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## THE DOG AND THE SHADOW.



**MR. LLOYD GEORGE (soliloquising): "Confound the Dog! Why doesn't he drop the Bill and go for the Shadow?"**

[The Conciliation Committee, refusing to listen to Mr. Lloyd George's vague sympathy with a Bill to enfranchise ALL women, have determined to press forward with their own Bill in the Autumn Session.]

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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.

August, the holiday month, is over, and September, the month of preparation, is with us. With health and vigour in their faces suffrage workers are everywhere returning to their tasks, determined that the autumn shall bring forth not merely a great suffrage campaign,

but the greatest that has yet been seen, the campaign that shall culminate in victory. The conflict is certain to be keen, but we have everything on our side and we mean to win.

#### Everyone Must Help.

To ensure speedy success there is need of the help of all. Those who have already borne the burden and heat of the day are still in the front rank of the fighters; to these must now be added women who from one cause or another have hitherto stood on one side—party women who have failed to see that the only sound way of supporting the principles they have at heart is first to obtain their recognised place as citizens of the country, non-political women who are to-day beginning to understand that the possession of the vote is necessary in order to safeguard the interests of the home, of the children, and of the race. With such new recruits constantly coming into the ranks the woman suffrage army marches forward with stout heart and glad step prepared for any conflict which may be necessary.

#### Mrs. Pankhurst in the Highlands.

Excellent news is to hand concerning the success of Mrs. Pankhurst's tour in the Highlands of Scotland. Everywhere comes the same intelligence of crowded meetings of delighted audiences and of a hearty response to the appeal for funds and for membership. After all

the busy campaigns of the past five years it is difficult to realise that so many people are still to be found who have never heard a suffrage speaker and who know nothing of the movement; yet such is the case. To them these meetings are a new vision striking right across the commonplace of their daily lives and showing them that there are many things "undreamt of in their philosophy." We draw attention to the further programme of Mrs. Pankhurst's tour, outlined on page 804, and also to her prospective engagements in Ireland in October.

#### Holiday Campaign.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is taking meetings during September in different parts of England. Those already arranged are the following:—Wednesday, September 14, York; Thursday, September 15, Bridlington; Friday, September 16, Ilkley; Wednesday, September 21, Herne Bay; Friday, September 23, Eastbourne; Wednesday, September 28, St. Leonards. In other holiday resorts a vigorous campaign is being conducted by members of the W.S.P.U., particulars of which are given on page 804. Meanwhile, with a view to providing powder and shot to combat the attacks of the anti-suffragists, and to answer the opponents of the Conciliation Committee's Bill, a new armoury of literature is being prepared by the Woman's Press, which will be found of especial service to suffragists.

Rev. R. J. Campbell on Woman Suffrage.

In the course of a touchingly beautiful sermon at the City Temple last Sunday Mr. R. J. Campbell showed a very real understanding of the spiritual significance of the woman's movement.

The actual good result of any human effort is the precise equivalent of the pure spiritual motive that has been put into it.

Votes for women, Mr. Campbell added, would, he was told by people who ought to know, soon be won.

Mrs. Ayrton at Sheffield.

A notable speech was made last week by the distinguished scientist, Mrs. Hertha Ayrton, who has been such a generous supporter of the W.S.P.U. on the question of Votes for Women.

The "Votes for Women" Competition.

There are now three weeks left before the end of September, and there is still a chance for everyone to enter for the competition.

The Manchester Women's Lodging House.

We congratulate Manchester upon following the example set by Glasgow many years ago in opening a municipal women's lodging-house.

Only Male Cooks Need Apply.

We commend to anti-suffragists as a fitting object for their labours in municipal work the case of the cooking classes organised by the London County Council for boys only.

Underpay and Women Workers.

Some time ago we commented upon the sweating of women embroiderers in Belfast. The figures there given are corroborated in the report of the Medical Officer of Health, who mentions that for sewing 308 dots on a cushion cover a woman received the sum of one penny.

Progress in New York.

We are delighted to find that Suffrage Societies in America are now beginning to work on the lines that have proved so successful in this country.

Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, and it is believed that Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will co-operate. A further account of the work being done in New York will be found in an interesting letter on page 803.

New Zealand.

From the British Empire beyond the seas comes, in the New Zealand Herald of July 13, a splendid vindication of the beneficent effects of women's enfranchisement in that colony.

"We have never been able to understand," he says, "the vehement opposition which has been shown to the granting of the franchise to women by Home politicians.

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The Value of Women Doctors.

A splendid testimony to the ability of women doctors was made by Sir James Ritchie at the Mansion House a few days ago.

Florence Nightingale and India.

It is suggested by anti-woman suffragists that British prestige in India would suffer if women were allowed a voice in the administration of our Empire.

Among the many beneficent activities of Miss Florence Nightingale, in favour of Indian village sanitation, especially in connection with the seventh International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, which met in London in August, 1891?

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Items of Interest.

We are glad to learn that the Cradley Heath chain-makers are likely to be successful in resisting the attempt of the employers to keep their wages for another six months below the legal minimum.

In the Edinburgh printing dispute, in which the men are standing out for the "ultimate total elimination of female labour," strike notices were handed in at the end of last week, but there is now some indication that a settlement may be effected.

Mme. Curie has again advanced the boundaries of human knowledge and added to the possessions of science by succeeding in isolating pure radium, which had hitherto only been known in compound form.

The League for the Protection of Horses, which has just issued a report, says that the women cab-drivers in Paris treat their horses much better than the men do, and show them more consideration.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Although the holidays are not yet over, many enquiries are being made as to the recommencement of the two weekly free meetings in London.

Great Meeting in the Albert Hall.

Those who wish to be present at the great meeting in the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday, November 5, should secure tickets without delay.

EDINBURGH WOMEN COMPOSITORS.

The situation in Edinburgh with regard to the printers' strike has not yet cleared. The men are demanding the ultimate total abolition of female labour in the printing trade.

EDINBURGH EVENING NEWS.

The printers' dispute (writes a correspondent in touch with the Labour movement) has naturally aroused a great deal of interest in trades union and Labour circles in Edinburgh.

The Campaign.

Mrs. Pankhurst's Highland tour, which is proving such an enormous success, includes a large number of meetings, details of which will be found on page 804.

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HOLIDAY SKETCHES.

Scene: Off Dunoon, where the battleship "Hampshire" lies on view to the public. A motor-boat, called "The Suffragette," painted in purple, white and green, and flying the W.S.P.U. flag, lies at the slip, and the owners observe this conversation:

1ST WOMAN: "Eh! look at yon bonnie boat!" 2ND WOMAN: "My fancy on-yin cairn it 'The Suffragette.' But it's the bonniest loat a've seen this year."

A wayside cottage in Essex. Two women alight from their cycles, and an old woman brings them some refreshment. Holding her W.S.P.U. badge, one of the cyclists remarks: "Well, what do you think of the Suffragettes; aren't they awful creatures?"

