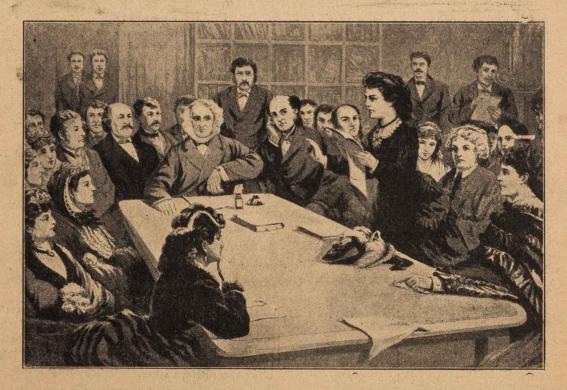


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OBJECTS: To secure for Women the Parliamentary vote as it is or may be granted to men; to use the power thus obtained to establish equality of rights and opportunities between the sexes, and to promote the social and industrial well-being of the community.

AMERICAN SUFFRAGISTS FORTY-TWO YEARS AGO.



In view of the great progress of Woman Suffrage in the United States of America special interest attaches to this picture of Victoria C. Woodhull arguing for Woman Suffrage before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives on January 11, 1871. Mrs. Woodhull is supported by Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth C. Stanton, Pauline Wright-Davis and Lady Cook.—See page 193.

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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

Mr. Asquith's "I Won't!" The Scotsmen's "You Shall!"

The Prime Minister is still busy saying "I won't" to Suffragists, whether men or women; he talks about "no useful purpose being served," and refers them all to the recent decision of the House of Commons on the Dickinson Bill. We say "Wait and see !" We have faith in Scotsmen-Bailies and Councillors-who come to inform him that there has been enough trifling with Woman Suffrage, and other male champions who "mean business.

Government for the People.

We have often been told that Liberalism means Government of the People, by the People, for the People," but we have agreed hitherto with Mr. H. G. Wells's definition that it seemed to be "Government of the people, by the barristers, and for the barristers." Recent disclosures incline us to think that a better description would be : "Government of the people, by the party politician, and particularly for the poli-In a pamphlet just issued, entitled "Free tician.' Trade Means Disinterested Government," we are given the Government's record in rewarding their friends and supporters. We read that of 244 Radical Members elected in January, 1910, 46 have received Ministerial appointments, 10 have received other appointments of profit, 14 have been made peers, and on 37 other honours have been showered. Thus in three years more than one-third of the party have received honours or preferment. If we include 35 other Members who were similarly " cared for " just before the 1910 General Election, then more than one-half of the party have received rewards. This is indeed "Government for Politicians.

Anything but Justice to Women.

The recent "brawling" in the House of Commons, reported in our news columns; has set going again the question of the further protection of male legislators, who object as seriously to the crack of a toy pistol and unexpected bags of flour and cardboard mouse-traps hurtling from the Strangers' Gallery on to the floor of the House as they did to a Women's Freedom League member chained to the grille. It is, no doubt, very trying to be perpetually reminded of a pressing question of justice, which was supposed to be conveniently shelved last May, in the midst of the play-acting of party politics. But we inform these same disturbed legis-lators, whose "self-control" amid nerve-shattering events we are bidden to admire, that punishing brawlers with imprisonment in the Clock Tower or even the birch will not save them. They may revive a forgotten Bill for self-protection, and spend long hours in an attempt to make it effective, but instead of trifling with time and attempting to sweep back the Atlantic with a broom they would do well to bring about peace by bringing in a Government measure for justice to women and save these startling occurrences.

It is Not the Cloak that Makes the Nurse.

We have been glad to give prominence to the question of the State Registration of Nurses as one of vital public importance as well as of imperative justice to a large army of trained women who are doing splendid service to the State. It is a woman's fight for recognition, but, being a fight of the voteless, has been met with delusive promises and complete failure of performance. As with Woman Suffrage, Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament have blessed it in theory and spurned it in practice, and all the Prime Minister could say to a recent deputation was that it was necessary to convert the enemies. He has refused to give facilities for a Bill. That the uniform of a nurse which is held in honour and confidently welcomed as a sign of skilled help in sore need is from time to time abused is well known. Because of its effectiveness the White How Some Men PROTECT WOMEN. Slave traffickers have not been slow to make use of it, W.F.L. HOLIDAY CAMPAIGNS.

and the following question and answer in the House of Commons is the measure of comfort afforded to those who, by a means which has proved most satisfactory in the countries where it has been adopted, seek to protect the public from imminent danger :-

the public from imminent danger :---In the House of Commons on July 9, Dr. Chapple asked the Prime Minister " whether his attention has been called to a case in the police-court, taken under the White Slave Act, in which a woman, purporting to be a nurse, by being dressed in nurse's uniform, was concerned; and whether, in view of the growing frequency of this abuse, he will, pending the extension of the franchise to women, take any steps, by legislation or otherwise, to protect the nursing profession in this respect." Mr. McKenna: The Prime Minister has asked me to reply to this question. The matter is receiving attention, but it presents very serious difficulties, and I cannot at present add anything to the answer given to a question by my hon, friend on March 13 last.

on March 13 last. Dr. Chapple : Is the right hon. gentleman aware that where nurses' registration has been adopted this abuse is almost unknown

Mr. McKenna : I am not aware, but will inquire. Dr. Chapple : I shall be glad to give the information.

We add our tribute of honour to Dr. Chapple, who has long been a staunch friend in Parliament of the State Registration of Nurses, and to Sir Victory Horsley, who is to speak at the annual meeting to-day (July 18) at 4 p.m., at the Medical Society's Rooms, Chandosstreet, Cavendish-square, of the Society which devotes itself to this cause, to be presided over by its founder. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. There is no vote at the back of the demand to insure the redress of this grievance, no party gain to be made out of it, only sheer justice. We do not find men, burning with chivalry towards women, seizing this most evident opportunity to put it into practice. Oh dear, no. The men who direct the Parliamentary machine "pass by on the other side." A Belated Biologist.

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We consider "no useful purpose would be served ' by arguing with Dr. Pembrey, or any other medical man-who sees fit to dogmatise as to what women shall or shall not do-on the respective merits of "the possession of a baby or a first-class certificate in classics." We leave him to the tender mercies of The Sunday Times (July 13), which says :-

Woman may be the lowly creature in the biological scal^e that Dr. Pembrey describes her to be; but she is just high enough to have a brain and will of her own-factors that are decisive in the shaping of her own destiny. The fact is that biology does not go far enough back. To be really secure of the entire subjection of woman, it is necessary to revert, not to the mid-Victorian but to the Palæolithic age, when any incon-venient aspirations, any foolish aberrations, of woman were discouraged with a stone axe.

WE regret that our Competition results are again crowded out this week.-Ep.

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AT HEADQUARTERS.

Autumn Plans .- Our regular London indoor meetings have now been discontinued, but will be resumed in September. Will all readers who have returned to London by Monday, September 15, keep that evening free for a reunion of members and friends of the Women's Freedom League, to take place at Caxton Hall, further particulars of which will be given at a later date ? Our weekly afternoon public meetings at the Caxton Hall will begin on September 24, when Mr. Laurence Housman will speak on "The 'Rights' of Majorities." Other friends who have already promised to speak at these meetings are Mrs. E. M. Moore, Mrs. Nott-Bower, Surgeon-General Evatt, C.B., Mrs. Nevinson and Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, so we hope our readers will reserve Wednesday afternoons for these meetings of the Women's Freedom League. Admission is free, but we shall reserve a few front seats at 1s. each.

Monday Evening Meetings.—As so many of our members are unable to be present at our afternoon fixtures, we purpose arranging lectures on alternate Monday evenings, sometimes at the Caxton Hall and sometimes at this office; after the lectures opportunity will be given to the audience for questions and discussion. These meetings should prove to be a popular feature of the work of the Women's Freedom League in London, and we hope our readers will keep Monday evenings free in order to attend.

F. A. UNDERWOOD.

POLITICAL AND MILITANT WORK. Government without Consent.

On July 10, Mrs. Harvey, in the condition of warfare entailed by having her house barricaded against the King's officers, gave a garden party under the auspices of the Women's Tax Resistance League. Her guests entered stealthily by a wicker gate amongst the trees, while some who arrived from another direction climbed the fence, an act which, by the way, the law does not permit to the tax collector.

Amongst those present were Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Kineton Parkes and other members of the League, and a short business meeting was held after tea.

Mr. Asquith's Insurance.

Mrs. Kate Harvey, m accordance with the policy of the Women's Freedom League, also steadily refuses to have anything to do with the Insurance Act. The League resists government without the consent of the governed, and under this Act, women, without their consent, have a compulsory levy and a compulsory contribution deducted from their incomes and earnings

Mrs. Harvey's gardener, who rejoices in the name of Asquith, is the cause of the present action, and in respect of him she has been served with ten summonses under the Insurance Act to appear at the Bromley Police-court on Monday, July 21. Each summons is exactly the same, and represents one of the ten months during which Mrs. Harvey has refused to act as tax collector for the Government. The members of the League are invited to attend at the court to support Mrs. Harvey; and if they will communicate with the Political and Militant Department, will be given full information. It is arranged that a decorated four-horse brake, starting from Headquarters, will

SUPPORT THOSE ADVERTISERS WHO SUPPORT US.

C. NINA BOYLE, Head of the Political and Militant Department. July 14, 1913. Mr. McKenna has also been invited to make a statement in regard to the suppression of the names of the fashionable men clients of Mrs. Gerald-in accordance with the remonstrance addressed to him by Lord Winterton on the habit indulged in by magistrates of allowing well-to-do persons to conceal their names. The Home Office has been asked by the Women's Freedom League to state its views and intentions, prior to having further questions asked in the House of Commons.

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be available to convey supporters to Bromley and back.

Suppressed Names: Letter to the War Office.

The following letter has been addressed to Colonel Seely in connection with the prosecution of Mrs. Gerald for procuring girls for immoral purposes :---

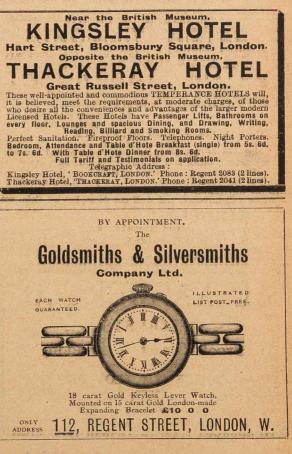
To the Secretary of State for War, War Office, S.W.

War Office, S.W. Sir,—I am instructed by my Executive Committee to call your attention to the recent prosecution of a woman keeping a flat for purposes of immorality. The woman was 26 years of age, and the girls employed by her were aged 17, 18 and 19. Among the correspondence impounded were communications from a young gentleman at Sandhurst, whose name, most improperly, has been suppressed. You will be aware that recently legislation has been enacted with a view to placing some restriction on the organised social

You will be aware that recently legislation has been enacted with a view to placing some restriction on the organised social evil, legislation which this young gentleman and his fellow-miscreants have endeavoured to set at nought. We should be glad to know what steps it is the intention of the War Office to take in this matter, as my organisation feels it is impossible that it should be overlooked. We would venture to remind you that Her Majesty the late Oueen Victoria whose objection to Woman's Suffrage is so

Queen Victoria, whose objection to Woman's Suffrage is so frequently quoted by prominent Anti-Suffragists, would not have allowed a person of this description to hold Her Majesty's mission after being concerned in a scandal of so gross a

The case is that of Rex v. Queenie Gerald, tried at the Clerken-well Sessions before Mr. Justice Lawrie, on July 10th.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient Servant,



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THE VOTE.

