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LORD CROMER ATTEMPTING TO SWEEP BACK THE TIDE.



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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

On Thursday in last week the Prime Minister gave his promised reply to Mr. Shackleton. Asked whether he could give the House "an early opportunity of discussing on second reading the Bill," he made a statement in the course of which he said that the Government were "prepared to give time before the close of the Session for a full debate and division on the second reading of the Bill, but they "could not afford any further facilities to the Bill this Session." These words standing alone would mean that the Government are willing to have an academic discussion but are not willing to allow time for the Bill to pass through all its stages into law.

An Ambiguous Phrase.

The Prime Minister did not, however, conclude his statement there; he went on to say that "the Government recognise that the House ought to have opportunities, if that is their deliberate desire, for effectively dealing with

the whole question." This is an ambiguous phrase, and may be construed later to mean one of two things. Either it may be held to imply nothing but a truism, viz., that the House can compel this matter to be dealt with some day; or it may be held to modify the statement as to future facilities, and to suggest that under certain contingencies the Government would be prepared in the present session to grant further time for the later stages of the Bill. As with many similar political ambiguities the correct meaning will only be attached when it has been decided how much pressure can be exerted on each side. From this it will be seen that, provided the second reading be carried to a division at a sufficiently early date, and provided sufficient pressure be applied, it is still possible to open the door of "facilities" and induce the Government to allow the House of Commons to deal fully with the Bill.

Postponing the Second Reading.

But at present not merely has the Government definitely stated its intention of refusing further facilities, but the Prime Minister has announced, in reply to a question from Mr. Snowden, that the second reading will not be at an early date. If this attitude be maintained the active hostility of the Government to the Bill will be shown most clearly. To postpone the second reading to the end of the session would be to secure that the Bill could not become law this session. Moreover, its effect would be to make the second reading discussion a farce, and not merely a meaningless farce, but a dangerous farce; for if the Bill ceases to be a real Bill and becomes a subject for academic discussion the cohesive forces of the compromise break down, and each and every section of Woman Suffragists in the House takes the opportunity of airing its particular form of Woman Suffrage. That this danger is a real one may be gathered from the concluding words of the Prime Minister's statement, in which he said that

the course of the debate might be "expected to throw instructive light on Parliamentary opinion both in regard to this Bill and to other proposals."

An Important Memorial.

The next move lay with the Conciliation Committee inside the House of Commons, and they prepared and sent to the Prime Minister an influentially signed memorial bearing the names of no less than 189 Members of Parliament, urging upon him the desirability of fixing an early date for the second reading of the measure, and for granting such further facilities as would secure the passage of the Bill into law this session. In the course of a letter to Mr. Asquith accompanying it, Lord Lytton, writing on behalf of the Conciliation Committee, urged that only a week would be required for all the stages, that the present provides a unique opportunity for action, and that a mere second reading debate would not satisfy the Conciliation Committee. He adds:—

The omission of Governments in the past to allow effect to be given to the opinion in favour of Woman Suffrage, which the House of Commons has so often expressed, has created among the ablest and most public-spirited women of the country, a growing sense of grievance and a not unreasonable impatience, of which the Government cannot fail to be aware. After the sacrifices, the efforts and the hopes incidental to the present compromise, a repetition of the familiar academic debate could only aggravate this discontent. To women, who are more concerned to get the vote than to hear the opinions of politicians about it, it would be no consolation that a discussion which could have no practical result, should be prolonged for two or even three days.

The letter is printed in full on p. 648 of this issue.

Further Reply Postponed.

On Wednesday the Right Hon. John E. Ellis, whose support for the Bill will have great effect both inside and outside the House of Commons, asked Mr. Asquith whether, having regard to his acknowledgment on the 23rd inst. with respect to the Bill that the circumstances were exceptional he would fix a reasonably early

date for its second reading. The Prime Minister's reply was to the effect that he would answer this question on the following day (Thursday). At the time of going to press the answer is not known, and, in consequence, the Committee of the Women's Social and Political Union, whose reply to Mr. Asquith's original statement we publish in place of a leading article this week, have decided that it would be premature for them to make any pronouncement of policy in this issue.

The Responsibility of Women.

A heavy responsibility rests with women to see to it that M.P.s do not fail in their duty, to make them clearly understand how much is involved in the present situation, and how closely their action is being watched. And if, in spite of all the women's exertions, the Members of Parliament do not succeed in inducing the Government to modify their decision, then women themselves must come forward to bring pressure to bear on the powers that be to induce them to listen to reason. Liberal women must put Liberal principles before Liberal party; constitutionalist Suffragists and militant Suffragists must unite to break the yoke which lies heavy on the neck of women.

A Combined Demonstration.

We referred last week to the idea of holding another great united demonstration in support of the Bill. This idea has taken shape during the past week. It is proposed that, apart from any independent action which the W.S.P.U. and other Suffrage societies may have taken in the meanwhile, they should combine together to march in procession to Hyde Park on Saturday afternoon, July 23, where a monster meeting will be held. The W.S.P.U. have taken preliminary steps with the view of obtaining the necessary permission of the park authorities, and an invitation has been sent to each of the Suffrage societies soliciting their co-operation. We hope to be in a position to announce more particulars next week.

Great Meeting in St. James's Hall.

Immediately following on Mr. Asquith's announcement on Thursday last week a great meeting was held by the Women's Social and Political Union in the St. James's Hall, London, which was packed from floor to ceiling. The prevailing note of the speeches from the platform was one of calm and restrained determination that the Bill should become law during the present Session. The speeches were listened to with great enthusiasm. When Mrs. Pankhurst rose a tense feeling was evident in the audience, which was heightened when she begged the women to hold themselves back from taking immediate action. She had determined to wait yet a little while longer in the hope that their friends in the House might yet induce the Government to alter their decision. She assured them that they could count upon her not to wait too long.

Two Thousand Women in the Queen's Hall.

On Monday last the Queen's Hall was filled by a great crowd of women, anxious to know the latest developments of the situation. Mr. Keir Hardie, in a speech which we reproduce in full elsewhere, explained that if the second reading of the Bill were taken in the first half of July it had a good chance of becoming law this Session; but that if the date of the second reading were indefinitely postponed, then another attempt to trifle with Woman Suffrage was being attempted by the Cabinet. Other speakers dealt with the character of Mr. Asquith's reply, and informed the audience that the decision of the Women's Social and Political Union as to the next step to be taken must wait for a few days longer on the decision inside the House of Commons.

Speech by Lord Lytton.

On the following evening another great meeting was held in the same hall by the National Union of Women Suffrage Societies, under a resolution calling upon the Government to fix an early date for the Second Reading was carried with acclamation. Mrs. Fawcett declared that they would not be content with a barren Second Reading debate and division—they meant the Bill to be carried into law. Lord Lytton, in a vigorous speech, said that the Conciliation Committee desired him to say that they did not accept the declaration of the Prime Minister as the last word on the question. He proceeded:

"The answer really in effect comes to this: we have for so long fallen into the habit of trifling with this question that we are going to trifle with it a little longer. Now, I use those words deliberately. I say that the Government's answer amounts to trifling with this question. Look first of all at the words of the Prime Minister's own declaration on the occasion of his answer to Mr. Shackleton. Almost in the same breath he declares, that in his own opinion, and in the opinion of the Government the House ought to have an opportunity of dealing—not expressing its opinion—of dealing effectively with the whole question; and then he goes on to say—or rather he said it before—I am not going to grant the only possible opportunity for the House to do anything of the kind."

If the discussion is given to us within the next fortnight our Bill will still be alive, and there will be time for the House of Commons to express their conviction, their deliberate wish that the Bill should be treated as a live issue, but if we are to be given the Second Reading at the end of the month, or some time in August, even supposing the Bill were to pass unanimously without a division, there would be no time to go any further; the whole question would be academic, would be absolutely worthless, and a mere waste of the time of the House.

Lord Lytton concluded by saying that the tide behind this movement had for many years been rising with increasing force, so that the wave had now become of such magnitude that it was not going to be turned back by any Parliamentary manoeuvre.

"The Spectator."

The Spectator, anti-Suffragist though that organ is, performs a useful service by its illuminating comment upon the Prime Minister's statement with regard to the Suffrage Bill. After quoting the terms of the statement, The Spectator proceeds:—

"This means, of course, that the tiger is to be allowed to bite blood, but that the moment its teeth have closed on the raw joint presented for its gratification, that joint is to be whisked away."

Mr. Asquith, we must presume, knows his own business, but we are bound to say that the scheme seems to us rather a dangerous one, even if, as we must assume in the case, Mr. Asquith has made certain promises in certain quarters that the tiger will be good. The trouble is that the people who are promising for the tiger have very little control over its actions. To judge from the growls that have already greeted the announcement, its temper is rising. What will probably happen will be that, as Members know that their votes can have no effect this year in bringing about actual legislation, there will be a magnificent division, and the pledges to vote for Woman Suffrage will, for this occasion only, be fulfilled up to the hilt. There is nothing the ordinary Member of Parliament enjoys more than voting for Woman Suffrage when he knows that his vote will be resultless.

What the Suffragists will of course do when they obtain their magnificent division will be to declare that the opinion of the House is so overwhelmingly in favour of the Bill that the Government must revise their decision and go forward with the measure, even if this means sitting on for another month. Mr. Asquith must of course have anticipated such an attempt to carry him and the Government off their legs. He no doubt hopes to get the better of it by naming a day for the second reading so late that he will be able to say that it is physically impossible to take any further action. The second reading, that is, will be almost the last thing on the Parliamentary programme, and plenty of members will be allowed to steal away for their holidays before it comes on. That such action will exasperate, and justly exasperate, the women and lead the Government into further trouble we cannot doubt. As we have said again and again in these columns, we feel, strong anti-Suffragists as we are, that the Suffragists have a very real complaint against those who promise but do not mean to perform. No other public question that we can remember has ever been so disgracefully played with as this."

We reproduce a number of other interesting comments on p. 654 of this issue.

About Ourselves.

The attention of our readers is directed towards the scheme which is outlined elsewhere for the extension of the circulation and influence of this paper, VOTES FOR WOMEN. The present provides a particularly fruitful opportunity for work in this direction. In the first place, it is specially important at this critical stage that the public should be well informed as to the line which the Women's Social and Political Union are taking. In the second place, the interest which exists on all sides as to Women Suffrage makes it much easier for new readers of the paper to be obtained. Though the scheme which we set out is a prize competition, yet it is very much hoped that everyone, whether they are competing for any of the prizes or not, will take this opportunity of introducing the paper to new friends, and obtaining new regular subscribers.

Contents of this Issue.

We are glad to be able to print in this issue a storyette which Mrs. Zangwill has been kind enough to contribute specially for VOTES FOR WOMEN. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence writes a review of Miss Evelyn Sharp's charming book, Rebel Women. In another column will be found an article describing the Woman's Press Shop, 156, Charing Cross Road. We are also able to give our readers a further instalment of extracts from the Press all over the country dealing with the Bill, and also others dealing with the great Suffrage Procession of a fortnight ago. In other pages will be found a brief summary of the interesting meetings which are being held all over the country by the Women's Social and Political Union.

Homes for Professional Women.

The problem of finding a comfortable home is one that has confronted the professional woman for many years. Her choice has usually lain between a boarding-house with no privacy, or a lonely and uncomfortable lodging, and when residential homes have been started there were usually so many irritating restrictions that they did not answer their purpose. We are therefore glad to learn that a scheme is afoot for co-operative dwellings for educated women-workers earning a pound a week and upwards. The idea is to have bright suites of rooms, plenty of bathrooms, a really good restaurant, and no petty or vexatious rules. It is likely that a home run on these lines would be more than successful, and under this scheme the woman worker would benefit doubly, since the profits should be divided. The secretary of the scheme is Miss Berlon.

Progress Abroad.

We announced last week that the Parliamentary Commission in Italy had reported favourably on the question of woman suffrage. From various journals it seems that there is continuous progress in other countries. In Denmark a Bill giving women full suffrage and making them eligible for Parliament has passed the Lower House. In the Grand Duchy of Baden municipal suffrage for women was defeated by only one vote, and Parliamentary suffrage by half a dozen. New laws, however, make it obligatory for women to be appointed on city boards of education and of charity. In Sweden a Bill taking away the municipal franchise from women with less than a certain income was immediately rejected owing chiefly to the energy of the National Suffrage Society. It is stated in the New York Call that the women of Bosnia have for the first time voted in Parliamentary elections. Some minor incidents, which show that in all countries women are taking more interest in national questions, have also been lately reported. In Spain a delegation of women waited upon the Premier with reference to religious legislation, and in Salonica the Mahomedan women attempted to hold a meeting protesting against the annexation of Crete.

Items of Interest.

A correspondent who watched and counted the great Suffrage Procession on Saturday, June 18, informs us that the numbers given in the daily papers fell a long way short of the mark, and that the real number was not 10,000, but about 14,500. This coincides with our own view on the question.

