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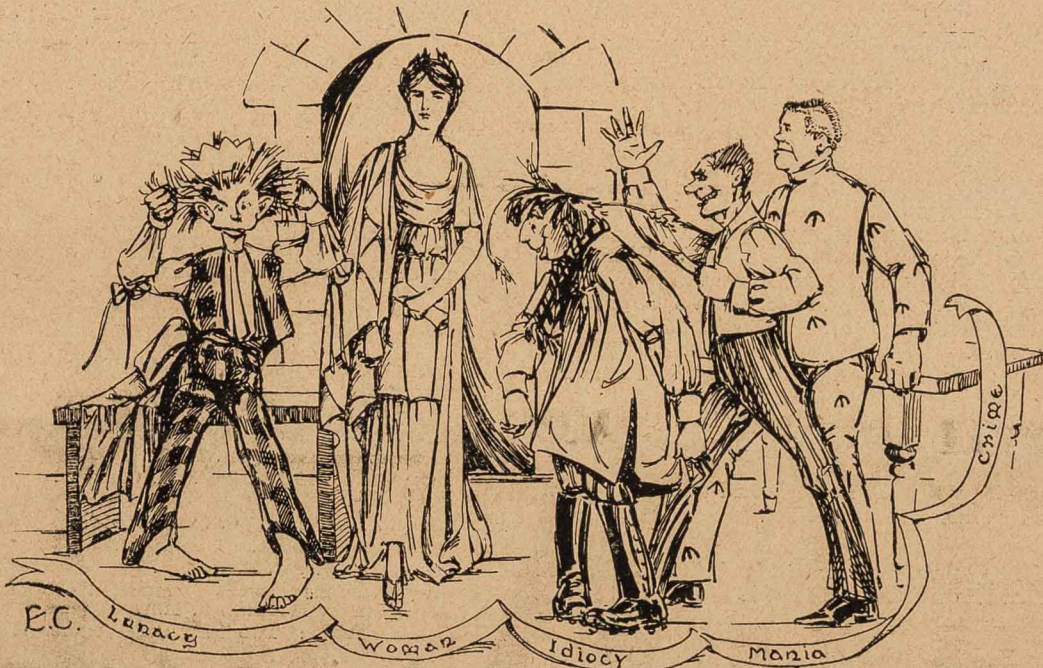
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## THE VOTELESS.



In view of a possible General Election, it is well to remind the Public that these are the companions which the Law gives to Voteless Women.

## OUR POINT OF VIEW.

### The Maternity Benefit.

A Standing Committee in the House of Commons has decided to reserve the "rare and refreshing fruit" of the maternity benefit for the mother alone. This seems a reasonable decision, and one wonders why it should have needed such prolonged and—we are informed—heated discussion. Some of the anomalies and amercities of the debate strike us oddly. It will come as a shock to many people to learn that the Labour Party voted against giving the benefit to the mother; but this will be atoned for by the knowledge that Mr. McCallum Scott and the anti-Suffragists supported it. There are humours even in injustice. Mr. Chiozza Money pleaded for a form of words which would not express the feeling that "the husband was little more than a worm in this connection." We hope the husbands will appreciate this. Exception was taken to legislation directed against a sex—strangest of all objections from a Member of the House of Commons! We note with amusement how sensitive these men are to any slight of this sort; but it seems so easy, to them, for women to bear it with equanimity.

### One Law for the . . . ?

The young man of humble parentage who let off a toy pistol in the House of Commons has had a taste of Liberal "justice." We hope he has a good memory. Telling him that he was going to be "made an example of," this youth was ordered by the magistrate to be incarcerated in the imbecile ward of the Fulham Workhouse and detained there. Dressed in workhouse clothes he was kept in company with a man who habitually battered his head against the wall and other abnormalities. A more arbitrary, high-handed and improper proceeding we have seldom heard of, and we hope a case will be made out against the police and the workhouse master. Three ladies incarcerated for making a far greater disturbance within the sacred precincts were speedily released by order of the magistrate, for no reason apparently save that they are difficult and dangerous people to tackle. But the son of a humble mechanic gets different treatment altogether. The third division girl in Holloway who did hunger-striking was threatened with a lunatic asylum. The public will know how to deal with these facts at the next elections.

### History Will Decide.

The varied events of the last few days have included the hearing of the appeal in the Lansbury and Scurr cases; and the appeal has been dismissed. This means that these two high-minded gentlemen will go to prison. We have no words in which to condemn a Government which has no better use and no better treatment for such men as these. England is shamed, and the nation is the poorer; for our standard of honour is indeed low when such a thing is possible. But there is one appeal which will not be dismissed—an appeal to a Court which will place the right values on Mr. Lansbury and Mr. Scurr and their judges. The appeal to history will be overwhelmingly in their favour; and we and they will confidently anticipate the verdict.

### Eugenics?

Dr. Saleeby must hate himself for being a suffragist! What terrible company it brings him into, to be sure. "Bitterness, narrowness, egoism, sex-jealousy, resentment against men for being men, and annoyance that they themselves are women"—is his indictment of Suffragist women. Dear, dear. Why won't these abusive people attend to the beam in the eye of their own sex?

But Dr. Saleeby has found a woman. "The wisest woman in the world," is what he calls her. This is Ellen Key. What seems to amaze him most is that she actually understands other women. She is "wonderful" because she "recognises the existence of an

'amaternal' type (Heavens! what a word!) and instead of trying to scold them into being something else, she would have them develop their strange individualities to the best advantage their own way." Now, is not it a pity Dr. Saleeby does not follow so excellent an example? More, is not it a pity he does not leave off trying to understand women and turn his attention to the "apaternal" man—the man who has strewed the earth broadcast with his illegitimate offspring, leaving them to starve, condemning them to be outcast, giving them the terrible heritage of a mixed race and colour, branding them with a shame of his own devising. The "amaternal" woman is not a danger to the community; she injures none. The "apaternal" man is a pest and a venomous nuisance; of two evils, we advise the father of eugenics to attack the first and the worst.

### Blind Leaders of the Blind.

Dr. Saleeby further admires Ellen Key because she will not "allow such women to declare that theirs is the ideal type, or to decry the motherhood they do not share." This setting up of a bogey which does not exist, only to have the satisfaction of taking shies at the place where it might be, is peculiarly Anti-suffragist—and, we might add, unscientific. Every woman who does something well has a right to be proud of it, no matter what others may do as well or better; and no suffragists have yet set up an "ideal type"; it takes men to be so foolish. A school of thought led by this type of mind will never, we fear, have much good influence on the life of the day.

### More Impertinence!

The anti Press is hard at work, as usual, finding fault with women, whether Suffragists or not. Modern dress is now the scandalous topic of discussion; and *The Times* waxed duly solemn. Women are immodest, that is the long and short of it. They do not appear to know, or to care, what filthy things enter into the minds of some males at the sight of any female figure, or portion of it, not heavily draped. *The Pall Mall Gazette* is devoting a whole special correspondence to it. And it will not make a bit of difference! No one will hide anything, or show anything, in the way of neck or ankle or shape to please *The Times* or *The Pall Mall*. We greatly fear they will have to put up with things as they are and as they will be. No word has been breathed of the inartistic style of male dress introduced by that unenviable person, George IV. If women were, by any chance, afflicted with that overwhelming modesty of which *The Times* correspondents lament the absence, they would never venture abroad at all, so long as there was danger of an encounter with the ordinary man in city or sporting attire. So perhaps it is as well that the sensible sex is more sensible than some people like to admit.

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## TAX RESISTANCE.

### Mrs. Harvey's Continued Protest.

Once more has Mrs. Harvey made her defiant protest in the police-courts, and received a sentence of £5 and 14s. costs, with distraint on her goods, or in default one month's imprisonment in the second division. The action was in relation to the licence of a man-servant, to wit, the man-servant Asquith; and this is the second conviction on the same offence.

Brackenhill is still barricaded against the tax-collector, and there is still another tax unpaid. Another special warrant will be necessary to break in for distraint; and the sentence imposed last week has not yet been carried out. It will relieve the anxiety felt by many of Mrs. Harvey's friends to know that, if imprisoned, she will probably be committed to Holloway Gaol, where she will be among comrades, and not to Maidstone as was at first anticipated.

Miss Boyle and Mrs. Kineton Parkes were at Bromley Police Court to support Mrs. Harvey on July 28, and by the courtesy of the Bench Miss Boyle was allowed to speak for her. She maintained that the prosecution was a vindictive one, because of Mrs. Harvey's well-known views, and pointed out that her defence was not based on any legal quibble or evasion, but on a fundamental principle of the Constitution; and that principle she could not depart from. She stood for constitutional rights against statutory wrongs; all the grosser abuses of legislation had been purged from the statute-book by similar action in the past, and even by more violent and disorderly action. The only people now subject to such gross injustice were those who for physical reasons were unable to resort to armed rebellion. Such rebellion as she was capable of against these constant encroachments by statute on the Constitution and on the rights of the people, Mrs. Harvey held to be a sacred duty.

The County Council Collector, like the Insurance Commissioner's agent, asked for special costs against Mrs. Harvey, whereupon Miss Boyle protested vigorously.

"But she is contumacious," asserted the scandalised Bench.

Miss Boyle maintained that it was at any rate a high-minded contumacy, and that it would be disgraceful to impose special penalties on persons who were beyond question inspired by righteous and not by vicious motives. Eventually a fine of £5 was imposed—the minimum penalty allowable for a second offence; and only 14s. costs. Distraint was ordered after the simple-minded officials of the Court had asked for the money and found themselves refused. They further asked whether there were any goods on which to distraint, but were told that they must find that out for themselves.

Mrs. Harvey reiterated her determination not to pay, and thus remains with two sentences hanging over her. The sentence for resisting the Insurance Act has not yet been carried out; the house is still barricaded and can only be entered on a warrant.

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## THE POLITICAL SITUATION: A. M. G.!

The Happy Family of Downing-street has much to be thankful for, and should say its grace before meat with divine content. It is happy in the possession of a Home Secretary of singular tact and judgment, in the presence of a well-assorted party of harmonious tastes and views, and in the leadership of so genial and convinced a "Liberal" as Mr. Asquith. But most of all it is happy in its party Press.

Some little time ago, Lord Robert Cecil repudiated with warmth the suggestion that the Unionist Press was not independent, and opined that it was more so than the Press of the other party. "Then heaven help the noble lord if ever he is called on to take office," exclaimed the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with real feeling, "if his Press is more independent than ours!" And the House laughed heartily. We do not think there can be much laughter at Downing-street over the new and firm tone taken by *The Daily News* and *The Star*, in their enthusiasm for the Pilgrim marchers. And we may hazard a guess that those same marchers have but provided a decent and timely excuse for this outbreak of plain speaking; and that the growing indignation and concern in Liberal ranks over the spectacle of a Liberal coercion Government, and the disturbances caused by the suppression of free speech and the Cat-and-Mouse Act, have quite a lot to do with the case.

