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THE RESULT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION.



BURGLAR ASQ_TH (to R-D &-ND and K-R H-RD-): Help! Help! I say, mates, you might get me out of this,

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THE OUTLOOK.

Polling for the General Election is now over with the exception of three scats, and the result has been a return of the Liberal party with a greatly-reduced majority. At the present moment the Liberals number 274, the Conservatives 271, and for its majority the Liberal party is dependent on 40 Labour members and 81 Nationalists. The elections have thus resulted in a net gain to the Conservative side of 105 seats. This great descent from the hitherto almost impregnable position enjoyed by the Liberals completely changes the relation between the Government and the Woman Suffragists. The Government is absolutely dependent on

two other parties; the influence of the women, which is growing more marked every day, will be a source of great danger to them.

At the same time that the Government is so much weaker the W.S.P.U. is in a position of tremendously increased strength. Funds and membership are growing daily, and a force has been roused which nothing in the world can overcome. The position of the Union is indeed, as " a voice " at the Queen's Hall meeting aptly put it, "All right."

Our Policy.

Although the unsettled state of the political situation makes it difficult at this moment to formulate definite plans for the future, it has been decided that the Women's Social and Political Union shall use nothing but peaceful and constitutional methods unless the Government adopt an attitude which compels the Union to use more drastic ones. Events may prove that the need of militancy is over. The campaign of the past four years has brought the question of Votes for Women to the point of solution. The Government are not now able to make their former strong resistance to women's enfranchisement. It may even be that the wave of opinion favourable to this cause which is sweeping the country has left Cabinet Ministers

themselves not quite untouched. The Union intends to test the matter by refraining from the use of militancy until it becomes evident that the Government will respond to nothing else. Other means of carrying on the anti-Government policy, however, will be pursued from the very outset, and at every by-election which occurs the Government nominees will be opposed. Some Parliamentary vacancies may be expected very shortly, and the Women's Social and Political Union will institute an anti-Government campaign in the constituencies concerned.

Militancy in Reserve.

The announcement that there will be no militant action until it is called for by the opposition of the Government to the demand of Votes for Women has aroused comment in the Liberal Press. Hailing what it describes as the "Militants' Truce," the *Daily News* condemns militancy as futile, and suggests that the present attitude of the Union is a confession that such is the case.

The answer to this is that far from militant methods being a mistake they are the very root of the strength and power possessed by the Women's Social and Political Union at the present time. Moreover, it is the fact that the Union has in reserve the potent weapon of militancy VOTES FOR WOMEN.

that makes it both wise and possible to give non-militant methods a trial at the beginning of the new Parliament. If it should happen that the resumption of militant methods becomes necessary, the restraint and moderation which have prompted a temporary cessation of these methods will have great effect in increasing the popular support which the Union commands. For the public will understand, as they did not when the militant methods began four years ago, that no step in the direction of militancy is taken by members of this Union that is not forced upon them by the il-Liberal policy of the Government.

The Women's Enfranchisement Bill.

One of the constitutional means to be adopted in the coming Session consists in securing the introduction of the Women's Enfranchisement Bill. This measure pro-

S: That in all acts relating to the qualification and registra-tion of voters or persons entitled or claiming to be registered and to vote in the election of Mombers of Parliament, wherever works occur which import the mascu-line gender, the same shall be held to include women for all purposes connected with and having reference to the right to be registered as voters, and to vote in such elec-tion; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

A similar measure, introduced by Mr. Stanger in the last Parliament, passed the second reading by a majority of 179 votes, but its further progress was impossible owing to the attitude of the Government.

As but a few days in each Session are available for the discussion of measures introduced by private members, a Member of Parliament is obliged to draw lots for the right to have his measure discussed ; in other words, he had to ballot for his Bill. In order that the Women's Enfranchisement Bill may be discussed and voted upon in the coming Session, Members are being asked to ballot fo; it, and already several favourable replies from Members of Parliament have been received at Clements Inn. The number of Members prepared to ballot for the Women's Enfranchisement Bill must be large in order to ensure that the Bill shall be discussed, and our readers are urged to ask Members whom they know to ballot for the Bill.

A Mission to Women.

The sympathy of the man in the street has been one of the most marked features of the recent election campaign, but another and more important point has been brought ont, and that is that the women of the country, even the women who spend their lives in their homes and seldom attend meetings, are intensely and deeply moved by the nessage that this Union has to bring them. Those who did house-to-house canvassing report the extraordinary sympathy and interest with which they were received. All over England the ground is ready for the greatest reform movement that the world has ever known. Therefore the Union has set itself to the special task of rousing women as yet untouched by Suffrage propaganda. A Woman's Mission has been set on foot in London and in various parts of the country. Some particulars of the mission will be found on page 299, and its scope will be more fully explained in our next number. Together with this special work, the organisation is spreading wider and wider. New centres have been started with new organisers, and before long it is hoped that there will be no place in Great Britain that is not in touch with the W.S.P.U.

The Suffragettes and the Elections.

People who have watched the election results and known the work that the Suffragettes were doing realise well what an influence has been working against the Government. During the last week the Liberals have been defeated at Guildford, Chertsey, and Buteshire, where special campaigns of the W.S.P.U. were going on. A splendid proof that votes were turned against the Government through their treatment of women is shown by the second instalment of letters from electors on page 293. These although only a fraction of the number received at the head offices and by the various organisers, will show how the staunchest Liberals, with the insight to see how illiberal the Government has been, have voted against their party. In this connection it is amusing to read in the Daily Chronicle a denial of the women's influence. The paper states as an instance of their powerlessness that the one division on which of all others they have entrated is East Fife, where the Prime Minister was feturned by a record majority. As our readers know.

by the Women's Social and Political Union, since the atice of the Union at elections is to concentrate on those places where the enemy is weak, rather than where he is strong, as in the constituency of the Prime Minister. Moreover, as Mr. Asquith, the Member for East Fife, was made Prime Minister since the last election, it is not very surprising that he should have gained 600 more

Catspaws.

Although they attempt to minimise the women's influence when it goes against their party, it is illuminatng to notice how politicians give credit to women when hey have worked for them, and Mr. Asquith himself, in his speech after the result of the election, said :-

I must not except the ladies from my thanks, for, what er may be going on in the streets, I have never been at a ir may be going on in the streets, I have never been at an interest and enthusiasm. At every meeting they have been the fore, and their keenness and applause, their intelligen precision of what was going on, and their healthy intluence the masculine members of the community have had not a te to do with keeping things in a satisfactory condition.

A Unionist paper publishes the following paragraph : A Chamist paper purpose the recompany party of the original of the charmonic of the charming lattice of the charmonic of the cleater of the clea

Mr. Massie, who lost the Cricklade election, in a letter Daily News, says :- "I should like to add that I had no warmer or more enthusiastic supporters than the Liberal women of the division." It is difficult o say which is more amazing, that Mr. Massie should thank for their help women who in his opinion are unfit to vote on political questions, or that Liberal women should be found helping a man who so insults their intelligence. Mr. Lehmann, another Liberal member, also specially instances the effect of the Free Trade poster, The Woman's Reply," with the motto, "Do not Tax our Food." These instances of how women are pressed into political service to serve as catspaws for the parties which yet deny them a vote ought to be patent enough to all except the blind who will not see.

A True Estimate.

What has really been done by the women in the elec. ions is splendidly summed up in a letter in the Morning Post of January 29 by Mr. G. Warre Cornish. He

equivalent in votes at the poll is quite untenable. It would be difficult to conceive a better contrived electioneering engine than such a meeting, to take one instance in illustra-tion, as that held by Miss Pankhurst at the Kilbur Palace on the eve of the poll at Harrow. The theatre was packed with men and women in about equal proportions. In the chair was Miss Davison, who has several times been in prisor for her cause, and only four days before had been awarded damages by Judge Parry against the Visiting Justness of the Strangeways Prison, Manchester, for the illegal use of the base-pipe on her in prison. These two ladies held their andience spellbound for more than two hours, and had the whole theatre with them. The burden of every argument and the very spirit and essence of the whole meeting were contained in the words 'Vote against the Government and keep the Liberal out." The Women's Social and Politica Umon undoubtedly produced a very marked impression moreover, which is likely to deepen and become a more and more formidable weapon against any Government that turn a deaf ear to their claim for representation. a deaf ear to their claim for rep

Behind Prison Walls.