It is instructive to note that the Women Guardians and Local Government Association in Manchester have suspended work for the moment. They find that the voteless position of women is holding back their utility in public service, and until the Franchise struggle is ended they consider that women cannot give the time to helping in Local Government work.

FACTS FOR NEW READERS.

(Those who want more information than is given here should obtain "Women's Fight for the Vote," by E. W. Pethick Lawrence, from The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, Price 6d. net paper and 1s. net cloth.)

Forty Years of Ladylike Methods.

Those who accuse the Suffragettes of impatience forget the forty years of "constitutional" agitation carried on from 1866 to 1905. At first women tried to get on to the register, and in one district 92 per cent. of the "qualified" women sent in claims. The case was, however, decided against them in the law courts—"Chorlton v. Lings." They then organised petitions, and in 14 years sent in over 9,000 petitions with over three million signatures. Next they held enthusiastic meetings in all the large towns of the country. Nevertheless they were omitted from the County Franchise Bill, and, at the express direction of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., pledged to Woman Suffrage voted against an amendment to include women. After this betrayal women continued to pursue "peaceful" methods, and in 1897 a monster memorial, signed by 257,000 women, was presented to members of Parliament. But no notice was taken of it, and M.P.'s continued to ignore the agitation.

Militant Methods.

It is a mistaken idea that submission is a noble virtue. There are circumstances under which it may even be morally wrong. One of these arises when it is a case of submission to a breach of trust by a co-trustee. And women, to whom, equally with men, the interests of other women, of children, and of the race as a whole are confided, would be wrong if they continued to submit to exclusion from their proper place in the nation's affairs. Because they have done so hitherto, a whole set of ideas necessary for the proper evolution of the human race has been crushed out of existence. The commencement of militant methods by women meant that they were tired of being humbugged by politicians and had found out that pressure had to be adopted. This pressure could not be of the same kind as is used in other walks of life, because those who had no votes had no constitutional means of bringing pressure to bear on the Government. It had to be of an extraordinary or revolutionary kind. The men who won Magna Charta knew this, and so did those who broke the power of the Stuarts and those who won the Reform Bills of 1832 and 1867. And women have decided that if no other way is open to win their liberty even revolution will not be eschewed.

Origin of the Militant Campaign.

In the autumn of 1905 the general political outlook underwent a change. The sands of the Conservative Government were running out, and Sir Edward Grey came to Manchester to expound what Liberal policy would be if a Liberal Government came into power. The W.S.P.U., then two years old, determined to find out what the Liberal policy would be to women. Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney went to Sir Edward Grey's meeting, and after his speech, at the proper time for questions, put a question to him on this point. He ignored the question. It was then sent up to him in writing, but it was still ignored; and as the meeting showed signs of breaking up, Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney stood on their seats and pressed for an answer. The only answer they got was to be dragged out past the platform and flung into the street. There they started a protest meeting, but the police refused to allow them to proceed, and arrested them on a fabricated charge of assault. Brought before the magistrate the next day, they were sentenced to fine or imprisonment—Christabel Pankhurst to one week and Annie Kenney to three days—and both elected to go to prison. Thus did Sir Edward Grey prefer to see women flung out of his meeting and sent to prison rather than give an answer to one straightforward question.

The Four Years' War.

The story of the Government's action during the four years which followed was the development of the policy initiated by Sir Edward Grey at Manchester of first ignoring and then treating as mere rowdies the women who were determined to have their question dealt with. The only possible answer to be made by women—unless they were to give right in—was to try to compel the Government to listen to the women's case, to force them to argue it out on its merits, to accept violence at their hands rather than submit to remain voteless, and, if the Government proved obdurate, to appeal to a higher power—the electorate—to override them.

The Truce and the New Bill.

In most great contests extending over a period of years intervals occur in which the combatants consider that they can obtain their objects better by a temporary suspension of hostilities than by continuous employment of arms. This view of the situation was taken by the leaders of the W.S.P.U. at the close of the general election of 1910 at which they had inflicted serious loss on the Government. In consequence of this truce a "Conciliation Committee" was formed in the House of Commons and drafted a new Bill which has a good prospect of being carried during the present session, as it has influential support. Further particulars of the Bill are given on p. 648.

THE BRAZEN IDOL.

By Mrs. Israel Zangwill.

"Good-day, Miss. I've been a-meaning to write an' thank you kindly for speaking of my boy. Yes, 'ee's got the place, an' 'ee do deserve it, as you say, for steadier lads than my two eldest never was, though a bit slow at times. I wonders now who it is they takes after, for they ain't a mite like their father. A born orator my Joe were; you should have 'eard 'im arguing with them silly chaps as wants adult suffrage or female suffrage, or such like; an' none of the children can touch 'im in looks. 'Ee were as fine a young man as you could wish to see, an' 'is masterful ways seemed to become 'im. For 'ee weren't never violent when the drink 'adn't 'old of 'im, leastways not at first; but wanting to knock someone about seems to grow on a person, till it becomes an 'abit. An' you gets not to mind it as much as you'd think; but to see 'im ill-use the children—that was 'ard. I'd 'ave left 'im for their sakes but I didn't rightly know 'ow I'd manage, there was such a many, five little ones after the two big boys. An' as for a separation an' maintenance order, I didn't seem able to bring myself to it. I suppose you'll think, Miss, it sounds silly for me to say I still cared for 'im—my 'usband I mean—but I did, even when 'ee were a-striking me. I suppose sometimes carin' gits to be an 'abit too. It weren't allus so bad neither. One day 'ee broke 'is arm, knocking it against the mantelpiece, secin' as 'ow I'd moved 'asty, an' after that 'ee were careful for a tidy spell. I suppose it scared 'im, for 'ee might 'ave killed a person. An' 'ee got some money too from some socie y—I don't know if 'ee were your place, Miss—which was paid 'im reglar all the time 'is arm were bad. No, I didn't suppose 'ee 'ad mentioned 'ow 'ee come to 'urt it, but the little bit a-coming in every week was very welcome.

"But at last the end come, though it weren't through no fault o' mine. One evening 'ee comes 'ome a bit the worse for drink, an' the littlest baby were crying, for she were teething an' croupy, an' that Joe allus 'ated. I did my best to 'ush 'er, but she keeps on whimpering, an' at last Joe gets out of all patience, an' not being quite 'issif, 'ee puts me out into the street with the baby in my arms, an' 'ee drives the other four little 'uns after, all a-sobbing terrible. Then I 'ears 'im turn the key on the lot of us. The two big boys, Miss? Oh, they was away at night school, an' I was real think-

ful, for they was getting a bit too spirited. A dreadful wet night it were—not that I'd a-minded for myself, I were past that—but the baby she were croupy, as I think I mentioned. So there I sets on the steps kind o' dazed like, an' there the two boys finds me as they're coming 'ome. They don't say much, but they sets to, quite brisk for them, an' they finds some sort o' shelter, an' the next morning they tells me, proud like, as 'ow they're going to keep me an' the children. But first they binds me over never to 'ave naught to do with their father again, an' I passes my word, though my 'eart misgives me for an unrighteous act.

"Well, Miss, we gets on some'ow, for the boys gives up their evening school an' takes to selling papers, besides their reglar day work. Yes, it were good of them, for they were allus rare ones for their books, fair added themselves at times, as I often tells 'em. An' they gets an agent to put us in an empty 'ouse, though I 'ardly think 'ee'd 'ave done it if 'ee'd known rightly about the children, for there was a lot, an' that people don't like; not that they does any harm in the basement. An' so the months passed on, an' fortunately the 'ouse didn't let. But it were a bitter cold winter, an' Joe were never far from my 'eart. One night I'd been dreaming of 'im, as I mostly did, when sudden like I woke with a feeling that 'ee were near."

"Would you believe it?—at the first I forgot all that 'ad 'appened, an' I turned to see if he were there beside me. Then things comes back, an' I were beginning to drop off again, when I 'eard 'is voice a-calling. This time I jumps up, an' runs to the window, an' there at the top of the area steps, all in the cold an' the snow, I sees my Joe. 'Ee were that ragged that when the wind blew you could see 'is white elbows through the rents in 'is coat. 'Ee 'adn't no 'at, an' the snow sifted through 'is broken boots. An' 'ee cries to me, 'Take me in, Mary, I'm starving.' An' with that 'ee tottered down the steps an' fell at the bottom in a 'eap like. Do you think I remembered my promise, or anything but that my Joe were lying there in the cruel cold, dying mostlike? The next thing I knows, I were kneeling aside 'im, an' then, 'ow I does it is more than I can tell, but I drags 'im in to my warm bed. An' though I moved the baby she never woke, an' the boys in the next room were

allus sound sleepers. Why, even when they was awake they was a bit 'eavy, as I think I told you.

"Afterwards, Miss? Well, I sometimes think them next few days were just the 'appiest of my life. The boys were a trifle glum, but they didn't say nothink, an' they were never much given to joking an' laughter. Joe 'ee weren't downright ill, but 'ee lay abed, weak an' feeble like, while I tended 'im. An' I patched up 'is clothes to look quite decent, for them boys refused to give me a farthing for new ones. But one day when I get back from my marketing Joe was gone. An' that night 'ee comes 'ome blind drunk, 'aving raised a bit on the children's Sunday coats. Then 'ee begins to beat an' kick me. 'Is boots were tipped with brass an' new, for I'd put away my ring to buy 'em, an' that made 'em cruel 'eavy. I never made a sound, of that I'm moral certain, though 'ee picked up a strap as well, but sudden the door burst open, which Joe 'ad locked, and the two boys flings themselves upon 'im. The eldest catches 'old of the strap, an' begins cutting at 'im, though I calls on 'im for shame, an' tries to get atween them. But the boys seemed like possessed, an' they turns their father out of 'is 'ouse, telling 'im to go to the devil. I've never 'eard ought of 'im since. Sometimes I'm almost afraid that 'ee's gone there.

"Well, as I were saying, some months after this as perhaps you can guess, I told 'em there was another little baby coming. I weren't what you might call 'appy, for we 'ad to give up the caretaking, an' though the boys 'ad 'ad a rise we couldn't afford but two attics, an' children is wearing at times. Well, what does those two boys do, when my time was near, but settle for me to go to a cottage in Westwick, a tidy piece out of London. Oh, Miss, it were the first time I'd ever 'ad a room to myself, an' it seemed like to the peace of 'eaven. An' while I was gone them boys fed an' washed the five little 'uns; an' if the teacher did grumble at their faces not being as clean as they might, the eldest weren't but seventeen, an' no girls for a long way down. An' when I comes 'ome with the new baby, they'd tried to tidy up the place never so. Yes, indeed, they're good lads, as you say, an' 'ard working if a trifle 'omely. It's a pity they don't take after their father more, isn't it, Miss?"

"VOTES FOR WOMEN."

Great Summer Competition to Increase the Circulation.

When women have won the vote our paper VOTES FOR WOMEN will be of still greater importance even than it is to-day, in holding every part of the vast organisation of the W.S.P.U. together and enabling its members to keep in touch with one another. Both then, and now while the struggle for the vote is actually going on, the paper is as it were the life blood which flows in from the outlying members to the heart and out from the heart to the members. In view, therefore, of the immense importance of having a wide circulation for VOTES FOR WOMEN the Committee of the Women's Social and Political Union have decided to inaugurate a special scheme in which everyone will be able to co-operate. This will not take the form, as on previous occasions, of a week of special exertion, but of three months' steady work.

In order to provide a novel attraction it has been put into the form of a competition, and special prizes are being offered for those who achieve the greatest results in each one of the classes, but it is very much hoped that many others who may not consider they are directly competing for the prizes will take this opportunity of spreading the circulation; and with this in view the Women's Social and Political Union are proposing to present, in addition to the prizes, special mementoes to all who surpass a certain limit of numbers. The scheme is divided into six classes covering the three important ways of helping the circulation, namely, by directly obtaining new permanent subscribers, by the sale of individual copies, by interesting newsgats to stock the paper and show the poster.

Class A.—Obtaining New Subscribers.
First and foremost attention is directed to securing new permanent subscribers to the paper who will either order VOTES FOR WOMEN regularly from their newsgats, or who will send a subscription to the publishers to have it sent direct by post from Clements Inn.

The competition in class A is for those who obtain and send to the Circulation Manager, 4, Clements Inn, the largest number of orders either to newsgats or to the publisher during the months of July, August and September.

To help competitors a special book, in the form of a cheque book containing ten order forms, has been prepared. These books can be obtained free at all the W.S.P.U. shops and meetings, or will be sent to anyone post free on application. Instructions for use will be found inside each book. The order forms are to be posted to the Circulation Manager, VOTES FOR WOMEN, 4, Clements Inn, as they are filled in. In October a complete list of all competitors with the number of orders sent in during the three months will be given. To the three highest there will be awarded first, second, and third prizes. In addition a memento will be presented to all competitors who send in over ten order forms and a special memento to all who send in over twenty.