It is not easy for a Government to look dignified while women convicts attend public meetings in defiance of the police, and sell their prison-licences for large sums for the benefit of a cause declared to be illegal. It is not possible to follow the advice of *The Star*, and "brush the militants aside," when they can provoke, within thirty-six hours, three such outbreaks of disorder as Sunday afternoon in Trafalgar-square, Monday afternoon outside the Pavilion, and Monday night outside Holloway. It is not easy to feel comfortable while their actions are breeding such deep animosity between the police and the public. It is not safe to sit on a volcano. It is not wise to lead a Liberal party and run counter to every tradition of Liberalism. So *The Daily News* "ups and says," in the plainest possible way, "A. M. G.," or words to that effect; which the women, by-the-by, have been saying for quite a long time. And when one remembers the success achieved by three little letters like that in the quite recent case of Mr. Balfour, it must be giving the Happy Family "furious to think," within the serene seclusion of Downing-street.

### Bombastes Furioso Again.

Sir Edward Carson continues his buffooneries strenuously. Up and out at 4 a.m. for signalling, drumhead Sunday service, drillings, marchings, and unlimited "gas"—it is a giddy programme. Ulster seems to be having the time of her life; and we realise now for the first time how "out of it" she must have felt all these years, when all the "fun and foightin" was on the other side. She is going to make up for lost time now.

Sir Edward is still very Pankhurstful. (He must find

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it hard to forgive the leader of the W.S.P.U. for having got the start of him.) He says that if he is sent to prison it will be "the proudest day of his life." It seems a pity he cannot be sent to D.X. wing at Holloway, where he could get so many more points for his campaign; but he is doing quite nicely for an amateur. And he is nobly supported by Mr. Garvin, whose thunderings in *The Observer* are almost as rebellious and as incitatory as *The Suffragette*.

But we like Sir Edward best as the new champion of Nationalism. He is dreadfully angry with the Government for its cruelty and tyranny in punishing an Irish patriot lady who played "Boyne Water" on a concertina at her cottage door. Omitting, or disdaining, to note that this prosecution must have taken place under laws made by his party for enforcement against the Sinn Feins and the Ancient Hibernians, and so on, Sir Edward flings himself into a generous rage, and wonders why they do not arrest him, instead of "this poor woman." One wonders why he is so anxious to get to prison; perhaps, as someone has suggested, he does not really want to fight. But if he takes up all the cases of "Boyne Water," he will probably find himself some day in the running for Mr. John Redmond's shoes, and will be waving a Home Rule flag that will not be all green! Stranger things have happened. C. N. B.

## POLITICAL NEWS.

### Candid Friends.

We need do no more than quote *The Daily News*, *The Star*, and Mr. H. W. Massingham, as follows:—  
"It is clearly not enough to have a House of Commons committed to Woman Suffrage. We have had that a long time without result. The only sure way to success is to have a Government committed to Woman Suffrage, and it should be the aim of the movement to accomplish that result at the next General Election. The question cannot be permanently held up by Cabinet divisions which negative the overwhelming opinion of the party. There will be losses involved in securing



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a united Cabinet, but they will only be temporary losses, and in any case there are occasions when the issue must be held to be paramount. This is one of them. We have trifled with the question too long. The Liberal Party must make up its mind that this is not a pious opinion but a capital conviction for which sacrifices must, if necessary, be made.—*Daily News*, July 28.

"The time will soon come for the Liberal Party to make a bold advance on these lines. The militants must be brushed aside, and the great body of non-militant Suffragists must get their chance. There is no future for a Liberalism which bases itself upon a flat denial of the right of woman to be admitted to the full rights and duties of citizenship."—*Star*, July 28.

"If then, the business of statesmanship is to gather together the finest elements in the nation and to liberate for the nation's work all the forces available, is not Liberalism somewhat behind its job? What of the enfranchisement of women? A passing phase of discontent? What a ridiculous judgment! It is the very stuff of the age. Every light breeze carries it forward; all the more powerful currents of thought are with it. Is a little impatience and disgust over the Suffragettes going to stop it? Will it pause to consult the convenience of Cabinets? Look at the Liberal position. You cannot oppose the Suffrage with Liberal arguments. All the current coin of our creed—no taxation without representation, the widening of the basis of the Suffrage, the right of all interests to be heard in Parliament through the instruments of their choice—are minted in the women's behalf. The practical consequences of a refusal of liberty are equally disastrous to us. Coercion without concession—we know where that road leads us."—Mr. MASSINGHAM, in *The Daily News*, July 28.

### Petitioning the King: Two Women Seized.

During the inspection of National Reservists at Chichester, on the arrival of the King for Goodwood on July 28, two Suffragists endeavoured to present a petition. His Majesty had just reached the end of the line of Reservists with the Duke of Richmond, when an elderly woman, dressed as a nurse, ran forward, and, half dropping on her knee, held a paper in front of the King. The Duke pushed her aside, and Mr. Spencer, the King's private detective, ran forward and seized the woman. A younger woman endeavoured to repeat the performance, and she also was seized. Both were detained in the station waiting-room until after the departure of the King, and were then released. Their names were given as Nurse Gifford and Miss Hope. Later information says that His Majesty stretched out his hand to take the petition, but was thwarted by the Duke of Richmond, who pushed Nurse Gifford aside, although she was wearing the badge of Queen Alexandra's Nurses. The King recognised the right of women as subjects to present petitions, and ordered the release of the petitioners.

### "Cat and Mouse" Deputation: Police Brutality: Their Numbers.

Mrs. Edith M. Watson, of the Women's Freedom League, sent to *The Daily Herald* the following account, as an eyewitness, of what took place at the House of Commons on July 24, when the deputation from the "Cat and Mouse" Conference requested to see the Prime Minister, and, in his absence, the Home Secretary:—

"The conference chose a dozen delegates, among whom were Sir Edward Busk, Lady Sybil Smith, Miss Nina Boyle, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson, and Mr. Futvoje. Some thirty women marched with them to St. Stephen's, and so nonplussed were the police at our unexpected arrival that we swept in victoriously.

"The deputation got through the second door on their way to Asquith; the rest of us waited quietly on the outer steps. An inspector and two policemen arrived, and asked us to wait outside. We pointed out that we had a perfect right to stay where we were.

"The inspector sent out an order, 'Bring up all the men you can.' Soon after, six policemen arrived and ranged themselves in front of the glass door at the top of the outer steps, effectually masking what was happening the other side of the door.

"Some of the ladies had sent in their cards to their M.P., and were waiting for answers. Suddenly from behind the fence of policemen about twenty others poured through the inner lobby and commenced hustling us down the stairs. We were quite unprepared for the rush, and were in no position to offer resistance. Women were pushed, dragged, thumped, and thrown into the street. One policeman was fighting a woman.

"An old lady was knocked down and trodden on. A girl was unconscious when they threw her out, another woman was deliberately tripped up by a policeman. Miss Broadhurst, whom no one in the highest flights of fancy could imagine doing anything unlawful, was pushed into the gutter.

"I took the numbers of those policemen who were guilty of absolute violence. They are: 559A, 557A, 359A, 450A, 357A, 67A, 189A, 37A, 153A, and 12A. These numbers were sent in to Mr. Keir Hardie. Outside the House, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Evelyn Sharp, and Lady Sybil Smith were arrested."

### Mr. McKenna Smiles.

At the Home Office on July 25, Mr. McKenna gave an audience to Sir Edward Busk, who headed the deputation from the Con-

ference. In compliance with the stipulation of the Home Secretary, Sir Edward attended alone, and presented the petition asking for the repeal of the Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act. To a Press interviewer Sir Edward said: "I told Mr. McKenna that there was no mode of stopping the disorder except by removing the grievances under which women suffered, that is by giving them the vote. Mr. McKenna said that his duty was only to administer the law; he told me that his duties under this Act are extremely painful to him, but he could hold out no hope that the Act would be repealed. At the conclusion of the interview I told him that the result was most unsatisfactory to us, at which Mr. McKenna smiled." Sir Edward Busk will report to the Conference.

### By Order of the Government: Four, not Fourteen, Days.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Sybil Smith, and Miss Evelyn Sharp, who were sentenced last Friday in connection with the disorder in St. Stephen's Hall, were released on Monday morning by the Government. They were informed by the governor on Saturday that he had received a new commitment by the Home Secretary changing the sentence of fourteen days to one of four days, and that they would therefore be released on Monday morning.

It is understood that the reason for the reduction of the sentences on Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Sybil Smith, and Miss Evelyn Sharp from fourteen days to four is the disparity between the treatment accorded to them for their behaviour at St. Stephen's Hall and that meted out to other persons who have recently disturbed the peace in the gallery of the House of Commons itself. The man who threw a bag of flour at Mr. Asquith and the two men who fired toy pistols were not put in prison at all. The Governor of Holloway has since stated that the magistrate was responsible for the reduction of sentence.

The hunger strike was adopted by Lady Sybil Smith and Miss Sharp from the moment they received sentence. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence explained to the prison authorities that she took up exactly the same position as on the occasion of her last imprisonment, and would reserve the hunger strike as a protest to be used if the condition of treatment as a political prisoner was refused.

### Labour Candidates for Parliament.

Twelve new Labour candidates have now been secured by the Labour Party in addition to the forty seats they hold in the House of Commons. The names are as follows:—

Jarrow.—Mr. A. G. Cameron (Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners).

West Wolverhampton.—Mr. A. G. Walkden (Railway Clerks' Association).

Preston.—Mr. W. H. Carr, J.P. (United Textile Factory Workers).

Wigan.—Mr. H. Twist, J.P.

Leigh.—Mr. T. Greenall (Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation).

West Hull.—Mr. Alfred Gould (Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners).

Crewe.—Mr. J. Holmes (Railway Servants).

Mid-Lothian.—Mr. Robert Brown (Scottish Miners' Federation).

Portsmouth.—Councillor J. Mactavish.

York.—Mr. H. H. Schloesser (Fabian Society).

Bristol (East).—Mr. W. H. Ayles (I.L.P.).

St. Helens.—Mr. J. Sexton (Liverpool Dockers' Union).

The last two candidates have yet to receive the sanction of the Executive of the Labour party, which will, of course, be given. Mr. Burt, who is classed as a Liberal, will be succeeded at Morpeth at the next election by a Labour Party candidate, but no selection has yet been made.—*Regnolds's*, July 27.

### Mr. Lansbury's Appeal Dismissed.

Sir John Dickinson's decision at Bow-street against Mr. George Lansbury was upheld on July 28 by Justices Bray, Avory, and Lush, sitting as a Divisional Court. Mr. Montague Shearman, K.C., for Mr. Lansbury, said Sir John Dickinson bound over Mr. Lansbury in sureties to keep the peace in consequence of certain speeches delivered in connection with the Women's Suffrage movement. In default of sureties he was to go to prison. Mr. Shearman maintained that Justices of the Peace had only jurisdiction to bind over persons who were "pillors or barrators"—in other words, wandering robbers. It could not be said that Mr. Lansbury came under that description.

