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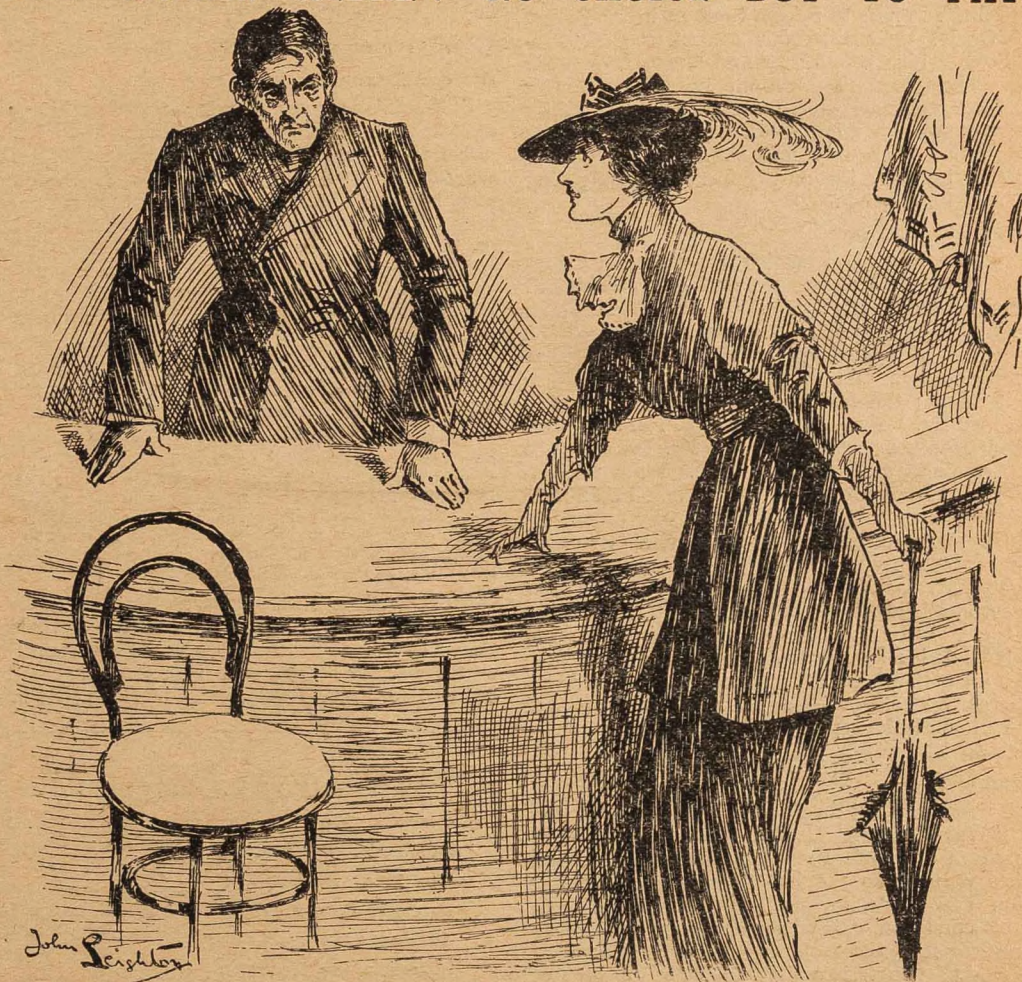
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WHY WOMEN REBEL: NO CHOICE BUT TO PAY.



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## OUR POINT OF VIEW.

### Magistrates and Reform.

The *Times* last Thursday week published a long tirade from a woman correspondent—whose experience as a prison visitor entitled her to express an opinion—against the hopeless atmosphere of the magistrates' courts, and the general inefficiency and impropriety of the proceedings there. Much of what she says, and which *The Times* publishes as if it were a new and amazing discovery, has been said and published *ad nauseum* by Suffragists all over the country. There is nothing in this belated indictment of the administration of summary jurisdiction which we have not said and written over and over again. There are shocking scandals besides, on which *The Times*' correspondent does not touch. The plea for public counsel for accused persons has been made by the Freedom League for years, and was pressed on Mr. McKenna by Mrs. Despard when he received the W.F.L. deputation. Instead of the reforms we asked for, he gave the "Cat and Mouse" Act. If anyone doubts that man-made and man-administered "justice" is halting and ineffective, let them volunteer to assist Mrs. Watson at the Criminal Sessions. They will find as much to reform there as in the police-courts. Or let them read our column "The 'Protected' Sex," which gets longer and longer from week to week. The Women's Freedom League no longer asks for futile reforms, which would be just as badly administered, and therefore just as useless, as what has preceded them. The only reform in which we take the slightest interest, the only reform worth fighting for, is Votes for Women.

### The Majesty of the Law.

While on the subject of magistrates, we cannot pass over the cheery little comparison lately exhibited for the benefit of a puzzled public by Mr. Chester Jones and Mr. Lister Drummond. The latter discharged the rowdy youths who tried to duck the Suffragists on Streatham-common, and told them they had better not do it again; the former dismissed the girls who horsewhipped Dr. Forwood, told them to run away and be good girls—a very good answer to Mr. Drummond's solemn cant about public exasperation. What we cannot understand is, where does the law come in, and are these gentlemen competent and trustworthy exponents of it. On many previous occasions, vindictive sentences have been passed on Suffragists by magistrates who said they had to "administer the law," and could not take "motives" into consideration; but lo! suddenly two of these erratic Solons elect to consider motive and not law! It is all very puzzling and very unsettling; one longs for a Bench presided over by, say, Mrs. Ayres Purdie, or some level-headed woman who can be counted on to mean what she says and say what she means—and stick to it.

### Protection?

Another matter that badly wants the attention of women is the dragging of sick prisoners into court in a condition of physical suffering and collapse. The Suffragists reduced to the last stage of weakness by starvation and brutality, Julia Decies in her most lamentable condition, carried on stretchers with nurses in attendance into the reeking insanitary atmosphere of the Criminal Courts, is a sight to make the civilised world stare. But we are beginning to wonder if there is a civilised world, and if so, where.

### "None of My Young Men are For It."

C. S. B., a well-known journalist and Suffragist, sends us an interesting tribute to the personality of Sir Douglas Straight, whose recent death is mourned by many friends. From 1896 to 1909 Sir Douglas edited *The Pall Mall Gazette*, after his retirement from a Judgeship of the High Court at Allahabad, India. He was in favour of Woman Suffrage, but lacked sufficient courage or interest to help the cause. His answer

to C. S. B., when the propriety of the paper taking a stronger attitude on the subject was being discussed, is typical of that apathy of professed friends which has resulted in broken promises and trickery in Parliament, and goaded women into militancy. "None of my young men are for it!" declared Sir Douglas, "as if," writes C. S. B., "that settled the question for ever, and as if it were not possible that his young men required amending, either mentally or morally." This from the successor of John Morley and W. T. Stead, under whose editorship *The Pall Mall* was sound on Votes for Women, though it was not then, as now, the dominant question of the day. Since when, we ask, have responsible men agreed that women are to be denied justice because of the views of the young men of the Press or the young hooligans in the parks? Yet this seems to be the only way in which the men in power in Parliament and in the Press—with a few honourable exceptions—see fit to deal with the intolerable situation at the moment. Punish and torture the women, crush them by coercion, even condone lynch law, but continue blind to the reason why women have become rebels! And on these lines there is to be a truce to enable the Government to get out of a tight corner. Let them, as the aggressors offer, as the Bishop of Winchester urged last year, a solid basis for "a truce of God," before making any demands upon women.

### A Good Example.

Suffragists may find many ways of making a protest against apathy and want of understanding of the causes underlying the Woman's Movement. The Churches are tardily beginning to realise that the movement means more than the right to vote; it has taken a long time for them to progress even so far, but great credit is due to the work of the religious Leagues in this belated awakening. We commend as a good example which many women would do well to follow, the action taken by our fellow member, Mrs. Crosland Taylor, of the Chester Branch, when invited to attend a meeting in aid of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society. In the course of a letter explaining her reasons for refusing, she observed:—

The object is good, but it always seems to me better to support any effort to remove the cause of an evil. . . . While the Church of England, as represented by the clergy, is so backward in helping the great social reformers who wish for the power of the Parliamentary vote to enable them to remove some causes which create waifs and strays, I think it is better to record my protest against their indifference by not supporting their benevolent but somewhat ineffective charities.

Most women have opportunities to make similar protests, and in this way may render good service to the Cause of woman's citizenship and her demand to stand on an equality side by side with man in grappling with evils which have grown up under man-made laws.

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### THE PRESIDENT.

We are glad to say that the general improvement in the health of our beloved President still continues. During the early part of the week, however, the damp weather and a little exertion resulted in a slight chill, and rest and care are still very necessary.

E. KNIGHT.  
F. A. UNDERWOOD.

### MILITANT POLICY OF THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

The question is frequently asked, What is the actual policy of the Women's Freedom League, and how do we stand with regard to militancy? It may be well at this critical moment to make our position perfectly clear.

