite of the rain our spirits were never so high. The procession to the before a Royal Commission in the House of Commons as early Woolston Ferry to meet the Qui Vive Corps was a memorable as 1818, I found it was not possible for me to present a report made at the request of the London Diocesan Conference, and event. The most inspiring moment was that in which we met our plucky brown-garbed comrades, and paused, while the prayer dealing entirely with woman's work, in person.' of the League was offered, before starting on the return march.

Finally, setting aside the righteous indignation of the early part of her speech, she made a noble and unforgettable appeal for the recognition of women by the Church.

Who of us will ever forget that crowded meeting at the Palace Theatre, with its stirring speeches and enthusiasm ? It was, indeed, a fitting climax to weeks of strenuous effort, "To the Christian," she said, "there is neither male nor and as we went home, tired but triumphant, we felt that our female in the Kingdom of God, but all are one in Christ Jesusdaily prayer for guidance throughout the Congress Week had the obliteration of sex distinction, but the perfecting of perbeen abundantly answered, and that the opportunity given for sonality. The foundations have been laid for us by Christ our sincere and earnest discussion of the Woman's Movement had We can detect no touch of patronage, of impatience, Lord. cleared away many misconceptions and some bitterness, and of childishness, of hesitation, as He speaks to women. He had opened the eyes of many to the spiritual basis upon which draws us into complete spiritual and intellectual companionship, rests this demand for the Enfranchisement of Women. blessing every phase of woman's life-meditative, active, domestic-nor limits it to any one sphere. To us He intrusts the first message of the Incarnation, the Resurrection, the Ascension, Paper-Selling Report. the doctrine that God is a Spirit, and He gives to us at our Confirmation, without differentiation of sex, the Spirit of wisdom THE result of the Paper Sales this month has been most and understanding, of counsel and of ghostly strength. We satisfactory, and the October number is sold out. are to-day discussing ideals; we cannot pretend to have found The Oxford Street pitch has done remarkably well this them. Women are still sweeping for the lost bit of silver that month, and has almost doubled its sale. Special thanks for this are due to Mrs. Medd Hall and her helpers, who have worked belongs to them; it is imprinted with the Image of the King (and it were valueless unless). It may have been lost through so bravely and untiringly while many of us were away at Southour own carelessness, or through the ill advice of others; no matter. As we search we ask the men-folk to move a little ampton A Member has very generously offered to show a poster at that we may look everywhere, and sometimes, misunderstanding Euston Station for six months. us, they bid us cease raising such a dust and commotion. Can Gratefully acknowledged for Propaganda Fund: Miss we not search together and without prejudice for that which JOAN CATHER. Villiers, 2s. 6d. God would have us find ?"

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# An Open Letter to the Dean of Durham,

# St. Mark's Vicarage,

Tollington Park, London, N., To the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. October, 1913.

DEAR SIR,-At an anti-Suffrage meeting held in Southampton on September 30th you took as the text of your remarks from the chair two articles which had just been published in the C.L.W.S. Monthly Paper-' The Church Congress' and 'An Appeal to the Clergy.' I felt honoured that the unworthy products of my pen should receive your distinguished attention; and you will not take it amiss if I reply in these pages to the criticism which you then uttered with respect to them.

May I in the first place acknowledge what I feel to have been the sincerity and courtesy of that criticism. The vulgar abuse and misrepresentation which too often do duty as argument when the Church League for Women's Suffrage is assailed were conspicuously absent from your speech. If I have to complain of misrepresentation at all, it is of misrepresentation rooted, I am sure, in misapprehension. Whether such misapprehension was due to any lack of lucidity on my part, or to some want of attention on your part, I am content that the public should judge.

You began by challenging my contention that the question of the status of women is a religious question. You admit, indeed, that all questions are religious for the Christian : that as Christians we must bring to the decision of this question the best judgment that we have ; but you repudiate the idea that as Christians we must hold ourselves bound to give one answer only to this question, viz., that which the C.L.W.S. advocates. I hope I do not do injustice to your position. I am using, if I mistake not, your own words, though I have not a verbatim report of your speech.

Now, if you will consider the matter somewhat more carefully, you will find, I think, that, whereas a Christian must bring his best judgment to bear on all questions submitted for decision, those questions will severally fall into one of two categories. There will be some in which there is no ethical principle involved, which must therefore be determined upon grounds of expediency. There will be others where ethical principles are clearly at stake, and where in consequence considerations of supposed expediency must be resolutely disregarded. I do not know that any ethical principle forbids me to eat lobster salad late at night, but my best udgment as a Christian man, basing itself upon considerations of expediency alone, compels me to abstain. On the other hand, I am often sorely tempted to depart from the standard of absolute veracity at the promptings of supposed expediency, but he demand of the ethical principle involved is paramount.

The question, then, which is really at issue between us is simply this : Is there any Christian principle which imperatively demands the Enfranchisement of Women? If there is, then as a Christian man I must close my ears to all counter arguments which move on the lower plane of expediency, and govern my conduct by consideration of that principle alone. If there is not, then it is merely mischievous to treat this question as religious," in the fullest sense of that word.

I turn to the paper which you read at the Church Congress, and find that you recognize the "equality of the sexes" as an "indisputably Christian principle." My task is thereby lightened. I accept your principle, and affirm that the Enfranchisement of Women is an inevitable corollary thereto.

I admit, of course, that it is speculatively possible to construct a system of government in which the equality of the sexes would be completely recognized, yet in which Votes for Women could find no place. Men and women might, for example, agree to abandon the system of representative government altogether, and choose a despot for life-man or woman, peer or peasant—by an elaborate system of casting lots. But such suggestions are ludicrously impracticable, to say no worse respecting them. There is no real alternative to the Enfranchisement of Women other than the maintenance of their position as, so far as politics are concerned, a subject sex.

I want to emphasize this point, for it seems to me of some importance. If the demand for "Votes for Women" were but one of many more or less conflicting demands put forward to secure in public matters equality of the sexes, it would be deplorable to attempt to carry it by an appeal to religious convictions. Every Christian desires a diminution in drunkenness; but to make the Disinterested Ownership of Public-Houses the object of a religious crusade would simply darken counsel. For it is but one of many proposals sincerely put forward to attain that end. Prohibition, Local Option, Local Veto, Reduction in the number of Licensed Premises-all these expedients are proposed. And it is the part of a Christian man to bring his best judgment to bear upon these various plans, and to determine which will best contribute to the attainment of the end that, as a Christian, he is bound to promote. But to secure the recognition of the equality of the sexes in public life there is no practical alternative to Votes for Women. The best judgment of those who desire to give effect in public life to the indisputably Christian principle of the equality of the sexes is compelled to support Votes for Women as the only practicable expedient open to them.

You will urge, perhaps, that equality is consistent with differentiation of function. I admit your contention, but

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not as relevant to the present discussion. The functions of fatherhood and motherhood are diverse ; but we are agreed in believing that the divergence constitutes no inequality. But to affirm that it is the function of one sex to rule and of another to obey\* is the very negation of equality.