At a holiday camp in Norfolk a woman swimmer, an ardent member of the W.S.P.U., finding that there are no swimming races for ladies, determines to enter for the ordinary races.

A Norfolk Broad. Two Suffragettes cycling suddenly discern the purple, white and green floating from the mast of one of the yachts.

In the article on the Women Chain-makers Strike in our issue of September 2nd, it was stated that the National Union of Women Workers had opened an office in Cradley.

FIRST WOMEN'S MUNICIPAL LODGING HOUSE IN ENGLAND.

A long, regular, artistic room, green and white painted walls, parquet floor, large plant-filled windows, through which the sun shines brightly to-day—and a crowd of interested people, listening with delight to the speeches of the women and men who occupy the small platform.

THE WOMEN CHAIN-MAKERS.

Nearly 700 women chain-makers are still locked out at Cradley Heath, while a small number have resumed work at the higher rates.

A few words about the Home itself. On the ground floor, adjoining the day-room where the speeches were made, is a large dining-room, and beyond this is the kitchen, with its cooking ranges, boiling-water apparatus, and stacks of earthenware and cooking utensils, any of which may be used by the residents.

"What is this?" I asked, as I stooped over a bit of moving iron that struck automatically on the link beneath. "I had nothing like that to help me finish up the links I made."

"Why don't the women have 'dollies'?" I persisted, "so they can do this better class of work and get better pay?"

WOMEN UNDER CANVAS.

Under strict military discipline, about 50 women belonging to the Women's Sick and Wounded Convoy Corps have just completed a week's camp at Studland, Dorset. The object was to familiarise the members with the probable conditions of field work in time of war, and the routine included lectures on first aid, sanitation, field work and nursing, given by Dr. Lillias Hamilton and Dr. Lettice, as well as demonstrations in cooking, stretcher and ambulance drills under R.A.M.C. Sergeant-instructors.

MRS. PANKHURST'S VISIT TO IRELAND.

Irish members and friends will welcome the news that at last they are to have the opportunity of listening to Mrs. Pankhurst, an opportunity they have often envied their English and Scotch friends!

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MAGISTERIAL IMPERTINENCE.

Two instances have come to hand during the last few days of police-court magistrates' impertinence to women in the Courts.

Many sensational accounts of a strike among French milliners are appearing in the English papers. Women gatekeepers on a line of railway in Ireland are reported to be on strike with the men for increased wages and shorter hours.

The number of girl candidates in the Civil Service appears to be greatly on the increase. For 467 posts last year there were 5,491 women competitors, a large increase on the previous year.

TEXT OF THE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE'S BILL.

TO EXTEND THE PARLIAMENTARY FRANCHISE TO WOMEN OCCUPIERS.

Be it enacted, etc.:

- 1. Every woman possessed of a household qualification, or of a ten pound occupation qualification, within the meaning of the Representation of the People Act (1885), shall be entitled to be registered as a voter, and when registered to vote for the county or borough in which the qualifying premises are situated.

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.

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.

# HANNAH MORE: PIONEER OF PRIMARY EDUCATION.

By Emily Wilding Davison, B.A.

Hannah More, one of the most remarkable characters of the eighteenth century, was born on February 2, 1745, at Stapleton Green, near Bristol. She was the fourth of the five daughters of a Norfolk man, Jacob More, master of the free school of Fishponds, Stapleton, who married Mary, the daughter of a farmer, John Grace. Jacob More seems to have been a man with a strong personality, who, although of Presbyterian and Cromwellian descent, was himself a Tory and High Churchman, while his wife was a woman of exceptional ability, so that we are not surprised that the parents insisted, even in those days, on giving their daughters a thorough education.

Hannah was a delicate and precocious child. She learnt to read before she was four years of age by dint of listening to her sister's lessons, and said her catechism so well that she astonished the clergyman of her parish. She showed the most insatiable thirst for knowledge, taking great delight in studying Dryden and classical stories, so much so that her father began to teach her Latin and mathematics when she was only eight years of age. Her progress in those studies was such that it frightened her parents, but he did not give up his task. She also learnt French from her eldest sister, who had been in France. Even in those early days she gave proof of talent in writing childish essays. Her already extensive acquirements were increased when her sisters set up a school in Bristol, which grew and prospered. There she learnt Italian and Spanish, and went on with Latin, also improving her literary talent. At the age of twenty-two she became engaged to a Mr. Turner, but the engagement was broken off and renewed several times, when she herself finally gave it up. This decision may have been a turning-point of her life, but Mr. Turner always showed the greatest reverence for her and interest in her career.

From this time onwards Hannah More's life gains in depth, and in fact may be said to have really begun. It may with advantage be divided into four clear periods.

The first period is that of her life in Vanity Fair, when she seems to have plunged into all the gaiety and brilliance of London society. About the end of 1773 Hannah More went to London to stay with two of her sisters, with a great desire to see the bishops and the booksellers. Both of these wishes were gratified in the most marvellous way, for the little Gloucestershire schoolmistress, of no special wealth or origin, entered into the most interesting coterie of that day. She had read and seen Garrick's "Lear," and was introduced to the actor and won his goodwill and admiration. Her keen wit and clever conversation soon made her famous, and she became acquainted with Edmund Burke, Joshua Reynolds, and Dr. Samuel Johnson. With the last-named, the great literary dictator, she rapidly became a prime favourite, and as such was often mentioned by the faithful Boswell. Her admiration for the great man led her almost into flattery, but it was flattery founded on respect. She says at this time to have become known as one of the "blue-stocking" club, about which she wrote a poem, which Johnson praised. An original poem of hers, "Sir Edred of the Bower," brought her into public notice, and from that time on she wrote several plays for Garrick, who had them performed. Thus her life was very busy and joyous. But in January, 1779, an event occurred which completely changed her way of life: the death of the famous actor who had befriended her so much, and who had always persisted in calling her "Nine," as comprising in her own person the Muses. From this moment Hannah More gradually retired from all gaiety.

A new epoch began in her life, which may be described as the period of philanthropic work. In 1781 she became acquainted with Horace Walpole, who was greatly impressed by her poems. As a result of her new attitude she wrote a series of sacred dramas for young people, considering that the literature of the day was absolutely unfit for them. In 1784 Hannah More suffered another great grief in the death of Samuel Johnson, who had always called her "dear child." The keen-sighted critic saw the signs of great possibilities in her noble character. Hannah More became deeply religious, and took every chance of doing good works. Thus at this time she helped a poor milk-woman at Bristol, who had written poems, to gain patronage and a publisher. Her kindness was repaid by ingratitude, for when the new protégée was established she turned round and reviled her benefactress. Hannah More's faith in human nature was not shaken, however, because, while she had such unhappy experiences on the one hand, on the other she was being roused by the influence of a great man, John Newton, the famous preacher, who corresponded with her and helped her.