We are militant, and in so far our methods differ from those of the constitutional Suffragists. We believe that there have been moments in the history of every nation when laws had to be broken in order to prove that they harked behind the conscience of the people. That the law which prevents woman from taking her place as citizen is unjust and tyrannous we believe, and therefore we are in rebellion against a Government that refuses to give the nation an opportunity to redress that injustice. Therefore, we resist taxation, we refuse to submit to the Insurance Act, we make protests in public places against the orders of authorities; we do everything we can to emphasize our conviction that we are being treated as outlaws.

But we use no violence, and we do not, at any time or in any way, either damage private property or inflict suffering and loss on our fellow-citizens.

This, briefly, is our policy. I wish also to make it perfectly clear that it is adopted by the whole of the League, and has not been imposed upon it by its leaders. Over and over again, in our yearly conferences, two resolutions have been passed by large majorities—that we ourselves shall abstain from violence, and that we shall not criticise those who follow other methods.

C. DESPARD.

### AT HEADQUARTERS.

Caxton Hall Meetings.—Next Wednesday afternoon Miss Lucy H. Yates, a distinguished journalist and an expert in finance, has kindly promised to speak on "Women and Financial Independence." Her last lecture on "The Spending Sex," given at 1, Robert-street, was referred to by almost every London newspaper, and by many provincial papers, so we hope our readers will come in good numbers next Wednesday to hear what Miss Yates has to say. Our other speaker will be Mrs. Mustard, and the chair will be taken at 3.30.

The following Wednesday we shall have the pleasure of listening to the Rev. Dr. W. A. Houston Collission, who has chosen as the subject of his address, "Militancy." Miss Nina Boyle will also speak, and the chair will be taken by Mrs. de Vismes. Admission to these meetings is free.

Caravan Campaign.—Our caravan is now at St. Neots, and Miss Goddard will be in charge of it after next Wednesday, when it will continue its journey along the Great North-road. More volunteers are still wanted to assist in this campaign, further particulars of which can be obtained from the Secretary, W.F.L. Office, 1, Robert-street.

## POLITICAL AND MILITANT.

### Tax-Resistance.

In spite of threats, Dr. Knight and the other Headquarters members who have resisted the Insurance taxation remain at large. Dr. Knight's sentence of one month still hangs over her head; but no action has yet been taken against Headquarters.

Mrs. Sproson has renewed the fight in her own part of the world, and is now challenging the Inland Revenue to make good their claim to tax her small holding at Wolverhampton. It is possible that the authorities may hold her husband responsible; but this is a point that remains to be settled. Meanwhile, it is a matter for great satisfaction to have Mrs. Sproson back again in the active fighting lines.

### Plural Voting.

Picketing the House of Commons and the House of Lords, in which several of the suffrage societies are uniting, will be begun so soon as the Plural Voting Bill passes its third reading in the Commons. All volunteers are requested to send in their names to Miss Marguerite Sidley, of the Women's Freedom League; or to the Secretary of their own Society. Next week a list of the societies uniting in this protest will be published. Members of other societies not officially taking part in the protest will, however, be welcomed if they care to give their support personally in what is to be a completely constitutional demonstration of disapproval and reproach.

### A United Demand.

A letter has been forwarded to us from the able pen of Mrs. Antonia Moser, calling attention to the gradual Russification of the Government's methods. She recalls how *The Times*, in 1885, expressed its horror of the punishment of flogging, and other barbarities, inflicted on Russian women for agitation on behalf of better Government and political rights for the people; and how, in 1914, the same journal is demanding those punishments for British women and asking that they may be allowed to starve to death if they will not recognise the right of the Government to govern them without consent and punish them without justice. Mrs. Moser suggests a united protest to demand of the Government what it is going to do to allay the unrest

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and meet this undeniable crisis. Steps are now being considered to carry this idea into effect.

#### Ipswich By-Election.

At the close of the triumphant campaign of Miss Anna Munro at Ipswich, she was asked, "Whether she blamed the Ipswich men" for the treatment she had received on the previous days. She answered that she did not; and we now hear from a male friend and supporter, who is an Ipswich man, that the people of that constituency are very indignant that they should be called upon to bear the odium of the vile actions of gangs of hooligans, who, it is openly asserted, were imported into the division to assault the women. Opinion is divided on the question of who was responsible for the importation.

#### HOW THE PUBLIC IS DECEIVED—AND MILITANTS ARE MADE.

We commend the subjoined correspondence to the notice of our readers, and point out that by such unwarrantable discourtesy and deception militant suffragists are manufactured. Need the public be surprised?

The following letter was sent to the Press last Monday:—

THE EDITOR,

Dear Sir,—We were astonished to read in Saturday's *Standard* the paragraph given below:—

We, who are honestly fighting for the vote and really want it, hope that the women, and men too, of England will not give a penny-piece to any appeal of the W.S.P.U.," said a leading member of the Women's Freedom League yesterday. "Every penny given is simply given to delay votes for women," for that is what these outrages really effect. We know that money is running low with Mrs. Pankhurst, her daughters, and the misled, neurotic young women who find this way of getting 30s. a week easier than doing honest work.

Let the word go forth, "Not a penny-piece until these women are driven out of the movement."



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The following reply was taken to *The Standard* office Sunday afternoon:—

On behalf of the Women's Freedom League I repudiate in its entirety the statement in Saturday's *Standard* purporting to come from "a leading member of the Women's Freedom League." Its insolent priggishness is contrary to the whole spirit of our League. Whatever we may think individually of the expediency of the methods employed by the W.S.P.U., we credit the members of our sister society with as much honesty of purpose and personal devotion to our common cause as we ourselves possess, and it is unbelievable that any one of our members would appeal through *The Standard* to men and women to refuse to subscribe to the funds of any suffrage society. We think, too, that *The Standard's* sneer at "misled, neurotic young women" finding it easier to get 30s. a week by working for a suffrage organisation than by "doing honest work" is beneath contempt. If every member of newspaper staffs earned their money as honestly as paid workers of suffrage societies, the world would be a cleaner and more wholesome place to live in.

(Signed) FLORENCE A. UNDERWOOD.

The News Editor informed the Secretary of the Women's Freedom League that he saw "no objection" to the insertion of the letter in *The Standard*, and it would probably appear the next day. As it was not in Monday's *Standard*, we telephoned to know when it would appear, and the reply given was that it would not be published, because the Editor did not think it of sufficient public interest.

No "leading member of the Women's Freedom League" would make the statement referred to, and we would call your pointed attention to the fact that *The Standard* thinks that the publication of a monstrous inaccuracy is of public interest, but that its official refutation is of no concern to that paper or to its readers. It is needless to comment on this outrageous attempt to sow dissension among suffragists, but it is a sample of the misrepresentations which the Press supplies to the public.—I am, yours truly,

FLORENCE A. UNDERWOOD  
(Secretary, Women's Freedom League).

#### WOMEN'S FREEDOM: FORESHADOWINGS IN FICTION.

By L. A. M. PRIESTLEY (Mrs. George McCracken),  
Author of "Love Stories of Eminent Women," &c.

##### I.

It is natural to assume that long before the modern manifestations of the Woman Suffrage Movement there were signs and forecasts of its advent. A movement so deeply rooted, so universal in its appeal as that for the freedom of womanhood is no mushroom growth, and necessarily indications of its spirit and its aspirations showed in many directions, and through many and varied channels. One important channel was that of literature. Fiction, on the whole, is a fair reflection of the social life and manners of the period with which it deals, and in modern novels we have had many references, both implied and expressed, to the new and altered, and altering, views and position of woman. In regard to the heroine herself there has been a very radical change of treatment and of conception.

The heroine of the earlier novelists was a passive creature upon whom circumstances played willy-nilly; subject to authority, and finding her chief business in life in securing an eligible husband. The modern heroine is of different calibre, with a distinct individuality of her own, and a purpose in life which insists upon the respect of her chronicler, and in many instances supplies the main motive and interest of the story. To compare Miss Burney's "Evelina" with, let us say, Hall Caine's "Glory Quayle" is to understand the contrast and the distance which separate the ancient from the modern heroine, and to become conscious of the transforming energy and outlook which characterise the latter. The heroines of Richardson, of Fanny Burney and of Jane Austen are beautiful lay figures to be made love to; subordinate to the conventions of sex; spectators only at the game of life. The modern heroine, whatever her faults, plays an active and independent rôle, and is capable of shaping her own

destiny. There is a distinction and a radiance upon her that compel admiration and interest. For the modern heroine, like the modern woman, lives her own life, and is responsible only to her own conscience for her conduct.