If gratitude could be expressed in applause, Lady Contance Lytton had her share to overflowing at the Queen' Hall on Monday last for what she has done in the wid sense for the whole of womanhood, and in a restricted sense in proving plainly the hypocrisy and the snobbery of the Government. Her fine speech on that occasion wil be found on page 292. But her experiences have left their mark upon her, and she is at the present moment far from well. If this is the effect of one week of prison with four days' forcible feeding, one can imagine what must be the condition of the two heroic women who are they are serving out their sentences. Miss Selina Martin is suffering these tortures for the second time, and before she went to prison her doctor expressed the opinion that

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no organised campaign has been carried out in East Fife | the prison, but it has had no effect. Miss Elsie Howey, too, whose physique is not robust, is serving her long sen tence, and not a word of news penetrates through the dark walls of the gaol.

The Experiences of Released Prisoners.

On another page will be found details of what some of the women in prison have been suffering during the past few weeks. Miss Brewster, who has been released in order that she may prosecute an appeal against her senence, is very weak after her long struggle in prison. With heroic courage she carried out active resista noo the whole time, and declares that she is now not at all afraid. Miss Leslie Hall has sent a further account of her treat ment, and points out, rightly enough, that as she could not retain her food, and as it was given in a most rough manner after a long interval of starvation, the motives of the Home Office cannot accurately be described as humane." She relates that her nose was held with so much violence that it was very painful and numb, and she reports the jocular remarks that the medical officer made to the wardresses across the body of his helpless victim. It is no wonder, as she says, that with such an example the subordinate officers should be rough and insolent

The Refusal of Bail.

The Home Office is still trying to shift on to other shoulders the responsibility for the unjust refusal of bail at Newcastle in October last. In a recent letter to the Times, the chief constable of Newcastle writes that he had no orders or suggestions from the Home Office, and that he refused bail "in the exercise of his own discretion." Mr. Brailsford, in the same issue, states that when he applied for bail, offering every guarantee, the police officer in charge stated that strict orders had been given from London to refuse bail. This was corroborated by a local magistrate, and afterwards a high official at the Fome Office also defended the refusal of bail.

New Features.

With this issue the much appreciated series of articles by Miss Elizabeth Robins, on the reasons why women want he vote, have come to an end, and next week, in order to t new readers may understand not only what is being done, but why it has to be done, a new series of articles e on "Women's Fight for the Vote," by Mr. F W Pethick Lawrence.

In the current issue will be found an article on the olitical situation by Miss Christabel Pankhurst, a eport of Lady Constance Lytton's inspiring speech at the Queen's Hall last Monday, and full news from all parts of the campaign now in progress.

Items of Interest.

The Manchester Guardian of January 29 expresses the opinion that if it had been possible to get at the opinions of the electorate, a clear majority of the voters on the register would have declared themselves in favour of Women's Suffrage. An overseer in London states that the number of young

women in lodgings is increasing and multiplying in all large centres of population, and that they repeatedly call at the offices and make claims for lodger votes. He believes that more Suffragists are created in overseers' offices than anywhere else. "They simply cannot understand why they as lodgers are not as much entitled to a vote as some very young man who cats at the same table, pays the same landlady the same weekly sum, and lives out of reach of all serious question in a little bedroom on the top floor back."

We thank several correspondents for pointing out an error in last week's paper, where it was incorrectly stated that Mr. Ward was not elected for West Herts.

The new Labour Exchanges of the Board of Trade have special departments for women workers, of which Miss Marshall has been appointed head.

A young girl in the district of St. Maur, Paris, has saved twenty persons from drowning in the recent floods.

N.W.S.P.U. MEMBERS' PLEDGE CARD.

Women of all shades of political opinion who are not as vet definitely enrolled as members of the National Women's Social and Political Union are invited to sign the members' pledge card, which they can obtain from the offices, 4, Clements Inn, and apply for membership. The pledge is as follows :-

"I endorse the objects and methods of the Women's still being fed by force twice a day in Walton Gaol. The Social and Political Union, and I hereby undertake not Government are not convinced that the imprisonment and | to support the candidate of any political party at Parliaforture of these women will harm the Liberal party, and mentary elections until women have obtained the Parlia mentary vote."

There is an entrance fee of 1s. No definite subscription is fixed, as it is known that all members will give to she was not a fit subject to be forcibly fed. This opinion the full extent of their ability to further the campaign was sent to the Home Office and to the medical officer of i funds of the Union. February 4, 1910.

WHY?

By Elizabeth Robins. Part IX.-The Awakening.

Lest They Forget!

Because so many men sent there in times past to work for Woman Suffrage have been either won over afterwards by the more clamant voices of voters to give precedence t oters' interests, or else the Woman Suffrage candidate once elected, became hypnotised by the routine of the House, and by the growing sense of the helplessness of the private member. Since it is so necessary, apparently, to remind legislators of unkept promises to women, women go to Wastimizers to be the go to Westminster to do the "reminding" in the only offectual way. They are also there as a sign to the Go vernment that the stewardship of the unjust steward is gravely menaced.

Question 8. Why, rather than promise to abandon a dangerous and often health-destroying agitation, have hundreds of women gone to prison?

Because, of the two parties of Suffragists, those who want the vote in the dim and speculative future and those who want it now, the militant Suffragists belong to the

It was Mazzini, I think, who pointed out how often the way to reform has lain through prison. But this truth was not in the minds of the first Suffragists who went forward by that road. Not the farthest-sighted of them all had any pre-vision of the moral awakening, the new birth of faith, the passion of comradeship born of pain-no glimpse of the direct good destined to come through was given those women who first adopted the so called militant tactics. They simply did the nearest duty—considering only the end, resolute not to mind how rough the road thither.

They appealed in the open streets for followers. In leading the new attack on the oldest and strongest of the citadels of wrong, they asked the help of women and of girls. With what looked like insane ignorance of human nature, they unfurled before the "weak" and "timid" horde a strange new flag inscribed :-

> Through Evil Report to Honour! Through Prison to Freedom

Then the miracle happened. Instead of flying forth-with from leadership like this, a legion rallied. They followed into dark, unlikely places. Once there the timid and the weak found an inexplicable new power that ed them not only to show steadfast faces, but to feel no fear in their hearts.

Much talk was in the air of armaments and of military duty. This rapidly growing army of women came to look upon themselves as soldiers enlisted in a Holy War. Here for the first time were women banded together (as mon had so often been before), ready to make any sacriico that might free them from an evil yoke. Not in the future. Now! To these new soldiers it seemed that future. woman's belauded patience had been woman's undoing Patience was a comfortable vice—vile when practised at others' cost. You may not approve these women, but they have made Woman Suffrage a living issue.