I would propose to you, Sir, a very obvious dilemma. Either you think it religiously important that the indisputably Christian principle of the equality of the sexes should be expressed in the ordering of our public life, or you do not. If you do, can you suggest any other expedient for its expression than the Enfranchisement of Women ? If you do not, can you give any you mention any other indisputably Christian principles which

Your statement that you could equally well take the chair at a Suffrage meeting may, or may not, have given satisfaction to those who organized the Anti-Suffrage meeting at which you presided. To me, Sir, it constituted-I would write with all due respect-the very head and front of your offending. movement for the Enfranchisement of Women had been before the country for years whilst you were still in your cradle. It is, As a controversialist, Sir, you are somewhat at a disin its essence, a world-wide movement. It confronts the Church as really, and almost as urgently, in India and China as in England and America. It has been discussed ad nauseam in Parliament. Its principle has been accepted in that assembly with almost monotonous regularity for I know not how many decades. Petitions to Parliament, processions through the streets, gigantic demonstrations have arrested the attention I have gratefully recognised the courtesy of your criticism, even of the unthinking multitude. Nor is this all. During your still recent residence at Westminster you have seen and heard strange things. You have gone homewards past the House of Commons, and seen women keeping vigil there through long, cold, autumn nights, desirous of presenting their case to the Prime Minister. You have read of women, too eminent in the professional world or too conspicuous in Society to be wholly unknown to you-Lady Constance Lytton, Dr. Garrett Anderson, Dr. Ethel Smyth, to mention but a few-convicted in policecourts and imprisoned for offences against property or police regulations. You were not the vicar of some remote country In suggesting, however, that because we recognize the essentiparish, to be hoodwinked by newspaper articles about hooligan women and demented viragoes. You have read of the hunger strike, of forcible feeding. You know, and have long known, that a section of the womanhood of this country is in passionate revolt against existing conditions. And you, who might almost be said to have had his finger on the pulse of and invite frank discussion of this question, as though it had comment.

good reason why it should not find such expression ? and can you do not desire to recognize in the ordering of the State ? advantage on an anti-Suffrage platform. You labour under the disability of holding the fundamental principle of suffragism. You cannot cast the equality of the sexes to the winds and utter the language of Lord Curzon at the Albert Hall, or of Sir Almroth Wright in his recent deplorable pamphlet. Indeed, you may well ask yourself what you are doing in such a galley. but you hardly did justice to your finer instincts when you likened me, by implication of course, to a "dancing Dervish." The Laudian Professor of Arabic at Oxford and the Bishop of Kensington also contributed to the October issue of our Paper. Did you-I put the suggestion with bated breath-did you mean to compare them to dancing Dervishes also ? But, perhaps, this is hardly fair. Your illustration had, at least, the supreme merit of making your meaning clear. I only refer to it as a timely reminder that the religious fervour which you deprecate is not the only possible source of intemperance in speech.

ally religious basis of the claim of Women to Enfranchisement, we therefore refuse to discuss the question, and simply clamour for our own way, you are demonstrably unfair. I say "demonstrably," because every issue of our Paper is a refutation of your assertion. Reasons are as thick as blackberries, and we Dean Hensley Henson, a recognized leader of advanced thought render them without any compulsion at all. We recognize that in the Church, a man resident but recently at the very centre in a very imperfectly Christianized community appeal to Chris- of affairs, for whom no avenue to accurate knowledge was closed, tian principles is not in itself sufficient. The evils attendant upon the present exclusively male franchise must be exposed, the universe—you blandly profess that you have an open mind and the benefits which experience elsewhere has (so we believe) discovered in equal franchise for the sexes must be set forth. only just appeared above the political horizon. I refrain from When, however, we address ourselves exclusively to that section of the community which professedly stands for the maintenance My articles which provoked your criticism were written of Christian principles in private and public life-the clergy, with the usual editorial anonymity. But I have never written we feel entitled to press the matter on grounds of principle alone ; an anonymous letter, and do not propose to do so now. Thereto refuse to give weight to considerations of supposed expedifore, though my name can add no weight to my views, I beg to ency alleged against us until our appeal to Christian principles subscribe myself. is shown to be fallacious.

You charge me, Sir, with assuming in my second article that every honest clergyman must approve the Enfranchise-ment of Women. I assumed nothing of the kind. I addressed my appeal avowedly to those amongst the clergy who admit that women's claim is just, but will not use their influence to render it effective. I believe wholeheartedly that Christian principles

WE are aghast and indignant at the recrudescence of forcible demand the Enfranchisement of Women ; but experience forbids feeding. We thought that barbarity had been banished forever me to assign any limit to the follies and prejudices of Christian from our penal system. It is, of course, an enhancement of the men. barbarity that it should be practised upon women, normally Remembering to whom my appeal was addressed, I fail to find anything contemptible in the plea that the continued apathy law-abiding and of social worth, who have been goaded into rebellion by the refusal of justice and by more than the suspicion of the clergy, arising from absorption in other interests, is of political treachery. But our protest against the practise alienating many of our most devout and intelligent women from does not rest upon its accidental connexion with the Suffrage the Church. The clergy admittedly cannot interest themselves agitation. We resist it as inhuman. It is, as carried out, simply actively in every proposed reform which they may passively an irresponsible form of torture. It may be more or less severe approve; and if the question of Women's Enfranchisement were of slight moment, involving little of spiritual gain or loss, at the discretion of the Home Secretary and his officials. If we are really to return to the days of physical torture, let its amount the clergy might reasonably hold themselves absolved from and character be regulated and determined in open court. It is active participation in the controversy; but, in view of the vain to say that such "treatment" is rendered inevitable by actual facts, apathy on the part of the convinced priest may the hunger strike. If a prisoner refuses food there are two possible \* It may be said that whilst one sex only makes the laws, both sexes are called upon to obey them. But there is no real affiinity between obedience to the laws ourselves have made, and obedience to laws enacted without any reference to our will. Spiritually, the difference is that which exists between freedom and servitude. methods of dealing with the situation other than forcible feeding. He can be left to starve, or he can be released. Which course should be adopted, when a choice has to be made, would depend upon the circumstances of the case, the nature of the offence,

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almost be accounted the unpardonable sin. You seemed to suggest that I appealed to the clergy to embrace a merely political cause from motives of professional interest. Believe me. I should share to the full your contempt for those who could respond to such a line of argument. I appealed to the clergy who believe in the justice of Woman's claim to recognize their duty, to weigh its urgency, and to fulfil it whilst there was still time.

> Your obedient servant. F. M. GREEN.

# Forcible Feeding.

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There is another aspect of the matter. The position of the medical profession in relation to this practice seems to need definition. We write subject to correction, but we believe that it is a fixed principle of medical and surgical practice that no operation, however vital, shall be performed upon a sane patient against his will. Hundreds of persons die every year because they will not submit to operations for cancer or appendicitis. We believe this rule prevails in theory within the walls of a prison no less than in an ordinary hospital. We apprehend that if a person sentenced to imprisonment for a term of years developed cancer no attempt would be made to force him to undergo an operation against his will. Wherein then lies the distinction between an operation for cancer and an operation to impart nourishment? We should very much like to know whether artificial feeding is ever resorted to in general practice against the expressed will of a sane patient. And if, as we believe, such treatment would be without precedent, we should be glad to learn on what ground the medical officers of prisons have recourse to such treatment, and how it is that their conduct is not repudiated by the profession as a whole.

There is one other point. We have no desire to accept ex parte statements as representing the entire facts of a case but if there is even a residuum of truth in the reports, given by women who have been forcibly fed, of the treatment they have undergone and the language employed to them by medical officers, the action of some medical officers at least has been brutal and offensive to a degree, and calls for immediate public inquiry. Nor are we disposed to forget that, whilst the executive authorities have been more than once convicted of "official lying" we quote the deliberate language of Lord Robert Cecil and Lord Lytton-their prisoners have had their sincerity and truthfulness repeatedly acknowledged by judge and jury in open court.

## A National Week of Prayer.

REFERENCE to the Calendar will show how—through Head-quarters and Branches—we have been able to arrange corporate arrangements, we know, do not represent in anything but a slight degree the intentions of the members throughout the League for that period of pleading our cause the more earnestly before God. The attention of our readers is specially directed to the services to be held on Saturday, November 1st (All Saints), at St. Paul's, Harrow Road, at 3 P.M., when the address will be given by the Rev. N. E. Egerton Swann, and on Wednesday, November 5th, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, at 3.30, when the Rector, the Rev. Canon J. H. B. Masterman, will preach. On the Thursday (November 6th) the Joint Committee of the Religious Woman Suffrage Societies will hold a Social Reception from 7-8 P.M. at Caxton Hall, Westminster. Speeches will follow from 8 P.M. by Lady Frances Balfour (Scottish Churches League), Miss Abadam (Catholic Women's Suffrage Society), Mrs. M. Ford Smith (Friends' League), Rev. C. Hinscliff (Church League), Rev. Dr. J. Hochman (Jewish League), Rev. C. Fleming Williams (Free Church League).