The student of literature would find it a fascinating pursuit to trace the gradual development of the "New Woman" in fiction. I do not profess to have made an exhaustive study of the subject, nor to have followed any well-defined plan, nor any particular chronological order and sequence. But I have jotted down from time to time in the course of my desultory reading passages bearing on the woman question; and these may be of interest to present-day Suffragists. They may lend a certain romantic and literary touch to the hard fight with realities which is being waged, and serve, perhaps, as a finger-post pointing the way to an attractive field for personal research. When fate put into Maggie Tulliver's hands the old clumsy volume of Thomas à Kempis she found that it had the corners turned down in many places, and that "some hand, now for ever quiet, had made at certain passages strong pen-and-ink marks long since browned by time." And Maggie turned from leaf to leaf, as we remember, and read where the quiet hand pointed. And so by underlining and turning down the corners, as it were, I shall draw attention to a few passages which, like an unquestioned message, carried a new knowledge and a sense of hope and uplift in the days before the Woman's Cause had attained its present policy and prospects.

##### II.

In that tale of sombre setting and austere character—Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter"—we have New England Puritanism shown in one of its most forbidding aspects. Stern and relentless in its code of morals, the erring but deeply-wronged and suffering woman is pilloried amidst public censure, and sentenced to wear a symbol of perpetual shame. She suffers alone: her partner in sin she shields with selfless devotion, content to bear the horror and the ignominy through all the painful years that his good name and high office of Minister are unsullied till his own dying lips confess the truth. Long after, looking back on her life's long ordeal, Hester Prynne has a vision whose soaring echoes find responsive chords in Suffragists to-day:—

"But in the lapse of the toilsome, thoughtful and self-devoted years that made up Hester's life the scarlet letter ceased to be a stigma which attracted the world's scorn and bitterness, and became a type of something to be sorrowed over and looked upon with awe, yet with reverence too. And as Hester Prynne had no selfish ends, nor lived in any measure for her own profit and enjoyment, people brought all their sorrows and perplexities and besought her counsel as one who had herself gone through a mighty trouble. Women more especially—in the continually recurring trials of wounded, wasted, wronged, misplaced, or erring and sinful passion, or with the dreary burden of a heart unyielded because unvalued and unsought—came to Hester's cottage demanding why they were so wretched and what the remedy. Hester comforted and counselled them as best she might. She assured them, too, of her firm belief that at some brighter period, when the world should have grown ripe for it, in heaven's own time, a new truth would be revealed in order to establish the whole relation between man and woman on a surer ground of mutual happiness. (The italics are mine.) Earlier in life Hester had vainly imagined that she herself might be the destined prophetess, but had long since recognised the impossibility that any mission of divine and mysterious truth should be confided to a woman bowed down with shame or even burdened with a life-long sorrow. The angel and the apostle of the coming revelation must be a woman indeed, but lofty, pure, and beautiful and wise; moreover not through dusky grief, but the ethereal medium of joy; and showing how sacred love

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Miss May Sinclair will be at one of the English tables (of which there will be at least five), and will represent Jane Austen; Mrs. Belloc Lowndes will be the Hon. Mrs. Norton. The mid-Victorian table will be presided over by Miss Winifred Mayo, as Charlotte Brontë, and other well known people are impersonating the other Brontë sisters. Miss Cicely Hamilton will appear as George Eliot; Miss Evelyn Sharp, Elizabeth Barrett Browning; Mr. Gerald Gould, Shelley; Mrs. Gould, Grace Darling; Mrs. Baillie Reynolds, as the Countess of Pembroke, will be in charge of a "Tudor" table; and Miss Decima Moore, as Boadicea, will be found at the table where English Kings and Queens will foregather. At the Scots table Lady Strachey will preside; at the Irish table Miss Nina Boucicault; at the Indian table Mrs. Flora Annie Steel; at the Italian table Lady Muir Mackenzie, who numbers among her party Mr. H. W. Nevinson as Garibaldi, Mrs. Claude Beddington as Vittoria Colonna. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grein will be at the Dutch table; Miss Maud Cressall as Sappho at the Greek table; Miss A. A. Smith has a Norse table; and Miss M. A. Murray an Egyptian table.

At the French tables (of which there will be four), Miss Olive Terry, as Joan of Arc, will be one of the Hostesses; Miss Janette Steer will be Marie Antoinette; Miss Edyth Olive and Mr. Arthur Applin will preside over a French Revolution table; and Miss Lena Ashwell (just returned from America) will bring a party of friends. At the Hungarian table Mr. Willy Pogany, as Rakoczy, will be an effective figure. American visitors to London are forming groups to represent famous men and women of the United States. There will also be Welsh, German, Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish tables—a table for practically every nationality. The future, as well as the past, enters into the scheme, and many well known people will appear in "futurist" dresses of fantastic design, at a table presided over by Mrs. Helen Best.

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## POLITICAL NEWS.

## Irish Women's Deputation to Mr. Asquith and Mr. Redmond.

Mr. J. Redmond, writing from Co. Wicklow, in reply to an application from the Irish Women's Suffrage League, that he and Mr. Asquith should receive a deputation in the House of Commons on June 10 or 11, regarding the inclusion of women voters under Home Rule, has declined. He says that such deputations on previous occasions have only led to unpleasantness. Mr. Redmond reiterates his view that Ireland should decide for herself under Home Rule whether she desires women to be enfranchised.

## Mr. Massingham's Forecast of the Future.

In an important article by Mr. H. W. Massingham, entitled "The Intervention of Reason," which appeared in *The Daily News* of June 8, he declares that nothing can be done for Woman Suffrage in the present Parliament, which "is honestly pre-occupied with Ireland," but he forecasts the future thus:—"There does not happen to be a statesman of the first rank who is able or willing to say: This Woman Suffrage is a question of social order, and I shall make it my first care to see it through."

"This looks like a bad block in our political system. Women could have the vote to-morrow (after the usual haggling as to terms) by the general consent of the community. Not only Liberals, but (judging by one's personal acquaintance) most Tories 'concede the principle,' as we say—in other words, are ready to leave their statesmen to fix up a practicable Bill. It is really an outrage that, in this condition of opinion, the political organism fails entirely to answer to it."

## "A POINT FOR EXTREMISTS."

"But in stating such a proposition as this, one really supplies the key to its solution. The suffrage is impossible for to-day. But is quite certain for to-morrow. The trouble is to make the enthusiasts think so, and to give them some reasonable ground for one's opinion; to convince them that if political processes are horribly slow, disappointing, enervating, they do yield in the end to a powerful mass of moral pressure and social fact. So far as the suffrage is concerned, I am convinced that the end will come within a few months of the General Election. If the Tories come in, a limited Bill is inevitable; and though some Liberals will resist, the Party as a whole will not. If the Liberals continue in office, a declared policy on the suffrage

is equally unavoidable. But such a declaration could only be of one kind. Mr. Asquith would have no right to block the way, and would, I think, have no inclination. The new Parliament would have a different orientation from the old. It would be fully seized of the controversy, and in almost any event would contain a majority strong enough to end it.

"I think if even extreme suffragists were approached in this spirit, and encouraged with these hopes, that violence would begin to abate. Personally, I do not want to see them win by coercion or be crushed by coercion. Some fresh intervention of reason there ought to be. Let public men who favour the suffrage—Mr. George and Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Law—throw their weight seriously on to the cause of constitutional settlement."

## Sauce for the Goose is Sauce for the Gander.

Mr. Neil Primrose, M.P., in *The Daily Mail* and Mr. Harold Spender in *The Daily News* are asking practically the same pertinent question: Why not treat the militant men as the militant women are treated?

Says Lord Rosebery's son: "Those who think that the gun-runners were right in what they did and that they were justified in preventing the servants of the Crown from fulfilling their duties have no right to claim from the Executive protection for property either from the violence of suffragettes or from any other body which seeks to secure its objects by force."

Says Mr. Spender: "If the Government are going to attach the funds of those responsible for violence in the women's movement, by what law of justice can they leave alone those who are financially responsible for the openly-prepared and threatened militancy of a great section of the manhood of this country? For a whole year past the Ulster conspirators have been boasting of their great financial resources, and the columns of Tory newspapers have been openly used for collecting money to help in the organisation of rebellion. Prominent landlords and financiers have flagrantly boasted of the sums which they have contributed. It is already clear that the Ulster militancy will involve great cost to the State, if only in the movements of ships, soldiers, and policemen. Why not now, at this stage, begin to keep an account of those costs to be charged on the estates of those that are financially responsible?"

## The Bishop of London and the Militants.

The Bishop of London, when paying his annual visit to Queen's College, Harley-street, W., said it occasioned surprise when he made a speech on behalf of the Suffragettes in the House of Lords. He had just come from speaking the word of God to a prominent militant, and he greatly admired her courage and self-sacrifice. Militants fought for others, and had he had a million women to vote for him he would not have taken the time he did to get the White Slave Bill passed. Nor would the Criminal Law Amendment Bill have been "hung up," as it now seemed likely to be.

## THE "PROTECTED" SEX.

## Killed.

Mary Crook, five months, at Mount Pleasant, left by mother in cradle by fire in charge of eight-years-old daughter. Father in the room very drunk. Child came to call the mother, saying her father had fallen on the baby. Man was found sitting in the cradle on the baby's stomach. It was dead when released. The jury found that the child "had died through an act of the father, but that gross negligence had not been established." The coroner, Mr. D. N. Haslewood, who had said, in addressing the jury, that they must remember drunkenness was no excuse for crime, hoped "it would be a warning" to the father.

