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Mrs. Gregory came to speak to us on Tuesday, and on Thursday we had a most enjoyable concert, when Miss Clegg sang and Mr. R. Kidd recited to a large and enthusiastic audience. The fact that our meetings and concerts are so well attended during the summer months goes far to prove that the Caub is meeting a real need in South London. The great topic of conversation has been the outing, which was enjoyed by everyone.

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Many thanks are due to Mrs. Ward, who spent much time in pricing the articles, also to Mrs. Hutt for her assistance in pricing on the last day.

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All who helped with the Jumble Sale are to be heartily congratulated on the successful result of the two days' sale. Several friends were made among the purchasers, and all seemed pleased with their bargains, and hope was expressed that we should soon have another sale.

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their hands. The crudity of the book is the kind of crudity that will wear off with experience; "Hyssop" may perhaps develop on the right worth: Garden City Press. Price 2d. net.)

Miss Madge Mears, better known to readers cannot be acquired. The novel is more than forward with interest to see if it is so.

E. S. of Votes for Women as "T. O'Meara," has written an original first novel in "The Jealous Goddess". The goddess is Work with a capital

"HYSSOP"*

them being a baby whom they don't know what of the first few years of a young man's manhood, whose mouth the most passionate denunciations of them being a baby whom they don't know what to do with, and whom they are not particularly with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with the most passionate demunications of which a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merits of single with a minuteness that has all the merit kind of woman beloved of a certain class of man sentimental, is never smart, and the best pasnovelist—a born mother—are followed by a re- sages of the book are the more human ones; her: "A message to the Emperor: I refuse to bear novelist—a born mother—are followed by a reconciliation as unconventional as the parting was in the first place. "I've just wanted you like—like hell!" says young Tommy. And out of Nora's inaudible reply emerge the words—of Nora's inaudible Wanted you—like hell, too!"

We like Miss Mears's courage in painting a same unsentimental fashion. But the upshot of is himself too old to have to fight, is exceedingly poignant; but, indeed, the whole is poignant, young couple so unsentimental as this one, a has few of the faults of immaturity, it also has almost past bearing. boy and girl who own that they never ought to few of its merits. We find ourselves wishing have married because their work mattered more that Mr. Sadler would let himself go sometimes, do not make the slightest pretence of liking the baby they don't want, or show the slightest shame over allowing someone else to take it off tell him so. Probably however to the state of the slightest between the same over allowing someone else to take it off tell him so. Probably however to his sleeve, and (London: Stanley Paul. Price 6s.)

"The Englishwoman." August. (London: Stanley Paul. Price 1s.) do not make the slightest pretence of liking the baby they don't want, or show the slightest own departure from the academic in order to shame over allowing someone else to take it off tell him so. Probably, however, restraint is the "A Call to Woman; or, Woman's Part in the shame over allowing someone else to take it off tell him so. Probably, however, restraint is the "A Call to Woman; or, Woman's Part in the shame over allowing someone else to take it off tell him so. Probably, however, restraint is the "A Call to Woman; or, Woman's Part in the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over allowing someone else to take it off the shame over all t

"THE JEALOUS GODDESS"* | its freshness and humour are of the kind that | emotional lines in his next book. We shall look

CHILD AMMUNITION*

"War Brides" is a one-act play which has, we believe, been acted with great effect in America. It is exceedingly simple and exceedingly terrible

BOOKS RECEIVED

* "The Jealous Goddess." By Madge Mears. (London: War Brides: By Marion Graig Wentworth. (London: John Lane. Price 6s.)

ward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper

To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom; to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked for-

THE OUTLOOK

AUGUST 6, 1915.

On Thursday morning in last week Parliament indifferently. djourned for a period which is to last until eptember 14. The new Budget will probably out possessing the power to call the tune.