Question 9. Why, if so-called militant tactics are good

tactics, were they not employed before? It may be argued that they are good precisely becaus they are employed only after other means have failed. They say (I do not know upon how good authority) that a young Suffragette, being interrupted in the middle of her speech at a mass meeting by the question: "If these methods are advancing the cause, why were they not tried earlier?" answered, briskly, "Because I was at There is more than audacity in that retor

This is pre-eminently a young woman's crusade. I have not met but one older woman in the movement who does not get her strongest conviction of its not-too-distant triumph out of the fact that the cause has won the young to its support. We have at last enlisted those without whom none of the battles in the ancient or the modern world would have been fought. Who, after all, make up the armies? The young. Who won Marathon? The youth of Greece. Agincourt, Waterloo, Gettysburg? The young. A distinguished survivor of the Civil War told me the average age of his brothers-in-arms was cighteen The the average age of instructures in arms was connected years. Read the inscriptions on the stones, rank on rank, in Federal or Confederate burying grounds. You will say to yourself: How young these soldiers were—"mero boys." So with our soldiers—the mere girls. It is the younger generation that is at the door. And

with their coming naturally some modification of method Henceforth, not only talking and writing. Deeds, not words. But deeds more rational and less destructive than those that men have employed in the lesser revolutions At least, that is what we hop e-we onlookers. I do mean to disguise the fact that those who, like myself, feel war to be a survival of barbarism, are accustomed to think of physical violence, not in women only, but in men, as a recrudescence of the ape and tiger instinct that has beer responsible for the thousand failures of humanity to attain The stones that have been thrown by en some of us found very hard nuts to crack. The fore it may be well to bear witness to the fact that when

is that to the so-called militant women the evils that other women bear are more intolerable than they are to the rest of us. These militant women are the women who cannot sleep in their comfortable beds as we do in ours, knowing the wrong that walks abroad. Those of us who do not openly aid and abet these women may at least speak humbly of a devotion greater than our own. And now I have come to the last question, which I may by held to have already tried to answer: " all, do women want the vote?" And yet I shall not have presented the case unless I add one word upon this final ount. It is of no use to write at this time of day about Woman Suffrage without writing frankly-or as nearly s) as is possible to a woman born in the days when rankness was so discouraged that in most of us it either died young or lived on maimed and halting. So, then, to be frank in so much, let us give fair-minded people some measure of the distance we have tra-versed and the point at which we have arrived by admitting what passes through the mind of many a quiet, home-keeping, non-militant woman in England to-day, on being asked this last question on my list of "Why?" It would be erroneous to suppose that the Suffragist who is called on to recapitulate her Surragist who is cannot on to recapionize her reasons for desiring the vote is pleased with her task or flattered at being asked her opinion. She is primarily conscious of an emotion of anger. She says to herself: "I am called on at this time of day to defend our demand for a share That is what it come n the higher gains of civilisation." She remembers that the case for Woman Suffrage has been before the reading world for a hundred years It has been an organised public movement for close on hal a century. Yet most of the legislators who would deny the nake no effort to familiarise themselve the great body of literature reflecting women's views or the subject; nor will they take the trouble to acquaint themselves with the long record of quiet (too quiet?) propaganda. A member of the present Cabinet asked me an interval when there was no bye-election to open hi yes why the Suffragists did not hold meetings. One ocicty alone had held throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom over a thousand suffrage meetings in the preceding month. The Cabinet Minister had not hear f these meetings. They had been quite orderly, and th

Press will not report unless something sensational Meanwhile, men in high places continue to advise "quiet propaganda" to women whose mothers have grown grey practising those methods, to women who know what delay means to wives and mothers in the Potteries, o the shop girl forced on the streets, to the pallid army

One-Sided Legislation.

The time has gone by when men could hope to win gratitude from public-spirited women by legislative scratching at the surface of the wrongs that women bear. Those men who hope to turn the tide of women's resent-ment at being forcibly prevented from lifting a voice about their own affairs—those men who would tinker at Factory Acts and Children's Bills without finding out ho these changes are regarded by women-light-hearted legi lators undertaking these tasks would be awakened from their vain dream of doing this work acceptably to women could they know the feeling that seizes on the working class mother at men's daring to think themselves qual mother at men's daring to think themselves qualified to decide such questions without consulting women. During the debates upon the Children's Bill the help-less ignorance of their subject on the part of those deal-ing with the issues raised was not lost on the women who with expert knowledge sat behind the grille listenin impotent, while men wasted the all too limited time arg ing about what might be held good for a child of three What did a creature of three require? What, after all was a creature of three like? They sat and solemnly

In the end women were obliged to supplement privately the legislators' wholly inadequate knowledge. Wome were obliged by cumbrous and roundabout ways to pr were obliged by cumbrous and roundabout ways to pro-test against and contrive to get recast the clause relativo to the evils of "over-laying," as well as other provisions in the Act inspired by the ignorance of its framers. But I will not pretend for a moment that if all such abuses were done away with to-morrow there would no still remain in the mind of many a woman a sense of th obligation she is under to take her portion of the respon sibility she shares morally with man for the ordering of the world. He is incapable of doing her work for her but even if the task were not beyond his competence

would still be her business and not his And so it is that, being asked why she thinks sho would like to vote, the natural woman behind her mask

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Question 7. Why, instead of helping as before to elect another "Member" pledged to go to Parliament and support the Suffrage, are women going themselves, in hundreds, to knock at the doors of the "House"? instruments not of destruction but of building. For the stone-throwers thought as straight as they aimed. They saw that it was a plain question of: Which do you care saw that it was a plain question of : Which do you care most for, order or justice? They care most for justice. I have heard Suffragists complain that they have had to apologise for these women. I do not know how they have dared do that. For, however unpalatable, the truth the second militant women the evils that original book, "Marriage as a Trade," when she says: "To no man, I think, can the world be quite as wonderful as it is to the woman now alive who has fought free They are the women of equal fortune with those wi formorly ran off with their good luck as a dog does with a bone, growing if any ventured near to claim a share, which I may To-day thousands of women who live out of the danger "Why, after and dust of the battle—the secure and happy, as well as the sweated and the fiercely strugging-are conscious of this impulse of anger at hearing à *Uncure qu'il est* that there are men in the world, fair-minded and not ungenerous, who can be supposed to want to know "why" women want the vote. Tell us rather why men think themselves fitter to judge of our need than we? Tell us how, without inextinguishable laughter, men can imagine the be the sole repositories of w THE END.]

PRISON ECHOES.

(Written on a Prison State.) Ah, whither pass the echoing sounds of feet Along the galleries—the prison ways, Through all the vast monotony of days Coming and going with an endless beat? Is this a hive, a store of honey food, Suck'd from the garden sweets in sun and show'r, Pluck'd in delight from each wee smilling flow'r To fill the cells with gathered summer good?

No, no; the cells are full of echoes sad, of hits drops from life's grey rose of souls, Sealed with the shadow'd clang the prison tolls, ntil each drop drains dry or souls run mad. And empty of life's joy the echoes go. And empty of life's joy the entry sow? What do the echoes reap, what do they sow? H. G. L.



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that, but we want, even more than that, that you should that, but we want, even more than thus, they you sudden stand by us. Let me tell you one more personal anecdote. When the doctor first came into my cell I said. "Will you shake me by the hand?" And what I had been going to

shake me by the hand?" And what I had been going to say to him if he had granted me my request was, "I want to shake hands with you for you have taken service on the wrong side. Those who back the Government in this matter are on the wrong side, and when they discover it they will have a very black moment, so let us shake hands over it now." Well the doctor, being a prison official, could probably do nothing else; he did not shake hands. But do not let it come to you the black memory and are all for the the black

ense; he did hot snake hands. But do not let it come to you-that black moment when you will find you have taken service on the wrong side. This is the most glorious fight that has ever been. Become a member of our Union. It is so easy to do that. Before you leave this hall, say: "I will stand by you whatever the world says, whatever public opinion says, I am for you now, before another

JOHN R. TAYLOR.

(32nd Regiment New York Volunteers, 1861-3.) 10, Moss Grove, Kingswinford.

It is my intention to support your society at this General Election by voting for the Tory candidate, my own party having, in my opinion, deserted true Liberal principles. I shall let both candidates know the reason for my change over. With very best wishes for the success of your cause, which is also mine,-Yours truly, ALFRED WATKINS. Wyke, Walden Koad, nornchurch, Essex.

I am a Liberal, but am voting against the Government this time as a protest against their treatment of women. 29, Great St. Helens, E.C. CARL HARRIS.

As a member of the W.S.P.U. I have great pleasure in telling you that my brother has for a birthday present placed his vote at my disposal. I send congratulations to London members for their splendid success so far.

In reply to repeated calls from the agent of E. J. Horni-man, M.P. for Chelsea, I have written to say I decline to give my vote to a Government whose treatment of our women is a disgrace to the country. I have further suc-ceeded in getting three other householders to do the same, and have had the letters posted to his private address. I have also managed to put a nail in the Liberal coffin at Ycovil and Tiverton. ROTHDURY EVANS.