Mrs. Lindsey and two infants murdered by husband in North London with a razor in a fit of depression caused by unemployment and the alleged extravagance of his wife. Tried to commit suicide.

## Negligence.

Elizabeth Williamson, Nottingham, found by a coroner's jury sitting at the inquest on her infant daughter to have been guilty of "gross neglect" by being drunk all day and not tending her baby or other children. Baby died while she was in public-house. No mention of "parent"—the father!—*Daily Mail*.

The man Crook, who sat on his baby and killed it when drunk, was found not to have been guilty of "gross negligence" because drunk. Elizabeth Williamson is guilty for the same reason that he was not!

Maud Fisher, Notting-hill, found unconscious in road at Putney at midnight. Knocked down by a motor-car; condition serious. Frank Mison, charged at South-Western Police-court with being drunk while driving his cab and "injuring" Mrs. Fisher.

## Comparative Cases.

Joseph Gibson, for assaulting a man in Bathgate Old Inn, fined 30s. or fourteen days.

Annie McDermott, for assaulting a woman in Cross Vaults Public-house, thirty days' imprisonment.

Both cases tried at Bathgate Burgh Court the same day.

Henry Havelock Anderson, found guilty in Edinburgh Sheriff Court, before Sheriff Orr, of assaulting Sir Thomas Clouston, J.P., by striking him with his fist in the face, out of malice and revenge. One month and bound over in £5 for six months.

Alexander Oliphant, at Hawick Police-court, found guilty of kicking his wife, who was living apart from him. He went

to her house the worse for drink and assaulted her. Fined 21s. or fourteen days.

Andrew Newell, before Sheriff Macnochie, at the Edinburgh Sheriff Court, charged with theft of 6s. 5d. on April 2. Also with having stolen wearing apparel from a house. Had been twice under probation and once under caution, all for small offences. Three months.

Peter McCabe, Edinburgh, before Bailie Richardson, at Edinburgh Burgh Court, striking his wife with his fists. Five previous convictions for assaulting her. One month.

Annie Edney, seventeen, charged with Ellen Brookes, at North London with theft. Annie Edney's father owned to having turned his daughter out of doors "because she had been a bad girl and worried her mother, who had a weak heart"! Was "sorry" and would take her back. No punishment for this brutal parent. Remand.

## Criminal Assault.

At Woodbridge Police-court, Thursday of last week, three cases of assault on children were heard at the instance of the S.P.C.C. One case concerned a negro, who was remanded at his own request. Another case was of a child of four, indecently assaulted, under most filthy circumstances, on the open beach at Felixstowe on Bank Holiday. Two months' hard labour. A third case concerned an old man and a child of nine, who had known him all her life. The child, a tiny one, who had to be lifted up to speak to the justices, and who could not bring herself to tell her story above a whisper, had been seriously assaulted, but the S.P.C.C. only preferred the minor charge of "indecent" assault, out of consideration for the man, who was committed for trial.

Edward Groome, at Northants Assizes, charged with three separate abductions of Evelyn Tyler, a girl of seventeen. Had stayed with her at various places on various occasions as man and wife, in spite of the mother's strong remonstrances. Was a married man with three children. In defence, accused complained that the girl "encouraged" him. Six months on each count, to run concurrently. Note that the crime was taking the girl away, not seducing her!

## One Law for the Man . . .

Mrs. Harris, divorced by her husband for misconduct in the Park with "a man unknown." The police telephoned to Mr. Harris that his wife had been arrested for misconduct in the Park, and he bailed her out and paid the fine next morning, subsequently taking divorce proceedings. What we want to know is, why was the man "unknown," and why was he not also arrested for misconduct in the Park?—*Reynold's*, May 30.

In last week's *VOTE*, Mrs. Watson gave a case of a woman sentenced to four months for soliciting. The Rev. John Couland charged at Bow-street with a long string of offences to ladies, such as speaking to them, putting his arm round them, chucking them under the chin, with a previous conviction at Gravesend for similar conduct, was bound over. At Gravesend he was fined 7s. 6d. In neither case was he charged with solicitation or molestation, but with "insulting behaviour" and "disorderly conduct," for which far lighter penalties are available.

John Macdonald, Glasgow, found guilty of extensive frauds on an approved society to secure benefits under the Insurance Act to which he was not entitled. Was in steady employment at £2 5s. a week and had no excuse for doing so. It was a very deliberate planned series of frauds. Two months. Readers will remember the sentence on Mrs. Kate Harvey, not for acting fraudulently, but for acting on principle. Comment is needless.

## Maintenance.

Mrs. Gertrude M. Barker, at Chesterfield, applied for a maintenance order against her husband, a labourer earning 25s. weekly. Was married last July and left her husband on finding letters to him from other young women. He had never provided a home for her. They had lived with his parents, who had maintained her and the child. Defendant agreed to pay his wife 7s. 6d. per week.

(We wonder how the Bench at Chesterfield think this young woman and her child can live on 7s. 6d. weekly, and if they consider it a fair division for one person (the offender) to have 17s. 6d. a week, and two persons (the aggrieved) to have 7s. 6d. !)

[Cases of Brutal Assault unavoidably held over till next week.]

## UNSEXED.

It doesn't unsex her to toil in a factory,  
Minding the looms from the dawn till the night;  
To deal with a school-full of children refractory  
Doesn't unsex her in anyone's sight;  
Work in a store, where her back aches inhumanly,  
Doesn't unsex her at all, you will note,  
But think how exceedingly rough and unwomanly  
Woman would be if she happened to vote!  
She's a feminine yet when she juggles the crockery,  
Bringing you blithely the order you give;  
Toiling in sweat shops where life is a mockery,  
Just for the pittance on which she can live;  
That doesn't seem to unsex her a particle.  
"Labour is noble"—so somebody wrote—  
But ballots are known as a dangerous article,  
"Woman's unsexed if you give her the vote!"

—BERTON BRALEY, in *Cotton's Weekly*.

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## THE LAST DITCH.

In spite of the frantic efforts of the Loyal Ulstermen to monopolise the platform and to occupy the whole political horizon, the grave crisis created by the Government persecution of voteless women is riveting the attention of the public. We can dismiss with contempt—not unmixed with loathing—the coarse shrieks of sexually obsessed ruffians, male and female, who gloat over the thought of women being physically punished for daring to be fearless. We can dismiss also, with stern condemnation and in the knowledge that it soon will be no longer possible, the outpourings of the Press which caters for this, the vilest section of the public—the section which directs obscene anonymous matter to any woman mentioned by these offensive purveyors of misrepresentation, and which fills our letter-boxes with communications too objectionable for mention. All these educated and uneducated Yahoos are, like the Government they serve, in their last ditch.

The ditches in question are choked with a fine assortment of rottenness. The slime of ages of indulgence in a double standard of morals is spread beneath a surface of cant and hypocrisy and great pretence of chivalry and "respect" for women. Littered about lie all the odds and ends of injustice that such a standard creates. In the rubbish, knee-deep, wade politicians and judges, magistrates and philanthropists, Cabinet Ministers and ministers of the Gospel, all hampered and impeded in every direction by the accumulations of injustice and inequity that their own slovenliness has called into existence. The mere suggestion that dirt is unnecessary and that slime should be cleansed away, seems to them an intolerable affront; and they make as much fuss over the prospect of a clean-up as the proverbial small boy over the washing of his face.

The first step towards protecting the various ditches in which masculine prerogative has entrenched itself was, naturally, to deny that they were dirty ditches. The nature of the traffic in women, the extent of the disease it entailed, the results to the race, the habits of those engaged in it, the conduct of Court cases where they were tried, were all shrouded in mystery. "Not fit for decent women" to talk of or know of or think of. There was a conspiracy of silence. There was furious opposition to the education that would make women want to know, to the personal liberty that would enable them to find out, to the professional careers that would give them the power to interfere. Then there was a campaign of ridicule, to prevent people listening. Next, a campaign of calumny, to depreciate the value of what was revealed. Followed, a stream of false and broken promises, pretences at legislative protection, the passing of laws never meant to be administered; and all along the line delay, until the hearts of the women sickened within them.

Education, personal freedom, the right to professional and industrial careers, the right to come into public life—all these ditches have been carried by storm. The political ditch, the last entrenchment of privilege,

is almost won. Physical force has been resorted to in order to terrorise the fighters; and that too, long considered the masculine prerogative, has been snatched by the new warriors. And we have the edifying spectacle that those who were loudest in their assurances that women could and should trust themselves to the chivalry of man, "which has always been their greatest protection in the past," compose the section which now shrieks loudest for brutal chastisement and exemplary penalties for those women who will not trust.