It is to be understood that the order forms are from those who have not previously been getting their papers regularly from any other source, but additional copies ordered by subscribers for themselves or their friends or by the competitor herself may properly be put on the order form. All orders must be for not less than six months.

Class B.—Individual Selling.
Class B is a competition of individual sellers. There will be three prizes, first, second and third, which will be awarded to the sellers who dispose of the largest number of copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN during the months of July, August and September. Mementoes will also be given to everyone who disposes of over 500, and special mementoes to everyone who disposes of over 1,000 copies altogether during the three months. The papers may be sold to personal friends, or by personal canvass, or at pitches or otherwise in the streets, or at out-door meetings of the W.S.P.U., but not at indoor meetings of the W.S.P.U.

Copies may be obtained either direct from Mrs. Knight or Miss Ainsworth, at 156, Charing Cross Road, or from an organiser of the W.S.P.U., or from the captain of a pitch, or from a local Union secretary, or from the organiser of an out-door meeting, or from any other responsible person. Those competing should obtain a special card which is now ready, and can be obtained at all shops or meetings, or by post from the Publisher, VOTES FOR WOMEN. On this card they should mark each week separately the number of copies supplied from 156, Charing Cross Road, and those copies which they obtain from some other person. In the latter case the initials of that person for every such set of copies are required. All copies must be sold during July, August and September, and must be paid for either at the time, or at the latest before October 7.

It is understood that the prizes are given for individual selling, and therefore two or more sellers must not combine together to aggregate their total, but one individual may herself purchase and give away copies if she pleases.

Class C.—Pitch Selling.

Class C is a competition for Pitch Captains. Two prizes will be given for the captains at whose pitches the largest aggregate number of VOTES FOR WOMEN are disposed of during the months July, August and September. Mementoes will also be presented to all who dispose of an aggregate of more than 3,000 and a special memento to those who dispose of an aggregate of more than 5,000. Copies of the paper for the pitch must be obtained either direct from Mrs. Knight or Miss Ainsworth, 156, Charing Cross Road, or from the local Union, or from the Country Campaign centre, but in the latter cases an exact record of the number taken each week and those returned must be kept each week

both by the pitch captain and by the person supplying the copies.

Class D.—Local Unions.
Class D is a competition for Local Unions. First and second prizes will be given for the largest aggregate sales by local Unions during the months July, August and September. In addition a memento will be given to every local Union selling over 5,000 and a special memento to those selling over 10,000 during the three months. The numbers must be the aggregate net sales of the thirteen issues from July 1 to September 23 inclusive.

In calculating net sales the aggregate of all returns sent in before October 7 will be deducted from the aggregate of numbers taken. But up to July 14 local Unions may send in returns of back numbers previous to July 1 which will not be counted among the returns. No returns of any of the thirteen issues will be accepted by the Woman's Press after October 7, and the account for papers must be paid before the prizes are awarded.

Class E.—Country Campaigns.

Class E is a competition for Country Campaign centres. First and second prizes will be given for the largest aggregate sales by Country Campaign centres during the months of July, August and September. In addition a memento will be given to every Country Campaign centre selling over 5,000, and a special memento to those selling over 10,000 during the three months. The conditions are identical with those in class D.

Class F.—Posters.

In view of the importance of the sale through newsgats two prizes will be given to those who are most successful in interesting newsgats in the paper and inducing them to exhibit a poster each week. The prizes will be for the largest number of promises obtained to show posters regularly, and mementoes will be given to everyone who obtains at least ten such promises.

The publisher of VOTES FOR WOMEN supplies free and post free a poster to any newsgat who expresses himself willing to exhibit a poster each week, but it is obviously undesirable that posters should be sent unless they will really be shown regularly. Competitors in class F must therefore not merely content themselves with obtaining promises but must make visits of inspection. The prizes in this class will only be awarded after the Publisher has satisfied himself that the promised posters are shown each week.

Further Information.

Particulars as to the prizes, and other details as to the scheme, will be published next week. The Circulation Manager, Votes for Women, 4, Clements Inn, will be pleased to supply further information in answer to any enquiries by post.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE BILL.

The Prime Minister's Reply. A Further Question to be Asked.

Thursday in last week was an important day for the new Suffrage Bill, for on that day Mr. Shackleton put his question as to facilities, and received Mr. Asquith's reply. There was some cheering when Mr. Asquith announced his decision to give facilities to the second reading, which was succeeded by frontal anti-Suffrage cheers as the remainder of the statement was made.

Mr. Shackleton asked the Prime Minister if he could see his way to give the House an early opportunity of discussing on second reading the Bill for the Parliamentary Enfranchisement of Women.

Mr. Asquith's Reply.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Asquith): The Government have considered this matter, and recognise that the circumstances of the case are exceptional, from the fact that under the conditions which govern private members' proposals the House of Commons has never had an adequate opportunity of discussing so momentous a change. They are, therefore, prepared to give time, before the close of the session for a full debate and a division on the second reading of the Bill which has been introduced. In view of the exigencies of other Parliamentary business, and their own announced decision not to prosecute contentious legislation, they cannot afford any further facilities to the Bill this session. The Government recognise that the House ought to have opportunities, if that is their deliberate desire, for effectively dealing with the whole question, and the course of the debate may be expected to throw instructive light on Parliamentary opinion both in regard to this Bill and to other proposals.

Sir F. Banbury: Does the right hon. gentleman still adhere to his announced undertaking not to take contentious business during this session, and is he not aware that this Bill is one of the most contentious Bills that has ever been introduced in the House of Commons?

No answer was returned.

Not an Early Day.

Later in the sitting Mr. Philip Snowden asked the Prime Minister: "When will the Parliamentary Enfranchisement of Women's Bill, for which time has been promised, be taken?"

To this the Prime Minister, with a sardonic smile and a shrug of the shoulders, replied: "I cannot say."

Mr. Snowden then asked: "Will it be on an early day?"

To this the Prime Minister replied with an emphatic negative.

MEMORIAL FROM 189 M.P.'S TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

An influentially signed memorial has been presented to Mr. Asquith asking for a reconsideration of his reply as to fuller facilities, and calling upon him to give an early date for the second reading. In an accompanying letter Lord Lytton, on behalf of the Conciliation Committee, says:—

The enclosed memorial records the opinion of members of the House of Commons that the present session offers a unique opportunity for the passage of a woman suffrage measure, and records their desire that facilities be granted to the Bill which Mr. Shackleton has introduced on behalf of the Conciliation Committee. In forwarding it, we venture to set forth the reasons which have led this Committee to the conclusion expressed in the memorial.

It is the decision of all parties to abstain during the present summer from joining issue on the main questions that divide them which has made this unique opportunity. In any normal session, woman suffrage must compete with Bills which have behind them the direct pressure of great masses of electors. For forty years it has failed in this unequal competition. But this year has brought with it a situation in which the Government has renounced the intention of itself introducing party measures. Every section of the House understands that during this pause its own claims must be suspended. The consequence is that even those most closely identified with the various party questions that await solution, among them the Chairmen of the Labour Party and of the Welsh Liberal group and an influential body of Irish Nationalists, have joined us in urging that while their own demands are held back, the claims of the women should receive attention. Our Bill is certainly controversial, but only in the sense in which the Government's Bill dealing with the Royal Declaration is so. It divides the House, but not on party lines. Both subjects may properly be considered in a session of peace, because both are designed to remove an insult which earlier generations imposed on a section of the community. The undertaking of the Government to refrain from itself introducing contentious legislation would not in our view

be broken, if at the desire of private members it should, after the second reading, provide time for the further stages of a non-party Bill. That undertaking had its origin in the desire to abstain from any legislation which might make fresh matter for controversy between the Government and the Upper House. Our Bill could not be considered as a Government measure, and no party would bear the responsibility either for its passage or for its rejection. It is the general impression alike in the House and outside it that there is time to spare for our Bill. The matters at present before the House require neither elaborate debate, nor late sittings, nor a full attendance. We concede that the opponents of our Bill would justly demand a full and careful debate on the Second Reading, but the details of its two brief clauses are so simple and its drafting so careful, that only calculated obstruction could prolong the committee stage. A week should suffice for its full discussion, and a week can with ease be granted in a session so little arduous as this. The moment, in short, is singularly favourable to a woman suffrage measure, and we see no reason to hope that this unique opportunity will for many years recur.

We desire to recognise the Government's wish to meet us by promising full consideration for our Bill in a Second Reading Debate. But our Bill differs from others, chiefly in this, that it is advanced, not as an ideal solution, nor as a statement of theory, but rather as a working compromise. It is for most of us a "second preference," which represents considerable sacrifices in theoretical consistency. In any debate which had a prospect of yielding a practical result and which would, therefore, be described in your own words as "an opportunity of effectively dealing with the question," we are satisfied that we should receive the support of a large majority of the House. But if the House is to understand that nothing can issue from its labours, save the mere registration of an opinion, we should decline to put our Bill into competition with the "other proposals" which you have invited it at the same time to consider. These other proposals are enunciations of theory eminently suited to an academic discussion. Our Bill is a practical measure, which it would be a waste of time for the House to discuss, if it is to be deferred from action. A division taken after a second reading discussion which would leave to the Bill no chance of proceeding further than the first Suffrage Bill which passed its Second Reading in 1870 would have no new value. It has often been said that other Suffrage Bills have been carried at the Second Reading by an irresponsible majority which voted lightly because it knew that nothing would result from its vote. A division taken under the conditions suggested in your statement of Thursday would be open to the same doubt. We are eager to court debate and to challenge a division, but we ask that it shall be in an atmosphere of reality and at a time when the will of the House, if it should decisively express its will, could still be carried into effect.

The omission of Governments in the past to allow effect to be given to the opinion in favour of Women Suffrage, which the House of Commons has so often expressed, has created among the ablest and most public-spirited women of the country a growing sense of grievance and a not unreasonable impatience, of which the Government cannot fail to be aware. After the sacrifices, the efforts and the hopes incidental to the present compromise, a repetition of the familiar academic debate could only aggravate this discontent. To women, who are more concerned to get the vote than to hear the opinions of politicians about it, it would be no consolation that a discussion which could have no practical result should be prolonged for two or even three days. Sir, it is in the firm conviction that this question is ripe for settlement, that the present session offers a unique opportunity, and that women would not naturally consider an academic discussion, however thorough, as an aggravation of their grievance, that we venture respectfully to urge upon you our request that the debate on the second reading may be set down for an early date.

THE DATE OF THE SECOND READING.

On Wednesday, the Right Hon. John E. Ellis asked the Prime Minister whether, having regard to his acknowledgment on the 23rd inst. with respect to the Parliamentary Franchise (Women) Bill that the circumstances are exceptional, he would fix a reasonably early date for its second reading.

The Prime Minister replied that he was prepared to answer this question on the following day (Thursday). The answer was not known when VOTES FOR WOMEN went to press.

N.U.W.S.S. DEMONSTRATION.
A crowded meeting, under the auspices of the National Union of Woman Suffrage Societies,

and attended by representatives of the Women's Liberal Federation, the Association of Headmistresses, the Actresses' Franchise League, and a large number of other societies, was held at the Queen's Hall on Tuesday evening last. The speeches were dealt chiefly with the Conciliation Bill now before Parliament, and Lady Frances Balfour, who was in the chair, declared that there was no question of failure, and that the result depended upon the concentrated fervour and interest of those supporting the cause. Mrs. Fawcett, in a resolution calling upon the Government to fix an early date for the second reading, said that in his answer Mr. Asquith had left the door to her ajar. It was a heavy door, but they must throw themselves against it, and if they were courageous and firm they had a good prospect of success this session.

Lord Lytton's Vigorous Speech.

In the course of his speech Lord Lytton said:—

What have we asked of the Government? We did not ask them to take Women Suffrage up as a Government measure and make themselves responsible for it; all we asked of them was that in a session of quite abnormal inactivity, with an unusual superfluity of that valuable commodity, Parliamentary time, they should give some of it to the House of Commons to allow it to deal effectively with this question. The Government's answer really in effect comes to this: We have for so long fallen into the habit of trifling with this question that we are going to trifle with it a little longer. I use these words deliberately. Look first of all at the words of the Prime Minister's own declaration. He declares that in his own opinion and in the opinion of the Government the House ought to have an opportunity of dealing effectively with the whole question, and then he says that he will not grant the only possible opportunity for the House to do anything of the kind. The Prime Minister says that he would grant full time for a debate, discussion, and division on the second reading. Well, now, whether that is a valuable concession or not depends entirely upon the date of that discussion. If the discussion is given to us within the next fortnight our Bill will still be alive, and there will be time for the House of Commons to express their conviction, their deliberate wish, that the Bill should be treated as a live issue; but if we are to be given the second reading at the end of the month or some time in August, even opposing the Bill were to pass unanimously without a division, there would be no time to go any further—the whole discussion would be academic, absolutely worthless, and a mere waste of time of the House.