My husband has given me his vote to use as I like until such a time as the franchise is extended to women.

On Wednesday next I intend to vote against the Liberal

To the first time. To the first time. I do this as a protest against the tyranny and injustice of the late Liberal Government towards their women political opponents. I cannot trust a Government which flouts its own principles and deliberately ignores the great landmarks of our dearly bought Constitution—in their case. I find that men generally and carvassers know little or nothing of the facts of the vindictive treatment meted out to the women by the late Cabinet, and they express both surprise and doubt. I an convinced, however, that were the facts generally known a wave of intense abborrence and indignation would sweep the country and at once secure the triumph of the great-human cause which yournoble organization is bearing onward. 10. Merton Arenne. Chiwick, W. F. W. Rower.

Rossetti House, Rossetti Gardens, S.W.

The Limes, Putney Park Avenue, S.W.

10. Merton Avenue, Chiswick, W.

for the first time

50, Oak Street, Southport.

MAUD ROTHWELL

EVELYN DIPLOCK.

minute goes by

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My grandfather, who is eighty-four, and has taken a keen interest in politics all his life, consistently voting Liberal, has determined to withhold his vote at the coming election— although an enthusiastic supporter of the Budget—as a practical protest against the brutal treatment accorded to women by a so-called Liberal Government. He declares that and I will tell you a story about that. One woman, poor working woman, wrote to the Union, and en closed a postal order for half-a-crown, and she said : Will you take this and use it in any way. Constanc lighton would like best." Another said: "I should have liked to send you flowers, but I thought you would like the money better." With this I mean to start a fund simply is will give him more pleasure to help the cause of the wo by withholding his vote than by supporting a Govern which is false to the true traditions of Liberalism. for educating this blind world, for trying to take the scales from the eyes of those who do not yet understand. We want your help for that, and we want your money for

82. Turner's Road, Bow E

I send you herewith postal order value 20s. as a contrib I sent you network postal order value zos, as a contribu-ion to your election fund. As I promised you some time ago, I shall register my two votes against the Liberals as a protest to their attitude on your question.—Yours sincerely, 6, Cross Bank, Shipley. CHAS. W. ALLEN.

I have two votes—one in Holborn, the other in South Kensington—and both will be given against the Government. I am heart and soul a supporter of your cause, and believe that Votes for Women includes most other reforms. May I add that I hold in the highest respect and honour the leaders and the rank and file of your Union, and very much deplore the suffering they have borne. They are mis-understood now, but the future is theirs. "Es ist eine alte Geschichte, Doch bleibt sie immer neu." I wish you all possible success in your propent campaire, and enclose a small possible success in your present campaign, and enclose a small contribution. T. PEARSE GANDELL. Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall, S.W.

I have written to Mr. Asquith informing him that though I am a strong Liberal and my family have been Liberals for many generations, I am in this election voting for the Con-servative candidate here. I have further informed him that I consider his action in respect to Women's Suffrage to have been both shortsighted and weak, and that the manner in which he and his Government have treated some of the best women of our pation is a diverge to this country and to SOME LETTERS FROM ELECTORS. From One Who Fought Against Slavery. <text><text><text>

women of our nation is a disgrace to this country and to ivilisation. John A. J. BRINDLEY. 4, Keats Grove, Hampstead, N.W.

Because I think the enfranchisement of women by far the most important political question of the moment, I shall be glad to place my vote at your service at the coming elec-tion, to be used as the W.S.P.U. may direct. Three friends, voters in this division of Enfield, have pro-mised to join me, and another in Essex. I think to get electors to put their votes absolutely at your direction until the Suffrage is won for women would be a dramatic and effective way of helping the movement. VICTOR PROUT. Glencoe, 6, Stonard Road, Palmer's Green, N.

I, W. Richardson, place my vote at the disposal of my wife for this election as a protest against the Liberals' brutal treatment of British women during their term of

other. I hope other wives may induce their husbands to do like-wise. My vote was Liberal last election. W. RICHARDSON.

21, Waverley Terrace, Leopold Street, Leeds.

Two Fulham electors, Nos. 13,634 and 14,144, handed in heir polling card slips at the Queen's Hall At Home, with the news that they had this time voted against the Government.

A QUESTION FROM AN ELECTOR.

We have recently seen it stated in the papers that men-of-war awe been brought home expressly in order for the men on them o record their votes. We are quite at a loss to understand this, is wo have been so often told that neither soldiers nor sailors re allowed to vote ?

The great majority of soldiers and sailors cannot vote because they cannot fulfil the condition of one year's resi-dence. Even those who have a fixed abode are constantly away on duty and, therefore, unable to register their vote. They are not prohibited from voting if they can fulfil the necessary qualifications, including the residence qualification.

FROM PRISON.*

Put out my eyes : but when you've done ee if you can put out the sun; Thrust me in gaol and turn the key-Freedom shall win, nor fails with me.

Fetter these hands that wield the nen-The sword most feared by knavish men; Some hand, some pen renews the strife, While throbs one heart for God and life.

What the' my fire-touched lips were dumb, Sealed in the darkness of the tomb ! Ten thousand voices thunder lond-Shall mine be missed in such a crowd !

You think the Spring is dead of course, Its light, its song, its sap, its force, Because your stupid hands prevail

A SPEECH BY LADY CONSTANCE LYTTON. Delivered at the Queen's Hall, January 31, 1910.

fully and as deeply as any human being can, but let m remind the strangers here that though what I have dom remind the strangers here that though what I have using is something rather different perhaps to what other women have done, because the circumstances concerning me were different, and because there was something to lay hold rather freshly of the imagination of outsiders; yet they must remember this fact, that thirty-five other women have been treated as I have been treated, and of these women I have suffered almost the least. Before I tell you my story I want to impress that fact on the strangers and the outsiders. I am one of thirty-five to whom this has been done, and of this number there are two women in the prison from which I come, who are now being treated two women who, as I did, are watching th waning of the light, and knowing that when the light fades it is only a question of minutes before this torture can call it by no other name-is inflicted on the helpless bodies at the bottom of a prison cell, where there will be no witnesses and no appeal.

Since I have been released I have had many letters not Since I have been released I have had many letters not only from strangers, but from personal friends, who try to show sympathy, but who say in a curious, blind, and ignorant fashion: "But, after all, what is it all about? Why do it? It is all unnecessary." Therefore I want to give as briefly as I can a little sketh of my experiences during the last year. When first I joined this movement my life was literally transformed by contact with the four ers, who in these brief years have framed and created a movement which, I think, even in the history of the whole world will ever be considered as remarkable.

When I first came across those great forces I stood as an absolute outsider, an impartial critic. Let me tell a an absolute outsider, an impartant criter. Let us the control of the solution a hideous contrast between that vision and the creature in the crowd. It seemed to be an ungainly thing. Pre sently it was caught again, and one man gave it a grea cuff on the head. At that I felt exasperated. I said, "I euff on the head. At that I felt exasperated. I said, " you have got this creature in your power, don't you kno your own business? If you were holding it properly would be still. You think that insult is the proper thin at this moment?" Over and over again I have though of that incident, of how women have been thought un womanly, unnatural, held in contempt, a thing outside the pale, and laughed at and then insulted, because of con ditions which they had not produced, but which were the result of mistakes and injustice of civilisation. When one joins this cause one must expect derisive misunderstand ing, and misinterpretation of all one's motives. A friend 'old me recently that her brother, who had an important post in South Africa, condemned the movement when first he heard of her joining it. Presently, he came back from South Africa, and said he was a complete convert to Woman Suffrage. His reason was that as he moved among the aboriginal tribes he found that the status of the tribe was exactly gauged by the status of the women in that tribe. Where they were honoured and respected it was the same with the tribe, and where it was otherwise the tribe was dishonoured. I think that is a very good instance of what happens in all countries, civilised as well as uncivilised. Only the very day before I went into Livernool prison as Jane Warton I met at one of my meetings a factory inspector. She seemed what you could describe as a "red tape " official, an unimaginative, official Vet she said this: "If only one of these well to-do, happy women could sit in the police-court, as have to do, there would be no need to argue with the about the position of women in this country at the present moment." She told me she was in a police court the other day when three prisoners were brought before the magistrate, a man and two women. The man and a woman were arrested for being together in the public street a night, the other woman for mounting guard. The facts were clear—the man had bribed the woman and had paid her money—and yet this was the verdict : The two women re sent to prison and the man was allowed to go free ple talk of sex war. Is not that sex war? It is ser peace we want.