A Year of War

atal day will probably be always associated made, buthe greater sufferers from the material effects he greater sufferers from the material effects of the greater sufferers from the greater sufferers from the material effects of the greater sufferers from the material effects of this year of war. On them falls principally the burden of the higher cost of living; they are still underpaid and overworked, even in those occupations, such as the making of munitions, where large profits are being made. But we do not suppose it was their material sufferings that counted for much with them, as they reflected on Wednesday on the tragic twelvemonth that has just gone by. The terrible year's total of casualties announced by the Prime Minister in

Thrift-For the Thrifty

Our cartoonist satirises this week the appeal

PAGE expenses of a class of people whose allowance nated on July 7. But women have the vote in protest continues :-

We agree with every word of this protest, and same number of fares would like to see appeals to save made not to any one class, and certainly not to women in The Deputy-Coroner for West Middlesex, who

English Wives of Alien Enemies

House. This, and the Government Bill for post- Office had advised the remission of the fine im- this false and foolish method of serving their poning the General Election and (probably) posed by the magistrate in the case of Mrs. country. What about certain recruiting posters shortening the period of registration for men, Jungk, the English wife of a German, who, as with their allusions to "best boys"—or, it may are measures of vital importance to women who, stated in Votes for Women a fortnight ago, was be, to "best girls"? What about those war as in peace, have to pay the piper with sent to prison in default of paying a fine for enthusiasts—some, if we remember rightly, of visiting her relatives at Gravesend. The fine had episcopal rank—who used to proclaim at the already been paid, but its remission is satis- beginning of the war that a girl ought to refuse The whole of our weekly and daily Press have factory as marking the injustice of its infliction to walk out with any man who was not in khaki? been largely taken up since we last went to press in the first place. The second case, that of Mrs. You cannot for ever appeal to the less worthy with reviews of the first year of war, the anni- Jessie Klose, met with less official sympathy, the instincts of young people without expecting them versary of which fell chronologically on Wednes- Home Secretary stating, in answer to another in return to lose some of their dignity and selfay in this week, although with most people the question on July 28, that inquiries were being respect. The method is all the more to be con-

il population women have indisputably been justify window-breaking as a means of calling whatever with the Anti-Suffrage view of woman,

Women's Wages in War Work

Next Sunday week the women as well as the inner of the country will be called upon to fill that women on armament work have been paid a registration paper issued by the Governing a registration paper issued by the Governing as the corresponding to the democratic right—and obligation—of free speech. Perhaps, in time, it will even mean what it says when it uses the word democracy! ent, and some of our women correspondents wage to men being anything up to 45s.; others We have received from the League of Juswage to men pang anyoning up to 100, where the fresh ingists to show their detestation of this fresh inment, and some of our women correspondents
wage to men pang anyoning up to 100, wage
have received as little as 11s. 6d. and 10s. a week.
Mr. Acland recently stated that the Governlively 18s. Gwynneth Chapman, Mrs. Gwynneth Chapman, Mr ists should state on their registration forms 21s. to 25s, for ordinary clerical work. Strongly the League's past activities, its audited state that they have filled these in under protest, and that only a grave crisis in their country's affairs would induce them to comply with this or any demand of a Government that thinks them good demand of a Government that thinks the government that the good demand of a Government that thinks the government that thinks the government that the government that the government that the emand of a Government that thinks them good Clementina Black and others, on behalf of the of Women Workers, to be held at Westminster ough to be registered for war service but does Women's Industrial Council, insisting on decent on October 4—8, will consider "women's bt think them good enough to be registered as labour conditions for the women engaged on share in the work of re-construction after the itizens. This, we consider, is the minimum pro-est that can be made by voteless women, and the think there should be no Suffragist who hesi-ates to make it, wording it in any way she ates to make it, wording it in any way she unemployed women have already been registered question. pleases. We shall deal with this subject at at the Labour Exchanges, besides 85,000 on the special war register.

Women in New Occupations

South Australia can claim to have appointed ittee, especially to soldiers' wives. The According to the New York Times, the women, to the State." Nomen's Labour League have issued a spirited who include Mrs. Price, widow of the first same duties over and over again, may not even rotest against this attempt to cut down the Labour Premier of South Australia, were nomi- have a vote!

from the War Office was claimed to have been Australia! Over here the Home Office will not carefully calculated to be just sufficient to even licence women taxi-drivers, though the maintain themselves and their children." The woman chauffeur is now a common feature of our streets, and no one outside a Government It is unfortunately true—to our shame—that some of the men who have enlisted previously lived in such poverty that even the allowance so carefully calculated is more than they earned. This is not true of the majority, but, even where it is the case, true economy would demand that their families, having now just enough for decent living, should be allowed so to live, even if that was a standard beyond their reach in former days. The shildren should be enabled to grow up into healthy bitizens, and let the actual saving be done by those—a large number—who have something to save.