FROM SCOTTISH SUFFRAGIST MEN.

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Though the organiser of the men's deputation from Edinburgh to the Prime Minister has been informed that Mr. Asquith cannot officially receive a deputation on the question of woman suffrage, it has been decided to proceed with the programme. Mrs: Arneliffe-Sennett presided at a suffrage meeting held in the New Café, St. Andrew-square, Edinburgh, on July 10, in connection with the proposed deputation. She read the follow-ing letter addressed to Mr. Alexander Orr, secretary of the move-ment, hy one of the Premier's secretaries —

which you addressed to him requesting him to receive a deputation representing Town Councils from Scotland and the North of England on the subject of woman suffrage. He is well aware that a large measure of support has been given by many of these Councils to the principle of woman unforced.

The question was, however, before the House of Commons

The question was, however, before the House of Commons as recently as last May, and in the course of the debate on the Representation of the People (Women) Bill, he fully stated the Government's position. For the could add nothing to what he then said, he feels that no useful purpose could be served by such a deputation as you suggest, and he does not feel able, therefore, to accede to your request. to your request

Commenting on the letter, Mrs. Sennett said it was absolutely the most polite letter that had ever been received from Mr. Asquith. (Laughter.) The Prime Minister had recognised that he had to deal with a strong body of virile voters, who meant business. She pointed out that the question had been before the House of Commons since 1905, and it would never cease to be before the House of Commons until it was settled on a just basis. Mr. Asquith said in his letter that he had stated the position of the Government, but he had not; he had only stated his own position. Mr. Asquith had told Mr. Arthur Henderson that he was against the Cabinet on the question. They could not abide by the will of one man. The deputation was going to London just the same, and would be conducted on strictly constitutional lines. It could not be allowed in this country, which called itself free, that one man should hold up the country. menting on the letter. Mrs. Sennett said it was absolutely which called itself free, that one man should hold up the country, and continually and persistently flout the will of the people. The deputation was going to ask Mr. Asquith to perform the will of the people, and bring in a Government measure for woman

suffrage. Councillor Crawford, speaking in a Government measure for woman suffrage, (Applause.) Councillor Crawford, speaking in favour of woman suffrage, said Mr. Asquith would have to hear the people's will whether he liked it or not. Present-day politicians, he remarked, were a set of puny piffing pigmies. He recalled the conduct of the American colonists in Boston Harbour, and said that the day might come when the methods of the militants who had given might come when the methods of the militants, who had given their goods and their lives for the Cause, would be also praised. Bailie Alston, Glasgow, said that in the case of anyone who came before him as a Magistrate for an act of militancy, he had

A resolution was carried approving the attitude of the Edin-burgh and Glasgow Bailies and Councillors, who were writing to Mr. Asquith that they were going to Downing Street on July 18. The tollowing letter, signed by fifteen members of the Edin-burgh Town Council, and thirty-three members of the Glasgow

Town Council, has been addressed to Mr. Asquith :

32, Fettes-row, Edinburgh,

32, Fettes-row, Edinburgh, July 10, 1913. To the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, K.C., M.P. WOMAN SUFFRAGE. Sir,—We regret that we cannot accept your refusal to receive the deputation, which is now fully organised and prepared to start. The deputation will come in support of the resolutions passed by the Town Councils, for we are profoundly dissatisfied with the Government's attitude to women. We have no wish to create a disturbance, and shall not do so, but we claim our citizen rights as a sovereign people, and an interview with the chief of the elected Government. The members of the deputa-tion, therefore, will present themselves at 10, Downing-street according to the Bill of Rights, on July 18, at 11 a.m.—We are, sir, yours obediently :

sir, yours obediently : Edinburgh.—Bailies—John Stark, John D. Chesser, and John



"NO TRIFLING-WE CAN'T WAIT!" STRAIGHT MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER Walk. Councillors-G. Crawford, W. Inman, Alexander Barrie, John A. Young, John Murray, William Archbold, W. Bruce Lindsay, F. J. Robertson, Matthew White, W. Wallace Dunlop, Hugh M'Michael, and John Duncan (Convener).

Glasgow .- Ex-Provost MacDougall, ex-Provost David Perry. Glasgow.—Ex-Provost MacDougal, ex-Provost David Perty. Bailies—James Alston, J. Pratt, Henry Forsyth, G. D. Morton. River Balie—William Nicol. Councillors—W. D. Hamilton, James Erskine, M.A., M.B.; James Stewart, P. G. Stewart, A. R. Turner, John Stewart, A. M. Welsh, R. Hunter, Andrew Anderson, Charles Scott, J.P.; William Davidson, William Nicol, James Whitehead, James Braterson, James Wilson, J. C. Early, John Muir, Robert Shanks, John D. Drummond, Hamilton Brown, Robert Mitchell, John Wheatley, L. Hoey, R. S. Brown, W. H. Hannay. Rosslyn Mitchell. Ir. W. Thomson, B.A., and Mr. C. M. Serimgeour, M.A.

Alex. Orr, Hon. Secretary to the Deputation

"It is difficult to see how Mr. Asquith can get over the Bill of Rights reference," says a correspondent of *The Standard*. "Under it the Crown and *per se* the Ministers become the office representative of the community, to carry out its wishes so far as they are expressed or can be ascertained. It may be that Asquith does not consider the bailies and councillors as 'community,' but it is obvious they mean business."

Thursday, July 17 .- Deputation meets at Bookstall, Caledonian Station (Princes-street), on July 17, at 10.15 p.m. Train leaves at 10.45 p.m.

Friday, July 18.—Met on arrival at Euston by members of Men's League for Women's Suffrage Provide Britishing i's League for Women's Suffrage. Breakfast at Euston

Assemble at National Political League-President, Miss Broadhurst, M.A.-16, St. James-street, S.W., Bank-

Presents itself at Downing-street at 11 a.m. the Lady Cowdray at 12.30.

Lunch at the invitation of the Lady Cowdray at 12.30.
House of Commons, 2.30 p.m.
Reception at Knightsbridge Hotel by Men's League for Women's Suffrage—President, Lord Lytton; Actresses' Franchise League—President, Lady Forbes Robertson; National Political League, 8 p.m.
Hostesses—Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss Eva Moore, Mrs. Adeline Bourne, Miss Margaret Halston, &c.
Saturday, July 19.—Motor trip on invitation of Lady de la Warr, who will provide the cars.
Sunday, July 20.—Tea at New Constitutional Society, 4.30 p.m.

Sunday, July 20.-Tea at New Constitutional Society, 4.30 p.m. ident-Mrs. Cecil Chapman

President—Mrs. Cecil Chapman. Demonstration in Hyde Park, 6 p.m. Platforms representing Men's League for Women's Suffrage and the Actresses' Franchise League. Speakers from the deputation will include Bailie Alston, J.P. (Glasgow), Councillor Crawford (Edinburgh), W. Cuthbertson, Esq., J.P. (Edinburgh), J. Wilson Maclaren, Esq. (Edinburgh).

Monday, July 21 .- Deputation leaves Euston for Scotland at

To those members who can remain, a reception will be given y Lady Brassey on Tuesday evening, July 22, at her residence in Park-lane.

POLITICAL NEWS.

More Men Petitioners for Woman Suffrage. A petition has been sent to the Prime Minister asking him to receive a deputation from the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, Mr. Asquith having already refused to receive a further deputation from the women themselves. The petition is signed, others by

among others, by: The Earl of Lytton, the Bishop of Kensington, Rev. James Adderley, Lieut. Colonel Linley Blathwayt (Bengal Staff Corps, retired), Sir William Chance, D.L., J.P., Mr. Robert F. Cholmeley, Owen's School, Islington, the Dean of Worcester, Prof. Carl Fuchs (Manchester College of Music), Prof. W. M. Geldart (Oxford), Canon James O. Hannay, Sir Charles S. Hobhouse, BL, Sir Victor Horsley, Mr. Laurence Housman, Mr. William de Morgan, Judge Stanger, Rev. W. Temple (Repton), Rev. John Verschoyle, Dr. Alfred R. Wallace, O.M., F.R.S., Canon Bt Wilson (Worcester).

"No Useful Purpose ' Again !

Mr. Asquith's private secretary wrote on July 3, in reply to a letter from the Federated Council of Suffrage Societies, asking what measures the Prime Minister proposed to adopt in fulfil-ment of his pledge of November 17, 1911, and asking him to

eive a deputation :--"The Prime Minister desires me to say that the position of the Government in regard to proposals for the extension of the Suffrage and the inclusion of women as well as men within its scope was fully stated in the speeches which he made in the House of Commons on January 27 last when the Franchise Bill was withdrawn, and on May 6 on the second reading of the Representation of the People (Women) Bill.

In these circumstances the Prime Minister is of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by such a deputation as you suggest, as he could add nothing to what he has already stated on these two occasions, and he regrets,

L ____ PLEASE MENTION "THE VOTE" WHEN ORDERING GOODS.

therefore, that he cannot accede to the request contained

In a letter to the Premier yesterday the Federated Council convey the view that they consider his reply "unsatisfactory in point of fact, and inexplicable in view of the grave circum-

Signs of the Times.

Signs of the Times. The drop in the Government's majority on the third reading of the Plural Voting Bill on July 13 was chiefly due to the absence of about twenty Labour members. Some Liberals and Nationalists were also absent unpaired. Mr. Keir Hardie and Mr. Snowden voted against the Government, as they are opposed to franchise measures being advanced before Woman Suffrage is dealt, with. Surprises in the House of Commons.

On July 11, while the report stage of the Plural Voting Bill was being considered in the House of Commons, Mr. Ivan Shaw, of Parkestone, Bournemouth, discharged a toy pistol in the Strangers' Gallery, shouting "Justice for Women"; a few moments later Mr. Henry George Bennett, of Ealing, flung from the Gallery some cardboard mousetraps on to the floar of the House deermoding "Why don't you give women the floor of the House, demanding, "Why don't you give women the vote?" Both were hustled out of the Gallery, and detained till the House rose, then liberated. No charge was made against them, but their addresses were taken, and summonses may be issued.

"Coercion an Offence."

"Coercion an Offence." "Liberal history is all against such a Liberal Government and party as these. From Charles James Fox down to the latest orator who has congratulated himself on the triumph of con-ciliation over coercion in Ireland or South Africa, or India, we Liberals have always claimed that coercion is an offence in government, that it is in itself a proof of culpable neglect on the part of Government, and that if it must be undertaken, it must be undertaken only as a detestable necessity, and be followed without delay by redress of the grievances from which the disorder arose. In 1913 we find, for the first time in English history, a Liberal Government stimulating and aggravating history, a Liberal Government stimulating and aggravating discontent by needlessly harsh punishment of trifling crimes, passing thence to harsher and even unconstitutional measures of repression of worse crimes, and refusing still to do what along can prevent even more dangerous attacks upon the social fabric on the one hand, and more deplorable measures of coercion on the other."—LYON BLEASE, Daily Chronicle, July 12, 1913. W.S.P.U. Manchester Offices Raided.

On July 10, a few days before the Royal visit to Manchester, ne police raided the W.S.P.U. headquarters in that city. to one was arrested, but literature was seized (!).

Cat and Mice.