The harmonious relations which have existed between the various Religious Leagues, and which have been especially apparent during the organization of the Week of Prayer (we put a room at the disposal of the Joint Committee for its deliberations), suggest future co-operation on occasion without prejudice to their particular tenets and programmes of work. The Executive Committee of the C.L.W.S. has accordingly passed the following Resolution :-

"That a Committee be formed representative of the Religious Organizations for Women's Suffrage as a basis for concerted action on such occasions as may be deemed advisable.' С. Н.

# Notes and News.

Caxton Hall Meetings.

Our meeting last month at Caxton Hall proved very successful, the only fault being a programme somewhat in excess of the time at our disposal. It was a pity that such interesting speeches should have been so severely restricted in length. Our next meeting will be held on November 1st at 3 P.M. Mrs. Okey will be in the Chair, and the speakers will be Mr. Cameron Grant and Lieut. J. L. Cather. Teas will be provided, 6d. each, and a collection will be made.

### The League in Ireland.

We congratulate the Irish Groups of the League on their strenuous efforts to arouse Church people to the religious significance of the Women's Movement. A petition, signed by over 1,300 persons, of whom 56 were clergy, was recently presented to the Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, by a deputation from the League, praying for the use of the Cathedral for a service to seek God's guidance and blessing upon the Movement. The petition has been refused ; but the support accorded to it will not be without its ultimate effect. We hear of carefully prepared plans to bring the question to the notice of the clergy during Synod week. The political atmosphere in Ireland makes progress very difficult, but we tender to our fellow-Churchmen and Churchwomen across the Channel who strive in this cause our hearty appreciation of what has been already accomplished and our sincere good wishes for their future activities.

### Christmas Cards.

Miss Isabel Hutchinson has most kindly given her time and artistic skill to design a Christmas Card for the League. It consists of a picture of the Madonna and Child in black-and-white surrounded by a floral design and bearing the title of the League and the League Medallion. The cards will be sold for one penny each. Orders for one dozen or more will be sent post free. A specimen may be had from the office by sending an addressed envelope (court size) bearing a halfpenny stamp. Profits on sales will be given to the General Fund.

The Suffrage Atelier (2, Robert Street, Adelphi, W.C.) are also ready to supply Christmas cards in colours. Specimens may be seen at the Church League Office, but queries and orders by post should be sent to the Suffrage Atelier.

### Lending Library.

By the generous gift of a member, who desires to remain quarters and Branches—we have been able to arrange corporate devotions, meetings, &c., during the Week of Prayer. These on Sociology, and on the Women's Movement, and some novels.

The books will be kept at 6, York Buildings, and the Librarian, Miss Eileen M. Lloyd, will attend from 10.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M. on the Tuesday of each week. Members are asked to exchange books on that day. A Catalogue and copy of the rules will be sent on receipt of 2d. in stamps.

Additional volumes will be gratefully accepted. Those bearing on the Church and Social Questions—e.g., volumes of this character by Canon Scott Holland—are specially in demand. The Work and Witness of Women.'

The Rev. Dr. W. S. MacGowan will preach a course of sermons at St. Anne's, Soho, on the first four Sundays in November, at 7 P.M., on 'The Work and Witness of Women,' taking as his examples Elizabeth Fry, Florence Nightingale, Josephine Butler, and Octavia Hill.

## In Memoriam.

OUR LEAGUE mourns the loss this side the veil of Miss Mary Gilchrist of Edinburgh, who since the inception of the C.L.W.S. has been a devoted worker on its behalf in the teeth of great opposition and indifference.

Under Dublin Notes reference is made to Dean O'Brien of Limerick. In spite of the heavy weight of years this valiant Churchman stood by us Church Suffragists at the Irish Synod last year at a very memorable meeting of the League. Swansea feels the loss of Mr. R. G. Cawker, who since the Branch started has been a doughty champion of our sacred cause. For such lives we thank God.

# Thanksgivings and Intercessions.

It is upon this that I ground my appeal. I ask: Ought not LET US GIVE THANKSthis to be enough to set us free from our present unhappy and igno-For the influence exerted by the Church Congress and minious position, and to open the better chapter of which I have spoken? For in the view of advocates of the franchise this is all for the work of the League in Southampton. For rapid increase in the membership of the League hat they need desire. The franchise is, in their view, the first and For the happy unity of action achieved by the "Reliindispensable expression or result, itself the way to many others, of the Women's Movement. If the movement be fairly recognized, gious " Leagues. For earnest preparation on the part of many in response

to the Call to Praver.

of the Women's Movement. If the movement be fairly recognized, the franchise is, they believe, inevitable. This would probably be accepted at once by the "non-militant" section. But I would press it equally on those who have adopted militant methods. They have not done so, we may assume, lightly or without purpose; nor, as I hope, without much repugnance, and a keen perception of some at least of the evils which attend the proof work methods in the life of a pation. Which twee their purpose? UNTO THY NAME BE THE PRAISE. LET US PRAY-For the grace of patient continuance in well doing. use of such methods in the life of a nation. What was their purpose For all whose courage falters or whose hearts are filled Plainly, to compel attention, to force the matter forward, to break with bitterness. through what they deemed barriers of stubborn indifference or For all who suffer in mind, body, or estate in their prejudice.

conflict on behalf of truth.

That we may henceforth all be of one heart and of one mind, united in the bonds of faith and hope and charity.

THY WILL BE DONE.

### COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Whose is the silver and the gold, Who givest to all men life and breath and all things; make us ever more mindful of the stewardship we hold from Thee; teach us the joy of sacrifice for noble ends; and grant that whatsoever is gladly given may be wisely used to Thy praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N.B.—Copies of the above in small type for interleaving in Prayer Books may be obtained from the office : 4 copies,  $1\frac{1}{2}d$ .; 12 copies, 3d.; 25 copies, 4d.; 50 copies, 6d., post free.

## Bishop of Winchester's Letter.

THE following letter from the Bishop of Winchester appeared in The Times on October 24th :-

and extreme necessity. To them, then, I address an appeal for a 'Truce of God' for SIR,-No one ought to be afraid of a venture if he sees any chance the blessing and benefit alike of men and women, and for the relief of an inflamed and most unwholesome condition of our common life. of serving the common weal. It is in this spirit that I desire, by your leave, to make an appeal to men and women of good will in the present position of the "Women's question." But what have I to say to their opponents and to the community at large ? What contributions have others to make to that which is my aim ?

present position of the "Women's question." It can, I think, satisfy and please no one. To say this is to say little. It must be to all, or nearly all, humiliating and anxious. It is demonstrably charged with dangers and risks of many kinds to our national welfare. Is it as hopeless and impossible as may be thought to clear the slate and to begin a new chapter in the history ? have derived some faint encouragement from the experienc

of the Church Congress at Southampton, over which I presided during the week before last. We discussed there, in Christian light, the 'I deals of Womanhood,' or, in other words, what women should be and do in the life of the community. The matter was considered with admirable harmony and temper, and, with the exception of one momentary disturbance two days later (since explained), quite without friction. This, though a small thing, was all to the good; and personally I owe and offer cordial acknowledgments for it all round

But two things appear to be of public moment and material (4) But I go further. We shall not (I speak for the men) to my present purpose. The Congress evidently recognized the reality, meaning, and importance of the Women's Movement in come to a just judgment, nor, therefore, win back the attention and respect of those whom this matter kindles to passion, unless we recognize the bitter crop of a long and cruel sowing. What is put our time; and it did this with a large measure of cordiality. draw from this an inference which I hope is legitimate. Let it be remembered that a Church Congress represents some of the more "conservative" and less emotional forces in the religious world of in as poison comes out as fever. The fever in the blood of our body politic, and particularly in those who should be its gentler part. comes from all the long and bad record, not merely of what men to-day. I should suppose, with respect, that any such feelings as I have attributed to the Congress would have been found more have done in passion or weakness, but of what they have defended as natural or condoned as inevitable. But it is not all fever. There strongly still, if, say, half of those present had been Nonconformists. Now it would be grossly unfair and entirely unwarranted to draw from this general attitude of the Congress towards women's aims an is fervour, too, not morbid, but righteous and generous; a desire to lift and to serve even through self-sacrifice those whom the "social evils," moral and economical, oppress. Without recognition of this, our best intended denunciations of folly and crime, however inference about the verdict of the Congress, or of the larger religious world, upon the special and burning question of the franchise.