We agreed with every word of this protect and

"Woman This and Woman That!"

particular, but to all classes and to both sexes spoke with such warmth at a recent inquest of the "pack of silly women" who went about offering white feathers to civilians of military eptember 14. The new Budget will probably In answer to a question in the House on age, should direct his wrath towards those who lave deliberately inspired in thoughtless girls demned since it is recommended in reference to ather with the August Bank Holiday. Of our however hard an individual case may be, it cannot a very great sacrifice which has no connection

ance with that 'democratic basis of society Women's Wages in War Work

The House, that toll of 61,384 officers and men
who have fallen, of 321,889 casualties in all,
spells a toll of human anguish before which even
the normal suffering caused by poverty and
privation takes a secondary place.

"Registration Sunday"

Next Sunday week the women as well as the

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tance of "Government without consent." We ment is paying its temporary women clerks 18s. dolyn Wrenford, and others, to obtain for hink it essential that all women who are Suffrato 20s. a week for typing and routine work, and women equal rights with men) a statement of

Mr. Asquith, in answer to a question in the House of Commons on July 21, justified the continued payment of full salaries to Members (of Our cartoonist satirises this week the appear ade by the Parliamentary War Savings Combined the first women Justices in the British Empire. In the voluntary discharge of important duties in the voluntary discharge of important duties.

PITY THE POOR ANGELS!

By T. O'Meara

post Monday morning prior to the publication

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SPIRITUAL **ECONOMY**

There are various ways of being economical. hath not even that which he hath. This is the We must learn to avoid waste in our own souls hath not even that which he hath. This is the way that is usually advocated in newspapers and bookstalls. In New York, at agents and bookstalls. In New York, at Brentano's; Messrs. Thacker, Spink, and Co., Calcutta: and at Handel House, Ltd., Eloff how easy it is to be economical (we are told) have easy it is to be economical (we are told) at tarnish our sword and rot the armour of our cause. when our income is anything below twenty-five armour of our cause. Calcutta: and at Handel House, Eta., Etal how easy it is to be economical (we are told)

Street, Johannesburg.

when our income is anything below twenty-five shillings a week. We can give up meat and beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco, for instance, as a mere presented beer and tobacco. OPPOSITE THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

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Courses. This ingenuous writer adds: "If the men of the house are out till evening, the women would probably be content with a vegetarian or fish luncheon." What the men of the house are to be content with in the middle of the day is not divulged—probably with the champagne and ovsters that are dropped out of the avening.

the top note, as it were, in vicarious economy look, for which we all pray. when, in a recent Press interview, he observed: It was announced in the House of Common There is no doubt that the women of England last week that 321,889 casualties had marked could, by their efforts and their endeavours, year of war. Suffragists, more than anybod finance this war." This should not surprise us. else, are resolved that no particle of that trag If not, fill in this form and send it to the Publisher of (As a matter of fact, nothing does surprise us in any utterance in which women are referred to as "the women of England.") By this time we the saving of everything in the country that VOTES FOR WOMEN. 4-7, Red Lion as "the women of England.") By this time we should have grown accustomed to being told that makes it worth fighting for. It rests with us the should have grown accustomed to being told that women, if they will only listen to advice, can keep alive the ideals of freedom and constitu win this war in one way or another; and we are tional liberty for which men, particularly in th glad that Mr. H. E. Morgan's new way for women is no more objectionable than that of half-century, have sacrificed themselves. It is being careful what they throw into their dustweary of being told, one minute, that woman's the petty differences of opinion, the doubts are place is a sphere, and the next, that it is a dustbin; of being told in July, 1914, that she is not among the number, and to see that we save o fit to control politics, and in July, 1915, that she alone can save the nation from destruction. It calls up a picture of a breathless woman leaping alone can save the nation from destruction.

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That way lies true economy; for by the That way lies true economy; for by the the spieudour of the spieudo

women are essential to its preservation and its souls.