Without calling upon the Attorney-General to reply, Mr. Justice Bray delivered the judgment of the Court dismissing the appeal with costs. His Lordship maintained that the magistrate had jurisdiction to bind over in such a case. The other Justices concurred. Mr. Lansbury and Mr. John Seurr will now be required to surrender their persons to the authorities.

### Woman Suffrage: Lord Robert Cecil to Speak at Glasgow.

Lord Robert Cecil is to deliver the inaugural address of the forthcoming session of the Glasgow Parliamentary Debating Association. The meeting will take place in the Athenæum on Saturday, October 11, and the subject of the address will be "The Enfranchisement of Women."

### Suffrage Pilgrims.

Commenting on the Suffrage pilgrimage, *The New Statesman* of July 26 says: "The reception of the pilgrims by the public has been cordial enough to satisfy the most exacting Suffragist,

while the attitude of prominent individuals and representative bodies has been if anything more encouraging still. It was natural enough that the pilgrims should receive the support of agricultural labourers on strike, be welcomed by I.L.P. branches, and protected by trade union guards of honour against occasional gangs of hooligans. But it was not expected, and therefore is all the more encouraging, that in all parts of the country the pilgrims should have received the hospitality of mayors and corporations, been cheered on by justices of the peace and representatives of the professions, and should, in a noteworthy degree, have been able to count upon the active assistance of the clergy. All this is strikingly to the good, and we may fairly count it as convincing evidence that, not merely in relation to the demand of the women for the rights of citizenship, the strongholds of obscurantism in England are at last yielding to the influence of progressive ideas."

### In Hyde Park.

The successful demonstration in Hyde Park on Saturday afternoon, July 26, was the culmination of the great pilgrimage which began six weeks ago and marched on London from north, south, east and west. There were nineteen platforms from which eminent marchers and others spoke. At the president's platform the speakers were Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Chapman Catt (President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance), Mrs. Cooper, (a Lancashire worker), and Miss Courtney. Mr. W. H. Dickinson, M.P., of "Dickinson Bill" fame, was among other speakers, also Mrs. Philip Snowden, Mrs. Nott Bower, Lady Rochdale, Miss Chrystal Macmillan, Miss Susan Lawrence, Miss Maude Royden, Miss Gore Booth, Miss Margaret Ashton, and many others. The resolution demanding a Government measure for the enfranchisement of women was carried with overwhelming majorities at each platform and with great enthusiasm. It is estimated that 70,000 people were present at the demonstration. The banners, flags and colours of the Union—red, white, and green—were most effective and picturesque.

### Trafalgar Square Demonstration.

On Sunday afternoon a great demonstration took place in Trafalgar-square, London, organised by the Men's Federation for Woman Suffrage and the East London Federation of the W.S.P.U. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, a "mouse" out on licence, made a dramatic appearance on the plinth of the Nelson Column, and after a stirring appeal for followers to take to Downing-street the declarations demanding Woman Suffrage, signed in the East End, she proceeded down Whitehall, protected by a band of stalwart East End men and surrounded by a dense crowd. The police threw a cordon across the road and with the aid of mounted men eventually succeeded in arresting Miss Pankhurst, as her licence had expired. In the struggle with the police thirteen women and eleven men were arrested. Fifteen cases were heard at Bow-street on Monday morning on charges of obstruction and assault, most of whom received sentences varying from one month to five days.

Miss Frances Dickeson, arrested on Sunday during the Trafalgar-square riot, was charged with very diversified exhibitions of violent conduct, among others of bringing a police horse to its knees and the man on it to the ground. We understand that Miss Dickeson denies the charges made against her, and shall await her release so as to give her an opportunity of telling her own story. She has gone to Holloway for 14 days, and headquarters has not yet heard whether or not she is hunger-striking.

### Mrs. Pankhurst at the Pavilion Meeting.

After her arrest at the London Pavilion on July 21, Mrs. Pankhurst was taken to Holloway, where she continued a hunger and thirst strike, and was released in a most serious condition on July 24. Transfusion of blood was declared necessary by three eminent medical men owing to her inanition, and proved successful. She was wheeled on to the stage at the Pavilion meeting on July 28, and received a most enthusiastic welcome. In a moving speech, she spoke of the victorious fight, and said that if she were alive she would attend next week's meeting and all others that were possible. Her licence was sold for £100. No attempt was made to arrest her.

Miss Annie Kenney, who also spoke at the meeting, was rearrested outside the Pavilion after a struggle. She had declared that if released on licence she should sit outside Holloway until rearrested and keep on hunger strike.

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"You won't fail me?"  
"Oh no."

The Minister stood on the doorstep, hat in hand, bowing and smiling, as the two ladies drove away. "A charming woman," he said to himself as he walked down the street, "charming! Intelligent, womanly—oh, if all women—those Suffragettes—!" The Suffragettes sat heavy on his soul. He did not know what to do with them. Over and over again they had been suppressed, and over and over again there they were as lively as ever. To cart them off in Black Maria meant complaints—public complaints, complaints that got into the newspapers—against the prison-van system; to put them in prison meant that almost immediately they were out again; to refuse to listen to them meant that they turned up in all manner of impossible places. Banquets, bazaars, meetings, had all been polluted by their presence; even old Father Thames had been made a means of their minxiness, for had they not appeared upon his venerable bosom, and, without even attempting to catch the eye of the Speaker, addressed in fluent speech Members of THE HOUSE assembled on the Terrace?

But this woman was, oh! so different. He had met her at a friend's house; she was staying with Lady Frank, she had told him, who had brought her to Mrs. Cattermole's party. He did not particularly like Lady Frank, but he did like her friend, Mrs. Deeper. She had listened to what he had to say, looking up at him with large, earnest eyes, seeming to hang upon his words, and he had asked if Mrs. Frank would not bring her, if she could not be persuaded to come, to his reception—his wife's official Ministerial reception, on Thursday evening. She had hesitated, in such a sweet, womanly way, and had said, was he quite sure? How did he know but what she might be a Suffragette? And he had laughed, and said, not she. He knew a Suffragette when he saw one, and in any case he would take the risk. That being so, she would certainly come, she said. A sweet woman! He would have thought so had he seen her as she drove home, for she smiled most of the way.

When the Minister told his wife, she said she didn't care about Lady Frank, suspected her views, and should suspect her friends. This made the Minister furious, and he insisted upon her sending a special card, with a polite note to Mrs. Deeper; and as his wife was an Anti and always gave in to him, she did as he told her.

A tremendous crush; people pushing and elbowing their way up the grand staircase. The Minister and his wife stand at the top, welcoming their guests. Tiresome guests, many of them—uninteresting. But here comes one who is far from tiresome, one to whom, by-and-by, the Minister hopes to pour out more of his opinions; here, in the wake of Lady Frank, comes Mrs. Deeper. She takes his held-out hand, her earnest eyes meet his with a long gaze, longer than is convenient or quite seemly, for she ought to pass on; but she doesn't. She stands there, before all the people, her hand grasping his with a grasp that grows ever tighter, and instead of saying "How do you do," what she says is, in a voice, very clear and firm: "Mr. McAsloyd, why do you persist in injustice? Why do you refuse to give Votes to Women?"

The state of that party is better imagined than described. The awfulness of the situation! For there was a Suffragette, loose, untamed, and only some hundreds of ordinary men and women to deal with her! No police! The danger was appalling. The wonderful

#### QUALITY AND VALUE.

A perusal of the illustrated catalogue of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company, Ltd.—which can be obtained post free from 112, Regent-street, London, W.—convinces me that purchasers of gem jewellery and gold and silver plate may there obtain the utmost value for their money.

thing was that the Minister did not faint, and the papers the next day described his coolness and courage as marvellous. But he did quail, as she was dragged past him, as her eyes once more met his, as she said: "You took the risk, you know."

A sad story, and the saddest part is that the innocence of that Minister has been destroyed, his confidence betrayed. Never again will he trust the gaze of large earnest eyes; never again regard, without suspicion, even the most womanly seeming woman who appears to hang upon his words.

Alas; and alas, and alas!

G. COLMORE.

### HOW SOME MEN PROTECT WOMEN.

#### Killed.

Two tramps, husband and wife, of the name of Nichol, called at the farm of John Crawford, of Co. Antrim. They refused to go away, and Mr. Crawford fired, hitting the woman in the neck and killing her.

Nellie Kathleen and Frederick Ernest, aged two years and three months, and Beatrice Maud, aged ten months, children of Frederick Robertson, ticket-writer, of Hackney, found with their throats cut in the masonry of a house. Mother ill in hospital. Left the children well. Father in custody, the state of his mind being inquired into.

Beatrice Green, aged eighteen, of Dartmoor, shot by her half-brother, William Coombs, a naval pensioner. The man had been drinking, and sent the younger sister out of the way. He afterwards called to the girl, who ran away screaming. Coombs then blew out his brains.

#### Murderous Assault.

Adelina Depadi, shot by her sweetheart, Henry Potter, at Exeter. Not expected to recover. Prisoner remanded last Thursday. Had written a letter suggestive of his intention to kill both the girl and himself.—*Daily Mail.*

#### Criminal Assault.

At the Central Criminal Court, London, on July 25, a man named Stimson, a painter, aged twenty-three, was convicted of rape on a girl between thirteen and sixteen, and was sentenced to **six months' hard labour.**

Another named Lobjoit, aged eighteen, at the same Court on the same day, charged with incest on his sister, aged thirteen, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to **twelve months' hard labour.**

John Charles Careswell, convicted on July 24, before Mr. Justice Lawrie, of living on the earnings of prostitution. Three times previously convicted of same offence, besides large number of other convictions. Had brutally assaulted and ill-treated the woman, to force her to earn money for him. **Twelve months' hard labour** and twenty five strokes with the birch.—*Times.*

#### Abduction.

Miriam Tudor, weaver, sixteen, taken away by Edward Parkinson, aged twenty-nine, fellow-worker, a married man. Took her from Haslingden to Fleetwood, stayed with her there as man and wife, and then deserted her with only 7s. Stated that he was "not particularly" fond of her, but pleaded that he was "easily led." **Committed for trial.**—*Reynolds's*, July 27.

Gladys Davies, aged sixteen, abducted by Edward Stidder, married man. Appears to have followed him about at his request, and was devotedly fond of him. Mr. Justice Cole-ridge, saying that he had persuaded the girl to go with him and then "cast her aside like a loathsome weed," sentenced him to **seven months' hard labour.**

#### Assault.

Mrs. Farrell, dragged out of bed, kicked and beaten in the early hours of morning by her husband after celebrating their silver wedding. Before Bailie W. B. Smith, at the Queen's Park Police-court, Pollokshaws, sentenced to **ten days.**

Lottie Baxter, of Nottingham, aged twenty, decoyed away from Liverpool, where she and a friend had gone to find work in a laundry, by two young Runcorn men. Deserted her after midnight at Runcorn. Was found weeping by a policeman near a cemetery. Was "remanded," with a view to restoring her to her parents.

It does not appear that this poor girl had committed any crime; and why it was necessary for the police to charge her, before communicating with her family, is not explained.



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### PROFESSIONAL HYPOCRISY.