In a printed reply to Viscount Wolmer, on July 10, Mr. McKenna stated that the number of women at present in prison for offences in connection with the Suffrage agitation is 10; none of them are being forcibly fed. There are 13 out of prison who have been released under the Prisoners (Temporary Dis-charge for III-health) Act. Nine of these have failed to return

charge for III-health) Act. Nine of these have failed to return to prison at the expiration of their period of temporary discharge. Mrs. Sanders was rearrested on July 9 at the door of her house as she returned from a drive. The Scotland Yard officer who made the arrest refused to allow her, a sick woman, to enter the house for any purpose whatever, and only gave way when the husband declared that Mrs. Sanders should not leave unless he were swretted too. The officer characterised this when the husband declared that Mrs. Sanders should not leave unless he were arrested too. The officer characterised this action of Mr. Sanders as highly obstructive, but declined to arrest him when challenged. Miss Clare Giveen, who was sentenced to three years' penal servitude in connection with the Hurst Park racecourse fire, was released from Holloway on July 10 after having been on hunger-strike.

strike

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst was released from Holloway on July 13. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst was released from Holloway on July 13. Miss Annie Kenney and Mrs. Pankhurst appeared at the Monday afternoon meeting of the W.S.P.U. at the Pavilion on July 14. Miss Kenney, after a fighting speech, put up her two licences to auction, and each fetched £6. Mrs. Pankhurst, in a vigorous speech, said : "My challenge to the Government is, 'Kill me or give me freedom. I shall force you to make that choice?" Miss Kenney was rearrested after considerable effort on leaving the Pavilion ; Mrs. Pankhurst returned to her home in Westminster. Two women and a man arcested for home in Westminster. Two women and a man, arrested for month in we sentenced on July 15 to three weeks' imprison-ment, refusing to pay the fines. Miss Kitty Marion, released under the Act on July 8, broke a

window at the Hone Office on July 12, and was sentenced to 21 days in the second division.

Woman Demands Woman Jury.

Mrs. Bertha Williams has just achieved a suffrage victory in San Francisco, owing to the law in this State (California) in San Francisco, owing to the law in this State (California) permitting women to vote, says the correspondent of *The Daily Chronicle* on July 10. Mrs. Williams was arrested on a criminal charge, and when her trial was called she demanded a trial by jury composed solely of women. "The District-Attorney objected to the demand, but Judge Dunne, taking the view that the granting of Women's Suffrage carried with it the right for a woman to be tried by her sex, added the names of thirty women to the panel from which the jury was drawn. The defendant was justified in her action, because she was triumphantly acquitted by the female jury,"

VICTORIA WOODHULL MARTIN.

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We are glad to be able to give on our front page a reproduction of a scene which is historic in the Woman Suffrage movement. Forty-three years ago-on January 11, 1871-Mrs. Victoria C. Woodhull and her Woman's Rights Associates argued the question of Woman Suffrage before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States. The picture is from a book, "The Human Body and the Temple of God," in which Mrs. Woodhull and her sister, Tennessee Clafin (Lady Cook), described their work for Women's Rights between 1869 and 1882.

Mrs. Woodhull, who many years ago married Mr. John Biddulph Martin, the well-known London banker, has ever since been recognised as a banner-bearer of the Woman's Cause, and British women may feel honoured that for a long time she has made her home in England. Through good report and ill, in the face of innumerable difficulties, she has devoted her life to the emancipation and elevation of her sex. In December, 1870, she presented a memorial to Congress, claiming the right of Woman Suffrage; it was read in the House of Repre-sentatives and referred to the Judiciary Committee, whose report, together with the minority report in favour of the memorial, was ordered to be printed. It was with difficulty, but with eventual success, that she obtained permission for a hearing before the Judiciary Committee, and "spoke with power and marvellous effect." She was hailed everywhere as a champion to whom all women owed a debt of gratitude. Mr. Whitelaw Reid wrote in the *Tribune*, of New York, May 12, 1871 :---

The lady whose intellectual ability and high moral worth we lately indorsed. For ourselves, we toss our hats in the air for Woodhull. She has the courage of her own opinion. She means business. This is a spirit to respect. Would that the rest of those who burden themselves with the enfranchisement of one-half of our whole population now lying in chains and slavery had her sagacious courage had her sagacious courage.

A part of her story which will make a special appeal to Suffragists to-day is the conflict with authority which became inevitable in her campaign for the emancipation women. It had been announced, on January 9, 1873, that she would lecture in New York on "The Naked Truth," but to the gathering thousands who thronged to hear her the fiat went forth :

There will be no lecture to-night; Mrs. Woodhull is to be again arrested and flung into prison.

Shame ! Outrage ! Persecution ! Inquisition ! were the indignant comments. Then a queer little figure tottered into the Hall, dressed in most antiquated Quaker garments. When a lady began from the platform to apologise for the absence of Mrs. Woodhull, saying : "The enemies of free speech have another order for her arrest; she cannot appear lest she be thrown again into an American Bastille !" the Quaker lady deliberately mounted to the platform. A flash-and the Quaker garments had disappeared; there stood Victoria Woodhull in the flesh—"the personification of Liberty in Arms!" Instead of the lecture on "The Naked Truth" being read, the vast audience who had waited in mute hope despite the law's fiat. heard the burning, glowing words of the persecuted woman. She was the superior strategist, "the protect-ing spirit of American liberty." All hail to her !



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THE MEN WHO GOVERN US.

The men who govern us have given themselves up to a solemn orgy of pompous pretence. One does not know whether most to admire Mr. Asquith's disquisitions on the spirit of True Democracy or Sir Edward Carson's bombastic championship of the Right of the Governed to control the Government. In the debates on the Plural Voting Bill, in the House of Lords' discussion of the Home Rule bugbear, or in the campaign in Ulster, we wade knee-deep in precious phrases, in profound philosophies, in golden glints of great truths, in waves of protest against all the unconstitutional actions, intentions, and enactments of unconstitutional Governments and governing persons. They belong to a vast game of pretence, these phrases and protests ; they are used by men who know themselves and who know that others know them for the hypocrites they are; for there is only one sincere note in the whole gamut of pretence, and that is party interest.

Sir Edward Carson means, quite " constitutionally," to "take over Ulster for ourselves." He "knows nothing of legality or illegality"; his "covenant" covers all that. He and his bold barons and loyal lieges resolve that it is their " bounden duty to make and complete all preparations for resisting by force and every other method. . . . any Nationalist Parlia-men. . . ." The whole Unionist party, he assures men. The whole Unionist party, he assures Ulster, is behind him, whether they are "constitutional or in the long run unconstitutional " in their methods. Yet they all supported the Cat and Mouse Rill !

They will collect their own taxes, too, in Ulster. And if anyone else attempts to collect the taxes-other governments, for instance, not approved by Sir Edward —"they must make it impossible." He believed "in

his conscience " that he was under heaven entitled to defeat Home Rule. Oh, these self-righteous brawlers ! President Kruger swore by "God and the Mauser." Edward is only a poor imitator after all. But he is going to "give no quarter when the time comes"— "stagger humanity." in fact, like the older braggart. And he was anxious for the day to come when this everlasting threatening of civil and religious liberty would be ended and the terror removed," for "they neither would nor could give up their rights as citizens. Hurray! And so say all of us.

Lord Lansdowne also waxed prophetic and portentous in dilating on Ulster's "moral right" to resist a Govern-ment she disliked. "This monstrous indignity to herself" (not nearly so great as that inflicted on the entire womanhood of the country) is to be resented by the British League," whose offices are at 25, Ryderstreet, "next the gun shop."

The debate passes all bounds of permissible silliness; and it is only the violent and unmeasured actions consequent on all this rubbishing talk that make it serious. The conduct of the male denunciators of militancy will be of a character in keeping with their astonishing record for law-breaking and bloodshed, and the chief sufferers, as usual, will probably be helpless

In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith outdid all competitors. He considered that "one ought to count for one for all purposes of election," and that a "privileged class of 500,000 out of 8,000,000" had obtained an unjustifiable advantage. He made no remark about the unjustifiable advantage of the privileged sex, also in a permanent minority. He thought the House "ought to be as accurate a reflection as they could make it of the mind of the people"; but it is Mr. #Asquith first and foremost who has discriminated among "the people" as to whose mind is to be represented and who has given his heavy support to unjustifiable advantage.

We help to pay £400 a year and £5,000 a year to all these dishonest talkers with whom the real meaning of their own words and principles are blurred and

distorted by party trickery and interested "interpretations, Vof the English language. The unctuous senti-ments ladled forth make us sick with their unreality; the blessed word Mesopotamia was not more full of cryptic possibilities to the weeping old dame who was so moved by it than are "democracy," "militancy," and," constitution " in the mouths of our arch-foes on C. NINA BOYLE. both sides of the House.

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE. SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS.

The present year marks an important advance in the attitude of the Society of Friends towards Woman Suffrage. In the epistle from the London Yearly Meeting, held in May, the question is referred to in the following terms :-

following terms :--Four aspects of these world-wide stirrings of life have claimed our special attention. In almost every nation, womanhood seeks for a fuller recognition and a larger sphere of service. It has been given to few generations to witness a movement of such surpassing importance. It belongs to no one country; it is the vision of no one people. It has swept round the world and East and West to-day are linking up their forces. Out of great and bitter need, the women of the world are asking for their opportunity to serve their generation. The history of our Society brings abundant evidence of the advantage which comes to the community through a full recognition of the digrity family, social and church life. We as Friends, both men and women, are called to bear our share in bringing this movement of its full fruition, and in saving it from the serious dangers with which it is, threatened. This can only be done as we derive our convictions on this subject once more from their movement, lift it on to the highest possible plane. The London Yearly Meeting is composed of repre-

The London Yearly Meeting is composed of representatives from all parts of England, Scotland, and Wales, and the epistle is addressed to "The Quarterly and Monthly Meetings in Great Britain, Ireland, Australasia and elsewhere, and to all who are associated with us in religious fellowship." This epistle is read at a meeting for worship on some Sunday during the year in every meeting house of the Society of Friends. In this way the question is brought to the notice of all members at a time when they can sit and think over it quietly. It also comes with all the authority of an official utterance of the Society and as the outcome of a consideration of the question in Yearly Meeting itself.

It is encouraging to find that the Society of Friends, which has always recognised the spiritual equality of woman, is now beginning to see that the logical outcome of its position is the granting of the vote to woman. Two years ago the position was very different, and the Yearly Meeting refused to consider the question. The change in attitude is largely due to the efforts of the Friends' League for Women's Suffrage, which has been at work during the last two years with this special object in view. There is still, however, much work before the League, both in urging members of the Society of Friends to take their share in a Cause which, as a society, they have neglected too long; and, by bringing them into closer touch with the movement, help them to realise that the spirit they wish to introduce is already present in its midst.

AN EXAMPLE TO BE FOLLOWED.

The Tottenham Branch of the W.F.L., through Mrs. Harbord, has sent £5 6s. 6d. as a contribution to THE VOTE. This is the result of a Jumble Sale, and a Jumble Sale means hard work, if it also means much fun. Congratulations and thanks are tendered to the Tottenham Branch on behalf of the League. JULIA WOOD



MENTAL DEFICIENCY. MAN'S WAY OF DEALING WITH IT.

Whilst women are still told that they must have nothing to do with politics, politics are touching closer and closer the interests of women. The present Govern-ment are now pledged to carry the Mental Deficiency

Bill before the House is prorogued. According to a Local Government Board return, published on July 8, there are 31,824 mentally defective paupers in England and Wales (other than the certified insane). They are classified as idiots 1,766, imbeciles 4,887, feeble-minded 14,172, moral imbeciles 727, and mentally infirm 10,272. The Bill proposes to deal with these, as well as to compel all those outside who are certified as mental deficients to come into institutes and homes

A Board of Control is to be appointed consisting of not more than fifteen Commissioners, of whom not more than twelve are to receive a salary not exceeding £1,500 each per annum. Local committees of the County Councils are to have local powers to deal with the question.