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A very favourite way is to take from him that at way that is usually advocated in newspapers and we must save the things that are alone worth

> people who live above the poverty line when he view that time should be wasted in complaining observed that "One big meal a day is enough that all Suffragists did not go the same way, is not divulged—probably with the champagne and oysters that are dropped out of the evening of its suffering and its sacrifice shall be saved to the saved to t But it was left for Mr. H. E. Morgan to reach for the sake of the great future to which we al

But we confess that we grow a little only the things that don't matter—the hatred

Far be it from us to complain, however, if a things we conquer. And in our war against year of war has revealed to the nation that waste let us begin by trying to save our own

It is to be hoped that one indirect result of Poor Law Infirmary, where, with the help so leave more room for those fools who are the conditions and general status of the nursing driven women, she is expected to attend to the ministering angel fears to tread. profession. This will take place, let us hope, needs of scores of patients suffering from every A talent for passing examinations is common rst and foremost as part of that great all-round sort of ailment from D.T. and syphilis to measles to every Council scholar; a talent for nursing is approvement in the lot of women, which will and croup. She may find herself working under a rarer and more subtle thing; and only by is impossible to cut the knot of any national a joy to serve; she may find herself subject to this talent, can the maximum benefit to the isis with one half of the scissors only; but the caprice and ill-temper of a tyrannical, selfish public be secured. any intelligent and public-spirited men and woman without the faintest capacity for enomen are now getting an illuminating glimpse forcing necessary discipline without friction; strong and watchful Trade Union; prepared nto the real life of a ministering angel, which and since the rules of each hospital are made to lay down (and enforce) good working rules they have never had before; and various ex- by the authorities at that hospital, this may be concerning hours, wages, conditions of labour; asperating illusions are being swept rapidly a very real misery. There is nothing but the nto limbo.

There is nothing but the and prepared also to consider impartially all genuine cases of injustice or insubordination. Saint or Serpent?

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mputation; or else she became the serpent in majority of nurses have never heard of it.

And in no trade and no profession, I am inclined to think, is regular organisation so who have had the heavy task of organising

icence, and partly from the singularly help- body, the House Committee. and isolated circumstances of her existence trained nurse has hitherto failed very gely to share in those improved conditions

"An Unorganised Trade"

lways in a state of equally miraculous spotlesses, even when she had just emerged from ditions of labour prevail elsewhere. That exceleaning up the operating theatre after a double lent scheme, the Nurses' Pension Fund, annual approach the servent in languishes for want of support because a large Yet it is hopeless to expect any such reform

Would Registration Help?

ining, good food and comfortable sleeping hardship. If she knew beforehand just what would not afterwards deliberately "blackleg

the present war may be a vast improvement in of three or four other overworked and over- always so ready to rush in where the true

e with a final frank acknowledgement that an experienced and capable matron whom it is giving all alike a fair and equal task to develop

to prevent them from keeping their subordinates At present the probationer who collides with Hitherto the lay public has been fatally apt to on duty twelve hours a day, or feeding them her ward-sister, the ward-sister who collides vide all nurses into one of two great classes. (as they used to be fed at one hospital, not so there she was idealised, poor thing, as the softoted, soft-voiced saint, subsisting miraculously stew made from the refuse of the fish market; no unprejudiced court of appeal before which to thout food or sleep for weeks at a time, and and it is only by gossip amongst themselves that bring their grievances; and these grievances