Women's Weapons.

ople say, what does this hunger-strike mean? Surely all folly. If it is not hysteria, at least it is unreait is all folly. If it is not hysteria, at least it is unreasonable. They will not realise that we are like an army concle. They will not realise that we are like an army, that we are deputed to fight for a cause, and for other people, and in any struggle or any fight, weapons must be used. The weapons for which we ask are simple, a fair hearing, but that is refused us in Parliament, refused is by the Government, refused us in the magistrates ts refused us in the law courts. Then we must have courts, refused us in the law courts. Then we must have other weapons. What do other people choose when they are driven to the last extremity? What do men choose? They have recourse to violence. But what the women of this movement have specially stood out for is that they will not kill, they will not harm while they have other weapons left them. These women have chosen the weapon of self-hurt to make their protest, and this hunger-strike brings great pressure upon the Government. It in-

holiganism? But it is no good taking a weapon and being ready to drop it at the very first provocation, so when the Government retaliated with their unfair methods, with their abominable torture and tyranny of feeding by force, did you expect the women to drop their weapons? No, of course not. I had been in this moveweapoint 100, of course not 1 has been in term in merit many months, and although I absolutely approved of the method of getting in our messages by means of stones which did nothing but convey our meaning to the Ministers and to the world, still I felt I could not throw a stone myself. However, as I have told you here before, when I saw the first of these women released—a mere girl -from Birmingham Gaol, I took another view. I went to Newcastle for a protest, meaning to share what these women endured. I went in my own name, and, as you know, I was released after a very short hunger-strike, a heart specialist being called in, who examined me for something like a quarter of an hour. I made a tremendous protest. I said that in that same prison where I was, there was a woman, a first offender, who had done much less violence than I had, and she was fed by force without having her heart tested at all. "Whatever you think of the subject," I said, "whatever you think of the militant movement, surely you can see that justice is done between one human being and another!" I tried all I could, when I came out, and I got others whom I knew to fight that question with truth and exposure, and what

did they give us back ? Lies, and nothing but lies!

Lies, and nothing but lies! Well, I thought, you choose your weapons, I will fight with the same weapon, and you shall take my life, and do with it what you will! So I disguised myself; I changed my personality, and I went and made my protest outside that very gaol where these hideous, abominable outside that very gaol where these hideous, abominable things were being done. It was easier than I thought. I merely out my hair. I bought clothes of a different type to my own, I removed the initials from my under-clothes, I put on glasses, and that was more than suff-cient. I had one rather unhappy moment. They had taken my belongings, brooches, handkerchief, etc. I saw in the first bundle a reel of cotton with "Lytton" on it, and a handkerchief from which I had omitted to re-more the initials. move the initials. I thought the game was up, but they were so little suspicious that I simply placed my hand upon these two things and put them into the fire. The rison world is so used to Suffragettes doing strange things

hat they were not at all surprised. I was always on the alert for being discovered, but the first day of the hunger-strike went by, the second day went by, and the third day went by, and it was quite obvious from the way they treated me they did not suspect my identity. It was the first time I had been to prison without my name, and I can assure you it made a great deal of difference. Perhaps it is only human. I do not mplain of position influencing people like wardresses r policemen, but when it comes to law and the Home Office, surely one can expect something more like justice? Or, the fourth day of my hunger-strike the doctor came to my cell and said he must feed me at once. I was so desirous of gaining my object-I knew that if I was only fed once it would be a test-that I did not look upon it with horror-I welcomed it. To my surprise and to my great relief they did not examine my heart, which I had managed for two days, but which by the fourth day of

starvation was becoming difficult. At last they came. It is like describing a hospital scene—and much worse. The doctor and four wardresses came into my cell. I decided to save all my resistance for the actual feeding, and when they pointed to my bed on the floor I lay down, and the doctor did not even feel my pulse. Two wardresses held my hands, one my head. Much as I had heard about this thing, it was infinitely more horrible and more painful than I had expected. The doctor put the steel gag in somewhere on my guns and forced open my mouth till it was yawning wide. As he proceeded to force into my mouth and down the throat he proceeded to force into my mouth and down the throat a large rubber tube. I felt as though I were being killed— absolute suffocation is the feeling. You feel as though it would never stop. You cannot breathe, and yet you choke. It irritates the throat, it irritates the mucous membrane

It irritates the throat, it irritates the mucous membrane as it goes down, every second seems an hour, and you think they will never finish pushing it down. After a while the sensation is relieved, then the food is poured down, and then again you choke, and your whole body resists and writhes under the treatment; you are held down, and the process goes on, and, finally, when the vomiting becomes excessive the tube is removed. I forgot what I was in there for, I forgot women, I forgot everything except my own sufferings, and I was completely overcome by them.

I am grateful for your kindness, and I appreciate it as ly and as deeply as any human being can, but let me mind the strangers here that though what I have done intermediate the part of the women only, and does not physically in-jure their enemies. Can that be called violence and Nevertheless I got to hate those men and women, I got Nevertheless I got to hate those men and women, I got to hate infinitely more the powers that stood behind them, I got to hate the blindness, the prejudice, in those who turn away and won't look or listen to what is being done under their very eyes. I tried to think of the splendid heroes and heroines since the world began, of all the martyrs, all the magnificent women in this movement, and I felt a tremendous gratitude to them, an admiration which overpowered me. But it was no use to me-it did

on the present of the second s "This is a Suffragette; one must mend her ideas of women." So he began speaking in this style: "I can tell women." So he began speaking in this style: "I can tell you one thing, any woman you see in this prison, you may take it from me, is as bad as bad can be. Everything has been done to help her, but she is absolutely hopeless." These remarks came back to me later, and I thought, Here is this man, the only man in this prison who could strike a different note, who could help the wretched souls, and that is his summing up of all the unhappy people under him-"as bad as bad can be.""

Then one evening, as I lay on the bed on the floor of

I was not able to do it myself, and an ordinary prisoner came in to do it. She was a new hand, and the wardresses came in to do it. She was a new hand, and the wardresses said contemptuously in her presence, "Just look at that, look at the way she is doing it." But the woman's face never changed, there was no resentment and no anger. I ventured to say, "At any rate, she is doing the work I ought to do myself, and I am very grateful to her," and from that woman there came to me an immense strength, and I felt I could fight on and live on to the end. As I was taken out to be weighed I passed a little girl, she was not more than a child. She may for aught I know have been taken straight off the streets, but she had at that moment the face of an angel, and she looked down on me with a smile which you can never see out of prison. She gave me that angel's smile, and it positively touched my very soul. When I went out of the prison I felt my resentment and anger were gone. In a way my physical courage was no better than before, but at least I could go on. I knew that I should last out.

that I should last out. Then you come out of prison, and you hear people say: "You have gone in as a practical joke to do the Home Sceretary," or "You went in for a piece of hooli-ganism," and so on. What are these people made of i Is that what we want? No. We want that from those

Two Pictures.