But what is, I think, plain and hardly controvertible is this: that there is in these parts of society a condition of opinion favour-able to a frank and sympathetic treatment of practical proposals fully justified, will be ineffective. If the note which I have tried to strike wakes any echoes, it will be for others to develope the matter. An amnesty would not, I imagine, be too difficult to arrange. But I suppose that one thing for the betterment of women's position. This is no peculiarity of the religious world : on the contrary indispensable would be a definite prospect of the introduction of

the position of eminent public men on both sides of politics, and the | a Suffrage Bill, as "a first-class measure," in some such way that,

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general aspect of the opinions of Labour, are instances to show that it would be equally true on the larger field. The matter than is now before the nation, a first-rate political question for solution, outside controversies of political party.

I have never disguised my opinion that they did, and do, gravely wrong; though it was wrong which had in it a large element of chivalry, and beneath it deep roots of conviction and purpose.

But I now respectfully invite them to consider whether upon their own principles they are prepared to undertake the other, far graver and surely far less justifiable, responsibility of an attempt not only to bring the matter to the bar of national opinion, but also to drive it through by force, not by the conversion of opinion, but by defiance of it.

I would ask them, reasoning fairly to the best of my ability on their principles, to consider (1) that they believe the arguments for the Suffrage to be overwhelming; in other words, that, given its chance, it must win; (2) that they have made their contribution (needed or unneeded, justifiable or unjustifiable, is not here the question) which they believe to have been decisive in compelling attention to the matter; (3) that they reckon the suffrage a change of momentous and far-reaching consequence; in other words, one upon which, on any showing, a nation may claim to decide without precipitancy and with fullest deliberation; and (4) they will surely allow me to add, that, if conceivably driven through otherwise than by the conquest of opinion, its benefits must be largely impaired,

and dangers of reaction and of other kinds enormously increased. They cannot, I submit, ignore the public repugnance felt for their methods, nor themselves, I would fain believe, regard these as other than anti-social expedients justified merely by temporary

It is not, I think, hard to see. Plainly the promise of a fair and full consideration; that goes without saying. But, more particularly :-

(1) A recognition, such as the Church Congress gave, of the reality, depth, and strength of a movement among women asking. for a "fuller life, greater honour, and worthier treatment by men." (2) A strenuous consideration of the question whether or not,

for the purpose of that movement, the franchise is indispensable or material.

(3) A readiness, upon the abandonment or suspension of militancy, to turn our backs upon its faults, and to acknowledge the self-devotion, courage, and endurance of many of its women, hings of which, if only rightly directed and controlled, we can never by Referendum or otherwise, the real opinion of the country may be ascertained upon it. But my part is done. What I have asked for seems almost

beyond hope. But spiritual forces are strong; and with God's blessing even "this thing " may " be."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, EDW. WINTON. Farnham Castle, Surrey, October 17th.

We publish this letter instantly in order that it may be in the hands of our readers during the Week of Prayer. We have nothing but gratitude for the admirable temper it displays. All that its writer feels respecting the anti-social character of "militancy" and the evils which attend the use of such methods in the life of a nation we heartily endorse. We are beyond measure grateful for the writer's insight, not indeed into the political purpose of militancy—there, we think, he is imperfectly informed—but into the character of many who have come to regard it as the only expedient-a hateful one, they would aver at best—whereby to win deliverance from age-long wrongs. Nothing could be finer than the memorable words "What is put in as poison comes out as fever... but it is not all fever," and the context which they recall. If only five years ago, or even two years ago, more men of good will had written and spoken thus ! How much of pain and sorrow, how much of harm and loss we might have been spared.

If to words of heartfelt appreciation we add some words of criticism it is because we, too, would seek to make our contribution to the good end the Bishop has in view, and we are convinced that the facts of the situation are not quite as he apprehends them, and that they must be faced as they really are if any escape from our present humiliating and distressful situation is to be found. 1. We do not think the Bishop realizes how central to the whole

vement is the demand for Enfranchisement. The vote is something more than an instrument for redressing wrongs or effecting social service; it is the symbol of political freedom. It is the denial of that freedom, the resolute maintenance of the badge of political inferiority, which perhaps more than anything else accounts for the passionate insistence of the Women's Movement. If all the moral and economic wrongs under which women suffer were remedied to-morrow, the demand for enfranchisement would only gain in of her dignity and value to the community, only makes the refusal of political recognition more intolerable. In our view fair recog-nition of the Women's Movement is a phrase without meaning, unless it includes fair recognition of women's claim to enfranchise ment

2. We have no title to speak for militants; but as spectators of a phase of the Suffragist controversy in which we take no part, we venture to express the opinion that "militancy" is not at the present time concerned with converting opinion or forcing the women's question upon the attention of electors, but with creating a condition of things which shall compel the Government to give effect to those opinions which, in the judgment of those responsible for militancy, the electors have already sufficiently expressed. It is an attempt to coerce not an indifferent electorate, but a hostile

Cabinet. The situation is even graver than the Bishop assumes; but there is nothing to be gained by ignoring the facts; and the Bishop would be the last person to wish to do so. 3. The Bishop's supposition "that one thing indispensable would be a definite prospect of the introduction of a Suffrage Bill as 'a first-class measure" is somewhat vague. Who is to intro-duce this "first-class measure"? The Government? They have only to introduce such a measure with evident sincerity to put an end to all strife. Nothing further is needed. A private member ? The game of "facilities" has already, we fear, been played once too often

But whilst we feel impelled to make these criticisms, we do so in the honest hope that we have over-estimated the difficulties which present themselves, and we earnestly ask our readers to make the whole subject raised by the Bishop's letter a matter for constant intercession, more especially during the Week of Prayer. The present condition of our country is deplorable; Christian civilization is a by-word if it can yield nothing better than what is taking place around us; and there is a God, more ready to hear than we to pray, Who orders all things both in heaven and earth.

Church House Meeting Church House Meeting
 DECEMBER 9th, at 8 p.m.
 Chairman - THE BISHOP OF KENSINGTON.
 A few Reserved and Numbered Seats, 1/- each.

sermon, was arranged for members and friends at St. Andrew's Church, Linacre, and special prayers were offered for the Church League for Women's Suffrage and for the Church Congress.
On Thursday, October 9th, a Meeting was held in Stanley Hall, Bootle, and most ably presided over by the Vicar of St. Andrews, Linacre. Miss E. Chubb of Liverpool and Councillor J. H. Johnston of Bootle gave particularly interesting addresses—the pity was that more people could not have heard them. Messrs. Bernard and Harrison also briefly spoke; Messrs. Davies and Meakin kindly

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Anerley and District. New Associates : Mrs. R. Bazeley, Mrs. Roots, Mrs. Theobald, Mrs. Tedham.

Members and friends are asked to note the following events

and if possible to help in all :-Jumble Sale early in November. Please send any articles at once to Hon. Secretary. A Meeting for men and women will be held in the Co-operative

Hall on October 30th, 8 P.M. Speaker, Rev. Drew Roberts.

As no local church will permit us to hold a Service of Inter-ion for the Women's Movement we have arranged to hold one n the Co-operative Hall on November 4th, 8 P.M. Preacher, Rev. C. Hinscliff.

At 3 P.M. the same day Miss M. Bell will speak on the spiritual aspect of the movement at our Women's Monthly Meeting. On November 7th Miss E. Fennings is speaking at a small

informal meeting on the White Slave Traffic (MISS) ETHEL M. FENNINGS.