The Bill, in defining a mental deficient, describes them as "incapable of managing themselves or their affairs," and again, "those that require care, supervision and control for their own protection," and yet again, as those on whom punishment has little or no deterrent Some of these descriptions have quite a familiar effect. ring in the ears of Suffragists. Is it possible that this is another scheme of our legislators to procure our incarceration ?

In Clause 2 we note "that a person may be dealt with under this Act who is in receipt of poor relief at the time of giving birth to an illegitimate child or when pregnant of such child "-poverty again brought in-the woman only to be punished, whilst vice that can pay escapes.

In Clause 5 power is given to a magistrate or officer of the local authority to present a petition for a person to be treated as a mental deficient Even a policeman (Clause 15) may charge a person before the courts with being a mental deficient, and that person may be sent to an institute until evidence of his or her mental condition can be brought before the courts.

It is interesting to note the elaborate arrangements in the Bill for "the religious persuasions of the defectives." Mr. Wedgwood, M.P., told the House of Commons the other day that he was sure very few Cabinet Ministers had even read the Bill, and that there was not a shadow of a mandate for the Bill. Many people, no doubt, were shocked and horrified to find that there was so very little accommodation for the feeble-minded, but providing protection for these poor afflicted ones is very different from compelling people to send their children into what are really prison institutes.

This Bill not only provides people with an opportunity, but compels them, whether they like or not, to make use of that opportunity. We have far too much compulsion-far too much of one class of persons imposing their will on another class-e.g., the recent example of compulsory thrift, compulsory attendance of mere babies in our schools, the closing of shops and the forbidding of children with their parents on licensed

These interferences are almost entirely confined to the poor; they do not touch the people of the middle or upper classes. Now we are to have the policeman or officer of the new authority to inspect and to make lists of the people who come under this vague definition of

Weller, as police judge, ran his court as the average police courts are run throughout the country. That is, petty offenders were "soaked"; serious cases made ight of and professional bondsmen, politicians and such parnacles clustered around the bench. Weller was not a bad man. He was not even a bad judge, as judges go. He just had an out-of-date view-

Weller could have gone on the rest of his natural life conducting his court as he did, and while occasionally a few men would have been incensed nothing would have come of it. But the women of California secured the right to vote. They were not downtown. They didn't know how a "wide-open town helps business." But they did know what the ruin of a girl's body and soul was. So when Weller reduced the bail of a man charged

with assaulting a young girl, and when the man put up absurdly low bail, the women began to talk and to think. They found that the average bail demanded by Weller for crimes against young girls was \$300, while the average bail demanded for crimes against property was \$3,000. The women said such a man, with such a sense of values, isn't fit to be a judge. Eighteen thousand of them signed a recall petition, and 31,000 men and women voted to recall Weller, and put a young and unknown lawyer named Crist in his place.

And it was done. All of which shows that the recall will get rid of public servants and judges not because they are necessarily dishonest, but if they are not temperamentally fitted for their jobs. It also shows that where women vote-even if the town is as tough as 'Frisco-decency is going to count more than dollars and people more than profits ; hence we say that the recall of Judge Weller marked an epoch in American politics. Fine for the women voters.

Fine for the recall. Would that we had both .- From the Chicago Daily Press.

Superage Pictures.—At the Sixth London Salon of the amine the children and make all sorts of backstairs inquiries from neighbours. Well-to-do people can provide for their children if they are feeble-minded, and the last thing they would wish to do is to be compelled to part with them. * Let the Government go to the root of the matter. Why are there more feeble-minded in the slums than elsewhere? The question is largely economic. Let our houses be made fit for habitation, let our mothers and SUFFRAGE PICTURES .- At the Sixth London Salon of the

children be enabled to live the healthy life of bodily activity in fresh air and with a sufficiency of food. Suffragists will not be compelled to obey this, or any other law, passed without consulting them. We demand first the enfranchisement of our sex, and we

deny the right of any Government to pass laws over our heads. The Bill does propose to make use of women in carrying out its dictates. Members are found in the House stating how important it is that women should help, and even the Bill states that one of the Comioners shall be a woman and that at least one woman should be on the local body.

Let us, we say, come in as enfranchised persons, let our ideas be put into the Bill and then, and not till then, are we ready to help to solve the problem.

S. A. MUSTARD.

WHEN WOMEN HAVE A SAY.

The recall of Police Judge Charles L. Weller, of San Francisco, marks an epoch in American politics.

Weller is the first American judge who has ever been ousted from office by a recall election.

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THE VICTORS OF TO-MORROW.

"Men do well," says a modern play-writer, "to keep the women blind.

That is the service which has been undertaken by the Anti-Suffrage Society. To keep the woman blind; to make them believe that in every social arrangement -in every political device the best that can possibly be contrived is being done for them and for their children-that is the aim of the League, which, under Lord Curzon as President, Mr. Mitchell-Innes as Chairman of Committee, and Mr. Massie as Treasurer, is opposing Woman's Suffrage. These good people are busy now raising an Indignation Fund, to be subscribed to not only by their own members but by the general public. "How much are you indignant?" question that is to be asked of those who profess to abhor violence, and who look upon the processions and protests, through which the strength of our agitation is shown, as hurtful to the community and degrading to women. For "there can be no relaxation of the League's efforts if Women's Suffrage is to be defeated. When that is achieved, when women return peacefully to their ancient subjection, then-and then onlywill they obtain what they are supposed to desire.

In the issue of The Anti-Suffrage Review that voices this pathetic 'appeal for funds, there is a delicious piece of doggerel-verse which, if it is to be taken seriously, holds out to woman the hope of subjugating her brotherman by far simpler methods than those the Suffragists are employing.

Inspire man and teach him to vote as you will.

Unhappy man! Turn whatever way he will, he cannot apparently escape.

All this may seem very funny, but there is that benind it which deserves consideration; for the tactics of an enemy, if carefully observed, will often enlighten those whom he is seeking to draw on to their ruin.

It strikes us that, in spite of all protestations to the contrary, our opponents are not, by any manner of means, convinced of our defeat. One feels disposed to ask: When will they be sure ? What will be the indubitable signs ? They must desire peace, even as we desire it. When and how is peace to come ? wonder if these superior men and obedient womanly women think that those who have been standing together valiantly through evil and good report, those who have grown stronger and more numerous after every seeming check, are going, at some particular moment, to surrender their defences, to loose one another's hands, and to allow, without protest, cruel, soul debasing social system that men have built up, to run forward on its way ?

Under certain conditions this might be. If the superior men and women were able to deprive all the women into whose souls the great hope has come of their children ; if they could arrange either that these

rebellious ones should have no children at all, or that the care and training of their offspring should be taken from them and put into the hands of the superior persons, there might be some chance of bringing the strife to an end. Unfortunately for them the young women, who form the rank and file of the Suffragist army, have a peculiar charm-low be it spoken !even for Antis. In the effete days which are already passing away there was something stimulating to man in a woman with an opinion of her own. We have ourselves witnessed some notable conversions. If women of fine physical culture, of free mind and independent will, marry and have children-boys and girls—they will, of course, surround the children with the atmosphere in which they themselves live and move. This is a spiritual law from which there is no escape ; the rising generation are proving it. Brought up in the air of liberty, taught free movement of the limbs, independent thinking and free speech, hating convention and apt in detecting prejudice afar off, these boys and girls are not going to be set aside from any purpose they may form by the patent sophistries of persons so superior as those who are appealing to the public for an Indignation Fund through the pages of The Anti-Suffragist Review.

We happen to know some of these children-glorious, independent little souls-and we can assure the enemies of women's liberty that they will find them harder to tackle than their mothers have been. We are advised to go to the cradle. That is precisely what we are doing; and to the girls' cradle as well as the boys'. Says one of the characters in a remarkable American play, The Mortal Gods :-

Defeat May be endured by those who hold in lap The victors of to-morrow.

This every true woman knows; and therefore, to-day, she can smile at defeat; therefore, " as one who fears no failure, courts no success," she can have patience ; therefore, however dark the present may be, she can rejoice. The future is hers. 'She holds in her hands those who will mould it-the victors of to-morrow.

She is leading them ; but not by the old devious ways —the ways of the courtesan, "Inspire man and teach him to vote *as you will*." The real woman does not imagine that by bringing up her sons to rule everything but themselves, and her daughters to submit outwardly, in decorous seemliness, while within they weave their nets and spread their snares, she is going to kill abuses, and heal diseases, and make social and political life pure and sweet. For, looking into the depths where the tortured dwell, feeling in her own soul the passion of their pain, she has been learning another way. Not weakness, not submission, save to that Divine inspiration which is never very far from those who seek it ; but strength, but joyous liberty has to be forged on her anvil; and, with all her force, she has set herself to her work. The man who dominates; the woman who in ignorance or indolence accepts his domination.

Shall not for ever pick their way to ease O'er broken bodies, lifting up white brows And hiding crimson feet. Daring to make the Christ their sheltering sanction while they feed On others' lives and keep injustice sleek.

In those vigorous words speaks the warrior-woman of to-day. We, meanwhile, of the Women's Freedom League, who are in the rough and tumble of the battle, draw strength and hope from our conviction that, in our insistent demand for political emancipation -a demand which cannot be long denied-we are making the implements that will enable those "Victors of To-morrow" to win their way to a peace such as that of the incoming tide-

Too full for sound or foam.

In the gladness of that conviction, we can bear with ease the "sound and foam"; the taunts and misconceptions that to-day are meted out to us by those who do not yet even dare to think freely.

C. DESPARD.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY TO OUR PRESIDENT.

An evening of enthusiasm-flowers, songs (Eastern and Western), dances, and a birthday present for the President from large numbers of friends, many of whom could not join in the festivity but whose love and devotion added to the joyous determination which will outlast the evening of July 10 and continue to increase until the real birthday present of the vote is won for all women. Banners and pennons decorated the Caxton Hall on July 10, but more significant were the living decorations-the great crowd of Suffragists, sympathisers and supporters who gathered to do honour to our President. Standing at the door of the large hall, Mrs. Despard welcomed the continuous stream of guests until she was summoned to take her place on the platform for the brief presentation proceedings. Miss Nina Boyle took the chair, and in welcoming our President, told of the splendid reception, second only to that given to Mrs. Chapman Catt, accorded to her at the International Suffrage Conference at Budapest. She spoke of the devotion to her and the Cause she represents which lies behind the birthday gift and makes it valuable, and said that the Birthday Fund would become an annual event Applying to the hon. treasurer of the League the words Mr. Asquith about "the shrinking modesty" Mr. Winston Churchill, Miss Boyle asked Dr. Knight to make the presentation.