I need one evening, as I lay on the bed on the noof of my cell, I looked up. There were three panes of clear glass, and on them as the light fell there came shadows of the moulding that looked like three crosses. It brought to my mind the familiar icene of Calvary with its three to my mind the familiar rocene of Calvary with its three crosses, and I thought: What did they stand for 7 One for the Lord Christ who died for sinners, and one for the sinner who was kind, and one for the sinner who had not yet learnt to be kind, and behind these crosses I saw those hateful faces, the self-rightcous, all those hateful institutions of superior goodness and moral blindness of officialdom, of all the injustice done, not only in prison, but in the world with early it was for these that Christ an one injustice done, not only in prison, but in the world outside, and I thought surely it was for these that Christ died and is dying still and will have to die until they begin to see. When I thought that my blind hatred should be standing between these people and their better solves, I felt the hatred and the hell-like surroundings go from me. I was grateful to those panes, and the from me. I was grateful to those panes, and the next day I put the table and the chair together and roused myself to wash the three windows cleaner, and as I looked through the glass, I saw, in the waning evening light, suffused by a pink glow, a scene which was to me more beautiful than the most beautiful picture I had ever seen. Ontside was a little exercise yard, into which I had never Outside was a little exercise yard, into which I had never been. Wandering round and round in the evening light, quite alone, was a slight figure of a woman, and as ahe turned the corner I saw that in her arms, under her shawl, she had another little prisoner, a baby, and she was happy and talking and singing to it; she seemed the very symbol of what we are fighting for-fighting to restore what has been lost—and I looked at that woman, who seemed so helpless, and I honght of the parson's words, "Bad as bad can be." And I felt as strong as Someon' A strongth which no stories of herois neople had Samson ! A strength which no stories of heroic people had been able to give to me came to me.

been able to give to me came to me. After each time the hideous process of forcible feeding was repeated it meant a ghastly kind of washing-up. Two or three times I was so absolutely unmanned that

NORAH CONNELL

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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Miss Christabel Pankhurst will take the chair at next Mon Muss Christabel Pankhurst will take the chair at next Mon-day's afternoon free public meeting in London (Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W., 3-5), when the speakers will be Miss -Mordan, so well known as a pioneer Suffragist and warm supporter of the militant movement, and Mrs. Brailsford. At the Thursday evening weekly meeting, in St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street, at 8 p.m., the speakers will be Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs. Penn Gaskell, Miss Grace Roe, and Mrs. Tuke, in the chair.

Missions to Women.

The intense interest of women in the crusade that is being waged on their behalf was so striking a feature of the recent Election campaign that it has been decided to hold special women's missions. The mission in London will commence on February 15, and similar mission in Condon will commence provinces. Mrs. Pankhnrst is interesting herself speci-in this work, and hopes to take part in each of the provin-missions. For further details see page 299.

At the Fighting Line.

The monstrous sentences on two women now in Walton The monstrous sentences on two women now in Walton Gael, Liverpoel, are due to expire on February 17 and 19 respectively. The first, Miss Selina Martin, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for a most courageous protest at Liverpool on the occasion of the Prime Minister's visit in December and for damage to prison property last Angust. Miss Elsie Howey was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for protesting, outside (the prison, against the scandalous treatment of Miss Martin while on remand.

Great Albert Hall Meeting.

Great Albert Hall Meeting. Members and friends are reminded that if they wish for the opportunity of being present at the next great ticket meet-ing in London they must not delay, as the tickets are selling rapidly. The prices are as follows :--Stalls 3s., area 2s. 6d., balcony or lower orchestra 1s., upper orchestra 6d., and boxer at various prices. The 1s. seats and 6d. seats are for women only. All seats are numbered except those in the upper orchestra. Application should be made to Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

A Forcible Feeding Poster.

A Forcible Feeding Poster. The telling cartoon published on the front of last week's VORES FOR WOARNS illustrating forcible feeding is being re-produced as a poster. It is printed in four colours, and forms a very graphic means of bringing home to the public the terrible ordeal through which women are at this moment going in prison. Will members see that it is very widely distributed? It is in two sizes, viz. .-B0 ins. wide by 60 ins. high (satitable for hoardings), price 6d., by post 74d.; and 20 ins. by 15 ins. (suitable for windows), price 1d., by post 14d. Orders should be sent to the Secretary, Woman's Press, W.S.F.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The posters will be ready by February 10. by February 10.

To all whom it may concern.

During the General Election campaign large numbers of people for the first time came into touch with the militant movement. Many have definitely joined the W.S.P.U., and movement. Many have definitely joined the w.S.r. U., and those who have not yet done so are invited to sign the mem bership form on p. 290, and post it, with the entrance fee of 1s., to the Hon. Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn. nce fee

Poster Parades in London.

The poster parades recently held in London have proved so The poster parades recently held in London have proved see successful in drawing attention to the Vorus ron Wongan newspaper that it has been decided to make them a weekly fixture. Friday having been found the most convenient day, a parade will take place this morning. Will volunteers anxious to take part in this aplendid object-lesson be at Clements Im at 11 a.m. to-day ready to take part? For further particulars see page 297.

The Scottish Exhibition.

Further details of the Suffrage Exhibition and Sale of Work, to be held in Glasgow on the closing days of April, will be found on page 300. All who have any time to spare are invited to devote it to helping the Scottish women Suf-ragists to prove by this exhibition the strength of the mov-ment beyond the Border. Will they communicate with Mrs. Drummond at 502, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow?

Prison Protest at Liverpool.

A great protest meeting is being held to-day in the Sun Hall at 8 p.m. to express the indignation felt with regard to the treatment of Suffragist prisoners in Walton Gaol recently. Mrs. Parkhurst will address the meeting, and Lady Constance Lytton (Jane Warton) will tell the story of the Govern-ment's differential treatment of her while in prison at New-oastile and at Liverpool. The speakers will be supported on the pittform by many influential people. Particulars may be obtained from the W.S.P.U. office, 28, Berry Street, Liver-ared

Meeting at the Court Theatre.

An important meeting will take place in the Court Theatre. An important meeting will take place in the Court Theatre, Sloane Square, at 3 p.m., on February 22. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Lady Constance Lytton will be the speakers. The meeting is being organised by the Chelsea W.o.P.U., and those willing to help in the arrangements are invited to com-municate with Miss Haig, 4, Trafalgar Studios, Manress Read, Chelsea, S.W., from whom tickets of admission, price 2a, 5d, 1a, and 5d., may be obtained. At this meeting a sum of money will be raised as a mark of appreciation and gratitude to Lady Constance Lytton, and this will be handed by her to the National Campaign Fund. by her to the National Campaign Fund.

The Woman's Press.

tion would sweep mph of the great F. W. Rowz. F. W. Rowz.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

BOOK OF THE WEEK.* A Splendid Eccentric.

in the early nineteenth century, at a time when women were encouraged to efface themselves entirely, and a

bashful modesty was considered their only becoming attribute, it is marvellous that an Englishwoman of rank

and surrounded by conventions should have broken loose

mother died when she was only four years of age, and thus one great restraining influence of a woman's life

was removed. Part of her eccentricity perhaps came from her father, who, we read, played the part of a Re-publican, apprenticed one son to a blacksmith, another t) a shoemaker, and sent Hester to mind turkeys on the common. He himself gave up all the comforts of life, and neglected both the appearance and the education of his children. These qualities, however, were allied with genius. He was a great inventor, and made a calculating

genus. He was a great invertor, and made a calculating machine, a printing press, and in 1793 constructed the first boat ever propelled by steam. This invention was refused by the Admiralty, but, with prophetic power, Lord Stanhope said in the House of Lords: "Some of your Lordships now sitting here will live to see steam

When her father died, Lady Hester, then twenty-four

years old, went to live with her uncle, Mr. William Pitt. She was described as very tall and majestic, of fair skin

and dark hair, and of a very witty, impetuous, proud, and courageous nature. When someone said of her that she would never marry until she found a man as clever

as herself, Mr. Pitt replied—and events proved him right—"Then she will never marry at all." In 1806 he

lied, and Lady Hester found herself practically alone

in the world, with an annuity of £1,200 a year granted by Parliament. At this time, her biographers hint, she was very much attached to Sir John Moore, and after his

Now came the critical moment of her life. Alone and

ndependent, fond of adventure and disliking the dull

independent, fond of adventure and disliking the dull round of society life, Lady Hester knew not where to turn her energies. First we find her staying in a lonely Welsh farmhouse in very simple style; but such a life could not long satisfy her temperament, and in 1810 she left England to go with her brother to Gibraltar. Inis was the beginning of a new life which never again led her back to England. With one or two friends and a full the disd part of the start of the start.