In 1787 she saw a great deal of Wilberforce, who was then coming forward in his wonderful anti-slave agitation, on which Hannah More wrote one or two poems. It was her friendship with this great man which led her to find her true purpose in life. After spending the summer at Cowslip Green, near Bristol, Hannah More had a cottage built there, to which she retired, taking up gardening and the simple life every summer. In 1788 she wrote a book on "Thoughts of the Manners of the Great to General Society," which appeared anonymously, and was attri-

buted to Wilberforce. It was a great success. In the following year her sisters retired from their school at Bristol in comfortable circumstances, and from that time onwards spent much time with her.

Then follows the third and most interesting period of Hannah More's life. Whilst her favourite sister, Martha, was staying with her in August at Cowslip Green, Wilberforce drove over to visit them, and they all went over to see Cheddar. They were horrified at the state of things they found. The ignorance, lawlessness, and degradation of the people were indescribable. There were thirteen parishes in the neighbourhood without a single curate. In one parish the incumbent was always away, and the curate lived twelve miles distant, coming over for service once a week. In another the parson was drunk six times a week, and was often prevented from preaching owing to having received a couple of black eyes through fighting. In one the squire was an avowed atheist. The three visitors returned with serious faces and the determination to do something to remedy the evil.

The Mores lost no time. They determined to get at the people through the children. Just before this date, Robert Raikes, of Gloucester, and Mrs. Trimmer, of Brentford, had inaugurated Sunday schools. This suggested to Hannah More's mind the true remedy. She determined to open a school for the poor children of the



HANNAH MORE.  
(From Pickersgill's painting in the National Portrait Gallery.)

neighbourhood, not only on Sundays, but every day, and to teach them subjects of practical use. Thus unconsciously she became the pioneer of the modern primary school. Her task was not a light one, for she had to overcome the prejudice and ignorance of the parents, besides having to contend with the great distance from her home. She and her sister Martha, although neither of them at all robust, drove ten miles to accomplish their purpose. They went to interview a rich farmer of the district, and, although they found him opposed at first, they won him over. Many people consented to the plan only because they thought the children would be taught at any rate not to rob orchards or to infest and make the cliffs a place of positive danger. The sisters took a small house at Cheddar for six and a-half guineas a year, and engaged a schoolmistress, Mrs. Baker, at £30 a year, who proved a wonderful colleague. On October 25, 1789, one hundred and forty children attended church, and on the next day—Monday—school was opened. During the week the girls learnt reading, sewing, knitting, and spinning. They were not encouraged to learn writing, as being unnecessary! The boys also were given suitable work, and on Sundays all were occupied in religion. Within five weeks a marvellous change took place; thirty children could say their catechism, forty could say Psalms, some even could read the Bible; the village was decent, the school filling, and the church well attended. By the end of the year 500 children were in training in Cheddar and the neighbouring parish, whilst the parents attended religious meetings in the evenings, and friendly societies had been started. In time this parent school became the "normal" centre of the Mores' influence.

Encouraged by their success, the sisters ventured in 1790 to open other schools in Shipham and Rowborough villages, right on the top of the Mendip Hills, among rough miners. This was an even bolder attempt, for the district was so notorious that no constable would go near it. The villages were full of the worst characters, and the parents thought that the Mores wanted to kidnap

their children for slavery. The vicar was ninety-four, and had not preached for forty years. The sisters had great difficulty in finding a teacher, but at last succeeded in getting a farmer's daughter.

They next set up a school in Congresbury, where they quite won the heart of the clergyman by so impressing 170 youths of the village, "many thieves, all ignorant, profane, and vicious beyond belief," that they knelt around the sisters as they prayed. The parson, who was also the magistrate, burst into tears at the sight. Having won over their "ragged regiment," the Mores' work was plain sailing in this terrible district.

All this year—1789-1790—the sisters were so absorbed in their work that they never went away. They next roused Yatton, where the curate helped them, and then Axbridge. In this district the pupils were encouraged in knitting, as it was a centre for hosiery, and the goods found a ready market. The women were encouraged in thrift, and paid into a clothing club. The vicar here was a great fighter, but he did not molest the Mores, and they soon had one hundred poor little dirty half-starved creatures in the school.

When the sisters tackled Nailsea, a place where there were glass factories and collieries, they were warned that they had come upon the worst district of all, but they found the people there most amenable. The account runs:—"The swearing, eating, and drinking of these half-dressed, black-looking human beings gave it (Nailsea) a most infernal appearance. . . . We were in our usual luck as regards these creatures, . . . some welcoming us to Botany Bay, others to Little Hell, as they themselves shockingly called it." Yet this place was soon in a very different condition, owing to the splendid efforts of the two brave pioneers. Thus their schools covered first fifteen miles, and then twenty-eight miles, including ten parishes and 1,200 children. The sisters themselves made a rule to make the round of their district on Sundays on horseback, thus sparing themselves no fatigue.

The results of their work were astonishing. Every year there took place a "Mendip Feast," when the children and parents from these districts assembled at one place, made a procession, headed by a band of rustic music, the ranks being composed of clergy, farmers, colliers, and their wives, together with the children, the girls carrying bouquets of flowers, the boys white staves. They marched to a place where, after a short preliminary service, a feast was given to the children who sat in circles. Then afterwards they were examined, and hymns were sung, the only other music allowed being "God Save the King." Seven to eight thousand people were present, and spent with the children a quiet, religious, yet joyful day. Prizes were awarded, and to brides of good character were presented on their marriage a Bible, a pair of white stockings, and a dower of 5s. Such a scene must have appeared a marvellous sight to any who remembered the former aspect of these villages.

This work went on with splendid results until somewhat upset by the Blagdon controversy in 1800, the result of attacks upon the sisters More, accusing them of Methodism. They cleared up the point, but narrowed their school area to four parishes only.

Another phase of Hannah More's life is reached in 1799, when she took up tract-writing. At first she wrote political pamphlets, called "Village Politics," by Will Chip, to counteract the dreaded influence of atheism and the French Revolution. She also began her famous cheap Repository Tracts, which were so successful that she and her sisters wrote three tracts a month for three years; they were sold at 1d. each, and had so great a success that two million were sold in the first year. These tracts led eventually to the founding of the Religious Tract Society.

In 1802 Hannah More moved to Barley Wood, where she wrote her most famous work, "Caleb in Search of a Wife." Between the years 1813 and 1819 she lost her four sisters one after another by death, and was especially upset by the loss of her favourite sister Martha. Her own health was bad, and she suffered several severe illnesses. When left alone she had great trouble with her household. She was very indulgent to her servants. They became negligent, and at last she left Barley Wood, in 1828, and settled at 4, Windsor Terrace, Bristol. There she passed the last years of her life, greatly revered and beloved, sinking peacefully to sleep on September 7, 1833, having left her eternal mark on the destinies of the nation as a pioneer of education and progress.

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## BOOK OF THE WEEK.