Prefacing her short speech, asking Mrs. Despard to accept the birthday gift, with the remark that she did not see what she had done to be compared with Mr. Churchill, Dr. Knight told of the growth of the fund and the £1,000 goal which, it is hoped, will soon be reached. She read out the long list of donors, and emphasized the fact that there was no time like the present for adding to it. Miss Alix Minnie Clark also presented Mrs. Despard with a basket of beautiful roses on behalf of Mrs. Courteney Scott, of Pennant Hall, Abermule, Montgomery Boroughs, and other flowers were given by the Women's Freedom League

Mrs. Despard, who was received with the greatest enthusiasm, expressed her heartiest and heartfelt thanks for the birthday gift, and deep appreciation of the honour done to her, and immediately handed back the cheque to the hon. treasurer, declaring that it could not be in better hands. She recognised the sacrifice made in collecting a sum of more than £400. and told of the many ways in which money is required for the work of the League. She rejoiced in the formation of a new Branch-Thornton Heath-as a birthday present, arising out of a stormy meeting. Speaking of the great gathering of women from all nations at Budapest, Mrs. Despard said she was impressed by the continual declaration made to English Suffragists : "When you win, we shall win !" This confidence was stimulating and encouraging, as also the continued evidence that the country, including the great body of workers, is more and more in favour of Woman Suffrage. We must not slacken our efforts ; we need still more money and more personal service to gain our first

and is not far off-then we shall go on from victory to victory. An evening of artistic delight." This was the strongly expressed opinion of the great gathering of friends who seemed reluctant, even at a late hour, to bring so enjoyable an evening to a close. With such artistes, this is just what we expected. Madame Ferria more who will belong to us by-and-by-are actually delighted everyone so much with her songs that she had to respond to the insistent demand for an encore. Baroness M. Grippenberg, who comes from Finland to England with a fine reputation as a true and original artiste, amply fulfilled all expectations by her beautiful dances. To Rachmaninoff's "Prelude" she represented a captive struggling to be free from her chains ;

gave a dance of sadness, a dance of joy and of spring.

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evening.

Air, "The Fine Old English Gentleman." [The tune is splendidly inappropriate, for the subject of the verses is not English, is not a gentleman, and most certainly is not, and never will be, old.—H. H.] There's a splendid Irish lady Who belongs to all the world, She's known and lov'd where e'er the flag Of freedom is unfurled. They love her out in Budapest, They love her out in Prague; To us she is a glory, To McKenna she's a plague For she is our own Grey Ladye, And it is her Birthday Eve. However many years she's lived I neither know nor care, But she doesn't look the half of them, She's always young and fair ; And whether she is twenty-five Or whether she's two score, However many years she has, God give her many more! For she is our own Grey Ladye, And it is her Birthday Eve. You give her birthday presents, And she gives them back to you, With all her blessings on them, And all that's sweet and true; She'll win that birthday present For which we all must strive, Aye ! she'll win the Vote for Women, As sure as we're alive ! For she is our own dear Ladye, And it is her Birthday Eve. HARRISON HILL.

Her graceful, agile movements showed the exquisite working out in original fashion of beautiful ideas, and in thanking her for her splendid help we can only wish her still greater and greater success in her well-chosen career. Mr. Harrison Hill, whom we welcome as a champion of our Cause, put his inimitable services at our disposal once again, to the keen delight of all, and after much humour and skill at the piano, including "Gruel Song," and how Handel might have written Jack and Jill," made the occasion memorable by a birthday gift of birthday verses, as follows :-

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Our Own Grey Ladye.

The climax of the tribute came when Professor Inayat Khan, the distinguished Indian musician and Sufi philosopher, chanted a sonorous blessing on Mrs. Despard. With philosophical interpretations he gave a Song to the Dawn, a Hymn, and a Song of the Flute, expressing the desire of the soul for freedom amid the suffering of material conditions. To all our friends and helpers, including Mrs. Huntsman and Mrs. Harbord, to name but two, we express our truest appreciation of the charm and creature comforts of a memorable

MESSAGE FROM MRS. DESPARD.

DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW-MEMBERS,-As it is impossible for me to acknowledge personally all the generous contributions to my Birthday Fund, the kind messages of congratulation and goodwill, and the loving work and strenuous energy that have been thrown into the preparation and carrying out of our festival, I am trying, through the medium of THE VOTE, to express what cannot really be given in wordsvictory-the vote, which will open so many doors, my sense, not so much of gratitude, as of love and appreciation.

As I stood before you last night, dear friends, trying and, I know, failing to say what was in my mind, there came over me a strong impression that, after all, there was little need for many words. You and I and the many absent friends who belong to us-the many one. Here and there, on various occasions, it is the honour and privilege of one and another to represent you and the great Cause for which we stand. Last night, as at other times, we have felt with great joy and gladness, that it is our League, that it is our Cause (the cause of womanhood, presently to be recognised as the cause of humanity) which is being honoured, and to the characteristic music of her own country she the conviction that this is so gives us courage and hope. As a festival, I keenly enjoyed last night's entertain-

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ment. That, I am sure, is the case with others, I wish specially to thank those who gave their artistic ability so freely to make the evening enjoyable and memorable-Madame Ferria, whose songs charmed us; Baroness Grippenberg, whose dances delighted us; Prof. Inayat Khan, whose sonorous Indian music made a moving appeal; and our good friend, Mr. Harrison Hill, whose infectious humour and skilled musicianship -as well as his characteristic birthday present of birthday verses—were a joy to us all. There is plenty of strenuous work before us, and it is good that we should sometimes laugh and make merry. I look upon laughter at its best-and we had some of the best last night-as democratic in the highest sense. All this I enjoyed; but behind it was the deeperfeeling of which I have spoken.

In that, in the feeling of unity, and the joyful recog-nition of the truth that where one is honoured all are honoured; that the League is more than any one of us, and that the Cause for which we as a Society exist is

more than the League—in this lies our strength. Knowing what I do of you, friends and fellow-members, I cannot doubt that we shall carry this as an inspiration into all our work. If so, we are bound to win.-Yours in our great Cause, July 11, 1913.

C. DESPARD.

IN DARKNESS.

I wandered alone in a dreary street. The darkness seemed more than the darkness of night-it seemed a mindless darkness, thick, soul-stifling, and as I stopped at a parting of the ways I shuddered. In each direction the same darkness !

Out of the blackness came the sound of steps-steps with no lightness in them, no self-respect, no hope; shuffling, dragging steps. And they were the steps of a woman! She came out of the thick night as if its elements had focussed into form, unclean, draggled, unloved, unloving, and as she passed she uttered darkness, uttered hate.

"What is this," I thought, aghast, "this that seems to have life, yet is not living; this that does not know itself or others? It is not woman; it is not man." And the darkness breathed, "It is Want; Want embodied ; dull, despairing appetite that once was longing. It is the projected shadow of long denial."

As I stood solitary, my thought went traversing. It came to lighted thoroughfares where crowds pressed and vehicles flashed, alert with purpose. It passed beyond and came to quiet streets where dignified houses stood a-row. Lights were within all, music in some, carriages stopped here and there and delicately dressed ladies alighted and entered into warmth and beauty. "Such a little way off from this darkness," I whis-pered, "such a very little way! There is no distance pered, "such a very little way! There is no distance so great as difference." And all at once I was over-whelmed. "It is so lonely here," I moaned, "and cold." "Would you take the place of one of those in the warmth and put them in your stead ?" Soul asked. "O, no!" I answered. "No, no, a thousand times ! I would not give want to one other nor take their good from them." So I know that I live. But women dear from them." So I know that I live. But women, dear women, sheltered and beautiful, be beautiful for all our ugliness here; laugh your laugh and ours, our meed is knowledge and clutch of the blindness men call "Evil." Be humble because of the chivalry that shields and the approval that makes life sweet. We hunger here, hunger in heart and flesh; we hunger so that we seize upon any desire of us and try to name it love. Show us love, show us love !

Did the darkness sigh ? Did the darkness moan ? A voice said. "It is not the burden of our sin we bear, but the burden of Sin. The weight falls upon us because we are beneath, but it is not, therefore, ours. It is the weight of the blindness and the sin of all."

"O, Love!" I cried in the darkness. "O, Eove, come to us all!" I, DICKINSON CUTTER,

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	A most impressive demonstration at the Queen's Hall was held on July 8, under the auspices of the National Political	MH
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A DECEMBER	upon the Government to end deplorable disorder in the State, by granting votes to women, was carried unanimously and	w
	enthusiastically. The meeting was very largely attended and supported by an imposing list of more than 200 men and women	w! m
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	meetings to be held in all parts of the country. Instead of a broad and statesmanlike insight into the grievance underlying	a tr
	the unrest, there was only the vicious circle of coercion and inaction. Attention was called to the fact that there were forty-	G
	two clergymen among the supporters of the meeting, and three were to speak : the Rev. Lewis Donaldson, of Leicester ; the Boy T. Cohol & Donline the D. J.	G
	Rev. T. Gobat, of Darlington; and the Rev. Ivory Cripps, of Swindon. Each made a strong fighting speech against " torure made level by an Act which should be entitled to A Act for the	m
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avoidance of doing justice." Who could imagine, asked Mr Donaldson, a Member of Parliament or of the Cabinet retraining from eating or drinking to save their souls? That was been that it was in peril as a Cabinet because it had not done justice and had forsaken mercy. Mr. Gobat said that no word but is suffling "described the Government's action towards voto for women, an action contrary to all ideas of fairplay and justice The Rev. Ivory Cripps said that Christian Ministers must hav there eyes wide open for all movements having the stamp of the Kingdom of God as had the great feminist movement. Whateve the Christian Movement shaving the stamp of the stamp of the Act, and addressed some forcible words to the Home Secretary. Speaking as a medical practice inter, he denounced the conduct of Mr. McKenna, and protested and Mouse" Act was the most dangerous one on the Statut forcible feeding was an ordinary medical practice. The "Ca and Mouse" Act was the most dangerous one on the Statut for the feeding was an ordinary medical practice. The "Ca and Mouse" Act was the most dangerous one on the Statut for the teeding was an ordinary medical practice. The "Ca and Mouse" Act was the most dangerous one on the Statut for the secret police to replace a person in prison on some invented charge which that person had no opportunity of meet. Donaldson, a Member of Parliament or of the Cabinet refraining

Canon Peter Green, of Manchester, writes to the Manchester Guardian as follows :— Sir,—We shall be grateful if you will publish the enclosed memorial, which has been freely signed after only a brief canvass. It was hoped that it might have been presented to Mr. McKenna personally by a small deputation which would have been com-posed of a member of the City Council, a prominent official of the County Liberal Association, a professor of the Manchester University, a canon of Manchester Cathedral, and a leading Free Church Minister. But Mr. McKenna has refused to receive a deputation, and it only remains to us to express our deep indignation at being denied the only constitutional method which we at present possess of expressing our views. May I add

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ag. It was more than dangerous to public liberties, and it rought the law into contempt and produced chaos. He sug-ested as a practical way out of the present difficulty that Mr. fcKenna should be sent to the House of Lords as Viscount Iolloway, that the "Cat and Mouse" Act should be wiped off he Statute Book, and that then the Government should imme-iately introduce a comprehensive reform measure including comen as well as then

ately introduce a comprehensive reform measure including comen as well as men. Other speakers were Miss Milne Farquharson, Mr. Lyon Blease, the pointed out that the Government were substituting govern-ent for coercion in Ireland, but in their own country they were ubstituting coercion for government; and Mr. Aylmer Maude, the said the question was: Would Mr. Asquith show suffragists way out of the *impasse*, or did he wish them to organise a runsformer of works to throw out the Government at the next ansference of votes to throw out the Government at the next neral Election ?