No Reform Without Votes

ar, under the very eyes of his furious poor needed, for the very reason that those who enter women's Trade Unions in this country, know it are drawn from such divers classes. One can what a task it is without that backing; even in But what she never, never was allowed to be certainly sympathise with the difficult position those trades which hold in reserve the alterder any circumstances, was an ordinary of a matron who has to rule (as absolute despot) native weapon of the strike. A strike of nurses ealthy young woman, with a natural taste for over a mixed crew consisting of, let us say, a is as unthinkable as a strike of doctors; but we onis and matinées and pretty clothes in her bishop's daughter, a butcher's daughter, a book- have seen how the enfranchised doctors were anty leisure time; and hiding her profession maker's daughter, a banker's daughter, and a able, in an emergency, to rise to the occasion, e a guilty secret, lest the least mention of it butler's daughter; especially as the unfortu- stand up for their rights, and bring even Mr. ald condem her to sit and listen to laborious nate matron is herself subject to the caprice of Lloyd George to his knees. Our newlyd inaccurate accounts of innumerable family the Visiting Staff, from the dear old grey-haired awakened care for the nation's health will make nents from every chance acquaintance who physician who never gives trouble, down to the heavier and heavier demands upon both the shed to give her a really entertaining half latest unlicked cub of a newly-qualified saw-medical and nursing profession in the near bones, young enough to be her grandson; and future; yet the increasingly large number of Partly from this honourable professional also to please that intractable and quarrelsome women who are year by year drafted into the services of the State, find themselves so far but little better off than those employed in the worst-managed private nursing homes. They High hopes are built, in certain quarters, stand, indeed, in peculiar need of protection h energetic organisation has secured for upon that much-discussed measure, the State against unjust exploitation. It was the fashion, to ther women workers. I do not mean to Registration of Nurses. Personally, I should a year or so ago, to belittle the power of the vote that her lot has not changed immeasurably be inclined to regard any question of state registor be better industrial conditions. But when we the better during the past forty years; tration or regulation, whilst women's general remember how, before the enfranchisement of the ladies who took up this noble work, even position in the State remains so unsatisfactory, the working man, a labourer could be sent to the seventies, had to face horrors and hard-ps which sound now like some evil dream. with considerable suspicion. Besides, so long ps which sound now like some evil dream. she still remains peculiarly dependent for institutions, supported in a shiftless spasmodic to-day how our ministers of state will wait until comfort and advancement upon blind manner by gusts of private benevolence, no an imperative national crisis is upon them beance; especially if she starts, as many do, amount of state registration will prevent them fore they will approach the labourer, cap in thout family influence or professional advice from economising upon the board, lodging, and hand, and humbly beg him to relax a few of his wages of their most helpless class of employees. unwritten laws for a few months only—well, It is always the most reliable witness who is the surely that transitory attempt to discredit deslowest to complain; and whilst the business mocracy appears rather ludicrous? If the men Hers is strictly and literally an "unorganised remains in its present chaotic condition, a have often used their power weakly and in mis-She may, if she is lucky, enter some proud and sensitive woman will put up with a taken ways, that does not make it any the less st-rate institution, where, though she must good deal before she will risk incurring the suslook for anything like a living wage (this picion that she is beginning to weary in well-skilled engineer to devote hours of his valuable will get nowhere), she will, at least, receive doing, by stating what—for all she knows to the time daily to the instruction of amateur munidly and considerate treatment, an excellent contrary—may be a purely individual case of tion workers, with no guarantee that they ommodation. On the other hand, she may she might legitimately be called upon to do, him by volunteering for posts where by rights herself dumped down amongst the rough wherever she went, her position would be a he should have the first choice. Yet that is just ready surroundings of a small provincial much easier one; and the profession would rhospital (for some reason, it is customary attract many more of the "right sort" of devoted hospital workers; and their goodness employ girls at an exceptionally early women, who hesitate now from sheer ignorance and unselfishness in this matter are beyond all these places), or she may find herself tamidst the endless corridors of a huge rumours of overwork and petty tyranny; and carefully work in the state low from sheer ignorance and unselfishness in this matter are beyond all praise. Can we not trust them now with a little more power over their own destiny, in the certainty that they will not misuse it?

THAT LINK LETTERS

Re-forging Some of the Nations' Broken Ties

People treated me in this sad time and I counteract thoughts of national hatred. will tell this to all my friends and relations

prompted the quaint little letter quoted above, one of several received from women—schoolgirls, maids, and mothers of families—who have been helped back to their Fatherland by such a body helped back to their Fatherland by such a body friend there, a widow.

Quakers Help Alien Women

ment of the war by the Society of Friends, the Committee have investigated and helped, by maintenance grants and with clothing, well over three thousand cases, mostly in London. Since the resont investigated and helped, by mistress comes with the old family servant, whose only "crime" is that she is an "enemy," and must therefore go. And so the tale goes on.

English Wives of Common Resolved.

A are distributed by another Committee working in the ravaged districts near the battle line; and beginn that we working are distributed by another Committee working in the ravaged districts near the people of each country the resont investigation. the recent increase of internments, however, the centre of their operations has shifted somewhat, their chief activities now lying in the direction of helping women in their return to Germany and in visiting the men in camp.

Almost every night a helper travels down with the "aliens' train" to Tilbury to smooth some of the difficulties these tired, worried mothers The women in Holland are in the unpleasant | that they would propose an electoral reform

enemy alien" women were ordered to return, from them the vote. the local police wrote to the Committee, asking them to meet her in London. This was done, lodging found, and her travelling permit

Butch People Want Woman Suffrage

is said they are even put to the plough, like horse and whipped in case of refusal. Three of the footier is the frontial to the problem.

traveller back to the Fatherland, thanking the In the summer meeting held at Arnheim on undertake their guardians' task. Women ha Committee "for all the goods they have done"; July 18 it was agreed to ask support from all to hear many tales like this, and to help the while other communications have been sent sorts of organisations for this purpose.