Straws show which way the wind blows. While some police magistrates incite the criminal classes to commit assaults on women, another refuses to punish suffragists for an assault on a peculiarly dastardly male official. While the daily Press howls with fury and teems with lies, and assures the reading public that its—the public's—patience has come to an end, and that the Government is going to do something that will end the whole agitation, we hear from people with inside information that this does not by any means represent the true situation. The Government, in very truth, is at its wit's end. Repressive measures have only increased the determination of women to end for ever this unholy tyranny of male domination. In the Government Press, in sharp contradiction to the editorial opinion, are articles from eminent publicists warning those who have wit to understand of the grave perils of injustice. Younger thinkers are realising the hideous danger of government by repression, and the many grave evils that will inevitably follow it. And above all, the whole world watches the bold defiance of armed men who trifle as they like with the law of the land and against whom no action is taken, while the Government expends its fury against unarmed and voteless women. It is a strange fact that these women, unarmed and despised, have nevertheless revolutionised public life in a fashion that armed men have not succeeded in doing. The King dare not venture abroad; public men go surrounded by armies of police; "public" meetings are admitted by ticket; the whole of the public that is composed of women—suffragist and otherwise—is penalised in admittance to the Houses of Parliament and other national institutions, and many of the latter are denied to members of the public altogether; a state of things so amazing that it hardly seems to belong to modern times. The male rebels have been utterly outclassed. But what is to be the result?

With increasing anger we see the Government avoid justice by attacking liberty. After the suffrage fight has been won, there will be a tremendous amount of head-way to make up in abolishing the outrageous and illegal practices which have been resorted to in order to crush the women. Increased powers are being hastily and furtively granted to the police as a body, to the magistrates in summary jurisdiction, to the Home Office, and to prison officials; all of whom will, in the future, use these powers against the public in the ordinary way of justice. The public services are being tampered with, letters opened and telephones tapped; every illegal and unconstitutional device is being called into use to assist the dominant male in denying justice to women. And Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Smith sit in Parliament, in their leisured intervals after gun-running and riding tilt at the law of the land and the King's writ, and smile upon the Government in its efforts to repress the rebel women. The rebel men as allies of the Government in persecuting rebels of another sex make a fairly disgusting exhibition of indecency. If anything could add to our contempt for the present Government, it is that it has met once more with the Ulster rebels taking their seats as usual, and that the Prime Minister dares not intervene to forbid such an outrage on decorum and propriety. Lord Haldane's recent most extraordinary outbreak of admiration and approval for Sir Edward Carson's "restraint" leaves us cold; but we recognise that he has to find some kind of excuse for his own position and the conduct of his colleagues.

C. NINA BOYLE.

## The Sign-Post.

### REFLECTIONS IN THE LOOKING-GLASS.

It is very difficult, when in the midst of it, to judge how funny it is. Alice took it all for granted once she had stepped through the glass, and we, for the most part, do the same, but sometimes one just pauses in life's hurry and exclaims

"It is a mad world, my Masters!"

Just now it seems at its maddest.

The great House of Pretence has passed a Bill—the amendments must very seriously alter it, but no one knows what those amendments are to be.

**It was considered wisest to work backwards!**

Civil war is threatened—the more strongly the weaker side acts, the more pathetically the party in power protest that

**they never will coerce—No, never!**

**The more militant the rebel leader becomes,**

the more energetically "Loranorder" declare

**they would not dream of touching him!**

But on the other hand a peaceful deputation of Voteless Women is met by 2,000 police; they are called wild and militant, and, after brutal treatment,

**sixty of them are sent to jail,**

there to have their lives prolonged to the point of death! One illustration of how to lose your life by saving it!

N.B.—They are within their legal rights in seeking to petition their Sovereign.

**A girl kneels at the King's feet**

and tremblingly appeals to him for mercy on women in prison. The papers rival each other in frantic headlines and

**the wildest abuse**

of this last transcendently militant action.

How do they read the word Militant?

Apparently Dr. Johnson's explanation of Milton's attitude still holds good. "He regarded

**all women as made for subjection and all men for rebellion."**

We have been proud of our "Mother of Parliaments"; we fondly imagined that other nations turned admiring eyes on us, with something of envy in them.

**The dignified and honourable members** have been known

**to turn it into a bear-garden,**

and as to the "Mother" part—well,

**a Briton likes to wax sentimental**

over some abstract "She," especially when it is

**his ship, his car, or his yacht.**

Men have been very concerned over the birth-rate, but ignore the death-roll. They are hard at work promoting Peace by terrific preparations for War. They

**talk eloquently about sanatoria** for consumption, but

**have had no time**

to finish a

**many Sessions-old Milk Bill.**

We have a so-called Liberal Government. It declares loud and long that

**it is tyranny to tax without giving representation.**

It talks of the "will of the people"—it announces that **grievances should be met with just remedies,**

not with coercion. It

**"only" means men**

when it talks of people. It has

**quite another code of maxims**

when it is a

question of women.

To them it says—

**"Those that ask shan't have, and those that don't ask, don't want!"**

And then it laughs—and says, "Women have no sense of humour!"

When shall we wake up, and

**come out the right side of the glass,**  
into a sane world? MARY MAUD.

### OUR INTERNATIONAL COLUMN.

Readers of THE VOTE at home and abroad will regret to learn that Mrs. Harvey is obliged, owing to the pressure of many inevitable responsibilities, to relinquish her work for our International Column—work which has been warmly appreciated both far and near, and for which we beg Mrs. Harvey to accept our most sincere thanks. In the meantime we assure our readers that the International Column will be continued, and we shall be grateful if articles promised to Mrs. Harvey by writers in many countries can be sent to THE EDITOR, THE VOTE, 2, Robert-street, Adelphi, London, W.C.

### Denver Women to the Rescue.

The news of the determination of the women of Denver to stop the rioting and bloodshed during the mine troubles in Colorado, when the men resisted the Rockefeller policy, was thought important enough to cable to this country recently. From newspapers now to hand we find that the women not only played an important part in scenes of rescue amid great danger, while bullets were whizzing by, but went in deputation a thousand strong to the Governor of the State and refused to leave until, with considerable reluctance, he had received them, and applied, at their insistent demand, for Federal troops to stop the shooting down of men, women and children, and the brutal conduct of the employers and mine militia. They are voters, these women of Denver, and therefore to be heeded.

Not content with the presence in the strike area of the Federal troops, a deputation of women voters, accompanied by Judge Lindsey, of Denver, was sent to Washington to see President Wilson and put the facts of the ghastly story before him, and lay stress on the certainty of civil war if the Federal troops were withdrawn from the strike zone. Three of the women were wives of miners, and gave personal experiences of a horrifying character. The President assured the deputation of his sympathy for the miners and commiseration for their condition, and it seems likely that the Federal troops will remain.

A notable tribute is paid by *Harper's Weekly* to Mrs. Helen King Robinson, of Colorado, the only woman Senator, for the statesmanlike part she played in dealing with the appalling conditions. Says the well-known and important *Weekly*:

"Senator Robinson, the only woman Senator in the United States, already fully tested and a proved honour to her State, still further established her statesmanship during the Colorado civil war. Several times she sought her information at the seat of battle. She talked with the militia and their wives as well as with the strikers and leaders. Where so many were blinded by hate, she was tolerant. Even when her heart suffered, she was calm. When she sympathised most, she had the needed scepticism of the investigator; she sought also not the easiest temporary escape, but permanent solutions. She is an example of the undoubted truth that politics is one of the occupations in which a number of women are needed; and one of the occupations in which the first-class female intellect shows at its best."

We commend this tribute to Sir Almoth Wright and his Canadian understudy.

### The Coming Victory in Denmark.

The Copenhagen correspondent of *The Daily Chronicle*, cabled on June 4, as follows with regard to the Franchise Bill:—

"Opponents of the Women's Suffrage Bill are fighting a losing battle to the last ditch. Defeated by straightforward tactics they are endeavouring to put off the inevitable by stupid obstruction."

"The Bill, which provides for universal suffrage, should have been signed in the Upper Chamber yesterday, but on the carrying of the amendments, supported by the combined Socialists, Liberals, and Radicals, the Conservatives walked out of the Chamber in a body and thus destroyed the quorum."

"When the Bill passes, as it must do in a short time, it has to be submitted again to a new parliament. The anticipation is that the dissolution would take place at once and a new short session follow. The women are hoping to be exercising the vote in September next."

### Universal Suffrage Party in Hungary.

According to *The Westminster Gazette* of June 5, a new Radical Party is being formed in Hungary. Its organisers are chiefly drawn from the professions and the literary classes, and its programme includes universal suffrage for both sexes, minority representation, separation of Church and State and secularisation of Church property, the abolition of primogeniture, so as to break up large estates, a progressive income-tax and succession duty, and concessions to the non-Magyar races of the kingdom. It also demands "the economic independence of Hungary."



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### ALL HONOUR TO IPSWICH.