The *Englishwoman* for September opens with a very interesting article from Councillor Margaret Ashton on the work which lies before women on Municipal Councils. "It cannot be too strongly stated now," says the writer, "when there is so much talk of men's spheres and women's spheres of work, that Local Government is essentially joint work. The best results can only be got when, regardless of sex, the best intelligence and experience is brought to bear on the difficult administrative problems affecting the social and sanitary conditions of the whole community." At the present time, however, she considers that it is in questions directly affecting women and children that women councillors can find their greatest possibilities of effective work.

Just at present we have enough to do with serving on the committees dealing with infant mortality and diseases caused by insanitary surroundings, with the care of motherhood under the Midwives Act, the treatment of infectious diseases and of consumption, with housing questions, lodging-houses, food adulteration, smoke abatement, and kindred questions affecting home life. Apart from this, much may be done by merely holding what I may call a watching brief for the woman on other matters, for which there is no time for detail work.

Miss Margaret Ashton shows how much the housing regulations need women's guidance, because they alone understand the domestic difficulties which bad houses create. She advocates municipal laundries and a municipal milk supply, and urges that women should be consulted in all police regulations touching women. Finally, she points out that women elected to the council, and not merely co-opted to the Education Committee, are required to secure equal treatment at school for boys and girls.

Another very interesting article is that under the heading "Bow and Spear," in which the evidence as to the relationship between infant mortality and the industrial employment of women is discussed. From this evidence it will be seen that it is not in Lancashire, where the employment of married women is high, that infant mortality is highest, but in the mining districts of Durham, Northumberland, Glamorgan, and Monmouth, where few married women are employed outside their homes. "It seems likely," says the writer, "that when sufficient allowance has been made for the rural and comparatively sanitary conditions under which many non-wage-earning women live, we shall find that overcrowding and bad sanitation, and not wage-earning by women, are the real causes of high infant mortality even in many of the industrial districts where want of maternal care has been held to be almost the only factor."

There is not space to mention the many other interesting articles in the Review, but reference must be made to that entitled "Women's Wages and the Vote," contributed by Mary Agnes Hamilton, in order that the unwary may not be deceived by its parade of economic knowledge into assuming either that its premises or its conclusions are sound. The writer apparently sets out to prove that the vote does not affect wages, and she does it in this way:—"Wages depend on supply and demand. Supply and demand are not political factors, but economic factors. Therefore the vote cannot have anything to do with wages. Q.E.D." Unfortunately for this triumphant reasoning the effect which political considerations may have both on the factor of supply and on the factor of demand are left entirely out of account. Thus, for instance, the State is a very large employer of labour: does the writer mean to suggest that the State (controlled by the voter) will not materially alter the factor of demand by increasing the number of its female employees or by altering their scale of wages? On the other hand, suppose the State were to increase the school age from fourteen to fifteen, or suppose the State were to alter the laws so that a wife could claim a certain share of her husband's earnings, would not these materially alter the supply of female labour? These are merely illustrations. Many others might be given which show the shallowness of the logic, which, because it finds a cause for an effect, denies the possibility of other causes which lie behind.

Says Miss Davies, in a letter published in 1860, "Probably no woman in the three kingdoms leads a more public life than the Queen, yet it may be questioned whether a more admirable wife and mother is to be found among her subjects."

Most of the book deals with the struggle for higher education in colleges and universities, in the field of medicine and so on. The book concludes with some articles on the suffrage movement written only a few years ago, and calling upon old students to shake off their indifference and work for this reform. Whatever professional or home duties lie nearest, Miss Davies points out that there are other duties which should not be entirely disregarded, and she warns those who are apathetic that even if they personally do not want the vote they cannot escape the reproach that they helped to hinder its being granted to other women who did want it. All through the arguments as to what effect Woman Suffrage would have, Miss Davies holds firmly to the one great principle that the sex disability should be removed because it is unjust and unwise, and that the effect of such removal will raise the status of women and "would tend gradually to remove hindrances to their well being, to increase their self respect and their sense of responsibility, and to favour their development on true and natural lines."

In appealing to educationalists Miss Davies points out that in the struggle for recognition by Oxford and Cambridge Universities women's position would be altered had they the vote. If women were taking part in the government of the whole country they would surely no longer be denied degrees because it might involve a share in the government of the Universities.

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A CALL TO ACTION.

In November Parliament reassembles. Before it rises the Conciliation Bill—the Bill to give votes to women occupiers, the Bill that passed its second reading in June by the majority of 110 votes—must pass into law.

The forces of mental and moral progression during the past forty years of education have vastly changed the world of thought concerning women. Women hardly realise to-day that they still occupy a sub-human status in the organisation of the State until they consider how the law yet stands with regard to them.

nature belong to the mother, and by law to the owner of the mother. It is not as joint-author of his children's being, not as father, but as the holder of woman-property that the man possesses exclusive parental rights.

To understand once and for all that the law considers women not as persons but as property is to obtain the clue to the entire legal system as it affects women. It explains the laws sometimes quoted as favourable to women as well as the laws that are acknowledged to be unfavourable to them.

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But in this twentieth century there has come one of those great spiritual awakenings that from time to time have carried the human race forward to a higher plane of life. The soul of woman has heard the call of destiny, has awakened, and is now standing upright.

It is well that we should understand the magnitude of the work to which we have set our hand. It is not only a political reform that we are called to accomplish, but a moral revolution. We preach the glad tidings of a new gospel to humanity; the gospel of a new deliverance from the bondage of subjection; the deliverance of the soul and the body of woman from a mental, moral, spiritual, and physical subjection that has resulted in evils like the awful white slave traffic, and in many forms of sin, some of them too terrible to name.

We appeal to the mothers and the daughters of the nation to answer the call to service; to answer it at once by writing to us and placing their time, their energy, and all that they can give of themselves at the disposal of the Union, for the purpose of carrying out the immediate scheme of work and plan of action.

Deep, deep are the roots of women's subjection, and some that we are not asking enough. Every man has not a vote because he is a man, and it would be unreasonable for women to ask for more than men have.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

MRS. PANKHURST ON WHY WOMEN ARE FIGHTING FOR THE VOTE.

Points from Mrs. Pankhurst's Speech at the first Suffrage meeting ever held at Crieff, Aug. 30, 1910.

It is said that suffragists are people who go about clamouring for their rights, and who do not work for the amelioration of social conditions, but that criticism does not apply to the women in the W.S.P.U.

The movement for women's enfranchisement did not, as is sometimes said, originate with the beginning of militant methods five years ago.

It was in the early sixties that women began by means of organised associations to work for the Parliamentary vote. It was in the early sixties that John Stuart Mill and those who agreed with him formed the first Women's Suffrage Society.

Before the Reform Act of 1832 the women were entitled to a vote, and it was this Act which took away their ancient rights and liberties. Until then there was absolutely nothing in law to prevent women who had the property qualification exercising the vote.