"I shall never forget how kind british journeys and thankful hearts which alone will journey, often simply advice, needed just as

A Pathetic Instance

People in any Way in my Country also.

B—— tells of her safe arrival after a journey much obliged.—Yours truly, Mrs. C."

Through the Umon, sweet-faced fittle Miss and the men are in camp, there will still continue the work which has been going painful enough at any time, for she could hardly on for a year now, and will continue till the end The war has broken nearly all the links which bound the peoples of Britain and Germany together. Slowly, now here and now there, they are being forged again by the spirit which prompted the quaint little letter quoted above,

however, has been sent to another, Mrs. S Convened within two days of the commence- and with her baby, a month old, she and her the needlewomen to make the little smocks that ment of the war by the Society of Friends, the little ones come for advice and assistance. A the French and Belgian children wear. These

English Wives of German Husbands

Sometimes the fare and food or money for the

vitally, is what is wanted; and the Committee endeavours as far as it can to meet the need of in Germany. perhaps I can help british Through the Union, sweet-faced little Miss these bewildered ones. Even when the repatriahelped back to their Fatherland by such a body as the Emergency Committee for the Relief of Germans and Austrians.

friend there, a widow.

Mrs. B—has eight children under fourteen and to find work for as many as possible of the work for a wore for a work for a wo is being knit together again.

THE POSITION IN HOLLAND

(From a Correspondent)

and bewildered girls have to face. At the offices predicament brought about by the fact that with universal suffrage for men and the poss at St. Stephen's House, Westminster, there is a regular travellers' bureau. The issuing of passes for tickets to those who cannot pay their fares (this is done after the bonâ fides of applicants is ascertained, on behalf of the Home Cofficion) is but one work of the constitution with a view to an electoral response for the constitution with a view to an electoral response for the constitution with a view to an electoral response for the constitution with a view to an electoral response for the constitution with a view to an electoral response for the constitution with a view to an electoral response for the daily Press are constantly confusing suffragism and pacificism. There are plans in Holland for a revision of the Constitution with a view to an electoral response for the daily Press are constantly confusing suffragism and pacificism. There are plans in Holland for a revision of the Constitution with a view to an electoral response for the so-called "blanco" article in the Constitution with regard to women. We intend to make people feel that the war, with the terrible suffering it inflicts on women—in the neutral as well are the constitution with a view to an electoral response for the daily Press are constantly confusing suffragism and pacificism. Office) is but one part of the work of the form which aims at a final extension of the as in the belligerent countries, though in a di Repatriation Department. Help in the filling suffrage to women, and at the same time Hol- ferent form—may well have brought home up of forms for exemption, answering questions land was the country of the Women's Interwhich range from the appeal of the absolutely national Congress, held in April to show that diency of consulting mothers and fathers ali penniless to the query as to whether a well-to-do the women have not abolished the thought of where the nation's fate is concerned. penniless to the query as to whether a well-to-do lady may take back her pet pug and parrot (the shipping company say "Yes, if the bird won't talk!") down to actual assistance in the packing and dispatching of luggage and the selling up of the few last sticks of furniture of those leaving their homes for a land where they have ceased to efficient defence of the country's neutrality; stitutional Equality of Men and Women, others maintain that women have always been tained before the war, cannot fail to be of sol an easy prey to all exciting suggestions, also to influence. In less than four months' time Uncensored, and bearing the German postage a war-like nature, and that their power as 163,000 persons signed it, and this result m stamp, for it had come straight through from citizens—if they possessed it—would not fail to well have some effect on the Cabinet and the Chemnitz, a card arrived the other day from Miss E—, who had been a maid in the employ of a lady whose name is a household one all over the world. Lodging had been provided for her connection with war and militarism which used prisoners, and refugees—as best they can. Late in an adjacent village, as those around her to be urged against us in connection with reli- I heard that, at the request of some Russi mistress's home threatened violence if "that gion or politics; but ever and anon the tendency ladies who have come here from Belgium, German" were not dismissed. When all is to keep women in subjection and withhold little sum was sent to some German ladies