We warmly welcome the information given in a valuable article on "Policewomen" by Mrs. Keeble appearing in this month's *Englishwoman*—which is full of good things. It concerns Ipswich, and will do much to wipe out the stain which events at the recent by-election have left, on the character of this important East Anglian city—a stain, we are glad to hear, Ipswich is resenting, and which is likely to prove to have been largely the work of imported hooligans. Mrs. Keeble tells how the Mayor of Ipswich, moved by some women in the town, is determined to uphold in the police-courts an equal standard of morality for men and women. She writes:—

In response to an appeal from some women in the town, pointing out the unjust ways in which the laws are administered, the Mayor of Ipswich has started a new era, and is upholding the single standard of morality in the local police-court. A case recently came before the Bench, and only the woman (aged twenty years, not even of full age) was humiliated in open court by a policeman explaining what he had seen. No attempt had been made to arrest the man, though the girl was known to the police, and could easily have been traced if it was impossible to arrest them both together. The Mayor told the Chief Constable that during his year of office he definitely refused to be a party to punishing the woman unless the man was also brought into the Court for punishment, so she was bound over and released.

Here is a good example which ought to have been followed in the Hyde Park case reported in our "Protected Sex" column, and ought, indeed, to be the custom in all courts, instead of dooming the woman to the rigours of the law while the man goes scot free.

### CLYDEBANK CAMPAIGN.

During the past week the campaign in Clydebank has been both strenuous and successful. A series of dinner-hour meetings has been held at Singers' Works and the different shipbuilding yards. At these meetings hundreds of men as well as the women workers have been present, and in every case the speakers have been heard with attention and appreciation. On Thursday Miss Eunice Murray addressed several hundred employees, both at Singers' and Brown's, and received splendid hearings; Miss Barrs made an excellent chairman. On Monday and Thursday evenings open-air meetings were held in Clydebank, at which Miss Broughton spoke upon Woman Suffrage from different standpoints. On Tuesday a fairly good meeting was held at Dalmuir. On Friday an excellent meeting took place at Alexandria, at which Miss Barrs presided, and Miss Broughton and Miss Shennan, of Glasgow, spoke to a large, orderly, and attentive audience. On Saturday afternoon at Dumbarton Miss Broughton could not at first get a hearing, owing to the "drunks," but soon got the meeting under control by her tactful handling of interrupters, and for nearly an hour she was able to proceed without further disturbance. On Wednesday evening Miss Broughton addressed the members of the Women's Co-operative Guilds at Dalmuir and at Kilbowie Hill, where she was accorded a very sympathetic hearing. During the week over 200 copies of THE VOTE have been sold, beside other Suffrage literature, and new members have been enrolled.

### BRAVO! BOURNEMOUTH.

An influx of hundreds to the town on June 3 to witness the opening of the new Drive above the beach was the signal for us to flaunt our colours before the public gaze all day. Our poster-parade, advertising Monday's meeting, was the object of a good many uncouth remarks from those who still hope to shut their eyes to the growing movement. In the afternoon our flags floated from a boat which we rowed up and down in front of the crowds. Mrs. Leigh Rothwell was with us all day; to her, and to other friends who gave valuable help, we are very grateful. The evening meeting was held near the new Drive, many collecting to listen to the speeches. The chair was taken by Miss Trotter, and Mrs. Rothwell kept the growing audience intensely interested for an hour. A gentleman assured us of his sympathy and help thenceforward, which was followed by expressions of approval from all sides. We held another meeting on the same spot on Friday, one warm supporter being an errand-boy, whose opinions are worthy of emulation, especially his spontaneous idea of the necessity for women to sit on juries, &c. This meeting, at which Mrs. Hull and Miss Trott spoke, created so much interest and discussion that it was twenty minutes to eleven before the crowd dispersed—unwillingly even then! THE VOTE is sold now in the town on Saturday mornings by Miss Dorrington, who has helped in other ways, too. We give her special thanks. Chocolate, from the "Minerva," finds a ready sale on the cliffs, and is a good way of beginning an informal Suffrage "talk" with visitors.

MR. URWICK'S SONNETS.—We warmly welcome the appearance in pamphlet form of eight suffrage sonnets which Mr. Edward Urwick has most kindly contributed to THE VOTE. Among them are "Mater Victrix," "Women Patriots," "Minerva," "Responsibility," "Woman." A picture of the author with a copy of THE VOTE in his hand, makes an attractive frontispiece. We commend the booklet to our readers, and wish it increasing success wherever it goes, carrying the gospel of women's freedom. On sale at Headquarters, 14d.

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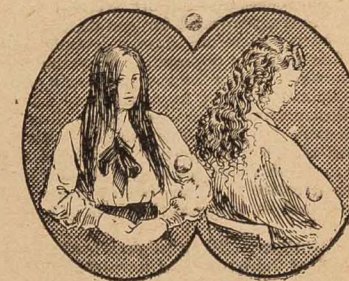
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**CRITICISM AND A REPLY.**  
To the Editor of THE VOTE.

Moorpark, Cardross, June 6, 1914.

Dear Madam,—Mr. Anderson and I have had a considerable private correspondence re Cardross meeting, from which he knows I retract nothing and apologise about nothing. Though I do think an apology might, with propriety, be given to me. I certainly believe the Anti-Suffrage League is largely composed of men of the middle-class, and I think Woman Suffrage stands, as the Bishop of Kensington says, for justice, purity and better conditions for women; therefore those who oppose suffrage must be counted indifferent, if not opposed, to these matters. I cannot accept Mr. Anderson's excuse for the gentlemen who prevented my chairman officiating. They knew that my League does not advocate the destruction of property, nor does it interrupt meetings and church services. They might, with profit, study the Lord Bishop of Oxford's words, "By what sort of argument are we to make this violence in the cause of the women an excuse for denying justice? There is only one way to suppress the violence, and that is to grant the claim of justice, by which it is accompanied."

As the Rev. M. Rush says, "The religious leaders of our country have come to see that there is a vital connection between religion and the Women's Movement. . . . Therefore, they are prepared to give it their support and blessing." He goes on to say, "That is the fact which I hope the House of Lords' debate will have brought home to the slow-moving brain of the ordinary Englishman, viz., that while the movement has an intellectual side, an economic side, and, in consequence of these, a political character, it is in its essence profoundly and intensely moral and even religious." As this matter cannot be of interest to outsiders, I do not purpose opening up the subject again.—I am, &c.,  
EUNICE G. MURRAY.

**ROYALTY AND WOMEN.**

Madam,—My newspaper informs me this morning that upwards of 20,000 women will collect, in London alone, on Queen Alexandra Day.

Are these 20,000 women aware that Royalty is not only indifferent to the way women are being tortured by doctors in the King's prisons, but that for generations Royalty has snubbed and insulted them by excluding them from the "Honours List"? Are they aware that Royalty receives deputations of men from the Colonies, but declines to receive deputations of women from the Mother Country?

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ROBSON PAIGE.

**IN HYDE PARK.**

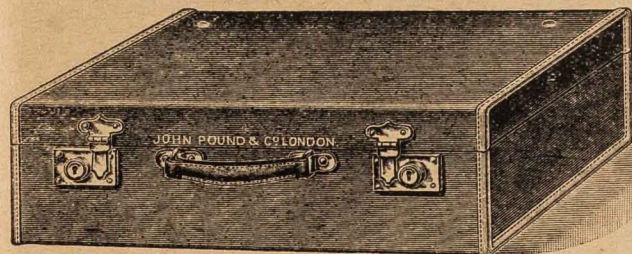
From a Kensington Branch member we have received the following interesting account of the W.F.L. meeting:—

Arriving in Hyde Park at 5.40 last Sunday, I found the nucleus of a crowd already assembled around the van for our meeting at 6 o'clock, and people were streaming from all directions towards it. By the time that the meeting commenced, there must have been some thousands present. The personal touch in Mrs. Cobden Sanderson's speech, her account of the illegal arrest within the precincts of the House of Commons, and subsequent imprisonment, were very telling. Mrs. Merivale Mayer's wit and good temper were irresistible. The resolution was put and carried with only about three dissentients. To my astonishment, the Antis, who are habitually present, refrained from voting against it.

No sooner had our meeting concluded than the "West End Blackguards" were on the scene. They had succeeded in breaking up the meeting of the National Union, where I believe they smashed the platform. They then made a bee-line for us, brandishing sticks on which were fragments of the National Union's flag. They made a dash for the Freedom League banner, which they tore down. When Mrs. Cobden Sanderson appealed to the police, they replied they could do nothing, being only two against the crowd. To their credit they succeeded in arresting the ring-leader, and lodged him in the park police station. I found the crowd outside the station chiefly composed of sympathisers with us. A man who had been in the Ipswich campaign described the horrible treatment by the mob there. He was accompanied by a Russian, who came eager to see English ways and manners!

On returning from the station I found the police. They were deeply interested in the "Land Values" platform. It was apparently quite a tame and peaceful gathering. The speaker was saying "What has the Duke of Westminster done?" and a voice answered, "Done everybody." Much laughter and good humour—and yet the police were there! Why? But the tyranny of the hooligan was allowed to swamp Suffrage meetings.