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reading in the House of Commons. It has passed by a majority of 110—a larger majority than that for the Budget proposals of the Government. It has been remitted not to a Grand Committee but to Committee of the whole House.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

This week sees us well on our way to the completion of three-quarters of our race to the £100,000 goal. I want to see the 75th milestone very quickly reached and passed. Every member of the Union realises that we are at a most critical point in the history of this agitation.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

Table listing contributions to the £100,000 fund from August 22 to Sept. 3. Includes names like Mrs. Emma Bailey, Miss Gertrude Llewellyn, and various other donors with their respective amounts.

PROGRESS OF THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT IN AMERICA.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—For the last few weeks I have been reading with such intense interest your wonderful magazine, and also the London Times. The two publications make a most unique contrast!

What has moved me to write to you is the statement in VOTES FOR WOMEN that your anti-suffragists are trying to prove that through the activities of our anti-suffragists suffrage has received a fatal blow in this country.

What American Women have Done this Year. Of course, you know of the splendid work of our National American Woman Suffrage Association, with its dependent branches and societies too numerous to be mentioned, and its continually increasing aggressiveness of activity.

As to the question of suffrage activity in New York City, I call attention to the following facts: The Equality League of Self-Supporting Women is one of the largest and finest leagues in the city. The Collegiate Equal Suffrage League is composed entirely of college women, who are doing magnificent work for the cause.

- 1.—The Equal Franchise, a large association of women of wealth and position, many of whom have never entered the suffrage field before.
2.—The Co-operative Equal Suffrage League.
3.—The Co-operative Service League for Woman Suffrage.
4.—The Political Study Club.
5.—Men's League for Woman Suffrage (an important new departure).

These organisations are particularly prominent in the Borough of Manhattan. In addition to these are innumerable similar organisations, many of which are new this year.

And last, but not least, comes the Woman Suffrage Party, a union of Suffragists for purely political work, organised by assembly districts, in order to bring pressure to bear upon the representative from that district, at whose hands our suffrage cause must first be decided in the State Legislature.

This country has never seen such an awakening for suffrage as is taking place from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, and in several of our large cities this suffrage "Party" idea is being introduced as a basis for purely political work. This is getting down to business as women have never done before in the history of the suffrage movement in this country.

You can imagine how it makes women like myself, who are devoting much time and energy to this subject, boil with rage to read the misrepresentations of the status of our cause in this country. I enclose a statement of the work of the party. When you realise that it is in one city of one State in this whole country that this amount of work has been accomplished by one organisation since February, you will see that this is an effective way of giving the lie to those who would try to stimulate your anti-suffragists to activity in their hopeless cause.

With every good wish for your success this year, and with the sincere admiration for your splendid and devoted work as portrayed so graphically in VOTES FOR WOMEN, I am, Yours, etc., HARRIET BURTON LAIDLAW, Chairman, Borough of Manhattan.

THE CHARTER OF WOMAN AND THE SOCIAL LIFE OF TO-MORROW.

Abridged Translation of an Article by M. Jean Finot in "La Revue."

The Twentieth Century will be the century of woman. Of all pressing problems of our day the desire of woman for political and social equality with man is the most important.

The strange thing is that the discussion of this question does not bear upon the reasonableness of the demand, but upon the convenience of granting it; this at least is the position in France.

One looks in vain in science for arguments against the political capacity of woman; the only arguments are those of expediency, but let us consider the question on a wider basis.

The woman of to-day justly turns towards her former masters and says: "Look at your work! Would you really dare to say sincerely that justice and common sense are ruling our destinies? I have given you your way through

countless centuries; patient and submissive, I have suppressed myself, while you have made of this earth, which ought to be a Paradise, a place of suffering and of tears.

It would be well if this reform could be brought about peacefully and as soon as possible, for never has man been called to face so many dangers as in our day.

All sorts of objections are now being revived against this reform. We need not go into them, but there is one we may mention, that woman's intellect is inferior to man's, and is not creative.

The Patent Offices too, of various countries show a remarkable number of clever inventions made by women. In music, in spite of great obstacles, women have composed masterpieces. It would therefore be entirely wrong to doubt that woman will bring into public life a new element, rather than merely second the efforts of men, and these new elements will be due not only to her essential feminine qualities, but also to the new conditions of her existence.

People are apt to say that the vote is of little value. They forget the series of parliamentary reforms which have entirely changed our social and religious life, they forget that woman suffers from all legislative mistakes; in wars for example, she pays by suffering and privation, with no voice in the disposal of her money.

In 1907 the right of disposing of her own earnings. When women get the vote, think of the changes that will be made in questions such as the paternity of illegitimate children, the protection of woman's property, equal power for both parents.

As to the question whether woman will lose her womanliness, political power has not made man either an angel or a demon, but he has gained by becoming master of his destiny.

Truth always triumphs in the end. Having gained the help of woman and supported by both sexes, truth will take a new step forward. The political liberation of woman will enable her to regain her personality; it will develop her human conscience. Mothers, wives, and daughters, reborn by this larger and more serious view of life, will gain nobility of thought, and the calmness of those who are masters of their own destiny.

Members will regret to hear that Miss Barry, one of the most energetic workers, through whose efforts the shop has been kept open for the past month, is obliged to leave England for some time.

HOLIDAY CAMPAIGNS.

Holiday campaigns are going ahead vigorously, new ground is being broken weekly, new members gained, and the sale of the paper increased.

MRS. PANKHURST'S HIGHLAND TOUR.

Magnificent success—"fine weather and finer audiences"—is attending Mrs. Pankhurst's tour in the Scottish highlands, and the men and women who are being, some for the first time, brought into close touch with the movement for the enfranchisement of women, have already given proof of their allegiance by generous contributions to the war-chest of the W.S.P.U.



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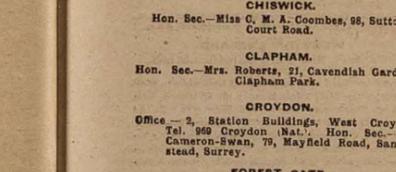
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Hon. Sec.—Miss Edith Clarence, Coaxden, Axminster.

Some excellent open-air work has been done in South Devon, where Miss Annie Kenny has addressed meetings at Axminster, Seaton, and Sidmouth.



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An excellent meeting was held at Penton Street on Wednesday last, when the speaker was Mrs. Fucy. Miss Ansell has kindly promised to lend a room at 355, Essex Road, for a workers' meeting on Thursday, September 15, at 7 p.m.