naithful medical man, Dr. Meryon, Lady Hester set out on her travels. From Gibraltar she went on to Malta,

where'she met Lord Broughton, who wrote of her : ". masculine woman, who says she would as soon live with

packhorses as with women. I met her again the next day

at dinner. She seems to me a violent, peremptory per-son." In the Ionian Islands she was introduced to Lord

Byron, and took him to task for his low opinion of women's intellect. Having such a formidable example before him of wit and intellect, Lord Byron, we read,

Some subtle influence was drawing Lady Hester neares

and nearer to the East, which was to be her future home. She spent ten months at Constantinople, and then went

on to Alexandria. Here a shipwreck and the loss of her

property led her to adopt Turkish male dress—a small matter, but one which is likely to have influenced her

still further in the life she afterwards adopted. Now followed some months of travel. At Cairo she was

received like a queen by the Pasha, and in 1812 she rode in magnificent fashion into Jerusalem, obsessed by the idea once given her by a London fortune teller that she was destined to be crowned queen of the Jews and lead

The idea of any control over her actions always roused

her opposition, and in spite of warnings she entered Damascus unveiled in broad daylight at the head of

ighteen horsemen. We read that the crowds were so such astonished that before they had time to recover

themselves she had passed on. A little later she triumphantly carried out a visit to Palmyra, at that time an undertaking of the utmost risk.

After a serious illness, Lady Hester settled at Djoun, in an old monastery on the top of a hill near Mount Lebanon, which remained her home until the end of her

life. Here she lived, with her servants, her English com-panion, and her doctor, a simple life, a great part of which she spent in a beautiful and secluded garden. She

* Lady Hester Stanbope, By Mrs, Charles Roundell, London; John Murray, Price 64.

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had few books and few letters, but her tranquillity was sometimes broken by visits and sometimes by adven-turous expeditions. She had now adopted a simple Bedouin dress, smoked long Turkish pipes, and as she A nature full of splendid possibilities-and yet a pracgrew older turned night into day, getting up about four o'clock in the afternoon and sitting up to five in the morning. She had no watch or clock. "I like nothing ically wasted life-this is the feeling one has after reading these fascinating memoirs. And the pity of it ! For had she lived in the twentieth century, Lady Hester

but nature," she says. "I cannot bear anything that is unnatural. The sun is for the day, the moon and stars for the night, and by them I like to measure time." Stanhope's marvellous courage and energy would probably have found their outlet in the women's movement. Like so many strong natures whose ambitions have been thwarted and who have had no outlet for all the A missionary in Arabia, who was present at the burial of Lady Hester Stanhope, wrote of her: "In her moungreat aspirations, Lady Hester with the advance of years ain nest, and all alone, she dragged out the remnant more superstitious, and her eccentricity ran rio She dropped from the magnificent to the careless, and although she always remained picturesque, she allowed of her days in haughty pride and stubborn independ-ence. Lady Hester Stanhope was wholly and magnifiher clothes to fall into rags. Her room was seldom swept Lady Hester was indeed a unique personality, and

and the comfort of the house was not increased by her habit of keeping a large number of cats. nabit of keeping a large number of cats. With her imperious qualities went an absolute gener-osity. She gave everything to those who asked for it, and to the end of her life her house was always open to refugees. The threats of Ibrahim Pasha had no effect whatever. She sent him a message that he must kill whatever. She sent him a message that he must kill her before she would give up one of the poor people who had taken refuge with her. She remained to the end a brilliant conversationalist, and Kinglake wrote of his visit to her :-

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visit to her :--For hours and hours this wondrous white woman poured forth her speech. This half ruined convent guarded by the proud heart of an English gentlewoman was in truth the only spot throughout all Syria and Palestine in which the will of Mehemet Ali and his fierce lieutenant (Ibrahim Pasha) was not the law. So long as Chatham's granddaughter breathed a breath of life there was always one hillock-and that, too, in the midst of a most populous district-which stood out and kept its freedom. Mehemet Ali, I am toid, used to say that the Englishwoman had given him more trouble than all s freedom. Mehemet Ali, I am glishwoman had given him more it people of Syria and Palestine

One of the secrets of her power may have been her neglect of the wiles that other women used. There is n, record in her life of coquetry or indirect feminine influence. She went on her own way and defied anyone to prevent her. It is likely that she realised this, for it is recorded that she once said: "The Arabs have never looked upon me in the light either of a man or of a woman, but as 'un être à part.'" Dangers, difficulties,

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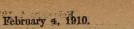
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THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. In Keiler's Row.

On a cold December afternoon a figure clad in furs walked briskly down the narrow streets of a squalid little town. The inhabitants of many of the pokey houses knew her as "Miss Dorothea." She was un married and over thirty At one time she had been engaged, but the man had proved unworthy of her love and in a moment of indignation she had chosen independence. And since then she had learnt a great deal, though very little to make her regret her decision. Her life was chiefly devoted to the inhabitants of the

town. She had grown to love them. Their troubles, their misery, and even their wickedness found pity in her heart. She knew what it meant to be badly treated by a man she had believed in, and hundreds of the women in the squalid houses knew it too. The ambition of her life was to better the existence of the wome around her, but up to now she could hit on no way of doing so.

She was approaching the corner of Keiler's Row, the arrowest and dirtiest street in the town, when a sharp voice at her elbow said: "Paper, loidy?" She looked down at a begrimed urchin with a bundle of papers under one arm, who was holding up a printed poster. Her eyes caught the words :-

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TEN WOMEN ARRESTED!" Dorothea shuddered. How could women behave in

this way? She hurried on down Keiler's Row, and visited the women in every house. From each she heard a tale that made her heart bleed. A mother with six children, that made her heart bleed. A mother with six children, the youngest not a month old, and the father she knew not where. Another with a dying babe and a husband in an asylum, for whom the law made her pay a sum of money every week, despite the fact that he had drunk himself mad. A third woman, whose husband was out f work, and who kept herself and him alive by working II day at a factory for a few pence. 'A fourth, whose usband was ill and had found refuge in the workhouse, whilst she provided a living for herself and their ille gitimate child. And so on and on, until she came t the last house, where there was a young girl who had just come out of prison, for attempting to commit suicide on discovering that the man who had ruined her prospects in life, and had promised to marry her, was already

married man. "How cruel and unjust it is," Dorothea thought as

she left the house. "Why is it possible that in a civi-lised country such injustices can be done to women?" At the corner of the street another voice spoke to her, this time the voice of a lady. Dorothes looked up sur-prised; she did not often meet a lady in Keiler's Row.

preser; she did hot often meet a lady in Relief's Row. She saw before her a tall, slim girl, blue with cold, with a bag hung round her neck containing papers. "Do buy a copy of 'Votes for Women.'" "Tell me," said Dorothea, "why do you break windows and get sent to prison? It seems dreadful that women should do such things."

should do such taings. The seller of "Votes for Women" smiled, and she pointed with her finger to the houses in Keiler's Row. "I saw you come out of there," she said. "We break windows as a protest to the Government for allowing the women to suffer as they do. When we go to prison we suffer for a short time something, but they are suffering all their lives

'You really think the vote will help them ?" Dorothea

asked. "I know it will help them. When women have the vote they will be treated with justice. I don't suppose all the women in Keiler's Row have been fairly treated." "Indeed not," Dorothea answered, and she bought a paper and hurried home. That evening she studied "Votes for Women" from beginning to end. Interest-ing as it all was there was one page that interested her more than all the rest. It contained a speech delivered at the Queen's Hall, in which the speaker called on her audience to obey the creat call they had called on her audience to obey the great call they had heard, and free women from their captivity. She re-lated incidents that brought the tears to Dorothea's

eyes, and through that brought the tears to borotheas eyes, and through it all she could see her friends in Keiler's Row. Exactly when Dorothea decided to take the step she never knew, but the next day she was in London offering her services at Clements Inn. A short while afterwards she endeavoured to explain to a Cabinet Minister what these poor women through their sufferings had explained to her. On three occasions she tried, and each time she to her. On three occasions she tried, and each time she was selzed and gagged and almost throttled. The fourth time she threw a stone. The glass of the post office window fell in splinters at her feet, and the Cabinet Minister, who was driving through the town to hold a meeting there, is said to have remarked that the pluck of the Suffragettes was bound to win in time. The next day Dorothea was sentenced to three months' hard labour