### Barnet.

A Suffrage Reading and Working Party meets fortnightly on Thursdays, from 3 to 5 p.m., at Rothernhay, Station Road, by kind invitation of Mrs. Davies. The book being read is 'Feminism,' Mrs. Snowden. Members are invited to bring friends.

A kind gift of new Suffrage books has been made to the Branch; they may be borrowed at a charge of 2d. per volume for a fortnight. One of our Barnet members has given welcome help at Charing Cross Pitch. (MISS) CLARA E. STRACHAN.

### Bedford.

New Member : Mrs. Rowland Prothero.

At the beginning of the summer holiday season, the members were requested to read a series of essays entitled 'Converging Views of Social Reform,' and it is hoped later in the autumn to have a meeting to discuss some of the social problems touched on in the hook.

The Committee have organized a meeting for the National Vigilance Association, to be held on October 29th. There was a Corporate Communion with Special Intercessions

at St. Peter's Church on October 1st. (MISS) E. FLETCHER. Bedford Park.

New Member : Miss F. Clark. During the National Week of Prayer a Drawing-Room Meeting will be held at 31, Flanders Road, Bedford Park, on Tuesday, November 4th (see Calendar). Members are co-operating with Kensington and West Kensington Branches in selling the paper outside the Missionary Exhibition to be held in Hammersmith. (MISS) H. C. MARTINDALE.

### Birmingham.

New Members : Miss Ashley, Mrs. A. Haslewood, Miss Charlotte Lloyd.

Lioya. Through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. F. Underhill, the next Quarterly Service will be held at St. Albans, Moseley, on November 4th, at 8 P.M. The Rev. G. H. Davis of Hereford Cathe-dral has kindly consented to preach the sermon. All friends are heartifu invited to attact. heartily invited to attend.

The Annual Business Meeting will take place after the Service. It is hoped that all our members will make an effort to be present. (MISS) E. M. GRIFFITHS. Bloomsbury.

New Members: Mrs. and Miss Shaw-Brown. The first of the Winter Series of Lectures was very successful, and we had a good audience to listen to Miss Irene Cox, who was

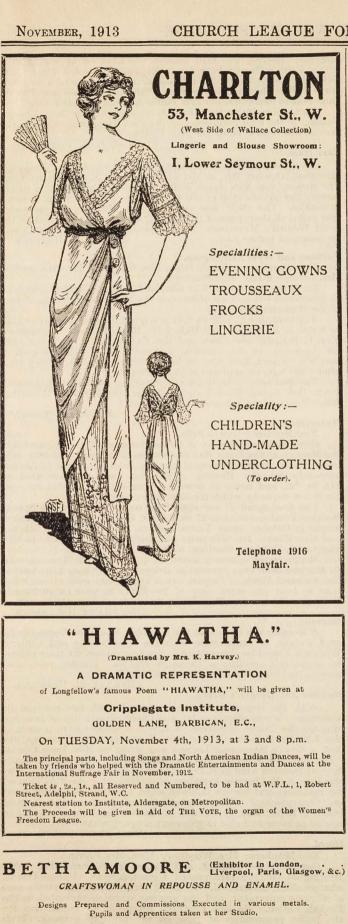
very interesting and instructive on the subject of 'Girls in Industry.' The next lecture will be given by Mrs. Bracher on Tuesday, November 4th (see Calendar). Admission is free, but reserved seats, price 1s. each, can be obtained from the Branch Secretary. (MISS) KATHARINE BAVERSTOCK.

### Bootle and District.

The members attended a Celebration of Holy Communion in

St. Matthew's Church, Bootle, on Sunday, September 21st, when Intercession on behalf of the Church Congress was made. On October 1st, by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Jackson, M.A., a special Evensong, with appropriate hymns and sermon, was arranged for members and friends at St. Andrew's

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acted as stewards; and Miss Gourley had charge of the Literature (MISS) E. E. APPLETON. Stall

### Brighton and Hove.

New Members : Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Perkin, Miss V. Barnett, Mrs. Richardson Griffiths.

The New Offices at 3, North Street Quadrant, Brighton, wer opened on October 9th by the Rev. C. Hinschiff. Mrs. Francis took the chair. The Office was crowded, and many friends could find no place but the stairs outside. Mr. Hinscliff made an excellent and inspiring speech. One new member joined, literature and papers were sold, and  $\pm 15s$ . taken in the collection. Miss R. Barnett and Miss M. Goad kindly recited.

Every one is invited to visit the New Office-office hours 11-1 and 3-

The thanks of the Branch are due to some anonymous friend who sent a parcel of things for the Jumble Sale.

'At Homes " will be held at the Office every Thursday. The Secretary will be at the Office every Saturday from 3 to 5. (Miss) KATE CLOSE.

### Bromlev (Kent). New Members : Miss Fox, Mrs. Thornton.

(MISS) ETHEL M. WILLIAMS. Cambridge.

Three important items are to be considered at the forthcoming 

town and University circles. It is proposed that free copies be supplied for the use of private clubs, and in the public library, for which purpose the Council will be requested to provide permanent covers for their insertion.

2. The formation of a local committee of organisation.

3. The question of a motor commutes of the Established Church of Scotland to membership of the Church League, and petitioning the governing body accordingly. (REV.) FRANK BUTTLE. Cardiff.

New Member : Miss Woodward.

On September 30th a Service of Intercession for the C.L.W.S. Congress workers was held at St. Andrew's Church. It was decided to devote the collection to propaganda work, and to ask absentee members also to contribute, in order that copies of the October magazine might be sent to every clergyman in the diocese, and to G.F.S., Mothers' Union, and other Church workers. Mrs. and Miss Hooper kindly undertook to address and send out the magazine to the 220 clergy in the Archdeaconry of Llandaff, and the Newport Branch are sending to those in the Archdeaconry of Monmouth 100 papers have been sent to G.F.S. workers, and more have yet to go out. Mrs. Walter Shirley kindly contributed 10s., and other members smaller sums. Miss Downe is selling the paper on Saturdays outside the Kardomah during the Secretary's absence, and on her return has promised to sell at Penarth. We still want more volunteers for paper selling. (MISS) LUCY E. L. RUSSELL.

### Chelmsford

New Members : Mr. Shears, Mrs. Wrightson (transferred). (MRS.) A. L. HATCHER.

Clifton and Bristol. New Members: Mrs. G. V. F. Sweet, Miss Hodge, Miss Edith M. Bamfield, Miss Hitchen, Miss Ethel A. Mitchell. (MISS) F. L. CRAMPTON.

### Dublin

New Members: Rev. A. D. Purefoy, Mrs. Conolley Norman Miss Ormsby, Mr. Carey. With deep regret we have to announce the death of the Very

With deep regret we have to announce the death of the very Rev. Dean O'Brien of Limerick. He has always been a strong supporter of Women's Suffrage. He presided over our first meeting in Synod Week last year and joined our League. Many other people and many other papers will without doubt speak of the excellent and devoted work of the Dean in his office to which he was called. All we do is to record our regret at losing his sympathy and help.

On Thursday, September 18th, the following resolution was proposed and seconded and forwarded to Mr. McKenna :--That the Church League, Ireland, strongly urge that, in the interests of morality, a full public inquiry into the Piccadilly Flat Case be instituted.--(Signed) M. L. I. Stack, H.S. C.L.W.S.I., Dr. Kathleen Lynn, F.R.C.S.I. (Chairman). (MISS) M. L. I. STACK.

### Ealing and Acton.

### New Member : Mrs. Pallenham Beatty.

Members' Meeting was held through the kindness of Miss Norton at St. Faith's, Mount Park Road, Ealing, on October 15th. Miss Bell was the speaker. At this meeting arrangements were made for a Public Meeting in December. All members are asked to do their best to make this, our first Public Meeting, a great success. On October 16th a Devotional Service was held at Christ Church,

Ealing, by the kind permission of the Rev. Templeton King. The Service was conducted by the Rev. C. Hinseliff. (MISS) S. A. BONNERJEE.