MANCHESTER LIBERALS.
The Manchester Liberal Federation at a council meeting on Monday passed by forty-two votes to thirty-five the resolution calling upon the Government to allow full discussion on the second reading of the Bill, and to give facilities for the remaining stages, should the second reading be carried. Mr. G. Armstrong considered that the reasons given by Mr. Asquith were inadequate.

The Federation of University Women at their annual meeting passed a resolution in support of the Bill.
Mr. J. L. Morgan, of 25, Trewhick Street, Merthyr, has written to the W.S.P.U. to place his vote at their disposal in consequence of the way Mr. Asquith has again treated the advocates of Woman Suffrage.

THE NEW SUFFRAGE BILL. How Men Qualify for the Vote.

Under the existing law men in order to possess the franchise have to qualify in one or other of the following capacities:—(1) Occupiers, (2) owners, (3) lodgers, (4) university graduates.

(1) Occupiers are divided into two classes—householders (technically known as inhabitant occupiers) and occupiers who are not householders. Householders are those who actually dwell in a house or part of a house which they either own or rent. There is no limit of value, so however small a rent be paid or however small a part of the house be occupied, even only a single room, provided the terms on which it is rented give her entire control over it, a woman householder can claim the franchise.

Occupiers other than householders are those who occupy lands, farms, offices, shops, and other buildings otherwise than for residence. In their case the occupied premises must be of the clear yearly value of at least £10.

(2) Owners, in order to obtain a vote, must be possessed in a county constituency either of freehold estate valued at not less than £5 per annum, or under circumstances of leasehold property.

(3) Lodgers in order to obtain a vote must occupy apartments of the value of not less than 3s. 10d. a week. (The apartments may be let furnished; but in either case the minimum rental of 3s. 10d. a week—i.e., £10 a year—is reckoned on the unfurnished value.)

(4) University graduates are those who have graduated in the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, London, Dublin, Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Glasgow, or Aberdeen, and their votes are for special members of Parliament who represent their Universities.

WHO WOULD GET THE VOTE UNDER THE BILL.

The effect of the passage of the new Bill would be to give women occupiers the vote, while continuing to withhold it from women owners, lodgers, and graduates. From the foregoing it will be seen that women occupiers are many times more numerous than all the other classes put together. The estimate of the Conciliation Committee is that about one million women will be enfranchised under this Bill.

LABOUR SUPPORT.

At Gisburn Park on Saturday, at a festival of the Blackburn Independent Labour Party, Mr. Keir Hardie said that, despite all that had been said by the Prime Minister and others, he knew of no good or sufficient reason why the Bill should not become law this session. Mr. Shackleton said he believed this Bill would cause less disturbance than any other measure for the enfranchisement of women, because it would only give votes to women already entrusted with the municipal vote. He believed the opposition would be very small, and for that reason he was anxious for a full opportunity of discussion and voting in the House of Commons. He was not satisfied with the Prime Minister's action; while Mr. Asquith was clearly entitled to ascertain the opinion of Parliament before pledging time for further consideration, it was his duty to fix the earliest possible date for the second reading, so that if the House expressed a favourable opinion further stages could have been pressed on. Mr. Philip Snowden warned his hearers that unless this was done the lull in Suffrage agitation would be broken.

WOMEN LIBERALS.

Speaking at the annual demonstration of the Colne Valley Women's Liberal Associations last Saturday Lady McLaren said the deputation of Liberal women had told Mr. Asquith that, though the House of Commons had been favourable for many years, no Woman Suffrage Bill had been passed, because the veto of Ministers had prevented the carrying out of the will of the House. They asked him, while appealing to the country to abolish the veto of the House of Lords, to put an end as well to the veto of Liberal Ministers on the declared wish of the representatives of the people. Mr. Asquith's promise of a vote on the second reading, but nothing more, was an injustice, and if the second reading was carried they must plead with the Prime Minister to allow the measure to go forward. If all the members pledged to votes for women stood by them, she thought that they would be able to prevail.

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W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

In view of the present critical situation, more than ordinary interest and importance attaches to next Monday afternoon's free meeting in the Queen's Hall. At last Monday's meeting late arrivals had considerable difficulty in finding seats; those, therefore, who desire to run no risk of being disappointed would do well to be at the Hall in good time. The meeting is at 3 p.m., and the speakers will be Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst.

On Thursday evening, at 8 p.m., another important meeting will take place at St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street, when Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak.

July 25.—In last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN July 9 was announced as the provisional date for a prospective Suffrage Demonstration. Steps are now being taken towards postponing this and holding instead a great meeting on Saturday afternoon, July 23. More definite information will be given in next week's VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Among a number of important meetings are those at Herne Bay, Ramsgate and Margate, to be addressed by Miss Christabel Pankhurst to-day and to-morrow (July 1 and 2), and meetings at Oxford and Brighton next Thursday and Friday (July 7 and 8) to be addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst. For particulars of these and other meetings readers are referred to pp. 655-657.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C. The new pamphlet, "The Position and Claims of Women: An Historical Survey," by Dr. Sydney Herbert Mellone, is now on sale, price one penny. An article on the Woman's Press Shop will be found on page 651 in this issue.

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BOOK OF THE WEEK.
"Rebel Women."

Thirteen is a lucky number. A lucky number for Suffragettes, of course, I mean. There are thirteen chapters about "Rebel Women" in Miss Evelyn Sharp's most delightful book, quite recently published by A. C. Fifield, London, and now on sale at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road. And the first bit of very obvious good luck is that the book can be obtained for the small cost of one shilling, a really absurd price to pay for all the treasure that is in it.

The first chapter tells the story of the thirteenth and last woman appointed upon a deputation to carry a petition to the Prime Minister at the House of Commons. It describes one of those "Battles of Westminster" which now belong to the history of this Movement; those unequal combats of six thousand police, mounted and on foot, sent out by the Government to oppose a handful of unarmed women. Battles? There is in the story an onlooker who scoffs at the idea of this sort of thing being compared with real warfare. "Oh, there's none of the glory of war in that!" "There is never any glory in war. At least, not where the war is," replies one, who had seen active service for his country.

"This is the kind of thing you get on a bigger scale in war," he said, in a half-jesting tone, as if ashamed of seeming serious. "Same mud and slush, same grit, same cowardice, same sturdiness and beastliness all round. The women here are fighting for something big; that's the only difference. Oh, there's another, of course; they're taking all the kicks themselves and giving none of 'em back. I suppose it has to be that way round when you're fighting for your souls and not for your bodies."

"Oh, but of course you can't mean that real war is anything like this wretched scuffle of women and police!"

"Oh, yes," returned the other in the same tone of gentle raillery. "Don't you remember Monsieur Bergeret? He was perfectly right. There is no separate art in war, because in war you merely practise the arts of peace rather badly, such as baking and washing, and cooking and digging, and travelling about. On the spot it is a wretched scuffle; and the side that wins is the side that succeeds in making the other side believe it to be invincible. When women can do that, they've won."

"They don't look like doing it tonight, do they? Thirteen women and six thousand police, you know."

"Exactly. That proves it," retorted the man who had fought in real wars. "They wouldn't bring out six thousand police to arrest thirteen men, even if they all threw bombs—"

"The police are not there only to arrest the women—"

"That's the whole point," was the prompt reply. "You've got to smash an idea as well as an army in every war, still more in every revolution, which is always fought exclusively round an idea. If thirteen women batter at the gates of the House of Commons, you don't smash the idea by arresting the thirteen women, which could be done in five minutes. So you bring out six thousand police to see if that will do it. That is what lies behind the mud and the slush—the idea you can't smash."

Vivid, suggestive, full of charm, full of humour, there is not a commonplace sentence or a dull line from cover to cover. Where does the writer get her magic? Many others have described different phases of the Suffrage movement; none have dealt with it so gaily, yet so gravely. The laughter and the seriousness that are the very essence of the spirit of this movement find expression on every page. But never even when the laughter is most irresistible is the women's flag lowered for an instant. It sings its triumph song in the wind above all the human voices.

The incident that I like best of all is found in the chapter headed "Shaking Hands with Middle Ages." The wife of a very ardent supporter of the Government is persuaded by her husband, much against her will, to go with him to a political meeting to hear a distinguished Cabinet Minister.

"I would not be wasting my time here to-night," she confides to her neighbour over her knitting, "if it was not to please my husband. He likes to see women take an interest in politics; it was him that got our member a hundred and twenty-eight canisters last election. Oh, he thinks a lot of women, does my husband; he hasn't any objection to their having a vote, either, only they ought to be ashamed of themselves for going on got all that idle time on their hands, and if they're respectable married men there's nothing else to occupy them but politics. But for a woman it's work, work, work, from her wedding day to her funeral, and how can she find time for such nonsense? You've got to be made to think, Martha, he says to me coming here to-night. Think!"

How very dangerous it may be to insist on your wife being made to think can be learned from the sequel.

"Martha! You of all people! Disgracing me like that! How ever did you come to be mistaken for one of those screaming—"

"Well, I couldn't stand the humbug of it, there! Talking about free speech and all that fal-lal nonsense, and then—! I wouldn't let my cat be treated as they treated her, all for nothing—"

"Nothing, do you call it? Coming here on purpose to interrupt."

"So did that ranting Socialist you think so much of! So did Mr. What's-his-name with the husky voice. Why didn't they tear him to pieces? Now, you listen to me, James. You brought me here to-night because you said I'd got to be made to think. Very well, I've been made. If you don't like it, you should ha' let me stay at home, as I wanted to."

She stuffed a mass of dropped stitches into a torn work bag, and went down the steps, her chin in the air. "If that's politics, she called back to him from the pavement, "then it's time women got the vote, if it's only to put a stop to them!"

The temptation to quote is irresistible. One turns the page with a happy sense of wonder and surprise that so much wisdom and so much imaginative insight can be united with such a sweet and pretty wit. A very keen appreciation of the comic element in life sets many people a little aloof from humanity. But if I had to sum up in one phrase the secret of Evelyn Sharp's literary charm, I think I should say it is the genius which she possesses of being one with all things human.

I strongly advise everybody who has a shilling to lose no time in buying "Rebel Women," and those who have not a shilling to begin to save for it at once. In my opinion they will never make a better bargain or get more pleasure, more laughter, and more inspiration out of twelve heavy copper pennies. And upon the mission of mediation between the militants and those who do not yet understand the meaning of the movement, "Rebel Women" should accomplish much.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

(In our review of Mr. Charles Marriott's novel, "Now," in last week's issue, the name of the publisher was inadvertently omitted. The book is published by Messrs. Elbert & Blackett, price 6s.)

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UNDER THE CLOCK.

"It is not only the amount of money which is taken over our counter that matters; it is the amount of influence that we hand across the counter that counts for so much."

So said Miss Evelyn Sharp, when in company with Miss Fanny Brough she opened the new Woman's Press shop, at 156, Charing Cross Road, on May 6, and it is not surprising to find that what may be called the "Information Department" plays a very important part in the day's work of the staff. Especially since the great Procession of June 18 callers have been pouring into the shop in an almost continuous stream. And what do these earnest inquirers want? In conversation with the staff on a recent visit we found that many are anxious to know more about the militant methods of the Union; others, again, want "milk for babes," i.e., elementary instruction in "Why Women Want the Vote." This is just why the Woman's Press Shop exists, for in the varied literature it publishes—books, pamphlets, leaflets, not to speak of VOTES FOR WOMEN itself—are to be found the answers to these very questions. It follows, therefore, that the takings over the counter are of a most encouraging nature! New books, such as Mr. Pethick Lawrence's "Fight for the Vote," and Miss Evelyn Sharp's "Rebel Women" are selling rapidly, and the colours and badges are in great demand! In addition to these callers there are Americans from the large hotels; Canadians, anxious to understand the various aspects of the movement; French people, wishing to send photographs to friends at home, and many others; or a small head is thrust timidly through the door and the leader of a group of budding factory girls says, "We just want to tell you that we're all Suffragettes!" while outside the shop there is always a thoughtful and interested crowd.

The shop itself is a blaze of purple, white and green, and the mere enumeration of the pretty and useful things for sale would fill this entire column. Just now the Woman's



Photo kindly lent by Mr. Williams, "Govenote," Lymington Gardens, Finsbury.

Press is showing some beautiful motor and other scarves in various shades of purple, as well as white muslin summer blouses, and among the almost unending variety of bags, belts, &c., are noticeable the "Emmeline" and the "Christabel" bags, and the "Pethick" tobacco pouch. In addition to books, pamphlets, and leaflets, stationery, games, blotters, playing cards, and indeed almost everything that can be produced in purple, white and green, or a combination of all three, is to be found here.