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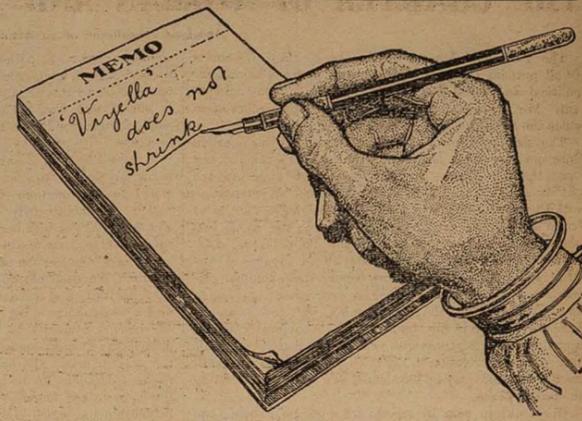
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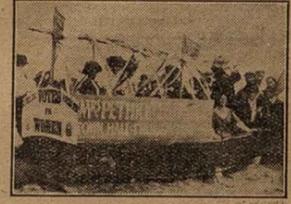
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LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

Table listing London meetings for the forthcoming week, including dates, locations, and organizers.

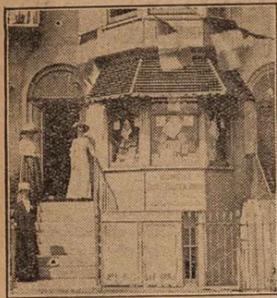
Thursday, November 10, Royal Albert Hall Meeting.



Advertising Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's Yarmouth Meeting.

Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence, Miss Kathleen Jarvis gave an interesting and convincing address at the Socialist Camp last Sunday, when she laid bare the inconsistency and want of principle underlying the opposition of a certain section of Adult Suffragists to the Conciliation Bill.

at the various meetings. Names should be given to the Organiser, 2, York Terrace, Ramsgate.



The Ramsgate Office, 2, York Terrace.

**OXFORD.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. F. Richards, 209, Woodstock Road.

**PORTSMOUTH.**  
Hon. Sec.—Miss L. H. Pencock, 7, Cranewater Avenue, Southsea.

**RAYLEIGH.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Warren, B.A., The White Cottage.

**READING.**  
Shop and Office: 30, West Street.  
Organiser—Miss Margesson.

Members still on holidays are asked to bring back their worn-out clothing, as it will all be of use in the autumn jumble-sale. Blackberries are now ripe! If autumn members will gather the fruit and bring it to the office any morning, the shop secretary will be delighted to make jam to be sold at the shop. Many novelties, and postcards are now on sale. The Friday evening meetings in Katherine Street are being regularly held, and the support of members is always desired, help being wanted in paper-selling and giving out bills. The Secretary is setting a splendid example by taking on her holiday work for the spring sale of Work; it is sincerely hoped that members will follow this example as a great amount of work will have to be done to make the sale a success. Paper-sellers are badly wanted just now, many of the regular ones being away. Who will fill the gaps? Will helpers please call at the Shop?

**REDHILL.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Richmond, Fenagates House.

The monthly street meeting was held at the end of Chapel Road, on Saturday evening, September 3, Mr. Richmond in the chair. Mrs. Richmond spoke on the movement in its relation to the equality of the sexes, and Miss Richmond, B.Sc., dealt with the Conciliation Bill. There was a good attendance. Miss Holah and Miss Quinton sold Votes for Women; thanks to these two members for their constant weekly help in this direction. The Union's showcase in the Station Road is looking particularly well just now, Miss Wilson, beautiful "Freedom" trize being a distinctive feature.

**The Midlands.**

**BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.**  
Office—33, Paradise Street, Tel. 1413 Midland.

Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans.  
Members are asked to note the announcement of meetings below, and to let the organiser know if they can help in working them up and advertising them. A special effort is being made to increase the circulation of the paper. Helpers are wanted. Boxes (single sets 1s. 6d.) have been reserved for the Albert Hall meeting on November 10, for Birmingham, and those wishing to join should make early application to the organiser for tickets. Will other members in various districts volunteer to follow Mrs. Ryland's splendid example, so that the Exhibition work may be got through with ease and pleasure? (See below.)

Friday, September 9.—Queen's College, Rev. Arnold Pinchard, 3 p.m.; Queen's College, Dr. H. McCombe, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13.—Smethwick, Blue Gates, Mrs. Beaso Smith, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14.—Eghington, 19, Hermitage Road, Working Party for Exhibition; Hostess, Mrs. Ryland, 3 p.m.

**LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.  
Tel. 1715 Leicester.

Organisers—Miss D. Pethick, Miss D. A. Bowker.  
Members and friends take note! Lady Constance Lytton will pay her long-expected visit on Monday next, September 12, the first A.C. Home of the Autumn campaign. Let every member do her utmost to bring friends to the A.C. Home, Sunday School Memorial Hall 4—6 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. Members will have to set to work to make Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's visit known. She comes to Leicester and Leamington on October 18 and 19. Tickets can be obtained from members at the shop. Contributions are earnestly invited towards the local funds, as it is important that the Autumn work should begin free of debt and with something in hand, if possible. The organisers will be glad to receive all offers of short-term subscriptions.

Monday, September 12.—New Walk, At Home, Lady Constance Lytton, 8 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON.**  
Hon. Sec.: Miss Branch, Ambleside, Addington Park Parade.

**NOTTINGHAM.**  
Office—6, Carlton Street, Tel. 4511.  
Organisers—Miss Crocker and Miss Roberts.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON.**  
Hon. Organiser: Miss Bertha Ryland, 3 Chesnut Walk.

Suffragists are asked to communicate with Miss Ryland, who will welcome offers of help in working up the meeting on Thursday, September 29, in the Corn Exchange, at 8 p.m. Tickets (reserved) 1s., unreserved, 6d. and 3d.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**  
Hon. Sec.—Miss Helen Boswell, 117, Dunstall Road.

All members are asked to let their friends know that the monthly meetings begin on Tuesday, September 27.

**West of England.**

**BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.**  
Office—57, Queen's Road, Clifton, Tel. 1345.

Organiser—Miss Anna Kearney.  
This week meetings have been held in various parts of Devonshire, finishing up with a ticket meeting at Ilfracombe (Thursday, September 8). A big meeting will also be held in Newquay; further details next week.

On September 17 a members' Social Evening will be held in the Danial Room, Victoria Rooms, Bristol, at 7.30, as a reunion before autumn work begins. Members are looking forward with great pleasure to Miss Decima Moore's visit on September 24, and to the visit of Lady Constance Lytton on September 27. The weekly At Home in the Victoria Rooms will commence on Monday, October 3. An extensive plan of campaign is being fixed up touching new towns and villages every week, and all the money and time West of England people can give are needed to make it a great success. A scheme is also on foot to get in touch with all the women householders in Bristol.

**BATH.**  
Organiser—Mrs. Hannel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton.

Shop—12, Walcott Street, Bath.  
The autumn campaign will be inaugurated here by the formal opening of the shop at the above address, on Wednesday, September 14, at 5.30 p.m. Members are cordially invited to come and bring as many friends as they can to mark the occasion, and discuss future work. There will be weekly meetings in Bath all through the autumn. The series will open with a meeting at the Guildhall, on September 28, at 3 p.m., at which Lady Constance Lytton will be the principal speaker.

Tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., will include tea. The organiser also hopes to visit all the towns near Bath to hold meetings once week, and asks every one interested in the work in this part of Somerset to write direct to her and tell her what they are prepared to do to help make the autumn campaign a great success. Thanks to Mrs. Beryman, Mrs. Versey, Miss Blythway, Miss A. Tollemeche, Miss Pavey, and Miss Swete, for volunteering to help to keep the shop; also to Mrs. Richards, hon. sec. of the Oxford Local Union, for 10s. towards shop furniture. Will other volunteers contribute to the funds and to furniture for the shop?

**NEWPORT AND SOUTH WALES.**  
Office—46, Clarence Place, Newport.

During the organiser's absence the shop will only be open on Fridays from 2.30 p.m. to 6, when Mrs. Mackworth will be in charge. Papers can be obtained from her.

Members in the district who can come and help in the North Wales campaign should communicate with Miss Barrett, Post Office, Carnarvon.

**Eastern Counties.**

**IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.**  
Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silent Street, Ipswich. Hon. Sec.—Miss Spencer King, 34, Russell Road, Ipswich. Shop—4, Prince Street.

In view of the autumn campaign opening next week, it is necessary to extend shop hours until 6 p.m., and Miss King makes a special appeal for volunteers to keep shop between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily. Thanks to Miss Lillie Roe, Miss Margaret Pinn, Miss Jessie Adams, Mrs. Gilling and Mrs. Pearce, the paper has had a steady sale during the holidays.

**North-Eastern Counties.**

**BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.**  
Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 68, Manningham Lane, Bradford.

The organiser looks to members to let her know what part of the work they will make themselves responsible for in the forthcoming winter, speaking, paper-selling, shopkeeping, etc. She will be glad to hear from them on the subject as soon as possible, and hopes next week to be in a position to put before them schemes for the Autumn Campaign in outline. Suggestions will, as always, be welcomed by her, especially, in the first place, about the re-opening and decoration of the shop.

**HARROGATE.**  
Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Bertha M. Graham, 15, Cornwall Road.  
Another successful meeting was held last Friday. The speakers to-day will be the Misses Thompson, two London members, who are so persistently staying in Yorkshire, and who have worked enthusiastically for the cause in both places.

Friday, September 9.—Harrogate, The Stray, Miss Bertha M. Graham, Miss Margaret Thompson, Miss Mary Thompson, 3 p.m.

Friday, September 16.—Harrogate, The Stray, Miss Bertha M. Graham, 3 p.m.

**IKLEY.**  
Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 19, Trafalgar Road.

Open-air meetings have been started on Monday afternoons at the Bandstand. Helpers are still urgently needed.  
Monday, September 12.—Ikley, The Bandstand, Miss Mary Phillips, 3 p.m.

Friday, September 16.—Ikley, Drawing Room Meeting, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

**HULL.**  
Hon. Sec.: Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.

**NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.**  
Office—77, Blackett Street.  
Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 203, Westgate Road.

Afternoon and evening meetings are being held daily in villages and towns near or on the coast. There was a good rally of members at the first Woodsey At Home after the holidays, and several strangers were present. Full particulars of the Bazaar will be announced later. In the meantime, will members and friends note that the following stalls will call for a full exercise of their talents:—(1) Hats and blouses, (2) provisions, (3) cakes and sweets, (4) goods, (5) work, (6) second-hand books. The stallholders will be—Lady Constance Lytton!

Lady Emily Lyttons, Lady Bako, Hon. Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Taylor (Chiphchase Castle), Mrs. Atkinson, and others. Will those who have suitable rooms do their best to help the organiser by arranging meetings for women only during the autumn? From September 5 the office hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, September 9.—77, Blackett Street, Speaker's Class, 7.30 p.m. Seaton Sluice, Miss Williams and others.  
Saturday, September 10.—Newbiggin, Miss Williams. Monday, September 12.—Blyth, 6.30 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 13.—Ponelan, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, September 14.—77, Blackett Street, At Home, Miss Williams, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Mildred Atkinson, 3 to 5 and 7.30 to 9.  
Thursday, September 15.—Tynemouth, 6.30 p.m.  
Friday, September 16.—77, Blackett Street, Speaker's Class, 7.30 p.m.

**SCARBOROUGH.**  
Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Saffell, 23, Barwick Street.  
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marlon Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough.

A well-attended meeting was held on the North Cliff on Thursday afternoon by Miss Anderson and Dr. Mackenzie. Mrs. Brindley had a good meeting on the Esplanade on Saturday afternoon, and thanks are due to an unknown member, in Scarborough for the day, who kindly chaired (making an excellent speech) in the unavoidable absence of the chairman. On Saturday evening Mrs. Brindley had another meeting on the East Pier, Dr. Mackenzie in the chair.  
Saturday, September 10.—Esplanade, Miss Adela Pankhurst, Miss Irons, 3.30 p.m.; Aquarium Top, Miss Adela Pankhurst, Miss Irons, 8 p.m.  
Monday, September 12.—West Pier, for fisher-girls, Dr. Mackenzie, Miss Irons, 7.30 p.m.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.**  
Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 43, Marlborough Road, Sheffield.

The autumn campaign will include (1) Lantern Lectures in Hillsborough, Grimsthorpe, Healey, Pitamoor, Woodsetts, and other districts of Sheffield; (2) a campaign in Central Sheffield, at the instigation of Mr. Fitzalan Hope, the only Anti-Suffragist M.P. for Sheffield, under the direction of Mrs. Daniel Evans; (3) three drawing-room meetings, the speaker at one of which will be Lady Isabel Margesson. The organiser wishes to make a special appeal for bazaar contributions. Sheffield is to take a china stall at the Southport Exhibition. Any kind of saleable china will be welcomed, but other contributions in money or goods are just as useful, as there will be a local sale of these things, and the money will be spent on china. Cakes and sweets can also be sold.

**YORK.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coultate, 66, Nunthorpe Road. Hon. Treas.—Miss Violet Ke Jones, Hawthorne Lodge, Bishopthorpe.

Arrangements are almost complete for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting announced below. Tickets, 1s. 6d., 1s., and 6d. A few free seats for women.

Wednesday, September 14.—Festival Concert Rooms, Speaker: Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. D. Macdonald, chair, 8 o'clock.

**North-Western Counties.**

**MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.**  
Central Office—164, Oxford Road, Manchester. Tel. City.

Organisers—Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Rosa Robinson.

This week every effort has been mainly concentrated on the Garden Party, to be held at Holly Bank, Victoria Park, to-morrow (Saturday), 2.30 to 7 p.m., which promises to be a great success. If wet, Mrs. Hyslop has kindly given permission to gather indoors. Will members willing to help with refreshments, etc., please come not later than 2 p.m.?