East Ham.

A very enjoyable and instructive Meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, October 9th, in the surgery of Dr. Katherine Heanley. The speaker was Miss Agnes Kelly, who carefully explained to her hearers the terrible evils of the White Slave Traffic and the sweated industries. The chair was taken by the Rev. Cyril Isherwood, who urged all those present to hear and read more of the truth of the great Women's Movement. It is hoped that another meeting will be arranged before long. (MISS) C. E. HEANLEY

Fulham and West Kensington. New Members: Miss E. Cope, Mrs. Elworthy, Miss McClatchie, Mrs. Greenwell-Lax, Miss Bradley. On November 6th, at 8.15 p.m., at 3, Perham Crescent, the Rev.

C. Isherwood will give an address on the Moral and Spiritual Aspect of the Women's Movement.

The Branch will hold its first public meeting on November 24th at 8 p.m. in St. Augustine's Hall, Lillie Road, Fulham. Speakers-Rev. C. Hinscliff and Lieut. and Mrs. Cather. Will every one work for the success of this meeting and make it as widely known as possible. Free tickets may be had on November 6th, or any time after that date, on application to the Secretary. The Secretary is organizing paper selling outside Hammersmith

Town Hall during the S.P.G. Exhibition, October 30th-November 6th. Will any one volunteer for this work ?

### (MISS) JANE LOMAX.

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Hampstead. New Member : Miss G. Sells.

Our thanks are due to all those who worked so hard to make the Meeting at the Town Hall the success that it was, and especially to the Chairman (the Bishop of Lincoln), who journeyed to London purposely for the Meeting. The net proceeds amounted to £16 8s. 7d., and have, as arranged, been equally divided amongst

the five societies by which the meeting was organized. The final result of our appeal for contributions to the Special Holiday Fund amounts to £3 0s. 6d., i.e. £1 7s. 6d. (already acknowledged in October issue), Misses Cannon, 10s. ; Miss Smith, £1 1s. ; and Miss Phelps, 2s. The prize has therefore been awarded to Miss Smith of 1, Daleham Gardens, N.W. Members are earnestly asked to keep the week November 1st

to 8th free from engagements in order that they may take part in the National Week of Prayer. It is hoped that each member will take at least one extra copy of the Paper to pass on to friends. Volunteers for street selling during the week are urgently needed. (MRS.) LUCY HENDERSON.

### Harrow

A Meeting will be held at the Assembly Rooms on December 1st A Meeting will be held at the Assembly Rooms on December 1st at 8 o'clock, in conjunction with the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association. Members please do their utmost to make this meeting a thorough success. Further particulars may be had from Mrs. Hinscliff, 66, Middle Road. (MRS.) G. M. HINSCLIFF.

### Hendon and Golder's Green.

With the beginning of October our Branch has resumed its activities. Wednesday, the 1st, was observed as a day of Interces-sion for the Church Congress. C.L.W.S. members were present at the 7.30 Holy Eucharist and 5.30 Evensong. On Thursday, the 2nd, a deeply interesting Lecture was given by Miss Irene Cox on The Sweated Worker,' and on Tuesday, the 7th, the Quarterly Special Services were held, the address at Evensong being given by the Rev. S. E. Chettoe, President of the Branch. An "At Home" help. We are very grateful to the Rev. J. Godfrey Day, who has kindly offered his Church of St. Ann's to us for Celebrations of the Holy Communion. This is the first Church in Ireland which has opened its doors to us as a Church League. (MISS) EMILY C. GROWSE.

New Members : Mrs. Woodbury Allen, Mrs. Colvin. Our combined C.L.W.S. and "Votes for Women" Fellowship Meeting on October 14th proved a great success. Bishop Powell, who presided, declared the Women's Movement to be at the core a religious movement, and the greatest question presented to the English nation. He also professed his profound indignation for the police proceedings at Bow on the previous evening. It is impossible to give an idea of the eloquent speech of Mrs. Pethick A special Evensong was held at St. Mellitus, Hanwell, on October 1st, at which the Rev. Ernest Nicholson preached. A showed the effect of her words upon her hearers. The Rev. F. M. Green also made a very stirring speech, in which he dealt at length with the religious aspect of the Movement, and the part the Church is taking in this struggle for justice.

### Islington.

Will all our members endeavour to be present in St. Mark's Church, Tollington Park, on Thursday, November 6th, at 8 p.M., at the Intercession Service, in which the West Holloway Branch will also take part. The beautiful liturgy, compiled by Canon Scott place of quiet prayer and meditation during the Week of Intercession for Women's Suffrage. (MISS) CATHERINE G. STILL. Oxford. Holland, will be used, and the President of the Branch (Rev. F. M. Green) will preach. At the close of the service there will be a very important Members' Meeting in the adjoining Church Room. New Member : Miss G. A. Holland. During August a good many copies of the Monthly Paper were sold to Extension Students outside lecture halls and meetings. (MRS.) A. D. GREEN. (MISS) H. A. W. STARK.

### Kensington.

New Member: Mr. Arthur Brock Hunt. Transferred Member Mrs. Hunt.

There will be a Service of Intercession for the Honour of Woman-hood at St. Paul's Church, Harrow Road, at 3 P.M. on All Saints Day, Miss Amabel Ransom kindly held a Social Gathering at her house, 21, Lexham Gardens, on the evening of September 19th. The Rev. Claude Hinscliff and Mrs. Cather gave excellent address es, and eleven members of the audience signed the C.L.W.S. card for **Parkstone**. when the new banner will be dedicated. Short address by the Rev. Egerton Swann. (MISS) MAUD BELL. sympathizers with Women's Suffrage. The Kensington Branch was represented at the Southampton

Parkstone. New Member : The Rev. C. Robertson Honey. The Committee have now appointed an Hon. Literature Secre-tary—Miss Darke, Travancore, Alton Road, Parkstone—to whom all communications re Monthly Paper, literature, &c., must in future be addressed. It is greatly hoped that the Monthly Paper, under her guidance, will now enlarge its circulation, which at present is deplorably small considering our membership. It has also been decided to form a Sub-Committee of members willing to undertake the work of advertising meetings, distributing literature, and other for meetings, also names of those who would either sell our Monthly propaganda work. Will members willing to give active support end in their names to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible? (MISS) LINA ROSS. October 1st was observed as a day of Corporate Communion, and several of our Branch members joined in the march at Southampton New Members : Mrs. H. Yorke Stanger, Miss Miller, Miss H (MRS.) A. R. GAMAN. on October 2nd. Portsmouth.

The Kensington Branch was represented at the Southampton Church Congress by Mrs. Sitgreaves Adams and the Secretary. The response to the "Holiday Gift" has been disappointing, only 15s. having been realized. The contributors to this amount were : Mrs. Beck, Miss Edith P. Cox, Miss Amabel Ransom, Miss Flora Martin, Miss Eleen M. Lloyd, and the Sceretary. Kensington hopes to work vigorously throughout the winter, and the Secretary will be glad to receive offers of drawing-rooms Paper in the streets, or distribute it amongst friends. Liverpool and District.