Request from Manchester: Mr. McKenna's Refusal. Green, of Manchester, writes to the Mana

of Manchester), Bernard O. F. Heywood, John Bernard Steinlen of Manchester), Bernard O. F. Heywood, John Bernard Steinlen Barratt, Thomas Bateson Allworthy, Albert E. Cornibeer, J. E. Roberts, Margaret Ashton, W. Charles Ford, W. L. Herford, James Holt Smith, Leigh L. Orton, Edwin T. Kerby, Gerald Medland Taylor, B. Salomon (minister of the Great Synagogue), Charles Peach (secretary Northern Counties Education League), nd many other well-known citizens.

Support from Abroad.

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Support from Abroad. A number of residents abroad, among them Comtessa B. de Montcabrier, Mr. Upton Sinclair, and Rudolf Wagner, have written demanding the discontinuance of the "Cat and Mouse" Act. Not only has militancy increased both in extent and violence since the Act became law, say the signatories, but by the introduction of what is virtually a death sentence penalty for its infringement it has exasperated the women to still sterner forms of protest. It is nothing short of murder to continue to persecute a woman like Mrs. Pankhurst, and that a Government of men can degrade humanity so far as to kill rather than grant political articulation to women is a conclusive fact in favour of the votes for women movement. the votes for women movement.

HOW SOME MEN PROTECT WOMEN.

The infamous behaviour of the Bench in the graceful Machynlleth case has had further developments. Our readers will remember that one Horace Evans, son of Sir Samuel Evans, the President of the Divorce Court, was "acquitted" of criminally assault-ing Miss Davies, a local lady of irreproachable character. The court was cleared of all women except the defendant's wife, Miss Davies not being allowed even to have her mother beside her.

The evening of his acquittal, this disgusting specimen of humanity assaulted another respectable girl after dark. The court was again cleared of women, the counsel for the unfortunate girl appealing to the Bench as a "special favour" that her mother might be allowed to stay ! Again the man was acquitted, although his actions were not denied ; his " intention," as interpreted by a friendly and discreditable Bench, being "only to give the girl a rough kiss." " Laughter and cheers " in court. More will be heard of this perversion of justice, and of the improper and illegal clearing of the court of women. Criminal Assault.

dam Baxter, convicted at the High Court of Judiciary, sgow, before Lord Ormidale, of serious offences against Glasgow.

Glasgow, before Lord Ormidale, of serious offences against his two little daughters. Five years. James Walkinshaw and William Chisholm, of Carnworth, at the High Court of Justiciary, Glasgow, convicted before Lord Mackenzie of indecently assaulting a domestic servant on the public road, near West Calder, on May 11. Eighteen months. John McIntyre, of Govan, found guilty in Divisional Police-court of persistently soliciting an eight-year-old child for immoral numbers in a showround near Gavan, read, and in Plantation

court of persistently soliciting an eight-year-old child for immoral purposes in a showground near Govan-road and in Plantation Quay. Was chased by an angry mob. **Six months' hard labour**. From Dundee we have received particulars of a case of criminal assault on a child of seven. The father went to the school to ex-plain to the teacher that the little girl could not attend that day because she had to be at the court. Asking the reason, the teacher was told that the child had been outraged by a youth of eighteen. Overcome with horror, the teacher nearly fainted, whereupon the father observed, "It's no sic a very dreadful thing, is it?" The child, owing to her tender years, was allowed to have her mother in court; all other women wefe excluded. The name of the criminal was suppressed, and he received a criminal was suppressed, and he received a nominal sentence.

nominal sentence. Thomas Young and John Shields, before the Recorder of Sunderland, went to the house of Mrs. Dryden, Spring Gardenlane, just after midnight, asking her to get some drink for them. On her return she heard her children crying, and fetched a neighbour in with her. The two men rushed out together, striking one woman and knocking her down. Found that the little girl had been assaulted, her clothes and the bedding blood-trained. Both men were sober There was no denied of the stained. Both men were sober. There was no denial of the evidence, the defence being that the offence was committed by one of the prisoners and that there was no evidence of con-certed action of the two together. The Recorder said ''it was clear someone had done the child an injury," but there was no evidence to say which it was! He could not convict both, there for both were **Acquitted** therefore both were Acquitted.

Cruelty.

Cruelty. Violet Adams, Chichester, aged fourteen, living with her father, who had kidnapped her from her mother, with whom he did not live. For the last six months dreadfully ill-treated. Had had her arms twisted, pinched, and was beaten over the head with a stick. The doctor said "worst bruises he had ever seen." Adams expressed "deep and sincere" affection for the child. **One month.** Child to go back to her mother.— *Observe*. Tuby 13

Observer, July 13. Mrs. Janet Dennison, of Rochampton, ill-treated by her husband frequently. Caught her by throat and threatened her life; poured cold water over her at night; and got money from her by threats. **Divorce**.

The Clyde Campaign.

W.F.L. HOLIDAY CAMPAIGNS.

The Clyde Campaign. Headquarters : 11, Mount Pleasant-road, Rothesay. In Charge : Miss Alison Neilans. The second week of the West Coast Campaign has ended as successfully as the first, and as the local paper expresses it, the Women's Freedom League meetings are one of the town " attrac-tions." Judging by the large crowds this certainly appears to be the case, and when Miss Neilans laughingly referred to this one night, there was a hearty response of "So ye are, so ye are." Miss Semple has helped with the speaking during the week, and was much appreciated by the Saturday night audi-ence; Miss Baird, Miss Gilmour, and Miss Park have sold literature and collected. One night a party of sailors tried to take possession of the waggonetic, and marched off with the flag, while Miss Neilans' back was turned, but they were promptly pursued by Miss Park, and the flag triumphantly restored, although badly torn in the struggle. A girl in the crowd, one of the strangers who attend nightly, was aroused to indignation because the sailor seized the flag, and gave him a sounding smack with the palm of her hand, much to his astonishment, but to the great delight of the audience. There is absolutely no oppo-tions and it is orfer to ear these is a creat deal were friend with the palm of her hand, much to his astonishment, but to the great delight of the audience. There is absolutely no oppo-sition, and it is safe to say there is a great deal more friend-liness freely expressed towards " votes for women " than towards the official Liberalism which disgraces its principles by Cat and Mouse Bills and the like. Miss Neilans' grave rebuke to a man who made some facetious remark about Mrs. Pankhurst by saying, " I will have no jokes in this meeting against a dying woman," was endorsed with complete approval by her audience. No one could attend these Clyde meetings without being im-pressed by the fact that not only is Women's Suffrage thoroughly approved by all but the " drunks,' but it is very evident, too that the Scottish people are ashamed and disgusted at the Government's unjust and cruel policy. Miss Neilans urges those interested in this campaign, who are unable to give time, to send her, say, 6d. or is, towards the expenses, as these are unavoidably heavy. **The East Coast Campaign : Montrose.**

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The East Coast Campaign: Montrose. Organiser : Miss A. BROUGHTON. Miss Shennan and Miss Broughton have made successful and encouraging visits to Montrose, Arbroath, Brechin, Forfar, and Bervie, and, in spite of warnings, found that audiences every-where "wanted more"—Suffrage. On arriving at Montrose they were informed that no Suffrage work had been done in that town since the last General Election and that they would be hounded out of the place. Despite all discouragement, the workers determined to run the risk and hold a meeting at the Cross on Thursday, July 3, for the benefit of the many excursionists who were expected at Montrose. Early in the morning Miss Broughton " painted the streets white " with "Votes for Women," paying no heed to a civilian who commanded her to desist. As soon as she reached her loggings an officer of the law paid her a visit and showed her a copy of the by-laws. The policy of the W.F.L. was explained to him and he kindly promised to give the League every assist-ance. This visit was the best possible advertisement for the meeting ! News spread rapidly that Suffragettes were in the town, and by the time the speakers arrived at the Cross for the meeting a crowd of more than 800 meone had assembled around meeting ! News spread rapidly that Suffragettes were in the town, and by the time the speakers arrived at the Cross for the meeting a crowd of more than 800 people had assembled around the platform. Miss Shennan, of Glasgow, took the chair and explained the policy of the Women's Freedom League. Miss Broughton then spoke on the work of the League. Young and thoughtless youths who came to cause a disturbance or to scoff were kept in order by the chairman and the police, and a fine meeting was the around 'More constituent's more sufficient and estimwere kept in order by the chairman and the police, and a fine meeting was the result. Many questions were put and satis-factorily answered. Suffrage literature and ThE VOTE sold well, and there was a good account of the meeting in the local Press. On July 5 the Independent Labour Party had a meeting at the Cross, and towards the close generously permitted the W.F.L. to take their platform : a short but most enthusiastic meeting was held. At the invitation of the local Branch Miss Shennan, Miss Herriot, and Miss Broughton represented the W.F.L. at the annual meet of the Forfarshire Federated Branches of the I.L.P. at Lunan Bay. On July 6 an opportunity was given them to speak in support of a resolution—successfully carried—urging his Majesty's Ministers to introduce a measure for Woman Suffrage and to repeal the Cat and Mouse Act. Excellent meetings were held at the Cross on July 10 and 12, addressed by Miss Shennan and Miss Broughton. At the close of the Saturday night's meeting a man in the crowd proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers.

hearty vote of thanks to the speakers. The villages of Hillside and Ferryden were visited and success-ful meetings held. In both these places the inhabitants were personally invited to attend and much literature was freely listributed

distributed. Arbroath was visited on July 7 and a very successful meeting held. The crowd showed their appreciation by remaining to the end and by putting intelligent questions to the speaker. THE VOTE was sold and a good collection was taken. The local Press stated that the speakers had eloquently and dispassionately advocated their Cause, and had succeeded in interesting their hearers. On Friday another meeting was held at the same place and attracted a much larger and even more appreciative crowd. Members of the I.L.P. expressed the wish that the W.F.L. should visit Arbroath again and promised to advertise the meeting. the meeting. At Brechin on July 8 a splendid meeting took place at the

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Cross in the evening and the speakers had an attentive hearing. They were asked to "Come again soon!" and accepted the invitation. They were escorted to the station by a group of children who gave them an enthusiastic send-off. THE VOTE and literature again sold well.

and hterature again sold well. A successful meeting was held at Forfar the following day; a gentleman in the audience proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and the meeting was reported in the local Press. In the small town of Bervie an interested audience attended

In the small town of Bervie an interested audience attended an open-air meeting on Saturday afternoon. In every place visited the police have been splendid, showing the greatest courtesy to the workers; on several occasions they advised them where to hold their meetings and how best to adver-tise them—a consideration which is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. The same must be said about the Press. In all the accounts which have appeared in the local papers very fair and unbiassed reports have appeared.

Devonshire.

Devonshire. Headquarters: 5, Wellswood Park, Torquay. In Charge: Miss CONSTANCE ANDREWS. The campaign in Devonshire has now made a good start, and many meetings have been held in Torquay, Paignton and Babbicombe. We have had some opposition, as our movement is practically unknown here, but that only adds zest to our determination to convert this little corner of England to the Cause of Women's Suffrage. There is a delightful green at Babbicombe overlooking Torbay, where we hold our meetings; many of the inhabitants come as

where we hold our meetings; many of the inhabitants come as well as the visitors. It has been uphill work to make the women understand what we are working for, but once they are con-vinced we feel sure they will become very staunch supporters. At Paignton we have a ready-made platform in the form of a rock, which gives us a good vantage-ground. A body of thought-less youths harried us during one meeting, but had the effect of advertising us well and bringing a good collection. We need advertising us well and bringing a good collection. We need more workers, and shall be glad to have the assistance of any friends in the district who could help by chalking, canvassing, and in various other ways. Money, too, is needed, and will be greatfully received from those who prefer to do us service in this

Tankerton.