There are kinds of effrontery so impudent as to leave us without words to characterise them; and the manifesto of the doctors, published in *The Morning Post* last week, is one of them. *The Pall Mall Gazette* gravely informs us that, acting on its—the P.M.G.'s—recommendation, the British Medical Association, at its conference at Bristol, called upon the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the subject in the interests of public health; and other Press organs, at first afraid to touch the subject at all, are suddenly breaking out into hypocritical panegyrics on the public-spirited action of the doctors! The subject is the unpleasant one of venereal disease, of which 40,000 new cases in the gravest form occur every year in London alone. The manifesto points out that whereas enormous pains in regard to public health are being taken in cases of consumption and other diseases, "a conspiracy of silence" surrounds this most awful of all the awful scourges that afflict humanity. It is a pity that these insincere gentlemen do not go a step further and mention who is responsible for this conspiracy. Women know.

For more years than one cares to think of, women nurses and social reformers, visitors, and inspectors, have been denouncing this criminal conspiracy of silence. It is the medical profession alone that is responsible; and to have the heads of the great medical organisations fulminating against their own approved handiwork is a form of Satan rebuking sin which has a piquant interest all its own. It is the medical profession which has signed false certificates of death, and not given the true reason for the heavy infantile-mortality returns; it is the medical profession which has refused to allow married women to know what was the matter with them and their miserable blighted babes—for fear, forsooth, of marring the harmony of the home so sinfully abused, for fear that no more such terrible babies should be born! It is the medical profession which has allowed men to contract marriages without a word of warning to parent or bride; it is the medical profession which has coined fortunes out of treatment and "cure," out of the hideous operations endured by poisoned women, out of the "family practice" that such poisoning builds up.

There has indeed been a "conspiracy of silence"; and the entry of women practitioners dealt the first blow to its shrouded secrecy. It is to them, and to the brave men, some of whose names appear on the manifesto, who risked professional prestige and advancement to stand by the women's Cause, that we doubtless owe this sudden awakening to a sense of the enormity of that silence. Just as our cry roused the country to a knowledge of the horrors of the traffic in women, so our cry, discreetly anticipated by these professional gentlemen who have learnt wisdom in time, will again cleanse the land from a welter of moral and physical filthiness. Only we must see to it that a Royal Commission—that official vehicle of delay—be composed of a correct proportion of women. It is not at all unlikely that this is but another device for endeavouring to secure the protection of male vice by a revival of the C. D. Acts; and had the much-vaunted remedy, "606," proved to be all that was hoped for from it, it is possible that nothing would have been heard of the manifesto or of the "conspiracy of silence."

C. NINA BOYLE.

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### AN UNLICENSED DOG.

The Cat and Mouse Act is not the only one that shows the propensity of the Government to "worry" the Suffragist. There is another form of persecution of a petty nature, but none the less ignoble, that is being tried on one of the members of the Women's Tax Resistance League, Miss Alice M. Walters, of Bristol.

The lady owns a dog on which she refuses to pay a licence, as she is determined to pay no taxes till women are represented in Parliament. In March of this year she was summoned for having no licence, and as she had no goods on which to distrain, was imprisoned for seven days for non-payment of fine. In April she was again summoned for being without a dog licence. She refused to appear in Court this time, but the constable swore that "he saw a terrier sitting on the window-sill," and on this grave evidence the owner of the guilty-innocent was again fined, and on non-payment, cast into prison for another seven days. Not satisfied, the attack has been renewed a third time, and quite recently Miss Walters was imprisoned a third time for the same offence, i.e., keeping a dog without licence. This time she appeared in Court, and on being asked if she had goods on which to distrain, made an answer that was caught up by the Press: "No, but I have a castle in Spain." "Beyond the jurisdiction of the English Courts?" asked the clerk.

So the game goes on. Meanwhile, pending the fourth summons, mistress and dog are enjoying a good holiday. "His name is Daniel," said Miss Walters, "but I think I shall re-christen him 'Peg,' because I use him to hang my protest on."

#### OUR OPEN COLUMN.

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#### WOMEN DOCTORS FOR WOMEN INSURERS.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

MADAM,—May I suggest that any woman Suffragist insuring her life and being required to undergo a medical examination might request the right to the services of a medical woman? I believe no insurance company at present employs a medical officer for the convenience of women clients, and a demand on the part of the feminine public would no doubt encourage them to do so.—Yours faithfully,  
M. E. LUCAS.  
13, Stock Orchard-crescent, Holloway, N., June 24, 1913.

THE BLIND AS SUFFRAGISTS.—An interesting meeting was held at the Nurses' Institute recently, when Mrs. Tanner spoke on "The Need of the Vote." The audience consisted entirely of blind people. They listened with rapt attention to the address, frequently breaking into applause. At the end a most interesting and animated discussion took place, in the course of which eloquent speeches were made. It was quite evident that in spite of their great affliction the audience consisted of intelligent people, who kept themselves abreast of the times.

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## THE ONE THING NEEDFUL.

In our last issue we endeavoured to show the nation's lack. We tried to prove that while those who hold in their hands the destinies of the country, and those who, for reasons, many of which seem quite futile, place one or other of the two political parties in power continue to be, in a large majority, devoid of any true or deep sense of human responsibility, we shall never have a prosperous and happy community.

There arises, then, the mighty—to some the insoluble—problem, How is this sense of responsibility to be formed; and—no less momentous—when it has come, and come in sufficient force to be felt even by those who now fill the seats of the mighty, how will it work?

To deal with these we must look at public life as it is lived to-day.

An illuminating and clever pamphlet called "The Party System" has lately been written. Its authors are not Suffragists. In fact, they do not seem to think that, given the present situation, political freedom is of any particular value either to woman or man. With pitiless clearness they expose that which lies behind present-day politics—the intrigue, the wire-pulling, the sham heroics, the real corruption that are eating like a poisonous canker into political life in England and thrusting our House of Commons ever more deeply into the gulf of decrepitude.

The most painful part of this terrible indictment is that no way is shown out of the deadlock to which the nation has come. Could one see the dawn of some new institution which would take the place of that hope of Democracy, the House of Commons, one might make for it. But there is nothing ahead. The question then arises, Is it possible that Parliament can be mended?

The authors are doubtful; but they put forward some ingenious suggestions. No dissolutions; Parliaments elected for four years; the present omnipotent Cabinet superseded by committees of departments, each with its chairman to place its reports before the House for ratification or rejection. In the country Initiative as well as Referendum, so that the House of Representatives, whose business it is to govern by consent, should be fully informed of the needs and desires of the nation. These, they think, might galvanise Parliament and the electorate. The weakness, however, consists in this: that the mass of men despair of the House of Commons. What the country feels is: "The old thing is fading; let it fade." And they predict that "we are in for one of those evil spaces, subject to foreign insult and domestic misfortune, which invariably attach to nations when, for a period, they lose grip over their own destinies."

When, in other words, they lose their sense of responsibility.

Now we come to grips with the real difficulty. In order that the dangers which threaten us shall be averted; in order that hope may be revived and confidence established, one thing is needful. Far be it from

us to say that it is not to be found in our nation. We believe, on the contrary, that it is here amongst us in full force, and ready for action; but, unfortunately, the base, low-born plutocracy of our time, taking the initiative, has pushed back the thing that we need, so that sometimes it is difficult to find. Character, strong, courageous, pure, honest, spiritual; character, dauntless, devoted, diligent; character, patriotic, human, perceptive—that is "the one thing needful."

Does it now come to the front in public life? Not even the politicians themselves will dare to say that it does. To ordinary persons it seems that these very qualities which go to the formation of great character are strikingly absent from political leaders. Courage! When the Prime Minister himself takes the meanest method of escaping from fulfilment of his pledges; when the Home Secretary, surely the puniest creature in the country, wages his petty war with women, to whom justice is refused; when all the Ministers of the Crown surround themselves with detectives; when peaceable deputations of honourable women are driven back by force from the House of Commons, hustled, thrown down, insulted, arrested because they dare to speak the truth. Honesty! When promises and pledges lightly made, are even more lightly broken, and when men of wealth, whose support is of value to political parties, are endowed with titles and lucrative posts. Patriotism! When Parliament refuses to deal with matters of such vital importance to the country as the wages, the hours and the conditions of labour, and tacitly allows children to be half-starved, stunted, and dwarfed.

No; amongst the Members of modern Parliaments such qualities may be; but they are hidden. Certainly they do not exist in sufficient force to make our legislators respectable or respected.

What then? Are we to fold our arms in despair? Are we to make up our minds that presently the heavily loaded political machine will run itself down and that nothing but domestic anarchy, followed, in all probability, by foreign domination, lies before us? That seems to be the conclusion to which the authors of this remarkable pamphlet have come.

They have some faint hope in political education of the democracy, which might thus be led to demanding reform within the machine itself. But "if"—and here we agree with them—"freemen will not make an effort to control their representatives, the law-making institution of England, which has already ceased to be an instrument of government, is done with."

How pitiful it all is! Starvation is terrible; but such starvation as some of our women are undergoing—a slow collapse with good food within easy reach of the hand—that is more terrible still. The nation can be saved. Still, as in the days that have been, there are at hand good men and true; there are strong, honest, compassionate women, educated—these last—in the bitter school of sorrow. These are ready to serve; no scope is given to them and, for lack of what they might bring, the nation perishes.

We are not romancing. We earnestly believe that, given an electorate, educated by the pressure of life; given straightness of purpose amongst them; given the gift of intuition, in the light of which character can be seen and tested; given, above all, that determination which says to suppliant candidates: "Unless you will do our business, we will choose others to serve us," and, in a very few years, we might see extraordinary changes. We might have a House of Commons strong enough to reform itself, wise enough to break away from the fetters of party, and free enough to vote independently of party Whips.

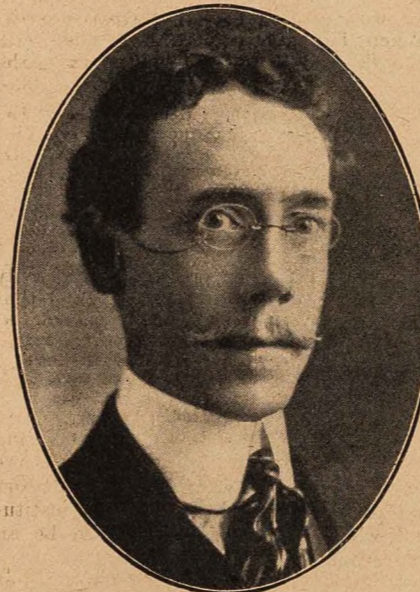
One of the strange things is that these clever authors cannot see how essential the insight and experience of women are to effect what they and the real people of the nation desire. Strange, too, that feeling as they do the awful peril that threatens us, they cannot understand how horror of the present system, with visualization

even keener than theirs, of what it means for the country, and especially for the children who are growing up amongst us, burns like an unquenchable fire at the heart of our agitation; that in this battle which is eating out our lives, character, the one thing needful for redemption, is being formed; that from this, as from a spiritual crucible, will emerge strength, wisdom and knowledge, we earnestly believe. Therefore, in face of reproach, misconception and ridicule, we go on doggedly.