Miller

The Day of Intercession was marked by Holy Communion at New Members : The Rev. A. E. Suffrin (Vicar of Waterlooville) Christ Church, Hunter Street, and Choral Evensong held by the Rev. A. E. Wykes at St. Stephen the Martyr's, when the President and Mrs. Suffrin. Our thanks are due to Miss Whittier, who has kindly undertaken (Rev. V. Spencer Ellis) preached a beautiful sermon on 'The Miraculous Draught of Fishes.' A circular letter was sent to 79 vicars asking their prayers, and followed by the October paper. Some kind the work of Secretary during Mrs. Long's absence, and to Miss Bremner, who acted during Miss Whittier's absence. It has been decided to approach the Portsmouth clergy for their signatures to the Petition to the House of Commons. The President is hoping to replies were received. Thanks to members who gave handbills at 13 churches. A General Meeting was held, at which the correarrange for a Special Intercession Service at one of the local Churches, also for the Corporate Communion of members. Please note the new address of the Secretary is 36, Elphinstone Road, Southsea. spondence with *The Church Times* was read, and the following reso-lution passed unanimously: "That this General Meeting of the Liverpool Branch C.L.W.S. declares its belief that the Liverpool (MRS.) M. F. LONG. notes in The Church Times of May 30th and September 19th with Red Hill. reference to this Branch are grossly inaccurate and absolutely mis-leading, and calls upon *The Church Times* to publish the whole New Member : Miss Sellon. On October 1st the Branch met at Evensong at Reigate Parish correspondence. Church, when some of the prayers were used from the Service of Canon Scott Holland has very kindly consented to speak for Intercession for the Honour of Womanhood.

us at the earliest date he can fit in with his many engagements. (MRs.) L. M. WALLACE.

Rugby Members : Mrs. Abercrombie, Mrs. Colbech, Mrs. Hopps, Mrs. Manchester. New Members: Miss A. Gray, Mrs. Yorkston, Mrs. Corrie Smith, Mrs. Allen, Miss Kay Davies, Miss A. Gaggs, Miss Robinson. On Wednesday, October 1st, we had a day of Intercession in H. Loveroch, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Parnell, Mrs. Steel, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Walding, Mrs. West, Miss Bayne, Miss Cowley, Miss Dewar, Miss Leeson, Miss Annie McClure, Miss Size, Miss Turner, Miss M. Turner, Miss M. Walding, Miss Wanstall. At a meeting held at The Laurels, Dunchurch Road, on October Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, in connexion with the discussion at the Congress. We began with two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist and during the day we had five addresses by the Revs. J. B. S. lst, Miss Dewar was elected Hon. Secretary and Miss Turner Hon. Barratt, Vicar of St. Augustine's, Pendlebury; H. D. Lockett, Rector of Holy Innocents, Fallowfield; L. L. Orton, Chaplain to Henshaw's Blind Asylum; F. Wilkins, of the Waifs and Strays Treasurer. It was then agreed that the first Friday in the month should be the day for Corporate Communion, and that each member should try to find a new member before the next meeting. Maga-Society; and A. E. Cornibeer, Rector of Sacred Trinity. (MISS) E. H. DEWAR. zines and badges were distributed. Society; and A. E. Cornibeer, rector of Sacred Trinny. Our gratitude is due to all these clergy who so ably put before us the religious side of our work, and who emphasized for us more than ever before, the need of united prayer and co-operation. We held a large Public Meeting on October 7th in the Houldsworth Hall, when the chair was taken by Lady Rochdale, one of our Vice-Presidents, and the speakers were the Rev. Lewis Donaldson of Leicester, and Mr. be held, by kind permission of Mrs. Collet, Glyn Heath, Lemsford Road, on November 6th. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend and bring a friend. During the first week in November it is also hoped that a C.L.W.S. service may be arranged for. A large Public Meeting will be held towards the end of the month, particulars as to which will be advertised later. Harold Box (who took the place of Miss Seymour Bennett at very short notice). We thank both Lady Rochdale and our speakers for their addresses. We sold about 100 magazines, and made several new members. We are arranging some services and meetings for the National

Many thanks are due to members who have so kindly undertaken to sell the paper. Miss Cunnington for her promise of street-selling, Week of Prayer, and already we have been offered and accepted the use of St. Benedict's Church, Ardwick, for a solemn Evensong on and Mrs. Quested and Miss Lea for house to house selling. November 3rd at 7.30 P.M. There will be celebrations at Sacred Papers for October have sold well, and copies of the same have n sent to local clergy, &c. (Mrs.) E. G. ELWORTHY. Trinity on that morning. been sent to local clergy, &c. (MISSES) M. F. AND H. M. NORBURY. Southampton. Mid-Sussex.

New Members : Miss Keightley, Mrs. Jocelyn Shaw.

enthusiastic applause, and the tense feeling which could be felt

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Norwich

(MISS) M. HAWLEY.

(MISS) C. HARRIS.

New Member : Mrs. Pillow. A Devotional Meeting, with the Litany of Intercession for the bnour of Womanhood, was held on October 3rd, led by the Rev. G. F. Hill. We were unable to have it on October 1st. as we should We are arranging for another devotional meeting, have wished. with a short address during the first week in November. The Church of St. Michael-at-Plea will also be open for all those who wish for a

### Paddington.

### New Members : Miss Reddie, Miss Knight-Stead.

### (MISS) MABEL DAY.

Members and sympathizers met on October 8th in St. Michael's Parish Room at the invitation of Miss Corben and Lieut, and Mrs. Cather to inaugurate the Branch. After tea and addresses by Mr.

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and Mrs. Cather a business meeting was held at which the Rev. H	I. NO	ov. 5	. Wed.	Worthing Branch : Meeting in Hales's Tea Room, 3.15 P.M.
Crawford Hunter was elected Hon. Secretary to a Committee con	-			Speakers: Rev. J. P. Fallowes, Rector of Herne
sisting of Rev. J. S. W. J. Danbury, Rev. Percival Scott, Mis				(Chair), Mrs. J. E. Francis.
Coaling, Miss Howardine, Mrs. Walter. The Branch started wit			,,	Greenwich and Lewisham Branch : Service of Intercession,
50 members. (Rev.) H. CRAWFORD HUNTER.			-	8.15 P.M., conducted by the Archdeacon of Lewisham.
Stratford-on-Avon.	,,	6,	Thurs.	Social Reception by Joint Committee, Religious W.S.
New Member : Mrs. Cowley.	1. and Salt			Societies, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, 7-8 P.M.
The name of Mrs. Tame was given in mistake as Mrs. Tome in or	Ir			Speeches, 8-9.30 P.M. Barnet Branch: At Home in Parish Hall, South Mymms,
last report. (MISS) M. EAST.	,,		"	3 P.M. Speaker : Rev. C. Hinscliff.
Sunderland.	,,		,,	Fulham and West Kensington Branch : Meeting at 3, Per-
New Member : Rev. H. G. French.	1			ham Crescent, 8.15 P.M. Speaker: Rev. Cyril Isherwood.
A Service of Intercession in connexion with the Church Congre			"	St. Albans Branch : Mrs. Collet's Drawing-room Meeting,
Campaign was held on Wednesday, October 1st, in St. Peter Church, Green Street, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Re-				Glyn Neath, Lemsford Road.
W. E. Cockshott, when a splendid address was given by the Re-			"	Mid-Sussex Branch: Meeting, Village Road, Lindfield.
F. A. E. Leake. (Miss) S. M. JAQUES.				Speaker: Rev. H. E. Olivier. Walsall Branch: Holy Communion, 10.30, at St. Mary and
Walsall.	,,		,,	All Saints'. Devotional Service, 4.15, with Address by
The National Week of Prayer will be observed in Walsall b	v			the Vicar, Rev. and Honble. S. G. W. Maitland, at
Special Intercessions and a Devotional Service on Thursday, Noven				St. Mary and All Saints'.
ber 6th : 10.30 A.M., Celebration of Holy Communion, St. Mary an		7	, Fri.	Barnet Branch: Silent Intercession in Parish Church,
All Saints; 4.15 P.M. Devotional Service, with address by the Re-				6.30-7 P.M.
and Hon. S. G. W. Maitland, Vicar of St. Mary and All Saint	s. "		"	Brighton and Hove Branch: Service of Intercession,
Members are earnestly requested to make these services known				5.30 P.M., at Chapel Royal, Brighton. Hampstead Branch: Intercession Service, 8 P.M., at St.
Prayers will be offered for the speedy and righteous settlement of	of "		,,	Mary's, Primrose Hill. Special Preacher.
the Question of the Enfranchisement of Women at other Church	es ,,		,,	Hendon Branch: Special Service with Address, 8 P.M., in
in the town and neighbourhood. (MISS) E. P. COOKE.	-			Parish Church.
West Holloway.	, ,		8, Sat.	Brighton and Hove Branch : United Meeting of C.W.S.S.,
On Monday, October 13th, at 13, Stock Orchard Crescent, th				C.L.W.S., F.C.L.W.S., J.L.W.S., F.L.W.S., at Royal Pavilion.
Rev. F. M. Green gave an inspiring account of the League's wor at the Church Congress. Sixteen members were present and three			Children I	Islington and West Holloway Branches : Combined Service
dozen papers sold. (Mrs.) Ayres Lucas.	,,		,,	of Intercession in St. Mark's Church, 8 P.M. Preacher:
Wimbledon.	1. 1. 1. 1. 1.			Rev. F. M. Green. Meeting of Members (of Islington
A successful Meeting was held at Queen's Road Schools of	n			Branch) in the adjoining Church Room at the close of
September 23rd, under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. L. Babin,				the Service.
ton. Miss Axford spoke to a most attentive audience, also Councille			,1	Willesden Branch: Quiet Afternoon in Lady Chapel, St.
Beatrice Macgregor. The room was full and new members a				Gabriel's, Cricklewood, 3 P.M. Conducted by Rev. Noel Gill.
expected to join.		13	, Thurs.	Barnet Branch : Reading and Working Party, at Rothern-
On September 25th a Service of Intercession for a Right Decisio	n ''	10,	, indio.	hay, Station Road, 3-5 P.M.
on the Women's Movement was held at St. Saviour's Church, Rayn	es   ,,		,,	St. Leonard's and Hastings Branch : Inaugural Meeting,
Park.				3.30 P.M., at St. Paul's Priory, Church Road, St.
A little congregation of about fifty people attended the servic				Leonard's-on-Sea. Speakers : Rev. F. M. Green, Mrs.
which was conducted by the Rev. W. A. Birkbeck (Vicar of S	t.	14	4 Thu:	J. E. Francis.
Saviours). After the Intercessory Service the banner of the	10 ,	14	t, Erl.	Barnet Branch: Silent Intercession in Parish Church, 6.30-7 P.M.
Wimbledon Branch was dedicated. (Mrs.) B. Cosens.		17	. Mon.	Finance Committee, 6 P.M., Executive, 7 P.M., at Central
Worthing. New Member : Miss M. E. Cleeve. (Miss) M. L. Collyer.	,,		,	Offices.
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The Calesday	1 1 10			Mrs. Thos. Okey (Chair), Mr. Cameron Grant on
The Calendar.	1 1000			'Women in Industry,' Lieut. Cather, R.N. Tea, 6d.