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obtained, so that she could leave at once and not Woman Suffrage Association to defeat their succeeded in escaping and crossing the front use up the money given her for her fare. Now, she writes, she is safe home with her parents. opponents, and to show the Government that the will of the people is now decidedly for an nights, hiding during the daytime, and often Another card has come through from a extension of the right of suffrage to all adults. persecuted by civilians who volunteered

through the "Union Internationale des Amies It will be remembered that the present times. de la Jeune Fille," at Rotterdam, telling of safe Cabinet came into power on the understanding

the relief of the Russian prisoners at Stendh These prisoners seem to be badly treated; it said they are even put to the plough, like hors victims in many ways during these terrib

Martina G. Kramers

COMPARISON OF PUNISHMENTS HEAVY SENTENCES Assaults on Little Girls in 1915

Assault on an Infant in 1815

Shooting a Lover

Several papers in March, 1914, reported case of Julia Decies, charged at the Central Criminal Court before Mr. Justice Darling with wounding with

Jackson's Oxford Journal (July 29. 1815) reports case of a man, W. Oldfield, charged with "violating the Sentence: To be hanged.

Sentence: Five months' hard labour

LIGHT SENTENCES

The Daily News (July 16, 1915) res case of a shop assistant, charged re Mr. Justice Avory at the ntral Criminal Court with malici-sly shooting at a German who was sy shooting at a German who was aturalised British subject with into to do him grievous bodily harm. bullet missed him. The defence that the man had treated her

for offences against the person

Sentence: Seven years' penal servi-We have somewhat departed from rusual custom this week, and have to compared the lighter sentences

Street, Queen Victoria Street, Ludgate Hill, and the Strand to the Queen's Hall, where a demonstration the heavier sentences given for ences against property. We have usen instead to compare sentences wited to join the procession at any

The jury recommended her to mercy. Appeal on March 30, 1914, dismissed by Judges Avory and Bankes and the Lord Chief Justice.

en at different times for the same soft offence, and the result of the Queen's Hall afterwards. parison gives us much food for The object of the demonstration is to demand votes for working women, our first comparison we seem to that they may be able to gone back in the hundred years | their interests in the Labour market their interests in the Labour market and secure decent conditions of work and sellowed to assault indecently little girls under the age of 10—more pressed to do the work of more and their interests in the Labour market and secure decent conditions of work and wages at a time when, owing to the war, women are being more and more pressed to do the work of more

and is allowed to assault indecently or little girls under the age of 10—full penalty for which is two years' of labour in each case—and is given thences totalling five months in all, the end of five months he will be at liberty again to be a menace to little girls who come in his way, fundred years ago this same month man, for a complete offence comtted against an infant, was given at was then the maximum senace for this offence—the death nalty. Our readers do not need to reminded that our demand is not the death penalty to be re-imposed these offences, or, indeed, for any rease of severity in our penal code, eady so savage and so stupid; but but that the maximum penalty, whater it be, should be given in the case these terrible crimes against lidren, and not commuted as it most invariably is in our Courts. We have drawn our second comision with no intention of lament; the acquittal of the woman whose charged before Mr. Justice Avory to Sauragery of the sentence passed Julia Decies last year, whose appeal s dismissed with the concurrence of savagery of the sentence passed Julia Decies last year, whose appeal s dismissed with the concurrence of savagery of the sentence passed Julia Decies last year, whose appeal s dismissed with the concurrence of same gide. So far as we know, is woman is still serving her shamehader to make the cost of living and that Government action shall be taken to keep down the cost of living, and that Government action shall be taken to keep down the cost of living into consideration in fixing rates of wages.

2. That in view of the deputation of bankers and others to the Prime Minister, putting forward various dandable leniency and understanding

2. That in view of the deputation of bankers and others to the Prime Minister, putting forward various dangerously reactionary proposals, and in view of the composition of the Government Committee on economy, which largely consists of those who formed part of that deputation, this meeting protests: among them, apparently, Mr. ice Avory, who met with comdable leniency and understanding case of the shop-girl last Saturbles, who committed her crime ler still greater provocation—but ore war induced some people to dister that men do sometimes drive men to desperation—still remains a of upon our criminal administration.

2. That in view of the CPrime of bankers and others to the Prime of bankers and others to the Prime disternity processing, and an expensive processing the constitution of the composition of the Government Committee on economy, which largely consists of those who formed part of that deputation, this meeting protests:

(1) Against any attempt to tax wages.

(2) Against any attempt to reduce the prime of bankers and others to t

the necessaries of life.

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