Over the shop, the half dozen rooms devoted to the work of selling VOTES FOR WOMEN, distributing the publications of the Woman's Press, and the colours of the W.S.P.U., are also veritable hives of industry. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays are perhaps the busiest days. On Thursday morning huge bundles of VOTES FOR WOMEN arrive from the printer, and Mrs. Knight's staff is kept busy making up parcels for the Union's shops in London (numbering nearly a dozen) and for the organisers in various parts of the country. Then Mrs. Tuckwell calls with the decorated Press cart, and drives rapidly round to the various pitches with supplies for the day. On Tuesdays and Fridays women set forth carrying posters (and sometimes sunshades) in the colours, advertising the week's paper. These parades attract a great deal of public attention, and there is always room for more helpers! *Verb. sap.* This part of the work is under Miss Ainsworth's charge.

In another room Miss Birmingham is colouring those telling announcements of special speakers at meetings which are carried through the London streets on the W.S.P.U. motor-car. Posters and bannerettes are also supplied at a very small cost to Local Unions, thus saving them heavy printing expenses.

Other rooms are devoted to the sending out of badges, belts, ties, and innumerable other articles in the colours, and the packing of the prettily got up packets of tea, both China and Ceylon.

In a cheerful little office on the first floor is carried on the correspondence of the Woman's Press, travellers who call with new ideas are interviewed, and the general business is conducted. On this floor also is Mrs. Drummond's room. Visitors are welcome any day from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., or to 1.30 on Saturdays. They will easily recognise No. 156 by the large VOTES FOR WOMEN Clock over the window, visible from Oxford Street.

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OUR ANSWER TO MR. ASQUITH.

The replies which the Prime Minister delivered to Mr. Shackleton and Mr. Snowden on Thursday in last week contained four important statements.

In the first place, he announced the intention of the Government to grant facilities for a debate and division on the second reading in the following words:—

The Government have considered this matter, and recognise that the circumstances of the case are exceptional, from the fact that under the conditions which govern private Members' proposals the House of Commons has never had an adequate opportunity of discussing so momentous a change.

As Mr. Shackleton's request had been simply for facilities for a second reading debate at an early date, it will be seen that with the exception of an alteration from "at an early date" to "before the end of the Session" this answer was so far satisfactory.

But then the Prime Minister proceeded to answer a question not asked, as to further facilities for later stages of the Bill. He said:—

In view of the exigencies of other Parliamentary business, and their own announced decision not to prosecute contentious legislation, they cannot afford any further facilities to the Bill this session.

In attempting thus to preclude in advance the possibility of the Bill becoming law this session, the Government took a very unnecessary and a very unwarrantable step.

The virtue of the Bill at present before the House is that it is a real Bill intended to pass into law this session.

The Globe humorously refers to the reply as "Jam tomorrow, but never jam to-day." Of that appetising fare we

have had more than enough in the five-and-forty years that have elapsed since the struggle began. But if this part of the answer is unsatisfactory, what of the arguments by which the Prime Minister attempts to bolster it up? He alleges the "exigencies of other Parliamentary business." This is a phrase which women know full well: it is always employed to prevent attention being given to any inconvenient subject.

At the present time it is particularly devoid of real meaning, for never has there been a session in which there was so little urgency about the business before the House. If proof were needed of this fact, it is only necessary to notice the early hour at which the House of Commons has risen on many occasions since the reassembling of Parliament.

Now I come to the measure before the House of Commons. Now I am not going to argue the case for woman suffrage; the stage for that is now past.

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This has been held in some quarters to be a modification of his refusal to give further facilities to the Bill. Whether it is capable of this interpretation or not it is, in any case, quite evident that no decision, especially no negative decision, of the Cabinet as to its intentions can ever be regarded as final.

Conciliation has its dangers. There are two ways of either killing or delaying a dangerous question. There is the very old time-honoured method of the Royal Commission; that was not practicable in this case.

People are trying to talk as though this were an entirely new question; and especially is that the case in those organs of public opinion, like the "Daily News," which support the present Government.

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Under these circumstances we feel that it would be premature for us to make any statement until the Prime Minister's answer is made known.

A few days ago we announced our intention of declaring in the columns of this issue of our paper the policy which the Women's Social and Political Union were going to adopt. Since then we have received information that a very vigorous agitation is proceeding within the House of Commons, and that an influentially signed Memorial, containing the names of no less than 189 members of Parliament, has been addressed to the Prime Minister asking that an early date may now be fixed for the second reading of the Bill.

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For the Committee of the National W.S.P.U. Emmeline Pankhurst, Emmeline Pethick Lawrence, Mabel Tuke, Christabel Pankhurst.

MR. KEIR HARDIE, M.P., ON THE BILL.

Speech at the Queen's Hall, June 27, 1910.

I am glad indeed that I am not here with you this afternoon in the position of a fair-weather friend. When a movement gets to the stage of being able to fill the Queen's Hall once a week, and to raise a fighting fund of £100,000, it will not lack friends; but I am one of those unfortunate individuals who love freedom for its own sake and detest injustice, under whatever guise it appears.

Now I come to the measure before the House of Commons. Now I am not going to argue the case for woman suffrage; the stage for that is now past. You now have before the country what is called a Conciliation Bill. The members of the militant section of the women's movement, and especially the members of the Women's Social and Political Union, have many triumphs standing to their credit, but the Conciliation Bill now before the House of Commons is the greatest triumph of all.

We hear a great deal in these days about crises, and your movement is in a real condition of crisis. The Prime Minister in his somewhat cryptic utterance has appeared to say two things—a very common thing for Prime Ministers to do—he appeared to say emphatically that no time would be given for the further consideration of the Bill beyond the Second Reading, but he followed that up by reading from a typewritten document words which might be taken to imply, and in certain circumstances will be held to have implied, that if the House of Commons really desired to put the Bill through all its further stages this session, then "Barkis is willin'."

Urgency of an Early Second Reading.

But the difficulty at this moment is to get a sufficiently early date fixed for the Second Reading; everything now depends upon that. If the Second Reading be taken within ten days from now, there will be time left for all the remaining stages of the Bill; but if the Second Reading be delayed until towards the end of July, that opportunity will be gone, because the House of Commons in all probability will rise for the year either in the last days of July or the very early days of August.

Conciliation has its dangers. There are two ways of either killing or delaying a dangerous question. There is the very old time-honoured method of the Royal Commission; that was not practicable in this case. The other method is to toy with conciliation long enough to enable some other public question to arise and shut yours out from view. I do not want to be unjust; I do not want to sit in hard or censorious judgment, but my own individual opinion is that that is the attitude of mind being adopted by the Prime Minister towards your Bill.

People are trying to talk as though this were an entirely new question; and especially is that the case in those organs of public opinion, like the "Daily News," which support the present Government. They want to make it appear that in a question of so great importance much time must be given to enable the country to make up its mind and to consider the question in all its bearings.

Then we are told that it cannot be made a Cabinet question because the Government is not all of one mind. Unfortunately for me, my experience in the House of Commons is becoming a somewhat lengthy one! I have known many measures introduced into the House of Commons, but I have never known one of importance upon

which the Cabinet was of one mind. The Cabinet was not of one mind when it was bringing in the Budget last year. The Budget of last year cost the Liberal Party numbers of its best financial supporters. It is an open secret that inside the Cabinet itself several of the taxes—notably the land taxes—were bitterly fought, but that did not deter the Government from going on with the Budget. Is the Cabinet of one mind upon the House of Lords? What about the opening days of the present session, when the Prime Minister—the great, strong, silent man—came down and informed the House of Commons, to the dismay of his supporters, that a certain attitude had been adopted towards the House of Lords, and within a week came down and withdrew that attitude and substituted another. I say with regard to this Bill now before the House of Commons that not only does it command a larger measure of support amongst supporters of the Government than do most Government Bills, but that for all practical purposes it is non-contentious. It is an open secret that a very large majority of the members of the Government Front Bench—and that is all that matters on the Liberal side—are in favour of this Bill, or any other Bill that is going to settle the question and keep you quiet. It is an equally well-known fact that everyone, with one exception, of the influential members of the Front Opposition Bench are also sympathetic towards this Bill.

Liberal Women's Responsibility.

Very well, then, there is no obstacle in the way of the passage of this measure except the obstinacy of the Prime Minister and a small handful of members in the House of Commons. Theirs is the responsibility. Now, let me say this first, because you would not respect me if I were not honest with you. Don't put your trust in any party in the House of Commons. It is not that there are not good friends and strong supporters of your cause amongst all parties, the proportion being greater in some than in others, but every party is absorbed in its own concerns. If you had in the House of Commons a group of women members, they would naturally and properly subordinate every other question to the success of this question. You must apply the same rule to the Irish Party, to the Labour Party, and to the other parties. The point I want to lead to is this, that the success or failure of this Bill does not rest so much with parties in the House of Commons as with the unfranchised women outside, and in this connection may I say with all respect that a special responsibility rests upon women Liberals. You who belong to the militant section—both wings of it—have left no doubt as to your attitude; a very little extra pressure at this moment would serve to sweep away all resistance and allow this Bill to become law. If the women Liberals of the country would take their stand in the same unflinching spirit as you have done, the Bill would become law this session. If the Bill should not become law this session, the responsibility will lie mainly at their door. There is, then, I submit, a golden opportunity both for the Government and for the women of the country existing at this moment. There is plenty of time for the Bill; there is a lull in controversial politics, and this Bill is practically non-contentious; there is a lull in the militant tactics of the militant section; it is possible that this time next year, or before it, the country will again be in the throes of a constitutional agitation concerning the House of Lords. Surely, as a mere matter of self-preservation, the Liberal Government should be anxious to take away this worrying body of sharpshooters off their flank and allow them to enter into the conflict in a manner unencumbered by distracting influences. There is an opportunity for them, and there is this further opportunity for you—when I say "you" I mean the women of the country—to make it so clear and so apparent that you will not be put off longer, that the Prime Minister will then be forced to grant the facilities asked for.

One word in conclusion. The delay is not all loss. No greater calamity could have happened to the women's movement than for a Bill of this kind to have passed through easily. The agitation in which you are engaged is developing qualities which will stand your sex and your country in good stead when you are able to exercise your rightful influence upon legislation. The old story of Pharaoh, whose heart was hardened by the Lord, and who had to have ten plagues inflicted upon him before he gave way, is not without its meaning for us. Pharaoh's heart was hardened for a purpose—that the Children of Israel before they set forth might be fitted for the task that lay before them; and the moral is in your case, that the more valiantly you struggle and the more you have to endure, the more will you prize the possession of political power, and the less chance will there be of misuse when it shall have been won.

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THE PRESS ON THE CRISIS.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

With the single exception of Lord Robert Cecil's Public Meetings Bill, in the autumn session of 1908, which the Government practically adopted as its own, the annual session of Parliament has been a barren one for the Suffragettes.

supporters to use it merely as a lever for obtaining more. This attitude is intelligible; but in our judgment it is a real misfortune that the present Bill cannot be considered on its merits, for the women who would be enfranchised by this measure are just those who have the most equitable claim to a vote.

NOTTINGHAM GUARDIAN.

Men were deceivers ever. With the most guileless air in the world Mr. Asquith announced the intention of the Government this afternoon to give facilities for the second reading of Mr. Shackleton's Enfranchisement Bill.

But though he might gingerly put one foot in the sea, the Prime Minister took very good care to keep the other foot on the shore. The Bill is to have a second reading, but that is all. Thus far and no farther, was what Mr. Asquith implied, but was very careful not to say.

EDINBURGH EVENING DISPATCH.

It is now for the Suffragettes to decide—if they have not already decided—in what form they will put into action their hot indignation against the Government. They believed, or professed to believe, that the Bill was certain to go through. Mrs. Pankhurst on Monday declared this belief in emphatic words.

LIVERPOOL DAILY COURIER.

Members on both sides who are likely to know declare that the Prime Minister's very moderate undertaking will cause disappointment and resentment among supporters of the principle throughout the country. Of course, having regard to the character of the Bill, the Prime Minister's concession amounts to very little, since similar measures of more comprehensive character have repeatedly passed second reading in days gone by.

MORNING ADVERTISER.

Once more the Prime Minister's tactics are exposed as mere subtlety. Not only was he unable to answer the point that even the concession he made was a breach of his own pledge to take none but non-contentious business for the rest of the Session, but his attempt to conciliate the Women Suffrage party is foredoomed to failure.

SHELDON DAILY GAZETTE.

In the meantime high hopes rest on this Bill as an end of an escape from a weary agitation. The feeling in favour of it is so strong that there is nothing to be feared from a fair and open contest in the House of Commons. . . . But if the matter is shelved by the more subtle means there will be dire disappointment and probably a renewal of the agitation with all its more objectionable features.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST.

Should it [the Bill] be shelved they will be bitterly disappointed. There will be another result, however. From conversations I have had with various prominent members of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies I do not think there can be the shadow of a doubt that another check will mean a mass migration to the W.S.P.U. of women who have hitherto been fiercely opposed to the methods of the militants, and the Women's Liberal Federation will be depleted of some of its most active members.