Already the hour of deliverance is striking. In the woman's words, tinged with scorn, yet full of wit and wisdom, that last week penetrated the sanctity of the Commons' tea-tables; in the marching feet of many pilgrims; in the women's deputations to the House that denies and browbeats them because they are women; in the ever-open prison; throughout the country where political education is being given, and social and political abuses are being exposed, those who care to understand can read the word of the future. We, meanwhile, seeing the goal, stand firm. Our position is unassailable. We know that when we and our brother-workers dare sufficiently we shall be free.

C. DESPARD.

## GOOD WISHES TO MR. G. E. O'DELL.



G. E. O'DELL.

Our readers will be interested to know that our good friend and ready helper (Mr. G. E. O'Dell) will leave England this month for a lecturing tour in the United States. We envy the people of the United States; they will have the pleasure of hearing, as we have done, Mr. O'Dell's able discourses on many subjects, including "Ann Whitfield" and "Blanco Posnet." Our regret that Mr. O'Dell is not able to lecture for us during the coming autumn is tempered by the knowledge that while in America he will write to THE VOTE about his impressions, and on his return will reappear on the Freedom League platform. In the meantime, members and friends who are in touch with American Suffragists and Anti-suffragists will do them good service by giving information about Mr. O'Dell's visit. The following particulars as to dates and subjects of Mr. O'Dell's lectures will be useful:—

Mr. G. E. O'Dell will be in Chicago during September and the first week in October; in New York and Philadelphia during October and November; in Chicago and St. Louis during December. Letters should be addressed to him at Chicago, care of "Henry Booth House," and at New York, care of The Society for Ethical Culture. His lecture subjects include the following: "What Militancy has done for Women's Suffrage," "The Women's Insurrection in England—and Afterwards," "How the Case Against Women's Suffrage is really a Case For It," "Ought Women to Seek Equality with Men?" "Shakespeare's Women and Mr. Bernard Shaw's," "The Character of Ann Whitfield in *Man and Superman*," "The Antagonism Between Women and Men." Also a course of five lectures on "The Spirit of Revolt in Modern Life," as follows: (1) "The Votes-for-Women Movement"; (2) "The Revolt Against Marriage"; (3) "The Revolt against the Family"; (4) "The

Revolt Against Class Distinctions"; (5) "The Demand for Democracy in Religion." Mr. O'Dell is a member of the Guild of Ethical Preachers, and one of Dr. Stanton Coit's colleagues at the Ethical Church, Bayswater. His little book on "How to Speak in Public" is invaluable to beginners and useful to the experienced.

*Bon voyage!* and *au revoir!* we say.

## MR. PEPPERCORN'S AWAKENING.

### I.—THE CHALLENGE.

MR. and MRS. PEPPERCORN, MISS ELIZA PEPPERCORN (sister to MR. PEPPERCORN), and ADOLPHUS PEPPERCORN (his son), seated.

MR. PEPPERCORN (reading newspaper): Disgraceful! absolutely disgraceful! Whatever are women coming to? This must be put a stop to at once!—at once, I say!

MRS. PEPPERCORN: Yes, dear, certainly. But what is the matter now?

MR. PEPPERCORN: Matter! matter!! Imagine your mother, or my mother, behaving like these unsexed viragoes of the present day! Hysterical females that do not deserve to be called women—that's what they are, neither more nor less!

AUNT ELIZA: Would it not be more correct to say, Augustus, that we cannot truthfully call them *ladies*?

MRS. PEPPERCORN: But we need not mind them, need we, dear? It is so nice that you are not in politics. Excitement is so bad for the digestion!

MR. PEPPERCORN: Like a woman! Talk about digestion, when the fate of the country hangs in the balance! Digestion, indeed!

MRS. PEPPERCORN: The fate of the country? Are the Germans really coming at last? Do you think we should remove? Edinburgh is so near the Firth of Forth.

AUNT ELIZA: But then it is such a refined city, Louisa.

ADOLPHUS: Don't be alarmed, mother; I've made up my mind to join the Territorials.

AUNT ELIZA: Dear boy!

MRS. PEPPERCORN: That, of course, makes a difference.

MR. PEPPERCORN: Whatever are you talking about? Germans? Who mentioned Germans? They at least are *men*.

MRS. PEPPERCORN: Some of them—not quite all, surely, dear? But what was it in the paper? I always do think that horrid pink edition upsets you on a Saturday evening.

ADOLPHUS: Only edition there's anything in worth reading. Nothing but politics in the others!

BEATRICE MARY (coming in from out-of-doors): Hullo, dad! Why, whatever's the matter? Have they made a bad selection for the International again?

AUNT ELIZA: Beatrice Mary, that is not at all a proper way for a young lady to greet her papa.

ADOLPHUS: As if you knew anything about Internationals!

BEATRICE: Anyhow, I'm interested in the doings of a few other people besides Bobby Walker. But what is it, dad?

AUNT ELIZA: Who is this Mr. Robert Walker of whom you speak so familiarly?

MR. PEPPERCORN: Oh, don't mind them, Eliza. This time, unfortunately, they have selected only too well. Listen to this: "Stop Press News: The Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer were this evening kidnapped, when on their way to their favourite resort, the Isle of Man. Suffragettes do not deny their connection with this dastardly outrage, and have issued a statement that the Ministers will be well fed, but will be released only on the promise of a Government measure for Woman Suffrage."

ADOLPHUS: Ha, ha! Well played! That's smart enough! MR. PEPPERCORN (throwing down paper): Smart, indeed! Why, nobody is safe. I might be the next!

MRS. PEPPERCORN: I don't think so, dear. It's only important people they want, I should think. But if the worst came to the worst, it would be such a comfort to know that you were being well fed.

MR. PEPPERCORN: To you, my dear. But what do those unwomanly creatures care?

AUNT ELIZA: Truly unwomanly! To kidnap men! And so unnecessary! Dear Mr. Churchill has so carefully explained that coaxing is the way to manage them.

MRS. PEPPERCORN: But we must not be too hard on the women. Remember many of them have no nice, comfortable homes of their own.

BEATRICE: Whose fault is that?

MR. PEPPERCORN: Whose fault is that? They have left their proper sphere, which, of course, is the home. That's at the root of the evil. I am glad to see that you agree with me, Beatrice Mary.

AUNT ELIZA: Ah, yes! Woman's sphere is the home, as Lord Curzon so beautifully puts it; or as the dear German Emperor says, her true interests are kiddies, kirk, and kitchen.

BEATRICE: But I didn't quite mean that, father. I—I think there's a lot to be said on the other side.

MR. PEPPERCORN: Can I—do I—hear right? A daughter of mine upholding hooliganism! That I should have lived to see this day, and to hear such words!

ADOLPHUS: Go it, sis! *Sings*: "Since my wife became a Suffragette."

BEATRICE: Oh, be quiet, 'Dolph, and do take your hands

out of your pockets. You're not in the Government service yet!

ADOLPHUS: No, they'd be in other people's pockets, then!

Mrs. PEPPERCOORN (*agitated*): Surely you realise that woman's proper sphere is in the home, Beatrice Mary, after the way in which I've brought you up.

BEATRICE: Yes, yes, mother; and I'm not upholding anybody, dad; but you know some women have to provide their own homes.

Mr. PEPPERCOORN: They've no business to! They ought to be married.

BEATRICE: But you know they can't all be married. There are not enough men, and you wouldn't like to have all of them forced to marry, would you? How'd you like it, Dolph?

ADOLPHUS, *shrugging his shoulders, sings*: "Three women to every man."

BEATRICE: Yes—well, not quite, you know, daddy; don't look so horrified. But it's a fact that there aren't enough men to go round.

Mrs. PEPPERCOORN: Don't be flippant about such a sacred subject, I beg of you, Beatrice Mary. It pains me to hear you.

Mr. PEPPERCOORN: And, of course, any nice girl can get married.

BEATRICE: Then she may become a widow.

Mrs. PEPPERCOORN (*pained*): Really, Beatrice!

BEATRICE: Well, you know she may. Don't you think she should be prepared?

AUNT ELIZA: Prepared to become a widow? How shocking!

BEATRICE: No, no; prepared to support herself, and maybe a family.

Mr. PEPPERCOORN: You are positively indelicate. Have you been to a Suffrage meeting?

BEATRICE: No; at least, I've stood for a few minutes to listen to them in the street once or twice.

AUNT ELIZA: Ah, that is the thin end of the wedge!

Mr. PEPPERCOORN: This comes of allowing our daughter to go about alone! *I told you so!*

Mrs. PEPPERCOORN: So you did, dear. But I cannot possibly go with her always. She—she walks so fast.

ADOLPHUS: And you needn't glare at me like that. Bea doesn't want me always tagging around after her.

BEATRICE: Indeed I don't! I'm not a child, father—and I'm sorry to bother you, but we may as well have it out now. I—want—to learn to earn my own living.

Mr. AND Mrs. PEPPERCOORN: You—want—to earn—your own living!

ADOLPHUS: Ha, ha, ha!

BEATRICE: To learn to do it, just as the boys did. And you needn't laugh, Dolph. You know I always had to do your mathematics for you.

AUNT ELIZA: Shocking!

Mr. PEPPERCOORN: Preposterous! Perfectly preposterous! A daughter of mine working! Perhaps you would like to be a charwoman?

BEATRICE: If I didn't get married, and you didn't leave me much money, that's exactly what I might have to become. That's why I want to train. You sent the boys to learn a business—why shouldn't I go, too?

Mr. PEPPERCOORN: That's quite different.

BEATRICE: Why?

Mr. PEPPERCOORN: The boys must prepare to fight the battle of life, as I have done. You belong to the protected sex.

ADOLPHUS (*strutting*): Told you I was thinking of joining the Territorials.

AUNT ELIZA: The battle-field is no place for women, dearest. You should read Mr. McCallum Scott on the subject.

BEATRICE: The battle-field's bad enough with women, I dare say, but it was a great deal worse without them. You should read the life of Florence Nightingale on the subject—Not that I want to fight, but don't you see, daddy, that it would be the best protection to be able to work for myself, if need be?

Mr. PEPPERCOORN: I simply refuse to listen to any more of such nonsense. Indeed, if you hadn't sprung the matter upon me, I shouldn't have listened so long. My dear, I take it that you will see that this stupid girl bothers me no more with such talk.

Mrs. PEPPERCOORN: Yes, dear, certainly. But you know I can't stop her if she makes up her mind.

BEATRICE (*cheerfully*): Come along, mother! We'll see about those casement curtains you spoke of. Coming, auntie? (*aside*) Thank goodness, I've got the subject introduced, anyhow! Think it over, won't you, dad!

Mr. PEPPERCOORN: I have matters of importance to occupy my attention.—By the way, my dear, don't put any more Insurance stamps on Sarah Jane's card in the meantime—we may as well see what happens to Lloyd George.

Mrs. PEPPERCOORN: Very well, dear. You are always so sensible.