		The Calendar.	
	Sat. Nov.	1-Sat. Nov. 8 NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER.	00 T
Nov.	1, Sat.	Paddington Branch : Service, 3 P.M., at St. Paul's, Harrow	,, 20 T
		Road. Preacher : Rev. N. E. Egerton Swann.	
,,	,,	Brighton and Hove Branch : Corporate Communion, 8 A.M.,	"
		at Chapel Royal, Brighton.	,, 21,
"	2, Sun.	CORPORATE COMMUNION DAY.	,,,
"	3, Mon.	Ilford Branch : Meeting at Cecil Hall, 8 P.M.	,, 24, 1
"	"	Finance Committee, 6 P.M., Executive, 7 P.M., at Central Offices.	
		Manchester Branch : Holy Communion, Sacred Trinity, Sal-	
"	"	ford; Solemn Evensong, 7.30, St. Benedict's, Ardwich.	
	,,	Hampstead Branch : Intercession Service, 8 P.M., at St.	,, 25, ]
,,	,,	Martin's, Kentish Town. Address by Rev. C. Hinseliff.	
Nov.	4, Tues.	Anerley Branch : Women's Meeting, 3 P.M., at Co-operative	"
	10000	Hall, Green Lane, Penge.	,, 26, 1
,,	,,	Anerley Branch : Service of Intercession, Co-operative Hall,	,, 20,
		Green Lane, Penge, 8 P.M., conducted by Rev. C. Hins-	
		cliff.	" 27, TI
"	39	Bedford Park Branch: Drawing-room Meeting, 31, Flanders	
		Road (near Turnham Green Station), 8 P.M. Speakers : Miss M. Sennett (Chair), Rev. J. Drew Roberts.	,, 28,
		Birmingham Branch : Quarterly Service, St. Alban's, Mose-	
"	"	ley, 8 P.M. Preacher : Rev. G. Herbert Davis. Annual	,, 29,
		Business Meeting after Service.	D 13
,,	,,	Bloomsbury Branch : Lecture at St. George's Vestry Hall,	Dec. 1, 1
		Little Russell Street, W.C., 8.30 P.M., by Mrs. Bracher	
		on 'Women's Suffrage in New Zealand.' Miss Wadge	"
		in the Chair.	
,,	,,	Kensington Branch: Service of Intercession in the private	,, 2,
		Chapel, 21, Lexham Gardens, W., 3 P.M. N.B	
	5, Wed.	Accommodation limited. Conductor, Rev. C. Hinseliff. Special Service, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, E.C., 3.30 P.M.	Dec. 3,
23	<i>o</i> , <i>m</i> ea.	Preacher : The Rector, Canon J. H. B. Masterman.	191111-120
a March	,,	Ealing and Acton Branch: Drawing-room Meeting at 16,	ABR 12NE VE
"	CALCUSIA AND S	Freeland Road, Ealing (Mrs. Kennedy). Speaker : Miss	Section 24
		F. Canning.	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
	,,	Ilford Branch : Weekly Service, 8 P.M., at St. Clement's	Anerleya
		Church, when C.L.W.S. members will be present to	Barnes-

Stratford-on-Avon Branch : Chain of Intercession at St. .... James's Church

 Bloomsbury Branch : Holy Communion, St. George's, Hart Street, W.C., 8 A.M.
 ,, Chelmsford Branch : Meeting. Speakers : Rev. C. Hinscliff, Man. Lucy Hard Generation. Mrs. Lucy Henderson. Fri. Barnet Branch: Silent Intercession in Parish Church, Mon. Fulham and West Kensington Branch: Public Meeting, St. Augustine's Hall, Lillie Road, Fulham, SP.M. Speakers : Rev. C. Hinschiff, Mrs. Joan Cather, Lieut. J. L. Cather, R.N.
Tues. Anerley Branch: Meeting for Men and Women, 8 P.M., in Co-operative Hall, Green Lane, Penge.
,, Greenwich and Lewisham Branch: Joint Meeting with F.C.L.W.S., 8 P.M., at Sangley Hall, Catford.
Wed. Anerley Branch: Ladies' Meeting at 149, Croydon Road, 3 P.M. Speaker : Mrs. A. J. Webbe, on 'State Regulation of Vice and Women's Franchise.'
Fhurs. Barnet Branch: Reading and Working Party at Rothernhay, Station Road, 3-5 P.M. 6.30-7 P.M. Barnet Branch : Reading and working Party at Kothernnay, Station Road, 3-5 P.M.
Barnet Branch : Monthly Service in Parish Church, 6.30 P.M. Preacher : Rev. L. Raines.
Rummage Sale for General Fund, 3 P.M., St. Andrew's Mission Hall, Maldon Road, N.W. Fri. Sat. Ion. Finance Committee, 6 P.M., Executive, 7 P.M., at Central Offices.

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Harrow Branch : Joint Meeting of C.L.W.S. and Conservative and Unionist W.F.A., 8 P.M., at Assembly Rooms.
Speakers : Mr. Cameron Grant and others. Tues. Anerley Branch : Women's Meeting, 3 P.M., in Co-operative Hall, Green Lane, Penge.
 Wed. Stratford-on-Avon Branch : Meeting in Free Library Lecture

Room, 8 P.M. Speaker : Rev. G. D. Rosenthal.

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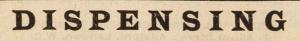
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