STANDARD.

For a make-believe Cabinet, presided over by a dummy Prime Minister, it was, perhaps, self-consistent to offer sham facilities for a spurious Bill. The Government have promised to find a day for the second debate on Mr. Shackleton's measure for the enfranchisement of women occupiers, although no opportunity will be provided for further progress. If the Suffragettes were content with this illusory favour, it would not be for their opponents to make complaint.

DAILY CHRONICLE.

If the second reading be carried, there will be much disappointment, no doubt, at the Government's refusal to give further facilities; but we do not see how the Cabinet could have decided otherwise. After all, this Parliament was elected to settle the question of the House of Lords, and not that of Woman Suffrage, and until the former question is disposed of Ministers have pledged themselves to take up no other large and contentious reform.

PALL MALL GAZETTE.

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doing any actual damage. The Suffragists know perfectly well that they can get a second-reading victory whenever opportunity offers, and they are equally well aware that it is not worth getting. Mrs. Paveott made it very clear yesterday that they will say "Thank you for nothing" to the finessers who suggest that stale old trick now. It is well to be honest even about this Suffrage question, and the only honest way to treat it is as business, not as debating society matter, useful for rallying Women's Liberal Association or Primrose League canvassers and envelope-addressers.

THE GLOBE.

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THE WEEKLY TIMES.

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WESTERN DAILY MERCURY.

I may say frankly that their (the militants) ranks will be reinforced daily by non-militants and by members of the Women's Liberal Federation, of whom many have begun to despair of peaceful methods.

ECHOES OF THE PROCESSION.

More Praise from the Press.

The representative and comprehensive character of Saturday's demonstration, the colossal scale on which it was conceived and carried out, the unanimity, cohesion, and organising genius which brought it about, made it an absolutely unparalleled manifestation of collective conviction and determination; and any officer of State who failed to appreciate its tremendous significance would by so much prove himself unfit for his position and incapable of being a real leader of the nation.

Never since the great franchise demonstration, when labourers from every part of the United Kingdom and Ireland marched in procession from the Embankment to Hyde Park, has such a political gathering been seen on that famous London promenade as that which assembled on Saturday afternoon. . . . It was noticeable that the procession was far more favourably received by the crowd than previous demonstrations of the kind. There was no jeering or horseplay, and popular personages in the procession were heartily cheered.

A magnificent spectacle, witnessed by a vast and enthusiastic audience! Two years ago there would have been vulgarity, offensiveness, horseplay; but on Saturday I did not hear a word that was gross in the crowd of all kinds and conditions of men who had assembled in St. James' Street. "Glad we haven't missed it. We shan't see such a sight again," said another workman. "They've as good as got it—the vote, of course I mean," replied his friend. And that, I believe, was the general impression of the crowd—"they've got it."

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"WE SHALL WIN."

"Nothing less than votes for women this session will content us," said Mrs. Pankhurst to a crowded and enthusiastic meeting at the Queen's Hall last Monday, and the same determined spirit was to be found in each of the speeches. Miss Christabel Pankhurst said that they were determined to save the Bill and to oblige the Prime Minister to give a different reply. The women understood legislative trickery, and although the Prime Minister's supporters might stand it, they would not. If it should come to a crisis the blame would rest upon the Prime Minister and those members of the Cabinet who supported him in his attitude. The women of the W.S.P.U. were quite ready; they knew that the burden would fall upon the militants who had borne it for five years, and they were ready to take it up again.

That the determination of the leaders was shared by the whole audience was evident from the great applause which greeted her words: With absolute and iron determination we must see this thing through; we shall show them yet that women are the stronger force. We are approaching nearer to our object, and we are absolutely sure that we shall win!

Mr. Pethick Lawrence explained the trick which Mr. Asquith was playing in postponing the second reading until it was too late to give further facilities. The trick, however, would not succeed, because women were now awake. He showed how Mr. Asquith's excuses of lack of time and lack of support were wholly incorrect. If, as the Prime Minister had said, a majority of the Cabinet were in favour of Woman Suffrage, then the minority were setting themselves against the House of Commons, and they were the very men who protested that the will of the House of Commons should be supreme. It was impossible to have liberty in one part of the Constitution and slavery in another. To-day there were bigger forces inside and outside the House of Commons—and even inside the Cabinet—than ever before, and if the women were only determined enough, Mr. Asquith could be made to change his answer, and things could be carried through.

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DELIBERATE DETERMINATION

Calm and deliberate determination was the keynote of the tremendously enthusiastic meeting at St. James' Hall on Thursday evening. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence (in the chair) read the Prime Minister's answer to Mr. Shackleton's request for facilities for the Bill now before the House, and it was very evident that the great audience, mainly composed of women, was absolutely of one mind in the demand for the Bill and nothing but the Bill.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst called upon members of the House of Commons—as trustees for the people—to do their part inside the House, as women are ready to do it outside. If the will of the people was to be over-ridden by the autocratic action of one man, England might as well go back to Stuart times. An absolutely united army of women was ready to confront the Prime Minister if he really persisted in maintaining his present attitude. The women had reached the very door of the fortress, and only one more determined effort was needed to get through.

Mrs. Pankhurst said she believed there was a greater understanding between men and women at the present moment than ever before; she had also greater faith in their friends in the House of Commons than ever before. If, however, it was necessary to fight, the Union was ready. She called upon the women present to exercise self-restraint until it was known what action the members of the House of Commons would take. The entire meeting was dominated by the greatest possible enthusiasm, and each leader on rising to speak was applauded to the echo, men and women alike rising in their seats and crying "Bravo! Bravo!"

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REPORTS FROM ORGANISERS.

There is no pause in the activities of the Union. The Procession is past, all energies must be concentrated on the Bill now before Parliament. Members can explain it and ask support for it at all their meetings, so that it will be backed by public opinion all over the country; they must also hold themselves in readiness for any work they may be called upon to do.

General Offices: W.S.P.U. 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Mrs. Drummond, who has removed her office from Clements Inn to the new shop, 156, Charing Cross Road, makes an urgent appeal for volunteers for all kinds of work. Miss Elsa Gye is in charge of the Outdoor Campaign, and will be glad if members will help her in making the two London free meetings, Mondays at Queen's Hall and Thursdays at St. James' Hall more widely known. Helpers for giving out handbills and chalking the pavements are asked to call at the W.S.P.U. Offices, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., on Monday mornings, and to ask for Miss Gye.

Sellers of Votes for Women are wanted for the pitches already established, and to enable new ones to be started. Poster parades take place on Tuesday afternoons at 3 p.m. and Friday mornings at 11 a.m. from the shop. Volunteers for this work should communicate with Miss Alinworth at the shop, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C. Members can do a great deal by introducing the paper to the notice of their friends. All communications with regard to the W.S.P.U. Drum and Pipe or Bug Bands should be sent to the Drum Major, Mrs. Leigh, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Unique opportunities for becoming speakers are offered to W.S.P.U. members. Miss Rosa Leo, who has already trained many successful pupils, gives instruction (by the kindness of the Misses Brackenbury) at their Studio, 2, Camden Hill Square, on Saturday afternoons at 3 p.m., and also holds private classes on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.45 p.m. at the same address. For the Saturday afternoon class there is only a nominal fee of 2d. per week. For the private classes the fee is one guinea for ten lessons, and all communications should be addressed to Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Biggin Avenue, W.

BATTERSEA. Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Halsay, 45, Cambridge Mansions.

A most successful meeting was held in Battersea Park on Sunday evening; it drew in both the chair and Mrs. West made an excellent speech.

CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM. Organiser—Miss Elsa Gye.

A most successful meeting was held on Peckham East on Sunday in spite of the fact that Miss Ogston was unable to be present. Mrs. Westbrook and Dr. Gordon Clark kindly undertook the meeting in her place. Will all members having time to spare please call at the offices, 55, Church Street, any evening after 6.30 p.m. A vigorous open-air campaign has already been started. The organiser will be glad if any members will lend drawing-rooms for meetings.

CHELSEA AND KENSAL TOWN. Shop and Office—303, King's Road.

The great afternoon meeting in the Court Theatre next Thursday, July 7, at 3 o'clock, when Lady Constance Lytton and Miss Adam will speak, is absorbing all energies. The speeches will be followed by a dramatic and musical recital in which Miss Maria Cunningham, Miss Wilsa Compton, Mrs. Vivid Lewis and Madame Bertha Moore have kindly promised to take part. All who can spare a little time to distribute notes advertising it are asked to call at once at 303, King's Road. Help is much needed; the theatre is large and much circulating has yet to be done. Help is also needed in selling the paper at the fifteen open-air meetings which take place between now and next Thursday.

CHISWICK. Shop—279, High Road.

Four and five meetings weekly are being held and this Union is in urgent need of more speakers from among the members. They are asked to follow the example of Miss Thomas and Miss Leslie Hall and to take somewhat of the great pressure of work from others. Excellent at Home has been held, and next Wednesday Miss Smith is kindly lending her drawing-room (see programme).

FOREST GATE. Hon. Sec.—Miss Y. H. Friedlaender, 120, Earham Grove.

New open-air pitches have resulted in excellent meetings, and an insistent demand for more; Miss Wylie's at Platow on Friday was much appreciated. It is hoped, in view of the present crisis, to hold Tuesday meetings as well during the next few weeks, but this depends on the co-operation of members and friends. A meeting costs 3s. Mrs. Friedlaender has made jam (now on sale) to pay for the first; other friends are earnestly asked to make themselves singly or jointly responsible for the cost of a meeting. The order for papers has been increased, and sellers are urgently needed.

HACKNEY. Organiser—Miss Helen Craig, 4, Clements Inn.

A special campaign is being started in Hackney. All members and friends living in or near the district are asked to communicate with the organiser at 4, Clements Inn. Help of every kind is needed, both personal and financial.

HAMMERSMITH. Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road.

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HAMPSTEAD. Shop and Office—134, Finchley Road, N.W.

At a members' meeting it was decided to keep the shop, the weekly rent of 13s. 6d. being guaranteed for four weeks by members present. The following are the new committee—Mrs. Saul Solomon (Pres.), Mrs. A. B. Weaver (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. John Brindley (Cres.), Mrs. John Gulich (Shop Sec.), Miss Grafton (Librarian), Miss F. Rowlett (Vozza for Vozza Sec.), Mrs. Kelsey (Garden Suburb Representative), Miss Dulcie Pearce, Mrs. Brasford, Miss Beatrice Harraden.

ISLINGTON. Hon. Sec.—Miss Ethel Haslam, 65, Cranbrook Road.

A meeting to form a local union was held at 4, Clements Inn. Mrs. Drummond presided. Miss Casseley was chosen Secretary, Miss Alinjah Treasurer, Miss Hopkins Literature Secretary, Miss Fagg is continuing in waiting for another month. There will be a members' meeting at 355, Essex Road, next Monday, July 4, to discuss business points, and the organiser hopes every member will be present. Campaign funds are urgently needed.

KENSINGTON. Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W.

The July At Home (the last monthly At Home until autumn) will be held at 7, Pembroke Gardens, Kensington, by kind permission of Mrs. Jopling Row, next Tuesday (see programme). Members are asked to bring as many unconverted friends as possible. Invitation cards may be had from the shop. As some of the regular Vozza for Women sellers are away on holidays, it is hoped that new workers will volunteer, so that there may be no falling off in the street sales. Will members making jam remember that home-made jams command a ready sale at the shop? Small supplies of gooseberry and straw jam are now on sale.

LEWISHAM. Shop and Office—107, High Street, Lewisham.

The Committee is desirous of organising a Votes for Women Garden Party on or about July 15. Will owners of suitable gardens or those able to make suggestions communicate with the Secretary, Miss Jones, at 12, General expenses. Miss Hugheson (S. Mrs. Moore 10s.). Next Saturday's meeting on Streatham Common will be held at the usual times 3.30 p.m.

LAMBETH. Organising Sec.—Miss Laetitia Tyson, 37, Drowstead Road, Streatham.

The 10s. debt on the banner has been subscribed by the following ladies: Mrs. Brown, Carson, Hunter, Smith, Tyson, and Bell, The Misses G. Hamilton, Smith, Townley, Bartlett, Dowling, Dines, and A. Bell. Donations towards Office Fund: Miss O'Brien 5s. 6d., Miss Jones 1s. General expenses: Miss Hugheson 5s., Mrs. Moore 10s. Next Saturday's meeting on Streatham Common will be held at the usual times 3.30 p.m.

N.W. LONDON. Shop and Office—215, High Road, Kilburn, Tel. 1183

Good outdoor meetings and greatly increased sales of the paper are most encouraging. On Sunday a large and interesting meeting was addressed in Gladstone Park by Mrs. Kranich, Miss Canning, Miss Bether Hyams and Miss Elsa Myers, and there was a splendid sale of the paper. Thanks to all speakers. Excellent post-card photographs taken on Saturday, 18th, are to be seen at the shop. Help is greatly needed both in the shop and in other ways in local work. Even one hour a week will be welcomed. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Grant, £1 1s. 0d., Mrs. Pearson, 2s., and further amounts, £2 11s. 3d. for May, and £2 14s. 3d. for June from the Hendon Union.