[*Exeunt Mrs. PEPPERCOORN, BEATRICE, and AUNT ELIZA.*]

Mr. PEPPERCOORN  *nods over his paper.*

ADOLPHUS: Anything else of interest in that paper, father? Oh, you're asleep. I must go and see if the extra special edition's out yet.

[*Exit.*]

[CURTAIN.]

(*To be continued.*)

## BREAKING TO MEND. TWO MILITANT WOMEN HONOURED.

By Mrs. Saul Solomon.

During a military campaign still fresh in our memories it is said that a high authority was consulted as to the censure and punishment of a young officer, who had lately returned from a not unsuccessful expedition, but was accused of having resorted to "violent methods" for the attainment of his ends, instead of strictly adhering to diplomatic "instructions." The reply of the great soldier was significant: "The enemy need all our guns; send him to the front!"

From the above incident we may draw the inference that those who employ methods of militancy are quite as likely to render signal services in our vanguard for the Enfranchisement of Women, as that restive young officer, whose distinctions and decorations have since borne witness to his notable achievements. For its success the Cause is dependent on good generalship, and good generalship demands the concentration of all our forces in a simultaneous attack against a common foe.

As for our professed male supporters, they should be invited to come out into the open, and *honestly* declare what means they would have adopted to obtain the Vote had they found themselves in similar straits. Meanwhile every section of Suffragists must by their co-operative endeavours bring sufficient pressure to bear upon the Parliament and the Cabinet effectually to put an end to the present deadlock by the introduction of a Government Measure for Woman Franchise. So far as motives and aims are concerned, the various societies are virtually one in faith and purpose. No differences of methods can justify the disintegrating policy of severance and ostracism, and to those who have made study of how great Causes have been won, the fact is obvious that *the secret of success is unity.*

After a propaganda conducted by men for two thousand years, inspired Womanhood, "Chosen . . . in the furnace of affliction," is divinely called to demonstrate to an unbelieving world the Master's teaching of sex-oneness, and that the way of the Cross is still the only path to glory.

Ready sympathy is almost invariably extended to the pioneer women of a previous generation, whom most of us revered in our youth as the gracious harbingers of a "Golden Age." Awakened, as it were, by the Divine touch to espouse Freedom's cause on behalf of the smallest peoples of Europe, and of the slaves of the Southern States of America, thousands of British women became conscious that it was their civil, political and religious privilege to take sides with the oppressed. The more they contemplated the root principle, the stronger grew their impression that they were liberators at heart. And, as these women became more confirmed in their ideas, some of the worn-out chains of convention, which drew them backward, fell asunder, to be henceforth discarded as useless encumbrances.

At this stage in their education, the truth, which has inspired our fifty years' war for the Vote, began to dawn upon their mental vision, and to take a firm grip upon their inmost souls, that—"The introduction of a great public tyranny, forced upon women equally with men the solemn question: Where ought human legislation to terminate? Shall we obey God or man?"

### Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Half a century ago, when Harriet Beecher Stowe, the gifted authoress of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," visited our shores, she was eagerly welcomed by an enlightened and admiring people. Neither philanthropic men nor women seemed to experience any sense of shock when the "dreadful disclosure" was made that Professor and Mrs. Stowe had been guilty repeatedly of breaking the laws of their country in order to mend them, advising others to do likewise! The popular imagination was already fired with a dominating passion to strike off the fetters from "Uncle Tom" and all his race! That those heroic Abolitionists, in defiance of legal enactments and heavy penalties, should have sheltered negro fugitives in their home, provided them with comforts, while arranging for their happy escape to the free States of the North, was quite in keeping with British sentiment nourished on the sacred memories of their own rebellious struggles for civil and religious liberty.

The charm of Mrs. Stowe's story, a human document indeed, full of pathos, yet relieved by humorous passages and illuminating flashes of wit, had moved millions to alternate tears and laughter—not least our dignified Victorian motherhood—from the Queen and her courtly circles to the humblest of her subjects. Moreover, the domestic setting in which the book was written appealed to a home-loving nation. Here was the busy wife and mother, worried about ways and means, ever caring for her household, rocking the cradle, darning the socks, like the brave pioneer that she was; and thinking out the details of her novel while she went about her work, stealing from the too short hours of sleep sufficient time to write out and prepare her manuscript, chapter by chapter, for the Abolitionist magazine in which she first presented her masterpiece to the public.

To the children of Old England, Uncle Tom and Eva, George and Eliza, the droll, mischievous Topsy and the chivalrous St. Clare were real personal friends with whom they held daily intercourse. In merry nurseries and sober schoolrooms a modern crusade was inaugurated, boys and girls taking vows of their own "to ride about redressing human wrong," till every brother and sister on God's fair earth should be freed from oppression. Who of the survivors but remembers with a thrill

## THE TRUTH ABOUT WOMAN.\*

In the last section of her book Mrs. Gallichan writes fearlessly and sincerely of the important problems of sex differences in body and mind, woman and labour, marriage, divorce and prostitution. The authoress deserves the thanks of every sane reformer for her frank utterances on points which are generally obscured by a conspiracy of silence. The "true Female Franchise," says Mrs. Gallichan, is the "free power of Selection in Love!" Woman must gain this power in order to eliminate unfit children; she must attain this end by means of suitable education and civil and political rights resulting in laws that will insure her economic independence. For this high racial ideal men and women must work together: sex-antagonism impedes the progress of the woman's movement; mother-right and father-right must become equal. Our motto should be "Free with man!"

Obviously women's mental and physical powers to-day are due to heredity, training and environment, and her inferior status to long centuries of man's domination, but "no arbitrary rules may be laid down as to what she should or should not, can, or cannot do." The most hopeful sign is a new solidarity among women, and their combined power, with men's help, will gradually bring about a revolution, one of the first results being industrial reorganisation. Women have hitherto done less than man in Art, because they have lacked opportunity, but their peculiar mental, nervous, and emotional characteristics are largely those of the creative artist. In the past no great creative art has been produced by a slave class, and Mrs. Gallichan states that "What is really needed is the freedom, the training, and the desire that shall direct expression, so that woman may enrich the arts with her own special experience." The subtle connection between asceticism and religious emotion is still vaguely recognised. But women are leaders to-day in advanced religious thought—in Theosophy and Christian Science.

Reform in divorce law is insisted on by Mrs. Gallichan, and she points out that reform both of marriage and divorce can only be the result of an enlightened public opinion, and should be in the highest interests, not only of the individual, but of the race. The State should insist on a medical certificate of fitness for marriage by both parties, and should also insist on fulfilment of parental duties by both. Our bastardy laws are a perfect scandal of men's legislation. Mrs. Gallichan does not advocate Ellen Key's ideal of free love, but holds that "love and marriage must always coincide," and therefore, when love ceases, the bond should be broken. With Mr. Plowden she thinks that women will insist on divorce by mutual consent, as the only practical morality. The important chapter on prostitution should be studied by every social reformer; the authoress shows the complexity of the problem; its causes are not only economic, but deeply rooted in human nature, and higher wages for women will not abolish prostitution. In no part of the book is there a more sane and humane outlook than in the observations on this problem of ancient and modern times. Mrs. Gallichan concludes her volume—the most valuable contribution by a woman to modern literature—with a note of hope and even joy. Women, she avers, may be patient as well as fearless in the present state of unrest and disharmony, for "Women are the guardians of the Race-life and the Race-soul. There is no more to be said. It is because we are the mothers of men that we claim to be free."

Then comes the stately Eden back to men;  
Then reign the world's great brides, chaste and calm;  
Then springs the crowning race of human-kind,  
May these things be.

L. BRACHER.

We are pleased to say that following Mrs. Bracher's suggestion in the first section of her review of "The Truth About Woman," Mrs. Gallichan has arranged with her publisher, Mr. Eveleigh Nash, to write a small book on "The Mother-Age Civilisation," and is already at work on it. We feel sure this book will be of the greatest interest to Suffragists in all countries, and have no doubt that arrangements will be made for translating it into different languages. Further, Mrs. Gallichan intends to write a companion volume to "The Truth About Woman" on "Motherhood."

## "YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY."—Joel ii. 28.

Thus Joel spoke, foreshadowing the day

When prophecy from woman's lips should flow.

Now comes fulfilment, and her soul shall glow

With power the nations of the earth to sway.

God giveth to mankind a better way,

And insight many hidden things to know.

New light to guide us now the heavens bestow,

And truth shines forth with a more potent ray.

That nation shall be great whose womanhood

Awakes and thrusts all vanity aside,

Finding the path of strife that is true gain—

All great ones of the earth have understood

There is no progress where the way is wide,

But honour crowneth every path of pain.

EDWARD URWICK.

\*"The Truth About Woman," By Mrs. Gallichan. (Eveleigh Nash. 7s. 6d.)

W.F.L. HOLIDAY CAMPAIGNS.

Devonshire Campaign. Headquarters: 5, Wellswood-park, Torquay. In charge: Miss CONSTANCE ANDREWS.

We have had brilliant weather; the sun has been shining brightly, but its heat has been tempered by a delightfully cool breeze. Mrs. Hyde joined us this week, and has helped very much by taking the chair at the meetings and giving descriptions of recent events in London in connection with the Suffrage world, notably that of the "bombardment" of the House of Commons. Our meetings are being received with great approval and the speeches are most favourably commented upon. We have confined our energies this week chiefly to Torquay and Paignton; at the latter place we have had specially large crowds, and they have listened with rapt attention, many questions being forthcoming at the end of the meeting. We have had many amusing conversations with women in the villages round about. One woman began loudly to proclaim her disbelief in Parliamentary votes being given to women; men could manage such affairs she declared. A man joined in the conversation with the remark that he thought rich women ought to have the vote—women who kept gardeners, for instance. Whereupon she turned round upon him and exclaimed: "Why should I not have a vote, pray; I'm a widow and pay rates," and followed this up by many words. We wished her good-bye, rejoicing over such an easy conversion.

We are grateful to Miss Dorothy Smith and her friends for the kind support they have given us. Miss Dorothy Smith was imprisoned for presenting a petition to the King when he last opened Parliament. Miss Howard and another friend are most energetic in the sale of THE VOTE, and our paper is becoming well known here now. Many thanks to Mrs. Gore Browne for her kind donation. We shall be glad of contributions in the way of money or of time, as there is much work to be done here.

Montgomery Boroughs.

Organiser: Miss ALIX MINNIE CLARK. Speaker: Miss ANNA MUNRO.