Very good open-air meetings have been held during the week. Members are asked to do all in their power to advertise these meetings, and to respect the organisers. It is important that the Autumn Campaign should be a success. On Friday, October 7, at the At Home commence once more in the Onward Hall, Deansgate, when Miss Mary Gawthorpe will be present. Friends will be glad to welcome her back. Members must do all they can to make these At Homes as widely known as possible; also the Wednesday evening At Home in the Club Room, at 164, Oxford Road, Come, and bring all unconverted friends.

Friday, September 9.—Votes Corps, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, September 10.—Victoria Park, Holly Bank, Garden Party, 2.30 to 7 p.m.; Prestwick, 3.30 p.m.; Votes Corps, 6 p.m.

Monday, September 12.—Bradford, Cemetery Gates, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13.—Stalybridge, Grosvenor Square, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14.—Oxford Road, At Home, Miss Hyslop, 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 15.—Marshall's Croft, 7.30 p.m.  
Friday, September 16.—Agnes Bond and Choriton Road, 7.30 p.m.

**LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE.**  
Office—25, Berry Street. Tel. 3761 Royal.

Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman.  
Rhyll, North Wales, Post Office.

The campaign in North Wales is going with "vim." Successful meetings have been held at Colwyn Bay, Penmaenmawr, Conwy, and elsewhere, and very real help has been given by Mrs. J. A. Hall, Miss Geraldine Lyster (the latter over to the face when hard work is to be done), and Miss Barr, of Coventry. To-day (Friday) a move will be made to Rhyll for a week, when good help has been promised from the local members. The exchequer needs replenishing for this work, the whole of the £50 not yet being in. Who is going to help? If you cannot give your time, then we need your money. If women are to get the vote either one or the other must be given now!

Miss Flatman hopes to hear from ladies in Liverpool or Cheshire who will arrange drawing-room meetings, at which she will be pleased to speak. The time is short—dates should be sent in as soon as possible. The Winter Campaign will be entirely different to that of previous years, and it is hoped to make these plans known on Tuesday, September 20, when a good rally of members at the office at 8 o'clock is urged. The Exhibition is drawing near; helpers are wanted, also two secretaries. Who will volunteer?

**BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.**  
Hon. Sec. (Pro tem.): Miss Jessie Crompton, 63, Hildon St., Bolton.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. F. W. Geope, Heatherland, Heaton, Bolton.

**PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.**

Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 41, Glover's Court, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hyde, Lytham.

Members have undertaken to supply articles for part of a stall at the Exhibition, to be held at Southport in December. Sewing meetings will be held at 41, Glover's Court, every Monday from September 5, and all members and friends are invited to attend. If anyone will send gifts of material it will be greatly appreciated. Parcels should be addressed to Mrs. Alderman, 34, Broadgate, Preston.

**SOUTHPORT.**  
Office: 12, Regent Street.  
Organiser—Miss Dora Marston.

Since the holidays bazaar arrangements have made great strides forward, eight new stalls have been taken, Dr. Blumberg, the "Art Stall"; Mr. Allan, the "Leather Stall"; Mr. Gustave Blumberg and Miss D. Marston, the "Liquor Stall"; Miss Leigh and Mr. Stanley Gibbon, the "Vegetarian Refectory"; Café Chantant, Mrs. Perre and Mrs. Porter and others; Mrs. Rigby and Preston members the "Djibah and Gown Stall"; Mrs. Cairns the "Embroidery," and Mrs. Lord the "Grocery Stall," while Miss Turner, the sewing mistress at the Girls' Secondary School, has consented to be secretary of the plain needlework stall. Excellent reports have come in from other branches, about the progress of work. All difficulties concerning the engaging of the entire block of Municipal Buildings, caused by the change in lease data, have now been overcome by an arrangement with the local Arts Committee. For the Exhibition programme members are urgently requested to try and secure advertisements from any business houses with which they may be acquainted. They were delighted by a visit from Mrs. Bertha Moore, who has most kindly given permission to use her play, "The Woman Wins," and has herself promised to come down and take part in it. Thanks are due to General Drummond, who has given innumerable valuable hints about organising the Exhibition.

To-night (Friday) at 7.30 p.m., an important Meeting will be held at 15, Nevill Street, at which Miss Rosa Robinson will speak. A good attendance is requested.

**Scotland.**  
**EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.**  
Office—8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street.  
Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns, Tel. 6132 Central.

If members look for reward for work they certainly got it at the excellent meeting in the Foresters' Hall, North Berwick, on Friday, September 2, where Mrs. Pankhurst was speaker. Mrs. Dobbin in the chair. Thanks are due for the successful arrangements to Mrs. Dobbin, Miss E. Hutson, Miss L. Mitchell and the Misses Fihahill. The At Home was held on Friday evening last week owing to the fact that the Women Compositors were holding a public meeting on Thursday evening, and all good Suffragettes felt they ought to give public support to the Women's Union and their demand by their presence. It proved a most satisfactory arrangement, because they were then able to ask members of the Women's Union to come and take part in the discussion on the following evening on "The Printing Trade Crisis." Miss McFarlane in the chair. Miss Chapman introduced the subject, and a most interesting discussion followed. Later, Miss McLean, Secretary of the Women Compositors' Union, made an interesting statement of their position. This week the open-air campaign has started with renewed vigour—Miss H. Hulson organiser. Successful meetings have been held in St. Andrew's, Grant, and Anstruther, and many papers have been sold. Miss Fraser Smith was ably helped in working up Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting by Miss Blaise Inglis, who took the chair at most of the outdoor meetings, as well as assisting in bill-posting, calling, and canvassing. The Misses Levy (Derby) were a very helpful, while Mrs. Chatterton (Edinburgh) arranged a meeting in Anstruther, at which she kindly presided.

**GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.**  
Shop and Office—309, Sauchiehall Street.  
Tel: 615, Charing Cross.  
Organiser—Miss Barbara Wylie.

**TO NEW RECRUITS.**  
The public classes for speakers will recommence in the third week in September. This gives members a splendid opportunity of gaining experience and knowledge, as the different subjects specially interesting to suffragettes are brought up for debate weekly, and they are thus kept in touch with all present-day questions of interest to women, besides gaining a fine education in the art of public speaking. They are asked to make a point of attending.

The private classes will begin on Tuesday, the 27th inst., and will be held every succeeding Tuesday evening at 7.45 p.m. and Saturday afternoons. The terms for these are one guinea for a course of ten lessons, and members desirous of joining should send in their names at once to Miss Ross, Leo, 64, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Will those wishing to join look in Votes for Women next week for further particulars.

During the last few days Eastbourne has been interested in a number of lady sandwich-board carriers. It was quite startling to visitors and residents alike to see several young ladies parading the town between pairs of boards on which was the announcement of a Suffragette meeting. Each carries a Japanese umbrella, while the boards are decorated with the Suffragette colours. Their appearance in the principal streets and on the parades naturally excite a considerable amount of interest. Lady sandwich-board carriers are quite a novelty at Eastbourne.

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