NORTH ISLINGTON (LATE HORNSEY). Hon. Secs.—Miss Clara Brown, 11, Gladamir Road, Highgate, and Miss Jackson, 46, Langdon Park Road, Highgate.

Open-air meetings are in full swing, and the crowds show real interest in, and understanding of, the woman's point of view. Votes for Women pitches are in great need of workers and members are asked to offer as much time as they can spare. No one realises the joys of paper-selling until they try! Thanks to Mrs. Cox for again kindly giving 5s. 6d. for the display of a poster, and to men supporters who give so much help behind the scenes which only those who work can really appreciate.

PADDINGTON. Hon. Organiser—Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 31, Bedford Street, Strand, W.C.

Affairs in Paddington are getting on very well. Another £5 contribution and the furniture for the shop has been generously given by Mrs. Lionel P. Bedford, and further subscriptions are promised. The organiser hopes very long to be established in Praed Street, where fortnightly meetings will be the order of the day. It is a satisfaction to know that the seven women Guardians in Paddington are in favour of the Suffrage.

PUTNEY AND FULHAM. Shop—905, Fulham Road. Organiser—Miss Jarvis.

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Saturday night, and Mrs. Oliver Watts' meeting on Putney Heath, the largest crowd this year, are further testimony. Please note change of time on the Heath, and consult the Programme. Home-made jam (made by Mrs. and Miss Dillingham), tea, soup, and eggs are on sale. Will friends send contributions to once for the jubilee sale, to be held shortly? Next Thursday, July 7, at 7.30 p.m., a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be given in the rooms of 61, Upper Richmond Road, Putney, by the permission of the Girls' Public Day School Trust, by the "Elizabeth Beale" Comedy Company. Among the artists are Miss Mary Beale, Miss Alys Rees (members of the A.F.L.), and Miss Mary Paterson, who will give a solo dance. Tickets (3s., 2s., 1s., and 1s. 6d.) with a reduction of 6d. on each ticket purchased before the day) can be obtained from Mrs. Furley-Smith, 80, Clarendon Road, Putney (who is kindly making all arrangements), Mr. W. Phillips, Music Seller, High Street, Putney, and at 905, Fulham Road. Proceeds for the local Union.

RICHMOND AND KEW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Clayton, Clarendon Road, Richmond.
Acknowledgment is gratefully made of the help of Miss Stevenson by a lady in the street for the local W.S.P.U. The following are thanked for their help in speaking at the numerous meetings in preparation for the great Procession—Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. G. G. G. G., Miss Cather, Miss Clayton (chair), Miss C.M.A. Coombs, Miss E. Davison, Miss Una Dugdale, Miss F. Feak, Dr. Russell Grant (chair), Mrs. J. Kutter, Dr. Constance Long, Mrs. Pertwee, Mrs. F. Ratton, Miss S. Stevenson

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

Day	Time	Address	Chair	Time
July	1	156, Charing Cross Road	11 a.m.	
Friday	1	Croydon, Katharine Street	8 p.m.	
"	1	Forest Gate, Eastham Grove, W.	7.30 p.m.	
"	1	Harrod's Stores	8 p.m.	
"	1	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	12 noon	
"	1	Sioux Station	8 p.m.	
"	1	Thornton Heath, Clock Tower	8 p.m.	
"	1	Willesden Green Station	8 p.m.	
"	1	Willesden Green, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway	3.30 p.m.	
Saturday	2	Broadway Road	3.30 p.m.	
"	2	Forest Gate, Eastham Grove, W.	8 p.m.	
"	2	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	8 p.m.	
"	2	Hilford, Balfour Road	7.30 p.m.	
"	2	Kenilworth, Victoria Road	8 p.m.	
"	2	Lewisham, The Obelisk	7.30 p.m.	
"	2	2, New Road, Campden Hill W.	3.30 p.m.	
"	2	Norwood, Clock Tower	7 p.m.	
"	2	Richmond, Fire Station	8 p.m.	
"	2	Upper Holloway, St. John's Park	7.30 p.m.	
"	2	Walham Green, Edin Road	6 p.m.	
Sunday	3	Battersea Park	3 p.m.	
"	3	Blackheath	3 p.m.	
"	3	Brookwell Park	3 p.m.	
"	3	Clapham Common	3 p.m.	
"	3	Croydon, Duggas Hill	3 p.m.	
"	3	Finchley Park	3 p.m.	
"	3	Glaston Park	3 p.m.	
"	3	Hampton Heath	3 p.m.	
"	3	Hyde Park	11.30 a.m.	
"	3	Kew, Bridge Approach	3 p.m.	
"	3	Northampton, Victoria Road	3 p.m.	
"	3	Peckham Rye	3 p.m.	
"	3	Ridgway, Victoria Road	3 p.m.	
"	3	Ravenscourt Park	3 p.m.	
"	3	Rogent's Park	3 p.m.	
"	3	St. John's Wood, Victoria Road	3 p.m.	
"	3	Wimbledon Common	3 p.m.	
Monday	4	Kenilworth, Third Avenue	8 p.m.	
"	4	Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.	8 p.m.	
Tuesday	5	Sioux Station	3 to 5 p.m.	
"	5	Willesden Green Station	12 noon	
"	5	156, Charing Cross Road	3 p.m.	
"	5	905, Fulham Road	3 p.m.	
"	5	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	7.30 p.m.	
"	5	Markham Square, W.	8 p.m.	
"	5	7, Pembroke Gardens, W., at Home	8 p.m.	
"	5	Pinlco, Orange Square	4 p.m.	
"	5	Sioux Station	8 p.m.	
"	5	Walthamstow, Wood Street	8 p.m.	
Wednesday	6	Barking, outside Old Town Hall	8 p.m.	
"	6	Cricklewood, Anson Road	8 p.m.	
"	6	Pinlco, Orange Square	7.30 p.m.	
"	6	Sioux Station	12 noon	
"	6	South Norwood, St. Hamore Park	8 p.m.	
Thursday	7	Court Theatre, Sloane Square	3 p.m.	
"	7	Finchley Park	7.30 p.m.	
"	7	Fulham Road	7.30 p.m.	
"	7	St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street, W.	8 p.m.	
"	7	Brookwell Park	7.30 p.m.	
"	7	Croydon, Katharine Street	8 p.m.	
"	7	Forest Gate, Sobers Road	8 p.m.	
"	7	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	8 p.m.	
"	7	Willesden, 6, Victoria Crescent	8 p.m.	

Poster Parade every Friday Morning and Tuesday afternoon, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.

Home Counties.

CANTERBURY AND THANET.
Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, 2, York Terrace, Ramsgate.
When this week's issue appears Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be beginning her East Kent Tour. The coach and four will be heading for coming in Thanet, while Herne Bay will have been awakened to the fact by decorated carts, bicycles, and a delightful parade of babies, headed by Christabel Junior, who will not only announce her namesake, but also bear witness that a Suffragette's hand can rock a cradle as well as wave a tricolour. A Ladies' Orchestra, conducted by Miss Grey, is kindly giving its services to Miss Pankhurst's meeting in Herne Bay. After the Magpie meeting on Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Barnett-Smith, Fairfield, Cliftonville Avenue, will welcome those W.S.P.U. members who have been to the Theatre Royal to a "Family Party" to meet Miss Pankhurst. Will W.S.P.U. members from Herne Bay, Westgate, and other places who have been to the Theatre Royal meeting please note. Those whom Miss Pankhurst will inspire to a desire to work for women's freedom (and it is to be hoped there will be many of them) are asked to communicate with the Organiser, 2, York Terrace, Ramsgate.

Friday, July 1.—Herne Bay, Town Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Chair: H. E. Ramsey, 3 p.m.; Kooleson, Workers' Meeting to meet Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Hostess: Mrs. Annley, 8 p.m.; Ramsgate, Royal Victoria Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 2.—Margate, Theatre Royal, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 3 p.m.; Members' Party to meet Miss Pankhurst, Hostess: Mrs. Barnett-Smith, Fairfield, 5 p.m.

READING.
Shop and Office: 39, West Street.
The Shop is now open, and reported to be very thriving. Call and see it, and volunteer to help to "keep" it, especially during the afternoons. The open-air campaign is in full swing; special dinner hour meetings for factory girls are being arranged, in addition to four evening meetings weekly. Will volunteers help to sell Votes for Women on Friday mornings, so that a second pitch may be started? Much depends now on the political situation being thoroughly understood, and Votes for Women is the only sure source.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.
Office—3, North Street, Quadrant.
Tel. 483 (Nat.). Organiser—Mrs. Clarke.
"We don't blame you," say the men, when told that militant methods may again be necessary. Helpers are wanted for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, Hove Town Hall, July 8 (Friday), and for the W.S.P.U. lorry in the Hospital Procession on July 16. Daily meetings are held at 5.30 at a new pitch on the Front, opposite Cavendish Place.
Friday, July 8.—Hove, Town Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

OXFORD.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. F. Richards, 200, Woodstock Road.
Next Thursday, July 7, a meeting will be addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst. It is hoped that Mr. H. W. Nevins will be in the chair.

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"Mandarin" Blend		"S. & P." PURE COCOA.	
(in 1 lb. and 1/2 lb. packets)	1/11 1/9	"INCORPARABLE."	
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Office—33, Paradise Street, Tel. 1443 Midland.
Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans.
Now that the Summer Campaign is in full swing every member is asked to undertake regularly some special work—at open-air meetings, selling the paper at the pitch, or canvassing weekly. A special fund is being raised to cover Open-Air Campaign expenses; contributions are urgently invited. Will members let all their friends know about the Morris Dance and Folk Song Entertainment at 19, Hermitage Road, to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.30? Tickets are 1s. 6d. each, including tea; children, 1s. They can be had on sale or return from the office or from Miss Edith Ryland, 19, Hermitage Road. Miss Ryland, who has instructed the "Cassidy Girls" Club in these dances, has very kindly arranged this entertainment to raise funds for the W.S.P.U.

Friday, July 1.—Bull Ring. Dr. Helena Jones, 7 p.m.; Corporation Street and Steelhouse Lane, Mrs. Bennett Smith, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 2.—Cycling Scouts go to Alvechurch, meet at Office, 2.30 p.m.; Morris Dance Entertainment, Hostess: Mrs. Ryland, 19, Hermitage Road, Edglaston, 3.30 p.m.
Sunday, July 3.—Small Heath Park Gates, Golden Fleece Club in these dances, has very kindly arranged this entertainment to raise funds for the W.S.P.U.

Monday, July 4.—Committee Meeting, Office, 33, Paradise Street, 8 p.m.; Winson Green and Pool Street, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5.—Queen's College, at Home, Miss Douglas Smith, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6.—Wilson Road and Aston Lane, 8.30 p.m.
Thursday, July 7.—Gosta Green, Miss Hilda Burkitt, Hillcock Road, Miss D. Evans, 8 p.m.
Friday, July 8.—Bull Ring, Mrs. Bessie Smith, 7 p.m.; Corporation Street and Steelhouse Lane, Miss Burkitt, 8 p.m.

West of England.

NEWPORT AND SOUTH WALES.
Office—46, Clarence Place.
W.S.P.U. Organiser—Miss Rachel Barrett, 25 p.m.
Will members who have not sent in their subscriptions towards the Newport banner fund kindly do so as soon as possible. A supply of "Votes for Women" tea will be kept in the Shop in future. Will members note?

Saturday, July 2.—Llanwon Park, General Meeting, Miss Gawthrop.
Wednesday, July 6.—Bridge Street, Newport. Miss Honey, Miss Stewart, 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 7.—Malindee Square, Newport. Miss Honey, Miss Powell, 8 p.m.

COVENTRY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Dawson, St. Peter's Vicarage.
Thursday, July 7.—Poole Meadow, Miss Edith Dale, 7.30 p.m.

LEAMINGTON.
Organiser—Miss Evans, 33, Paradise Street, Birmingham.
Hon. Sec.—Miss M. Bull, Ashton House.
Wednesday, July 6.—The Obelisk, Mrs. Bessie Smith, 7.30 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.
Tel. 1715 Leicester.
Organiser—Miss D. Pethick, Miss D. A. Bowker.
So great an interest has been raised by the Progression that Votes for Women quickly sells out. There is still a vacancy in the shop time-table, and the organisers will be glad to have help on Tuesday mornings. Many thanks to those who sold roses in the colours to friends and sympathisers on the Embankment; quite a sales little profit was made for the shop. Packets of China tea are now on sale, 2s. and 2s. 6d. a pound.