The campaign opened with great success at Machynlleth, on Friday, July 25. Machynlleth had the unenviable reputation of never allowing an orderly suffrage or anti-suffrage meeting to be held. Many were the doleful prophecies which greeted us, but we proved them to be entirely untrustworthy. Mr. Busch Michell very kindly came from Welshpool to assist Miss Alix M. Clark and Miss Anna Munro with the meeting. A considerable crowd gathered, including the small boy and girl to whom a Suffrage meeting seems one of the greatest entertainments imaginable. Before Miss Clark had concluded her lucid remarks and explanations of the aims, policy and methods of the Women's Freedom League we realised that the now very large audience had come to listen seriously to the speakers. When Miss Munro dealt exhaustively with the real meaning of the Woman's Movement, her only trouble was occasionally with the children, who would applaud much too long or shout their dissent too aggressively. As the meeting went on, however, they, too, became orderly, and some of the men who had interrupted a little at the beginning now atoned by assisting to keep order. Mr. Busch Michell closed the meeting in a short, apposite speech of appreciation of the woman's fight, which was warmly applauded by the audience. Miss Clark took a good collection, and, as usual, sold many copies of THE VOTE.

On Saturday we visited the quaint quiet county town of Montgomery. An interested audience of men, women and children listened very attentively, both to Miss Clark and Miss Munro. A few interruptions were so ably dealt with by the latter that at the close no questions were asked, and the very generous collection testified to the general sentiment in Montgomery on votes for women.

During this week the other towns in the Montgomery Boroughs are being visited, and with August the coast campaign begins.

Tankerton.

Organiser: Miss KATHARINE TROTT.

Tankertonians continue to be most kind and sympathetic to the Cause and make many inquiries about our meetings. Miss Underwood addressed a gathering of excursionists on the shore on July 17, at which Miss F. Taylor presided. It was followed by a capital meeting in the centre of Whitstable town, which evoked nothing but favourable remarks; and nearly all the boyhood and youth of the town turned out to escort us home! A few days later, Mrs. Nevinson took a meeting which consisted chiefly of residents and visitors, who could find nothing but praise for our objects and methods. Two persons seemed much impressed by the Church's remarkable inactivity hitherto, and remained for further discussion at the end. A Salvation Army lass, satisfied with our policy, persisted that she did not hold with "the military!"

Herne Bay appears to be always swarming with people, so we have determined to make our headquarters there for August. For part of the time, Miss L. B. Shakespeare has promised her services as a speaker. We are very grateful, and with the help of some more members and friends look forward to a grand time.

Scottish East Coast Campaign.

Organiser and Speaker: Miss A. BROUGHTON.

As the Aberdeen Fair week commenced last week, the organiser had naturally looked forward to securing good holiday crowds

for her meetings, but was disappointed to find that this was not to be owing to a bye-law prohibiting all meetings on the beach or the pier-head, and it was here where the visitors to the town mostly congregated. The meetings were held in the centre of the town; the audiences were large, but at times a rough clement was present, although there was no open hostility directed against the speaker. At the Monday and Tuesday meetings, held in Castle Street, Miss Steven kindly presided, helping also to sell THE VOTE and take the collection. At the close of her address Miss Broughton was very much heckled, but the replies given to the questions appeared to be satisfactory.

On Wednesday the campaign on the East Coast was brought to a close. As this ground has never been covered before by the W.F.L., the work has been very uphill and rendered more difficult by the organiser being almost single-handed. However, many men and women who came to the meetings to jeer or scoff have been forced to recognise the justice of our claims, and have shown their sympathy with our efforts by buying THE VOTE and other Suffrage literature. In nearly every place visited the people have exhibited a friendly spirit, and have been eager to listen to Suffrage speeches. They are, in fact, quite anxious for the W.F.L. to pay them another visit in the near future. Now that the ground has been broken and an interest created in the movement, there is every reason to hope that the W.F.L. will be able to form local Branches in the district.

Clyde Campaign.

Headquarters: 11, Mount-pleasant-road, Rothesay. Speaker-in-Charge: Miss ALISON NEILANS.

The work this week began on Monday in torrents of rain, but since Tuesday brilliant weather has smiled upon the Glasgow Fair holiday-makers, and incidentally upon the Freedom League Campaigners. Miss Helen McLachlan, Miss Cecil Preston, and Miss Madge Turner, have all helped with the speaking as well as with chalking, selling, &c., and as a result Miss Neilans has been able to arrange simultaneous meetings in the various centres—Dunoon, Kilm, Milport, Largs and Rothesay. Miss Broughton has also been running meetings at Helensburgh and Gourrock, so that fifteen open-air meetings have been held in the last six days under the Freedom League colours. Considering the enormous crowds dealt with during the "Fair" week, the orderliness of the audiences has been remarkable; only on one evening was the interruption continuous, and then it came from two young men, both of whom were drunk, and both most anxious to teach the speakers how to behave as good citizens! The next night Miss McLachlan asked for special quietness on account of Miss Neilans's voice, which had been badly strained in competing with the aforementioned youths, and the men and women responded by giving all the speakers a most sympathetic and quiet hearing—a good collection.

Appreciation is shown on the Clyde for the more solid sort of literature on the Women's Movement, and "The Subjection of Women" finds a ready sale. The only real opposition hitherto shown comes from that type of Socialist man who has never really considered the position of women as women, and is not at all prepared to agree to "equal opportunities for all," unless it can be demonstrated to him that those opportunities will be used as he thinks right, and in no other way. Apparently no woman is to have a vote unless she will vote Socialist, and another view put forward is that no woman shall have a vote unless she is either (a) a sweated worker, or (b) a working man's wife. Such ideas would be amusing if they were not tragic in their results. Thus does the working man play into the hands of those who exploit him and glibly echo the carefully circulated lies of an undemocratic and secretly subsidised Press. It is said a country gets the sort of Government it is able to appreciate, and this probably explains why Messrs. Asquith, Lloyd George, Churchill and Co., have the highest offices in the State; they are the experts at fooling most of the people most of the time.

Miss Neilans desires to thank those who have so generously sent her donations to the Clyde Campaign Fund, and hopes to receive a few more sixpences or shillings from those unable to give personal service. Contributions received through the post appear below:—

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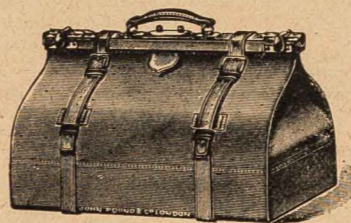
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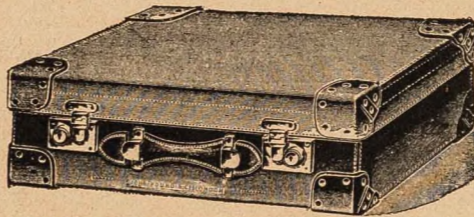
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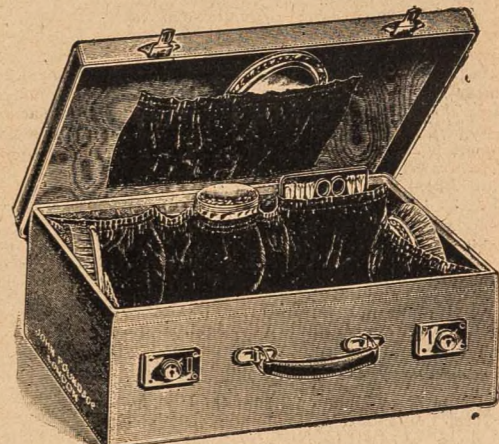
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MIDDLESBROUGH CAMPAIGN.

We have had a week of splendid meetings in Middlesbrough and district. On Monday night Mr. Kelsall took the chair at Borough-road-corner, and in spite of the rain a large crowd gathered round and gave Miss Heyes a very good hearing. On Tuesday night we went to Stockton, where our banner and flags, which we floated from the Market Cross, soon attracted a large crowd. Mr. Kelsall welcomed our speaker to Stockton, and Miss Heyes' fine address was greatly appreciated by a huge crowd. THE VOTE sold well and a good collection was taken. The Stockton people were very reluctant to part with Miss Heyes at the close of the meeting, and a large and friendly crowd escorted us to the car, from the top of which we waved them a farewell greeting with our flags. On Wednesday night another open-air meeting was held outside the Infirmary, at which the Rev. A. Scruton, of Stockton Unitarian Church, proved a very eloquent chairman. Here Miss Heyes was well received by a large crowd, consisting mostly of the very poor, and one heard the women with the shawls over their heads remark: "It's all true, every word of it!" Certainly Miss Heyes had a message which appealed to them and convinced them. Following this meeting an indoor meeting was held in Hinton's Café, presided over by Mr. Harrison.

A good meeting was held the following night at South Bank, where the people told us they had not had a Suffrage meeting for three years. They were very interested in our speaker, and we promised to visit them again as soon as we are able to bring them another speaker.

On Friday night a good meeting was held at North Ormesby, at which our friend Mr. Kelsall again chaired.

Besides these evening meetings Miss Heyes has broken new ground by holding dinner-hour meetings outside different works each day, and has been very successful in her appeal to the workers. During the week 500 "VOTES" have been sold, besides pamphlets and badges.

We are sorry that our week's campaign is over. It has been a splendid time for all of us who have had the pleasure of working with Miss Heyes—a time of real inspiration and encouragement, and we hope that by the time Miss Heyes visits us again, in October, the seed she has sown will have brought forth a worthy harvest. The best thanks and the hearty good wishes of the Middlesbrough Branch go with Miss Heyes in her work in the future, and though regretful to part with her, we shall not forget her brave spirit, her indefatigable zeal, and the wonderful charm of her appeal, which has won large crowds of people here for Woman Suffrage.

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Cheques to be made payable to the Women's Freedom League, and crossed "London and South Western Bank, Ltd."

The President's Birthday Fund.

This fund is not included in the above list, the second Birthday List will be published shortly. I should be grateful to all Branches and friends who will send up the amounts they have promised as soon as possible. E. KNIGHT.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

We recommend the following for holiday reading:—"Mr. Jones and the Governess." By G. Colmore. 6d., post free 7d.

"Right to Petition." T. Healey. 1d., post free 1 1/2d.

"The Truth About Woman." G. Casquoin Hartley (Mrs. Gallichan). 7s. 6d., post free 7s. 10d.

"Theosophy and the Woman's Movement." Mrs. Despard. 6d., post free 7d.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS: W.F.L.

LONDON AND SUBURBS.

Sat., Aug. 2.—Thornton Heath, Garden Social, at 7, Osborne-road, by kind permission of Mrs. Pyart. Tea, 4-5 p.m. Admission 6d. Sun., Aug. 3.—REGENCY'S PARK, noon. Miss Boyle and Mr. J. Y. Kennedy. Tues., Aug. 5.—CORNER BLACKBURN-ROAD, West End-lane (close by W. Hampstead Station), 8.15 p.m. Miss Boyle. Sun., Aug. 10.—HYDE PARK, noon. Mrs. Bracher. Mon., Aug. 11.—CORNER PORTOBELLO-ROAD AND BENHEIM-ORESCENT, Kensington, 8 p.m. Miss Boyle. Sun., Aug. 17.—REGENCY'S PARK, noon. Mrs. Bracher, Mrs. Nourse.

Sun., Aug. 24.—HYDE PARK, noon. Miss Hare. Sun., Aug. 31.—REGENCY'S PARK, noon. Miss Hare. Sun., Aug. 31.—BROCKWELL PARK. Mr. J. Y. Kennedy. Sun., Sept. 7.—HYDE PARK, noon. Miss Normanton. Sun., Sept. 14.—REGENCY'S PARK, noon. Mrs. Despard and Miss Husband. Sun., Sept. 21.—HYDE PARK, noon. Miss Boyle. Mon., Sept. 29.—REGENCY'S PARK, noon. Mrs. Mustard.