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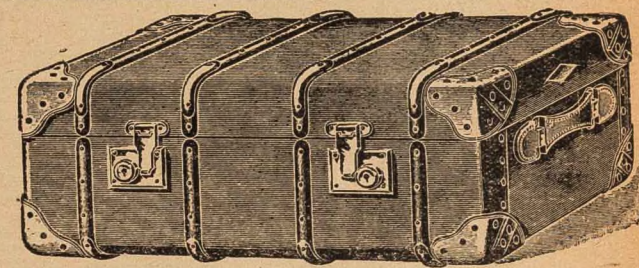
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**WITH THE CARAVAN.**

Hitchin people have taken kindly to the Caravan. On Wednesday last Mrs. Tritton, Mrs. Tippett, and I took over charge of the Van from Miss K. Smith, and our very hearty thanks are offered for the excellent pitch she had found for us at Webb's Farm. Our neighbours have been kindness itself, always ready to give us water, firing, &c., and help of every kind. A meeting has been held each night in the Market Square, and, on the whole, the audiences have listened to Mrs. Tippett's admirable speeches with intense interest. On Saturday we were lucky enough to have Miss Boyle with us, and a very large crowd assembled for the meeting, but the expected visit of a Grand Duke had somewhat excited a section of the town, and consequently there was a good deal of disorderly interruption. On Sunday we went over to Letchworth, where a splendid meeting had been arranged by Miss Lee and Mrs. Harrison. Eighteen shillings was taken in collection, and THE VOTE sold well. Two new members and one associate have been made. The thanks of the League are due to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, of Letchworth, who have helped us in every possible way; Mr. Harrison is home on a holiday, and he has spoken for us each night, and chalked with me for two hours on Saturday to advertise Miss Boyle's meeting. Mrs. Tudor has shown us her never-failing kindness in every possible way; in fact, all our sympathisers in the district have combined to make our visit to Hitchin a delightful one. On Monday we go on to Biggleswade, and then on to St. Neot's on Wednesday. If any member wants to spend a really jolly time and do good work for the Cause, I advise them to volunteer for the Caravan. MARGARET HUNTSMAN.

**SPECIAL APPEAL.**

The above account shows what excellent work our Caravan is accomplishing. The expenses for horses alone are heavy. Last week, the windows, broken by mischievous boys, had to be mended. Sometimes a tyre is cut maliciously and destroyed, and costs about £2 to replace.

Our comrades are working gallantly in the towns and villages; who will come and help both with personal service and by sending the money needed so that this special work need be no expense to the General Funds? Thirty pounds for the Caravan would free us from anxiety for a few weeks.

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**BRANCH NOTES.**

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**LONDON AND SUBURBS.—Croydon.—Office, 32a, The Arcade, High-street.**

Two new members have joined our Branch this week. Members should send their contributions of home-made cakes, jams, &c., direct to Mrs. Myers, 112, Marlow-road, Anerley; or before 12 o'clock to the secretary at the Office on June 13. We hope every member will endeavour to make the garden party a great success, and bring friends. JUNE 15, MONDAY.—Committee meeting at the office at 8 p.m.

**Clapham.**

A magnificent meeting was held on Clapham Common last Sunday evening. For over an hour Miss Munro kept an ever-increasing crowd keenly interested in Votes for Women. By the end of the meeting we had sold out every copy of THE VOTE, and of our pamphlets "A.B.C. of Votes for Women," "Be Law-Abiding" and "Liberal Cant." We also took a good collection. The chair was taken by Miss St. Clair. Next week Mrs. Nevinson will be the chief speaker. More volunteers are wanted to help us sell THE VOTE and our literature.

**Tottenham and Stamford Hill.**

Will the holder of the ticket numbered 272, who is the winner of the competition, forward the same to Mrs. Harbord, 91, Mount Pleasant-road, Tottenham, when the prize, a "Tea Cosy," will be at once despatched. It was a gift from Mrs. White, one of our members, and the sum realised from the competition forms the nucleus of the Branch contribution to our president's birthday fund. Will all members come to Stamford Hill on Tuesday, June 16, to our next open-air meeting at 8 o'clock at the corner of Amhurst Park-road? VOTE sellers are also wanted. Our jumble sale on May 23 was very successful, and will all members and friends who sent goods and all who helped us to sell, accept our grateful thanks?

**Tufnell Park.**

Our social evening on June 5, was a great success, ensured in great measure by the loyal help of members. Mrs. Gillings and Mrs. Gugenheim helped to provide the refreshments; Mr. Gillings most kindly printed the handbills and tickets; Miss Boileau provided flowers and a good pianist; Miss Julie Huntsman gave fine recitations, and Miss Freda Mackenzie and Miss Dorothy Wilson sang with great charm. Miss Anna Munro made an excellent speech, which contributed greatly to the success of the evening, as many people came to hear her. Six new members joined.

**PROVINCES.—Aintree.**

The monthly meeting of the Branch was held on June 2. Mrs. Evans took the chair, and we were delighted to have her with us again. A paper entitled "Woman in Industry" was read by Mrs. Moore who, for many years, has been an ardent worker for the Women's Co-operative Guild. She showed how rapid had been the progress made by women in industry and education, but also drew attention to the



**FORTHCOMING EVENTS: W.F.L.**  
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**DARE TO BE FREE.**

**Fri., June 12.**—CROYDON, 32A, The Arcade, High-street, Public Meeting, 3.30 p.m. *Speaker:* Dr. W. M. Weston. *Chair:* Mrs. Becher. *Hostess:* Mrs. Holmes.

**Sat., June 13.**—ANERLEY, 112, Marlow-road, Garden Party (by kind permission of Mrs. Myers), 3.30 p.m.

**Sun., June 14.**—HYDE PARK, 6 p.m. *Speakers:* Mrs. Merivale Mayer and Mrs. Jason Kerr. **REGENT'S PARK**, noon. Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. Hyde. **CLAPHAM COMMON**, 6 p.m. Mrs. Nevinson, L.L.A.

**Mon., June 15.**—KENSINGTON, corner Portobello-road and Blenheim-crescent, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m. Miss Beatrice Kent.

**Wed., June 17.**—CAXTON HALL, Public Meeting, 3.30 p.m. *Speaker:* Miss Lucy H. Yates, "Women and Financial Independence," and Mrs. Mustard. Admission free. **CHELSEA**, 55, Clabe-place, Mrs. Meeson Coates "At Home" to members of Kensington Branch, 8.15 p.m.

**Thurs., June 18.**—HIGHBURY CORNER, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m. Miss Rushbrooke. **W.F.L. OFFICE**, 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, W.C. *Speakers' Class*, 7 p.m. Mrs. Mustard. **MID-LONDON BRANCH MEMBERS' Meeting**, 7.30 p.m. **ADDISCOMBE**, "Black Horse," Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m. *Speaker:* Miss F. A. Underwood.

**Sun., June 21.**—REGENT'S PARK, noon. **CLAPHAM COMMON**, 6 p.m. Miss Nina Boyle. **HYDE PARK** (near Marble Arch), 6 p.m. Mrs. Merivale Mayer.

**Mon., June 22.**—HARROW, "Rions," Northwick-park-road, Garden Party. **KENSINGTON**, corner Portobello-road and Blenheim-crescent, 8 p.m. The Rev. W. J. Pigott.

**Wed., June 24.**—CAXTON HALL, Public Meeting, 3.30 p.m. *Speakers:* Rev. Dr. W. A. Houston Collisson. *Subject:* "Militancy," and Miss Nina Boyle. *Chair:* Mrs. de Vismes.

**Thurs., June 25.**—HIGHBURY CORNER, 8 p.m. Mrs. Tanner. **W.F.L. OFFICE**, 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, W.C. *Speakers' Class*, 7 p.m. **ADDISCOMBE**, "The Black Horse," Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m.

**Fri., June 26.**—CROYDON OFFICE, 32A, The Arcade, Public Meeting, 3.30 p.m. *Speaker:* Mrs. Baillie, B.Sc. *Chair:* Mrs. Ridley. *Hostess:* Mrs. Wilkinson.

**Sun., June 28.**—REGENT'S PARK, noon. Mrs. Mustard and Miss Le Croissette. **CLAPHAM COMMON**, 6 p.m. Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Sutcliffe.

**Mon., June 29.**—KENSINGTON, corner Portobello-road and Blenheim-crescent, 8 p.m.

**Wed., July 1.**—CAXTON HALL, Public Meeting, 3.30 p.m. Miss Rosika Schwimher, "What Finnish Women do for their Country," and Miss Boyle.

**Thurs., July 2.**—W.F.L. OFFICE, 1, Robert-street, *Speakers' Class*, 7 p.m. **HIGHBURY CORNER**, 8 p.m. **W.F.L. OFFICE**, 1, Robert-street, **MID-LONDON BRANCH MEETING**, 7.30 p.m.

**Sun., July 5.**—REGENT'S PARK, noon. Miss Eunice Murray. **CLAPHAM COMMON**, 6 p.m. Miss Eunice Murray and Mrs. Tippett.