Eastern Counties.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.
Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silent Street, Ipswich.
Mrs. Mansel's meetings at Temple, Woodbridge, and Henley Hall, Henley (by kind invitation of Lady Mary Cayley and Mrs. Douglas Reid), and a very successful

Barn meeting at Burstall (arranged by Mrs. Cranford) when the entire village came and much interest was aroused, have been the events of the week. Will other members outside Ipswich also make arrangements for village meetings? All will be delighted to hear that Lady Constance Lytton will address a garden meeting at the Cottage, Burstall (by kind invitation of Mrs. Cranford), on July 11, at 3.30 p.m. Invitation cards can be obtained at 19, Silent Street. Those wishing for a seat on the brakes leaving Ipswich for this meeting should communicate with the organiser without delay, gratefully acknowledged—Miss Margaret Fison, 21, Miss Lillie Row, 21, Mrs. Brooke, 7s. 3d.; Miss Page, 6s. 1d.; Miss Lillie Row, 19s. 3d.; Collection: 10s. 6d.

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.
Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 65, Manningham Lane, Bradford.

HARROGATE AND ILLKEY.
Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 160, Valley Drive, Harrogate.

Even a temperance demonstration with a band proved an unsuccessful rival to the W.S.P.U. meeting last Tuesday! Miss Thompson, of Heathfield, Illkey, has promised to take charge of Illkey's share in the West Riding stall at the Southport Exhibition, and all contributions from that district should be sent to her.

Friday, July 1.—Harrogate, The Stray, Miss Phillips, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5.—Harrogate, The Stray, Miss Phillips, 8 p.m.
Friday, July 8.—Harrogate, The Stray, Miss Phillips, 8 p.m.

HULL, WITHERSEA AND DISTRICT.
Organiser—Mrs. Balfour, care of Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.
Office—7, Blakett Street.
Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 208, Westgate Road. Since the Procession and the introduction of the Bill many more Votes for Women than usual have been sold, and the organiser asks all members to make greater efforts still to increase the sales week by week. Open-air meetings also afford a good opportunity for becoming practised speakers. Gardens and large rooms are appealed for, especially out of Newcastle. Time, money, service, all are needed more than ever now.

The Wednesday at Home (8 to 9) will, until further notice, be a working party for the October Bazaar. Lady Constance Lytton, Lady Emily Lutyens, Lady Blako, the Hon. Mrs. Parsons, and Mrs. Taylor will be among the helpers. Please set to work at once! Meetings not announced here will be written on the notice board in the shop window.

Saturday, July 2.—Anfield Plain, Miss Williams, 7 p.m.
Monday, July 4.—Women's Co-operative Guild, Newgate Street, Miss Williams, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6.—77, Blakett Street, Sewing Party, 3 to 5 and 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.
Friday, July 8.—77, Blakett Street, Speakers' Class, 7.30 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH.
Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Mrs. Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough.

Open-air meetings are held weekly at the West Pier on Saturday afternoons. Last week Dr. Mackenzie

and Miss Suffield were the speakers. W.S.P.U. members who can speak are invited to spend the week end here; hospitality will be offered. Dr. Helena Jones will speak on July 13th.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 45, Marlborough Road, Sheffield.

Very successful meetings have been addressed at Rotherham (Dr. George Hall) and Chesterfield (Market Hall) by Miss Isabel Seymour and Miss A. Pankhurst. The Rev. A. Hardy presided at Chesterfield and Miss Middleton at Rotherham. Miss Seymour also spoke at the Sheffield at Home on the strength of the movement in Germany. Miss Middleton's address on Woman Suffrage and Education was also most interesting and well received. The afternoon at Home will be postponed till the autumn, but evening at Home are held on Thursdays (8 p.m.). The open-air campaign is beginning—regular meetings as below. The Jubilee Sale reached 27 10s. half the amount promised by the working party. Will members now collect goods for another? Working parties meet on Thursday afternoons as well as Fridays. Will members call for home work? Volunteers are needed for a canvass of women householders.

Saturday, July 2.—Hunters' Bar, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5.—Burgess Vestry Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6.—Walkley Tram Terminus, 7.30 p.m.

North-Western Counties.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.
Central Office—164, Oxford Road, Manchester.
Organiser—Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Rosa Robinson.

At this crisis no effort whatever must be spared, and Manchester, the birth-place of the militant movement, must now be the first to bring about an alteration in Mr. Asquith's attitude, so that the Bill may become law this session. Manchester members are therefore asked to use every effort in their power to secure substantial backing for the Bill from the electors in their own particular districts. Funds to provide for all emergencies are needed, and the Lancashire Bazaar to be held in Southport in October, will provide a means of supplying these. Work parties are already formed and are working strenuously. Will each Manchester member make herself personally responsible for providing at least 22 worth of goods? These should not be supplied by the member herself, but should be obtained by a canvass of all sympathisers in her district. As many members as possible will, it is hoped, attend the members' meeting (see below).

The coming week is the last week of the Industrial Exhibition, Fallowfield. Members who have not yet visited the W.S.P.U. stall should take advantage of this extension, as many fancy goods in the colours will not be obtainable in Manchester after the close of the Exhibition. Half-price tickets may be obtained at the office.

Friday, July 1.—Whitefield, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 2.—Stevenson Square, 3 p.m.
Monday, July 4.—Alexander Park Gates, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5.—Beales Cross, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6.—Members' Meeting at Office, 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 7.—Aston-under-Lyne, 8 p.m.
Friday, July 8.—Upper Brook Street and High Street, 8 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—28, Berry Street, Tel. 3761 Royal.
Organiser—Miss B. Ada Flatman.

Sales of Votes for Women, open-air meetings, and working parties for the Northern Exhibition occupy all attention. A Monster Demonstration is being arranged at St. George's Plateau for Saturday afternoon, July 9, at 3.30. Members are asked to come to the office for handbills and to chalk this in their districts, and to do all possible to make this known in the short time at disposal; we shall have five platforms, and the help of every member is essential.

Saturday, July 2.—Seaford Sands, Pier Head Station, arranged at St. George's Plateau, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5.—28, Berry Street, Liverpool, Working Party and Discussion, 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 7.—Seacombe Promenade, Miss Flatman and others, 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 7.—28, Berry Street, Working Party, 8 p.m.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth, 1, Myrtle Street, Bolton.

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Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 41, Glover's Court, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham; Miss Margaret Hewitt, 41, Glover's Court, Church Road, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—13, Nevill Street.
Organiser—Miss Dora Marsden.

Members are attacking the work in preparation for the great Bazaar in deadly earnest and a president and committee have been appointed for the eleven Southport stalls. Attention is drawn to Mrs. Fisher's visit to the Saturday Shore meetings, for which helpers are urgently needed, and to the Cake Sale. If all realised the amount of personal effort which the organisers of such sales put into their work, they would make very strenuous efforts to secure unqualified success. Dr. Catherine Bushnell's just concluded lectures on "Oriental Women Under British Rule" have been a great success from the financial and every other point of view.

Friday, July 1.—21, Derby Road, Working Party, Miss McKay, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, July 2.—21, Derby Road, Cake Sale, 4 p.m.; Shore Meeting (Local Members).

Tuesday, July 5.—Shop, Working Party, 3 p.m.; 21, Derby Road, Lecture, Mrs. Fisher, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6.—Manor House, Sandringham Road, Birkdale, at Home, Mrs. Fisher, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday, July 7.—Shop, Working Party, 3 p.m.; 14, Queen's Road, at Home, Miss Harrison, 7.30 p.m.
Friday, July 8.—21, Derby Road, Working Party, Miss McKay, 7.30 p.m.

Scotland.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.
Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street.
Tel. 415, Charing Cross.
Organiser—Miss Barbara Wylie, 8, Rockside, Gourkoek (pro tem).

Miss Wylie will be glad if any friends will write to her at Gourkoek with offers of help in the summer campaign. Chalkers, paper sellers, and speakers are

urgently needed. Will members in Arran, Rothesay, or Dumfries remember "duds and words," and volunteer at once? A very large crowd gathered at the last open-air meeting at the Botanic Gardens, and in Gourkoek Votes for Women was sold out and a good collection taken.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—8, Melville Place, Queensferry Central.
Organiser—Miss Burns, Tel. 4183 Central.

Members are asked to concentrate on the garden sale at Collieston, Portobello, on July 9. Those who can contribute refreshments or flowers are requested to give in their names either at 8, Melville Place, Edinburgh, or at 23, Argyle Crescent, Portobello. There will be various competitions, including Suffrage quotations; the names of the six most militant women in Scottish history; cake, scones, and candy; so that members debarré by household duties from attending meetings and doing militant work will be able to give their services in this essentially "womanly" way.

Saturday, July 2.—Boroughness, Miss B. Gorrie, Miss Mitchell; Falkirk, Miss M. Scott, Miss Geddes; Haddington, Miss Chapman, Miss Hudson; Leith, Mrs. A. J. Hall, Miss Fairman, 2.30 p.m.; Miss M. Gorrie, Miss Burns, Miss Short; Peebles, Monday, July 4.—Musselburgh, Miss Chapman, Miss M. Gorrie.

Tuesday, July 5.—Jona Street and Leith Walk, Miss Burns, Miss Geddes.
Wednesday, July 6.—Gorburgh, Miss B. Gorrie, Miss Hudson.
Thursday, July 7.—Inverkeithing, Miss M. Scott, Miss M. Gorrie.

DUNDEE.

Office—61, Nethergate.
Organiser—Miss M'Lean.

THE THANET WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

This Society, which under its President, Mrs. Steen, and Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Barnett-Smith, has done so much excellent pioneer work for the movement in Thanet, held its General Meeting at the hon. secretary's house on Wednesday, June 1st, when the following resolution was passed—"The Thanet Women's Suffrage Society consider that the need for their society no longer exists, in view of the fact that the Women's Social and Political Union have sent an organiser down to the Thanet and Canterbury districts and that they have permanent headquarters for at least a year at Ramsgate. The Committee therefore feel that the work will be carried on in the best possible way under their direction." The following resolution was therefore also passed—"That the Thanet Women's Suffrage Society be dissolved." The Canterbury and Thanet Organiser wishes to take this opportunity of acknowledging

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A SUFFRAGETTE'S INDIGNATION.

On Thursday evening last, after Mr. Asquith's very unsatisfactory statement on the Suffrage Bill had been published, Miss Emily Davison, acting on her own initiative, broke two panes of glass in the Crown Office with pieces of chalk, to which were attached these messages: "To Mr. Asquith: Give full facilities for the new Bill for Women's Suffrage." "To Mr. Asquith: Indignant womanhood will not take this insult. Be wise." "Be wise in time. Women will not be trifled with." "To Mr. Asquith."

Miss Davison told the magistrate, that when she heard that the Prime Minister had refused to give full facilities to the Women's Suffrage Bill, and would only permit a sham debate at the end of the session, she felt that deeds must take the place of words. Without consulting the Women's Social and Political Union, she broke the windows, believing that to be the only protest that was likely to be understood.

Miss Davison was fined £5, or one month's imprisonment. She chose the latter punishment, but her fine was afterwards paid without her knowledge or permission, and she was therefore set at liberty.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Open-air meetings at Kingstown, Bray, and the Phoenix Park are held weekly by the League, and are proving a most successful feature of its summer programme. Members of the I.W.F.L. are actively canvassing Irish members of Parliament to induce them to sign a memorial asking Mr. Asquith to afford facilities for Mr. Shackleton's Bill, and to bring pressure to bear upon the Government to carry the Bill through all its stages. Many prominent Irish members have signed the memorial and it is hoped that they will be present in full number at the Second Reading to swell the majority for the Bill and so remove all excuse for the refusal of further facilities. As an outcome of the interest awakened in the I.W.F.L. among Irishwomen who took part in the recent procession a London branch of the League is being formed by Irishwomen resident in London who have not hitherto joined any Suffrage society.

MEN'S POLITICAL UNION FOR WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT.

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A special business meeting was held on Monday evening to consider what steps should be taken in the event of the Prime Minister continuing to evade facilities for an early second reading of the Conciliation Committee's Bill, and also for its further stages after a favourable decision. Mr. Victor Duval (chair) briefly explained the political situation and said that the Men's Political Union was determined to give facilities for an early second reading of the Conciliation Committee's Bill, and also for its further stages after a favourable decision. Mr. Victor Duval (chair) briefly explained the political situation and said that the Men's Political Union was determined to give facilities for an early second reading of the Conciliation Committee's Bill, and also for its further stages after a favourable decision.

Mr. H. N. Brasford gave an instructive account of some of his experience in connection with the Conciliation Committee's Bill, and Mr. Cecil Chapman, Mr. Cameron Swan, and Captain Gonno also spoke. At an enjoyable social at home earlier in the afternoon Miss Keith, of the Actresses' Franchise League, kindly gave some much appreciated recitations. Members and other sympathisers are reminded that they will be heartily welcome at 13, Buckingham Street, next Monday, 5 to 7 p.m., and that funds are still urgently needed to wipe out a few debts remaining from the Procession. Donations will be acknowledged next week.

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