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Headquarters : 37, Clare-road, Tankerton. Residents and visitors were not at all surprised to see us down here; for the N.U.W.S.S. were a few days before us to prepare a welcome for the "Kentish Marchers," who held two meetings on Wednesday. People were quite ready to under-stand and approve of our policy. We have made a number of friends among the fishermen, who have willingly 'bought THE VOTE; one has issued a pressing invitation to us to go for a trip, and hold a meeting in his yacht, which we hope to do soon M. KATHARINE TROTT.

Recent Publications. W.F.L. LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

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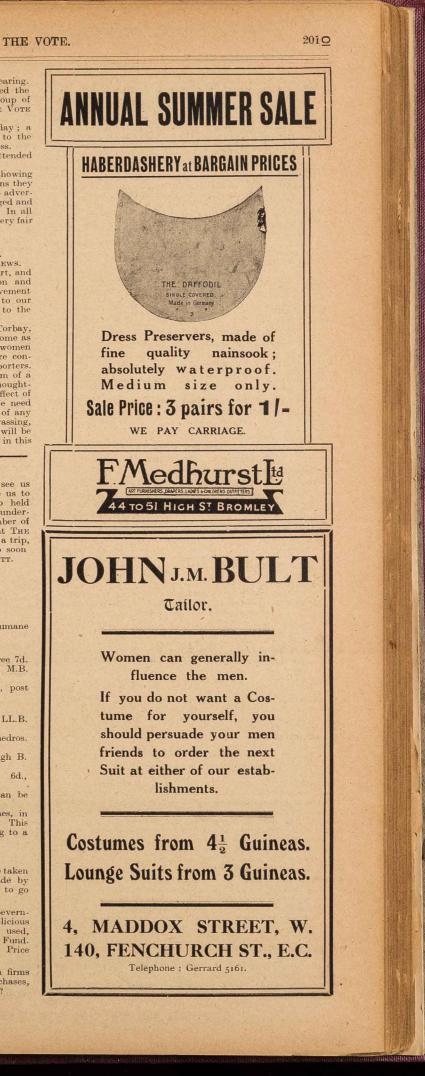
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Chapman. Id., post free 1¹/₂d.
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A special display of Mrs. Perkins Gilman's Books can be seen at the offices, 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, W.C. A fresh stock of "Votes for Women" Flag Brooches, in white and gold, has now been obtained, price Id. each. This is a very useful little badge for those who do not belong to a Suffrage Society. is a very useful l Suffrage Society.

Home-made Strawberry Jam.—Orders can now be taken at the W.F.L. office for delicious strawberry jam, made by our friend, Miss Lee, of Letchworth. The proceeds are to go to the funds of the Women's Freedom League.

Too Good to Miss.—Miss Alix Minnie Clark, 11, Severn-street, Newtown, Montgomery Boroughs, has a very delicious Mayonnaise dressing, home-made, best ingredients only used, which she is selling in aid of Mrs. Despard's Birthday Fund. Will friends and members kindly send orders at once? Price gd. per pot, postage extra.

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Fri., July 18.—Hampstead Branch. Mrs. Despard's Birthday Fund Party, by kind permission of Mr. Henry Holiday, at Oak Tree House, Hampstead-heath, 3.30-6.30. Mrs. Despard cuts the Birthday Cake at 4 p.m. THORNTON HEATH CLOCK, 7.30 p.m. Miss Underwood

Sat., July 19.-Clapham Garden Party, at DARE TO BE FREE. DARE 10 BE FREE. FREE. DARE 10 June 1

Mr. F. E. Matzen. Mon., July 21.—Bromley Police Court. 10.30 a.m. Bromley Market-square. 7.30 p.m.: Trial and Protest Meeting on behalf of Mrs. Harvey's Insurance Act Resistance. Tues., July 22.—Cohnene BLACKBURN-ROAD, West End-lane. (close by West Hampstead Station, Met.), 8.15 p.m. Miss Boyle. Sun., July 27.—Hyde Park, noon. Miss Nina Boyle. Chair: Miss Killingworth. BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30 a.m. Mon., July 28.—COENER PORTOBELLO-ROAD AND BLENHEIM-CRESCENT, 8 p.m. Miss Read. Tues., July 29.—COENER BLACKBURN-ROAD, West End-lane (close by W. Hampstead Station, Met.), 8.15. Mr. Bostock. Sun., Aug. 3.—REGENT'S PARK, noon. Miss Boyle and Miss Underwood.

Inderwood. Tues. Aug. 5.—CORNEE BLACKBURN-ROAD, West End-lane (close by W. Hampstead Station), 8,15. Miss Boyle. Sun, Aug. 10.—HYDE PARK, noon. MOD., Aug. 11.—CORNEE PORTOBELLO-ROAD AND BLENHEIM-RESOENT, Kensington, 8 p.m. Miss Boyle.

PROVINCES.

Mon., July 21.—Southsea, near Clarence Pier, Open-Air Meeting, 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Whetton. Chair : Mrs. Colleypriest. Uni-tarian Schoolroom, High-street, 3 p.m., Jumble Sale. Burnage, 33. South-avenue, Branch Meeting, 8 p.m. Gravesend. Branch Business Meeting, 10, Cobham-street, 8 p.m. Tues., July 22.—Grays, Victoria Café, High-street, Members' Meeting, 7 30 p.m.

Thurs. July 24.—Ipswich. Picnic. Thurs., July 31.—Ipswich. 22, Queen-street, Branch Meeting, p.m. Speaker : Mrs. McCreery.

Thurs, July 24. Thys. McCreery.
Sat. July 19. — Fri., July 25. — Middlesbrough Campaign.
Speaker: Miss Janet Heyes, of Manchester.
Sar., JULY 19. — WILSTROF HOUSE, Roman-road, Garden Book
Party. Towner House Conner, Open-Air Meeting.
SUN, JULY 20. — STOCKTON, Market-place, 3 p.m., Open-air Meeting.
TUES., JULY 22. — STOCKTON, Market-place, 7 p.m., Open-air Meeting.
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THURS., JULY 24. — SOUTH BANK, 7 p.m., Open-air Meeting.
TRU., JULY 25. — NORTH ORMESBY, Market-place, 7 p.m., Open-air Meeting.

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Devonshire.—Meetings daily in TORQUAY, BABBACOMBE, PAIGNTON and DISTRICT. Speaker. Miss Andrews. Headquarters : 5, Wellswood-

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North Wales Campaign.—WED, JULY 23—THURS, JULY 31.— MONTGOMERY BOROUGHS. AUGUST.—ABERYSTWYTH, ABERDOVEY, BARMOUTH, &c. Speaker: Miss Anna Munro. Organiser: Miss Alix M. Clark.

THE FREEDOM LEAGUE AT GRAVESEND.

THE FREEDOM LEAGUE AT GRAVESEND. At Gravesend on Monday evening, under the auspices of the local branch of the Women's Freedom League, a large outdoor meeting was addressed by Miss Nina Boyle. Mr. Smith, a well-known local Socialist, took the chair, not so much in the interests of Women's Suffrage as in a chivalrous determination to secure fair play and a fair hearing for the women, who on a recent occasion were mobbed and prevented from holding a meeting. His frank and manly appeal was eminently successful in securing an orderly and quiet attendance, for a packed audience listened attentively and most courteously to Miss Boyle for upwards of an hour, breaking up without the slightest disorder and with no evidence of hostility. Many of the women present were visibly moved to sympathy, and cordial expressions of goodwill were exchanged with the speaker and the Branch members at the close of the evening. embers at the close of the evening.

EQUAL suffrage is not a woman question. It is a man and woman question. Men as well as women are suffering to-day from immemorial wrongs, from slow social development, from which women with the ballot would have saved us.—Hon. Oliver

BRANCH NOTES.

Will Branch Secretaries kindly write their reports very distinctly and briefly ON ONE SIDE of a sheet of paper, leaving a margin on the left, and address them to the Editor, THE VOTE Office, 2, Robert-street, Adelphi, London, W.C.? A halfpenny stamp is sufficient; the flap of the envelope should be tucked inside. All reports must reach the office on or before the first post on Monday mornings.

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LONDON AND SUBURBS .- Clapham.

Members and friends in South London district are cordially invited to attend the garden meeting, to be held by kind permission of Mrs. Gauld, at 32, Buckleigh-road, Streatham-common, Saturday, July 19, 4 to 7 p.m., in aid of Mrs. Despard's Birthday Fund. There will be entertainments, competitions, houp-la, a white elephant stall, refresh-ments, and other attractions. Tickets for admission to garden and entertainments, 1s. each ; tea 4d. Tickets can be obtained from the W.F.L. office, or from Mrs. Smith, 37, Honeybrook-road, Clapham-park.

Croydon :- Office, 32A, The Arcade, High-street, Crovdo

troydon:—Office, 324. The Arcade, High-street, Croydon. The last open-air meeting before the holidays will be held on July 18 thornton Heath Clock at 7.30 p.m. when it is hoped that many nembers will be present. Miss Underwood will be the speaker. Mr. Bostock of the Men's Federation for Women's Rights, made an excellent speech at the open-air meeting on July 11, in spite of frequent netruption made by men and boys who came to the meeting for the varies and boys who came to the meeting for the varies and a disturbance. During the month of August the office will be closed, except for one hour on Friday mornings, rom 12 to 1 p.m., when Miss Stericker has kindly promised to attend at the office, so that members may call to make their purchases of tead and to bry their copies of The Yorz. Wanted, nembers who will give an hour a week to sell The Yorz in High-street or George-street.

1d London. Our Branch promised £25 to the Birthday Fund; of this only 12s. 6d. remains to be collected. As some of the collecting cards are not yet been returned I am hoping that this amount will very bon be made good. I must acknowledge donations from Mrs. Cope, rs. Casey, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Duncan, rs. Gugenheim, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Wade, and the Misses Cowen, C. S. Hare, Hocking, Lewis, Murray, Normanton, Taylor, and L. Taylor. As so many of our speakers are going out town for the present we shall hold meetings in Hyde Park and egent's Park on alternate Sundays at noon.

PROVINCES.-Chester.

A very friendly reception was given on Saturday to our band of Chester members, who went to hold a meeting at Tattenhall, a village seven miles distant. Though the audience shyly made a wide circle round us, they listened with great attention to both Miss Woodall, who took the chair, and to Miss Winifred Davies, who spoke most fluently, and as the local postman put it, "To the pint," several asking questions afterwards. THE VOTE sold out quickly, and a hearty cheer was given as we motored off with Mrs. Crosland Taylor, who always lends her car for these country meetings. This concludes our programme until September, except VOTE selling, for which offers are earnestly asked.

Ipswich.

Ipswich. At our meeting on July 3 a discussion took place on " Is the Party System a Necessity ? " A picnic will take place on July 24; we shall drive to Holbrook, have tea, and hold a meeting, if possible, before returning. At our meeting on July 9, Mrs. Redmond gave a reading from "The Coming Order" on "The Position of Woman." A very good discussion followed. Mrs. Garnet took the chair in the unavoid-able absence of Mrs. Willis. Miss Parker and Mrs. Hassock under-took to cycle to Bramford and work up a meeting for the following Wednesday. Collections were made at each meeting for Mrs. Despard's Birthday Fund. rthday Fund

Middlesbrough.