W.F.L. HOLIDAY CAMPAIGNS.

Devonshire.—Meetings daily in TORQUAY, BARRACOMBE, PAIGNTON and DISTRICT. Speaker: Miss Andrews. Headquarters: 5, Wellswood-park, Torquay. Kent.—Herne Bay and District.—Meetings daily. Speakers: Miss Boyle, Aug. 1-5; Miss L. B. Shakespeare. Organiser: Miss Katharine Trott. Headquarters: 8, St. David's Cottages, Richmond-street. North Wales Campaign. AUGUST.—ABERYSTWYTH, BORTH, ABERAVON, NEW QUAY, LAM-REETH. Speaker: Miss Anna Munro. Organiser: Miss Alix M. Clark. Clyde Coast Campaign. AUGUST.—ROTHESAY, LARGS, DUNOON, Meetings daily. Speaker: Miss Alison Neilans. Headquarters: 11, Mount Pleasant-road, Rotherhay.

BRANCH NOTES.

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

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The office will be closed during August, except on Fridays, from 12 to 1 p.m., when Miss Stericker will attend to give members an opportunity to call for THE VOTE and merchandise. One member, away on a holiday, has asked for copies of THE VOTE and other Suffrage literature to sell at meetings which she and other suffragists are arranging.

Hampstead. The hon. secretary desires to thank, very warmly, Seona for her excellent character delineations, and all who worked so enthusiastically to make the Birthday Party, on July 18, so great a success. They will be glad to hear that a sum of £12 was realised.

Thornton Heath.

Last Friday evening the first open-air meeting of the new Birthday Branch was held at Thornton Heath Clock. With splendid spirit and fervour Miss Boyle gave a most interesting address, and was heard with keenest interest in spite of the foolish display of a few irresponsibles. The noisy element more than fails to stop our work; at each meeting we gain more and more support and make many friends, for there are still men and women who live up to the British boast of loving to see fair play, even if they are not always able to ensure it. To Miss Boyle our most sincere and grateful thanks! Be sure to come to our garden social at Thornton Heath on Saturday, August 2, as advertised in Forthcoming Events. Mrs. Cobden Sanderson will speak at Thornton Heath Clock on Friday, August 1, at 7.30 p.m. We are keenly sensible to the kindness of all our good speakers who are coming forward to help the new Birthday Branch. We should be grateful to hear from speakers for future dates, and especially if they can help us over the holidays. Speakers are needed for the meetings on August 8 and 15. Twelve dozen copies of THE VOTE were disposed of by the new Branch last week, and we now have a good list of regular subscribers.

PROVINCES.—Ipswich.

At our last Branch meeting, Mrs. Willis took the chair, and Miss Bobby gave a most interesting paper on "Jersey," mentioning that Jersey has its own laws, some of which are very unjust to women. Miss Bobby told how there is no divorce and no separation, however unfaithful the man may be, unless cruelty can be proved. A wife's property belongs to her, but not her money. Mrs. McCrusey will speak next Thursday, and Miss Parker will take the chair.

Portsmouth and Gosport. The Jumble Sale on July 21 was very successful, and a substantial sum was added to the Birthday Fund; from the collecting-cards considerable help has been gratefully received.

SCOTLAND.—Glasgow.

In spite of the holidays and the Clyde Campaign, I held two meetings in Glasgow this week. Though I was single-handed at these meetings,



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and had to do both speaking and collecting, I think they can be counted successful, as I got 34s. in collections and sold 17s. 9d. worth of literature. I could easily have doubled the sales of THE VOTE had I had more with me. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That this meeting believes in the vote for women on the same terms as it is or may be granted to men, and declares that if Mr. Asquith cannot see his way to grant Women Suffrage he must resign his office and make way for a real democratic leader." E. G. M.

Paisley.

We had an outdoor evening meeting on July 23, at which Miss Eunice Murray spoke for over an hour to a very large and orderly crowd. In this stronghold of Liberalism, Miss Murray selected as her theme the ill-liberal conduct of Mr. Asquith and some of his anti-suffrage colleagues, but everyone in the crowd seemed to agree with her, and at the end one man was heard to say, "I do like plain speaking," and another replied, "Well, you got it." At the end of the meeting a satisfactory collection was taken: there was a brisk sale of literature, and THE VOTE was early sold out.

Scottish Scattered Members.

I had a meeting in the Vale of Leven, and carried with some opposition the following resolution: "That this meeting is of opinion that as Mr. Asquith cannot concede justice to women, he had better go. And further, that this meeting strongly disapproves of the cowardly legislation of Mr. McKenna, who, instead of trying to solve the question of votes for women spends his time in framing futile and foolish laws which no self-respecting woman could obey." A good many questions were asked and answered. A collection was taken and literature sold. E. G. M.

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IN THE PARKS.

Hyde-park. A splendid meeting was held in Hyde Park last Sunday morning by the Mid-London Branch of the Women's Freedom League. The speaker, Miss Boyle, had a very large and most appreciative audience. Applause punctuated her remarks as she dealt with the many arguments advanced against Women's Suffrage. At the conclusion of a brilliant speech the questions asked revealed the interest with which the subject had been followed, and the telling replies evoked much merriment.

Brockwell-park.

Mrs. Bracher was the speaker at the Women's Freedom League meeting in Brockwell-park on Sunday morning, July 27, and gave a very interesting address on the equal vote in New Zealand. The audience listened most attentively to her description of the electoral system of New Zealand, and the results of Adult Suffrage in that wonderful young colony. She reminded her hearers that in New Zealand the men helped the women to get the vote, and pointed out how much that help is needed here. Mrs. Bracher showed the good effect that the women's point of view has had upon legislation, and instanced many excellent laws which have resulted therefrom. Many questions were asked about New Zealand, and the majority of the audience seemed quite convinced that in that country, at any rate, Votes for Women are an unqualified success.

WILL THE LADY IN A MOTOR 'BUS, who very kindly lent a hat to a member of the Freedom League arrested on Sunday, July 27, communicate with Mrs. van Raalte, 23, Pandora-road, West Hampstead, so that her hat may be returned?

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE UNION—BRITISH DOMINIONS OVERSEAS.

Miss Harriet Newcomb, Hon. Sec. pro tem. of the Woman Suffrage Union, British Overseas Dominions, sends us the following from the Women's Club, Sydney:

The idea of a Woman Suffrage Union of the British Dominions Overseas, which originated in New Zealand in March last, has met with ready and enthusiastic approval from very many women of different political sympathies in Australia. An invitation has now been sent to the leaders of the Suffrage Societies in South Africa and Canada, inviting the co-operation of these societies in the formal establishment of this Union. The news has been communicated to the London Woman Suffrage Press, and replies expressing recognition of the significance of the step in the progress of the Woman's Movement are now beginning to arrive.

We are informed by Miss Nina Boyle that the matter was informally discussed among the delegates from the Dominions at the Budapest Congress and that a basis of work was agreed upon, to be referred to the Suffrage societies of the nations concerned. Information may be obtained from the Headquarters of the Australian and New Zealand Women Voters' Association, Women's International Franchise Club, Grafton-street, London, W.

DESPOTISM.

The London Graduates' Union for Women's Suffrage, in the course of a letter to us on the situation resulting from the defeat of the Dickinson Bill, observe:—

"The Bill itself, and the division upon it, admittedly reflected the exigencies of Parliamentary compromise and the influences of party considerations. The point of view which did not have adequate consideration was that of the women to whom the reform is of vital importance. They desire the assertion of the principle that they should be regarded equally with men as 'persons' in the eye of the law, and that neither their sex nor their marriage should be a bar to electoral privileges. On the other hand, they do not ask for any electoral privilege which is not extended on the same terms to men, for whom marriage is neither a qualification nor a disqualification."

"The departure of the Bill from these principles afforded arguments against the Bill to the Anti-Suffragist Prime Minister from one point of view and to the Suffragist Unionist leaders from another. Women can only reply to such criticisms that Members of Parliament and not they were responsible for the inconsistencies which were condemned. Let the right basis for the franchise be determined apart from the question of sex after the sex disability has been abolished. On the present basis, the abolition of the sex disability (including the special disability on marriage) would involve a very moderate addition to the electorate, and would remove a grave injustice and source of discontent. Any future changes in the basis of the franchise could afterwards be considered on their merits in relation to the whole community."

"Mr. Asquith's argument that no injustice of the laws to women was demonstrated during the debate in the House, only brings us back to the fact that women have no means of ensuring that their full case shall be presented there. The grievances of voters are voiced by themselves through their representatives, and when women have the vote, no Minister will hold that there is no time to attend to them, or that those who have made laws for them in the past without their consent are better judges of what is good for them than they are themselves. Mr. Asquith's attitude is that of despotism in all the ages, whether it be the despotism of one man or of one class or of one sex. It is the negation of the principle of representative government."

The letter is signed by Helen C. I. Gwynne-Vaughan, D.Sc., Chairman of Committee; Adeline Mary Roberts, M.D., B.S., Vice-Chairman of Committee; Marian Busk, B.Sc., Treasurer.

WOMAN EXPLORER ON "THE ROOF OF THE WORLD."

The wonderful story, told by Miss E. G. Kemp to the Oriental Circle of the Lyceum Club, London, on July 15, of her experiences among the Himalayas, was another evidence of the power, pluck and endurance of woman explorers. Equipped only with absolute necessities and faithfully served by her attendants, to whom she paid the warmest tribute of appreciation, Miss Kemp frequently found herself more than 18,000 feet above sea-level. Mountain sickness was relieved by potassii chloras, and it is interesting to note that British and Italian scientists are to make experiments with the same treatment in the same region to relieve the sufferings of horses. Asked whether such a journey and all that it entails of fatigue and endurance were "worth while" when comfort might be enjoyed at home, Miss Kemp insisted that an enterprise of this kind brought to travellers a better understanding of our fellow-creatures, quickened the perceptions, broadened the outlook, developed qualities which might have lain dormant and prevented stoddiness and premature old age.

WOMEN TEACHER' FRANCHISE UNION.

The president, Miss Agnes Dawson, took the chair at the annual meeting held at the Essex Hall on June 30, when the large number of members present adopted the reports of the secretary and treasurer for the past year, passed new rules, and elected officers and committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. Laurence Housman, who addressed the members, was welcomed with enthusiasm. He said that all men to-day accept the principle of self-government, but a majority rule based on self-government ought not to keep any out of that rule. When, as to-day, a section of the community asks for self-government and is denied, the moral sanction of the Government is gone. The main factor causing militancy to-day is the failure of the Suffrage majority in the House of Commons to act on its opinion. Mrs. Ruth Homan, of the late London School Board, who represented the teachers at the Budapest Congress, gave a most interesting account of the Congress and of the far-reaching work being done for the Woman's Cause.

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