**Mon., July 6.**—KENSINGTON, corner Portobello-road and Blenheim-crescent, 8 p.m. Miss Nina Boyle.

**Tues., July 7.**—CAXTON HALL, President's Birthday Party, 7 p.m. Tickets 1s.

**PROVINCES.**

**Fri., June 12—Sat., June 20.**—Miss Boyle's Campaign in the South, including Meetings at Southsea, Portsmouth, Brighton and Winchester, **June 12-18.**—Southsea Campaign. Meetings daily during Royal Agricultural Show and "Abolition of Vice" Conference. *Speakers:* Miss C. Nina Boyle, Mrs. Wheaton and Miss Trout.

**Fri., June 12.**—Gravesend, Public Meeting, 8.15 p.m. Miss Anna Munro and Mr. Laurence Housman and others.

**Mon., June 15.**—Middlesbrough, Open-air Meeting. *Speaker:* Mrs. Schofield Coates. **Reading**, Whitley Pump (Tram Terminus), Open-air Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Miss Anna Munro. **Sale**, "Thornlea," Wardle-road, Branch Meeting, 3 p.m. *Speaker:* Miss Andrews. *Subject:* "Aurora Leigh."

**Tues., June 16.**—Reading, Cemetery Gates, Open-air Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Miss Anna Munro.

**Wed., June 17.**—Reading, Caversham Bridge (Fountain), Open-air Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Miss Anna Munro. **Brighton**, Miss Boyle.

**Thurs., June 18.**—Woolpit, Jumble Sale. Proceeds to Birthday Fund. **Sheffield**, Meeting for Members and Friends. *Speaker:* Miss Andrews. **Reading**, Theale, Open-air Meeting, afternoon. Miss Anna Munro.

**Fri., June 19.**—Reading, Cork-street, Open-air Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Miss Anna Munro.

**Sat., June 20.**—Sale, "Thornlea," Wardle-road, Garden Party, 3 p.m.

**Thurs., June 25.**—Winchester, Open-air Meeting.

**Mon., July 6.**—Middlesbrough, Open-air Meeting. *Speaker:* Rev. A. Scorton.

**OTHER SOCIETIES.**

**Sun., June 21.**—KINGSTON HUMANITARIAN SOCIETY, Fife Hall, Fife-road, 7 p.m. *Speaker:* Miss Underwood. *Subject:* "Women and Independence."

FOR THEIR LAST PERFORMANCE THIS SEASON THE PIONEER PLAYERS, under the direction of Miss Edith Craig, will present at the Little Theatre, on Sunday, June 21, at 8, and Monday, June 22, at 2.30, a triple bill of interesting one-act plays. *The Duel* is a dramatic episode adapted from the French of Guy de Maupassant. *The Level Crossing*, by Mrs. Herbert Cohen, hon. treasurer of the Jewish League for Woman Suffrage, is another instance of the author's wide sympathies and understanding of those whose need is unrepresented. In it we see inevitable tragedy through the life of one frail woman before the law that insists upon her selling herself into marriage for daily bread. Every line reveals strength, delicacy and the dramatic instinct. Miss Magdalen Ponsonby's play, *Idle Women*, is a study in futurity, an ingenious and unusually humorous skit upon the ways of the fairer sex in committee. Tickets for the matinee may be obtained from the Secretary, 139, Long Acre, W.C.

**BRANCH NOTES** (continued from p. 129).

deplorable rates of payment and the amount of sweated labour that existed. A lively discussion followed.

**Chester.**—Suffrage Shop: 45, St. Werburgh-street. The Branch has had a very busy and successful week-end. On June 4 a garden meeting was held at Padeswood Lodge, near Mold, by the courtesy of Mrs. Marston. Miss Andrews spoke and Mrs. Crosland-Taylor presided. Much interest was aroused and new members and an associate were made. Mold district is new ground for the League, where we look for great success. On June 5, our outdoor meeting in the Market-square was very successful. Miss Andrews was the speaker. Suffrage literature sold well, and a good collection was taken. Our "Pound" Sale at the Suffrage Shop on June 6 was for the purpose of helping to provide a paid organiser for the Branch. The work here is increasing so rapidly that it is becoming impossible for voluntary workers to cope with it. Members and friends turned up well to buy and give, and very few "Pounds" were left at the end of the day.

**Ipswich.** On June 4 Miss M. Brett gave an interesting paper on "Country Life and Town Life," pointing out that the beauties of nature were the principal enjoyment of the country, but in winter it was apt to be dull, as social intercourse was often difficult. In the town, there were greater opportunities of meeting and of work; whole-hearted service in a good cause was the great joy of life everywhere. A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Brett. Mrs. Hossack gave an account of the police court cases which she and Miss Boyle had listened to at Woodbridge on the same day.

**Reading.** We shall have the advantage of a visit from Miss Anna Munro from Monday, June 15, to Friday, June 19. Meetings have been arranged every day at which she will speak. On Thursday a meeting has been arranged at Theale, to which place it is suggested members should cycle or take the 3 p.m. train. Tea arranged at moderate price. Cyclists please send names to Mrs. Spir. For particulars of other meetings, see "Forthcoming Events" column. We rely on all members to do their utmost to make our Suffrage Week a great success.

**Sale.** On June 8 Miss Andrews addressed a meeting of women at the Congregational Schools, Aalton-on-Mersey. Mrs. Johnson, who presided, said that all her life she had been interested in women's work and wages and was pleased to welcome a Suffrage speaker to the meeting. The members of the League came in good numbers to support the meeting, which proved to be very beneficial, many of those present getting quite a fresh light on the subject of Woman's Suffrage. Educational meetings are being held every week, and Sale is rapidly increasing its membership.

**SCOTLAND.**—Edinburgh.—Suffrage Shop: 90, Lothian-road. A well-attended evening "At Home" was held on June 3, when Miss Helen Forbes gave an extremely interesting account of the legal

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**OTHER SOCIETIES.**

**New Constitutional.** The Society has passed a resolution asking whether the right to petition the Sovereign has ceased to exist, and if so, when; also one of protest against the brutality of the police to women who believed that on May 21 they were exercising an ancient constitutional right.

**Catholic Women's Suffrage Society.** Father Walsh's lecture on the Blessed Joan of Arc was well attended and much appreciated at the Kensington Town Hall on June 2. The Rames of Sarawak, who presided, said that until women could take part in making the laws there would be no relief to their degradation. Father Walsh spoke as a convinced suffragist, and in the vote of thanks most heartily accorded to him the Society expressed its appreciation of the fact that he is the first priest openly to support it on the platform.

**Men's Political Union.** A "Suffrage Speakers' Defence Corps" has been formed, membership of which is open to all men supporters of the Cause of Woman Suffrage. For particulars apply to Mr. V. D. Duval, 13, Buckingham-street, Strand, W.C.

**Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association.** At the recent annual dinner the President, Lady Selborne, was in the chair. Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., in the course of an important speech, said that no fair-minded person had read the debate in the House of Lords without coming to the conclusion that female suffrage was inevitable. Women were claiming the Suffrage, not so much for their own advantage as because they believed that if they were called to men's councils they would contribute valuable qualities to the government of the country.

**Suffrage Service League.** At an "At Home" given by Lady Muir Mackenzie recently, Lady St. Davids, founder of the League, said that members were to form bands of eleven under the leadership of a captain, to work strenuously for Woman Suffrage. They were to work not only by the usual methods adopted by non-militant advocates of women's votes, but also by studying and carrying out the duties of women by undertaking some definite work for the benefit of the community.

economic, and social position of the French woman. During a residence of several years in Paris Miss Forbes has made herself thoroughly acquainted with the advantages and disadvantages of the position of women in France, and she showed that there, as here, the need of the vote is being increasingly felt. Miss Sara Munro, from the chair, drew attention to the very encouraging result of the women's ballot taken by *The Journal de Paris*. Members who have had collecting cards for the Birthday Fund are requested to return them as soon as possible to Miss Jack.

**Glasgow.** On June 4 Mrs. Wilson presided over the last and one of the best of the season's monthly meetings at 70, St. George's-road. Members had been invited to contribute short speeches, choice of subject being generously left open, and the cordial response proved once more the splendid vitality of the movement in the north, and the earnest enthusiasm of our people. The proceedings developed into a lively and interesting discussion, chiefly on the all-important question of "equal pay," and striking examples given of the injustice suffered by women under the present conditions of employment in school, office and factory. In view of the treatment meted out to the recent deputations to the King, a proposal was agreed to recommending teachers to take no part in the parade of school-children on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Glasgow in July. Tea, prepared and served by Miss Gentles, was much appreciated.

**Paisley.** On Wednesday evening at one of the largest meetings we have yet held, Miss Eunice Murray was our speaker. For two hours she held and interested an ever-increasing crowd. At the end of the meeting many questions were asked, and eighty-four pamphlets were sold. Everyone was asking when the next meeting was to be held. The Freedom League is the most popular suffrage society in Paisley, and our speakers are always given a very hearty welcome and a cordial invitation to "Come again soon!"

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