On July 2 a demonstration- organised by the I.L.P. was held here a the Market-place. Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., was the principal speaker, and attracted a huge crowd. Several members of the W.F.L. went to



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the meeting and sold more than seventy copies of THE VOTE, besides maphlets, &c. On July 8 the Anti-Suffragists held a meeting in the Victoria Hall, and Miss Gladys Pott gave an address on the "Principles of the League," a Branch of which has recently been formed in Middles-brough. As discussion was invited members of the WFLL, the National Union, the LLP, and B.S.P., and other enlightened societies, were present in full force, far outnumbering the Antis present, in order to take advantage of this unusual opportunity. Middlesbrough Suffragists feel no alarm at the formation of a local Branch of the N LO.W.S. Their first meeting was not encouraing. We listened to Miss Gladys Pott in the hope of gaining some insight into the Anti-Suffrage mind, but her strongest arguments—such as the differentiation of the sexes—were arguments for, not against, Woman Suffrage. Her conclusions were illogical, her presentment of the case cut and dried. The only display of enthusiasmi took place when the discussion began, and one after another rose to ask questions or to put forward the suffragist point of view. But of all the people who got up to discuss Miss Poit had not one supporter, and the applause was always with her opponents. Vorr sellers were in evidence everywhere before and after the meeting, and were very successful ; leaflets were distributed. Next Saturday we begin our open air campaign with Miss Janet Heyes as speaker. It is hoped that all members will be in attendance at the following week to assist with the sale of The Vorr and other Suffrage to blowing week to assist with the sale of The Vorr and other Suffrage to the Advance and the sale of the Vorr and other Suffrage the following week to assist with the sale of The Vorr and other Suffrage to the suffrage to the sale of the Vorr and the suffrage to the suffrage to the suffrage to the suffrage to the sale of the Vorr and other Suffrage to the suffrage to the sale of the Vorr and the suffrage to the suffrage to the sale of the Vorr and the suffrage to the suffra

Portsmouth and Gosport.

Portsmouth and Gosport. Notwithstanding the dull evening, a good crowd listened for more than an hour to the Rev. G. W. Thompson at the meeting on the Com-mon on July 7. There were interruptions and opposition, but no rough-ness. Owing to the inclement weather the picnic had to be abandoned. Miss Mottershall kindly opened her house to us, and after partaking of tea a very pleasant evening was spent with music and cards. It has been decided to have the Jumble Sale on Monday, July 21, instead of July 19. The Unitarian school room, High street, has been keindly lent to us for this occasion. Helpers are meeting at noon to mark the goods. The sale commences at 3 p.m. Will members who have collecting cards please return them to Mrs. Whetton, on or before July 21. Meeting on the common, near Clarence Pier, Monday, July 21. at 8 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Whetton, Chair, Mrs. Colleypriest.

SCOTLAND .- Edinburgh .- Suffrage Shop, 90, Lothian-road.

SCOTLAND. -- Edinburgh. --Suffrage Shop, 90, Lothian-road. Our last indoor meeting for the season was one of exceptional in-terest, as we had the pleasure of hearing from Miss Ennice Murray an account of her impressions of the Budapest Conference while that wonderful experience was still fresh in her memory. The Branch is deeply indebted to Miss Murray, not only for her racy speech but for her kindness in coming to our "At Home" when it entailed absence from the London reception. Her accounts of "Flower Day" in London and of the White Slave Traffic Conference were also deeply interesting. Miss Mary Tweedie, M.A., gave a short statement of the aims and methods of the Workers' Educational Association, empha-sizing the benefits to be derived from co-operation between men and women in such work. Some Branch business was then transacted, and it was unanimously agreed that a donation of £20 be sent to Mrs. Despard's Birthday Fund. We are particularly glad to be able to send this notwith-standing the heavy expenses of our recent removal, the decoration of our new shop, &c.

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IN THE PARKS. Regent's-park.

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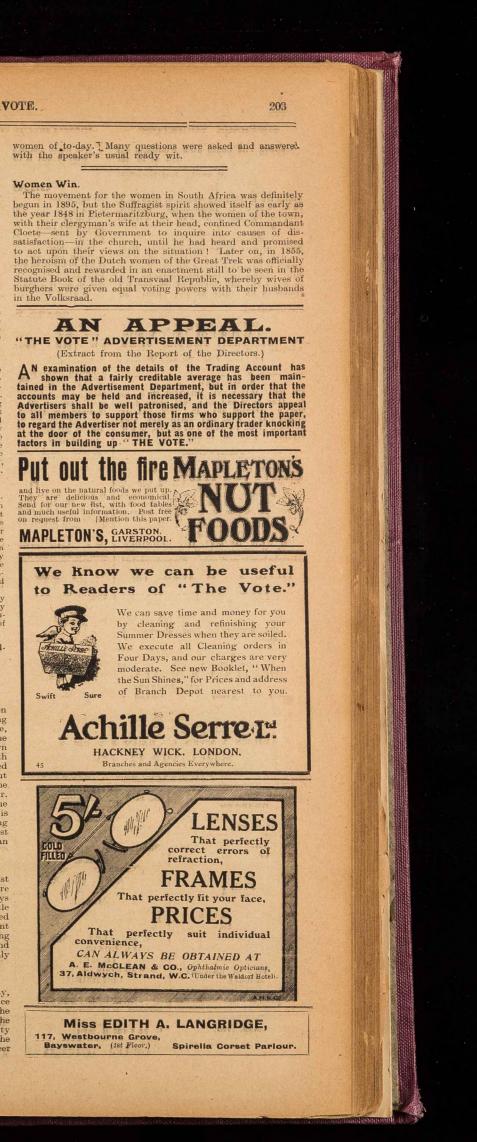
Regent's-park. It was evident last Sunday morning, when the Mid-London Branch of the Women's Freedom League held its weekly meeting in Regent's-park at noon, that the speaker, Miss Nina Boyle, was a favourite. In response to the invitation of one of the audience to "Give it 'em strong," she proceeded in her own manner to do so. Her remarks respecting militancy in South Africa struck home. Her listeners (mainly men) fully agreed that women could do better without men, than men without women. Mrs. Tritton, Mrs. Carey, and other members of the Branch were present. Mrs. Clarendon Hyde was in the chair. Regent's-park seems to regard the Women's Freedom League as its own special attraction ; the way in which every care is taken for our comfort, and that of the audience always waiting for our arrival, is a welcome addition to the widespread interest for our arrival, is a welcome addition to the widespread interest and goodwill of those who come to hear the truth about Woman Suffrage.

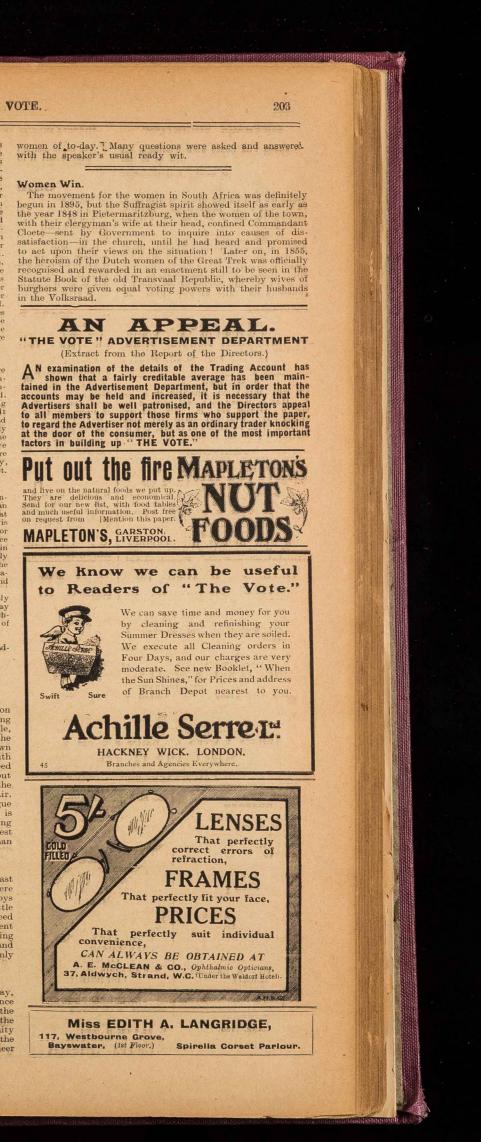
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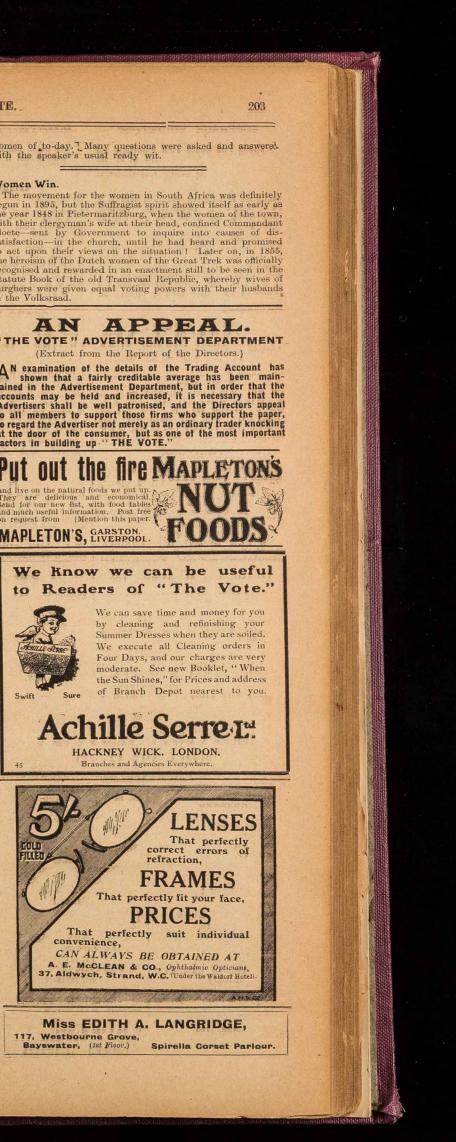
Mrs. Cobden Sanderson was the speaker in Hyde-park last Sunday at noon, and attracted an interested crowd; there was a little organised opposition from a few men and boys who had evidently come for the purpose, but they got little support. Mrs. Sanderson's speech dealt with the growing need for woman's enfranchisement, and the spread of the movement throughout the world. Her severe criticism of the shuffling treatment of the question by the Liberal Government, and their policy of coercion instead of justice to women was warmly applanded.

Brockwell-park. /

An excellent meeting was held in Brockwell-park on Sunday, July 13, Mrs. Tanner being the speaker. A large audience listened attentively to her address, which dealt mainly with the policy of the Women's Freedom League and the trickery of the Government. Mrs. Tanner referred to the debt which humanity owes to the great women of the past, and showed how the same passion for service burns in the breasts of the pioneer







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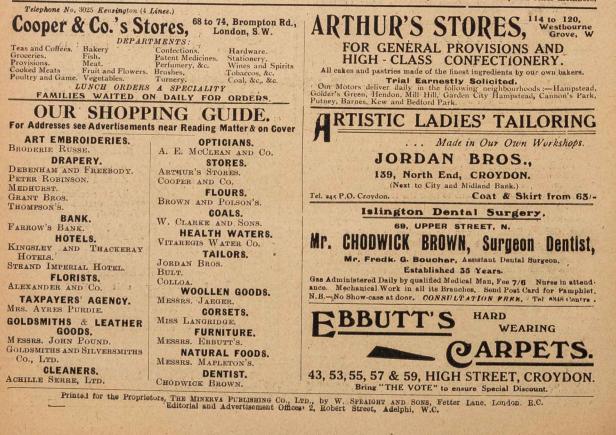
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