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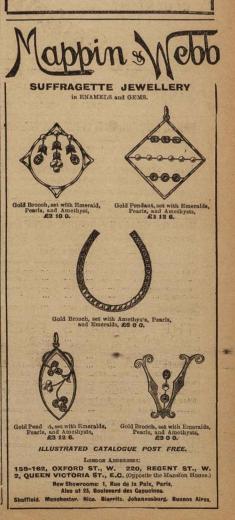
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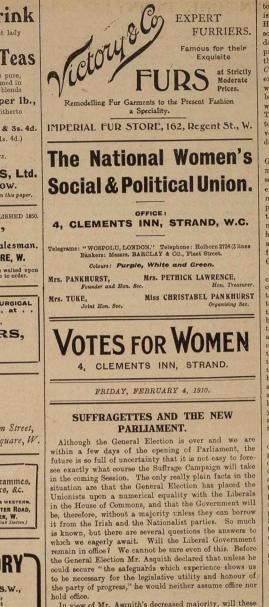




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the party of progress, he would have be an event and the hold office. In view of Mr. Asquith's decreased majority, will these safeguards, the provision of which would necessitate Royal intervention, be forthcoming? If they are not secured to him, will Mr. Asquith carry out his expressed intention of renouncing office? Or will he, a thing not without pre-oedent in Liberal history, deem discretion to be the better part of valour, and remain in office not on his own terms, but under the conditions prevailing in the old Parliament-conditions which, as he declared at the Albert Hall, subject him to "rebuffs and humiliations" at the hands of the Lords? If he adopts this less heroic policy, waiving his demand for safeguards and remaining in office without them, will the Liberal party inside and outside the House of Commons endorse his action, and will the Nationalist and Irish members think him worthy of their support?

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

to overhauling the situation. Women's Enfranchisement to overhauling the situation. Women's Enfranchisement is a constitutional matter at least as important as the House of Lords' question with which the Government are so eager to deal. Obviously, the moment when the pre-dominance of the House of Commons is to be given ex-press legal recognition is the due moment for making the House of Commons in very truth, what the Daily Chronicle inaccurately declares it to be at present, "the Chronicle inaccurately declares it to be at present, the express insage and authorised exponent of the national will." This the House of Commons is not, and never can be so long as there exists the political disability of sex which excludes from the right to vote half the community. Therefore, in calling upon the Government to grant votes to women in the present Session, we shall be acting with a ery strong sense of the special appropriateness of our

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demand. By what means is this demand to be urged upon the Government? The policy of opposition to the Govern-ment is to be continued. At every by-election the repre-sentatives of this Union will be in the field urging the electors to vote against the Government nominee. But militant action, the more revolutionary side of the cam-paign, will not be resumed unless we are convinced that the Government will yield to nothing else. A pause in militant action will prove to the public that such action has been resorted to by members of this Union, not from any love of disorder and lawlessness, but because of the failure of peaceful and lawful agitation to influence the Government.

failure of peaceful and favilit agriation to infinence tails Government. For four years there has been waged a campaign of protest calling for heavy sacrifice of health and liberty on the part of women. We hope the need of it is over, and that mili-tancy has done its work. It may be that the opposition to our demand has no longer any real existence; it may be that the logic of the present political situation will of itself be strong enough to convert the Government; it may even be the case that the Government has suffered a change of heart, and that prejudice will no longer move them to resist our claim. The cessation of militancy will enable these doubts to be settled. If the Government respond to a demand for the Vote made in an entirely peaceful and conventional way, then militant methods will not be resumed. If, on the other hand, the Government ignore the demand so made, militant action will begin again. It is, therefore, the Government, and not the Suffragettes, who will decide whether there shall be a repetition of the strife and coercion of the past four years, or whether the conflict is to be ended, on terms honour-able to both sides, by the enactment of a measure removing the political disability of sex.

the pointcal disability of sex. In laying these plans for the future, we are proceeding on the assumption that the Government, whatever their policy in regard to Votes for Women, will have the support of the Labour members and the Nationalists. We do so be-cause we think it wiser to foresee the worst, and to provide members of the Labour to the terms of the second secon cause we think it wiser to foresee the worst, and to provide accordingly. The Government, however, are not wise if they take it for granted that the Labour party and the Nationalist party will aid and abet them in a policy of disfranchisement and coercion as applied to women. In the ranks of the Trish party are to be found many who support the cause of Woman Suffrage, and coercion cannot be expected to find a friend in them. Mr. Keir Hardie's magnificent protest in the House of Commons against forcible feeding will be remembered when much that occurred in the late Parliament has been for-gotten. Mr. Snowden, Mr. Barnes, and other Labour mem-bers have on various occasions supported our cause. Perhape the Liberal leaders, reflecting that action in sup-

bers have on various occasions supported our cause. Perhaps the Liberal leaders, reflecting that action in sup-port of Woman Suffrage was taken by a few members only of the Nationalist and Labour parties, feel that they need not fear any great opposition from these parties as whole if the opposition to Woman Suffrage is continued. Since the General Election, however, the situation is changed in one important particular. In the old Parliament the Labour and Nationalist parties were not an essential part of the Minis-terial forces, since the Government had an absolute majority over all the rest of the House. The Labour members and the Nationalist members were not, therefore, responsible for the Government's action. They had not a hand in denying the Vote to women and in imprisoning and assaulting the Government's action. They had not a hand in denying the Vote to women and in imprisoning and assaulting the Noffrageties. The Government did not derive the power to do these things from them. But in the new Parliament the Labour and Nationalist parties will be directly and fully responsible for any injustice done by the Government to women, because between them they will constitute the Ministerial majority, and except with their con-nivance the Government cannot pursue an unjust and vindictive policy in regard to Woman Suffrage. It remains to be seen whether they are prepared to share with Mr. Asquith the dishonour of withholding from women, ay dint of brute force, the right of citizenship. If they refues to do so, we may expect a speedy end to our struggle for the Vote, for Mr. Asquith will then be driven either to quit-office or to carry a Women's Enfranchissment measure.

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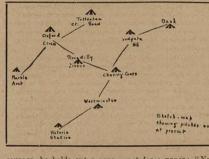
"VOTES FOR WOMEN-ONE PENNY!"

When, at the beginning of the militant movement, the first Suffragette took her stand in Ludgate Hill solling "Votes for Women" badges, she was thought "most andacions." But in these four years much has taken place to break down the natural repugnance of women of education and refinement to appearing pub-licity as Suffrage missionaries in the London streets. The has imprisoned 400 women for asking for their political rights, and has treated them with coercive methods un-heard of except in uncivilised countries, has swept away all fear. Some of the women who stand at these pitches have been in prison; others are taking their place there women who are fired by the enthusiasem of those women wh

been in prison; others are taking their place three because, for various reasons, they cannot go to prison. Some have been shamed into doing it because others have Some nave been snamed into doing it because others nave done so wheen. To day a letter came to Clements Inn :--"Lady Constance Lytton's noble act has deeply moved me. My duty is clear--to make her protest as effective as lies in my small power. I wish I saw my way clear to enter the fighting line." Women never feel more ready to sacrifice themselves utterly than when they hear of the writely taken when they hear of the untold tortures other women have endured. How absolutely some men misunderstand women's spirit!" Of such stuff are these Vores for Women sellers made.

Those who do Understand.

nen who stand for many hours at their pitches selling the paper, answering questions, and clearing away ancient prejudices, have many interesting incidents to tell. "The cause that makes you stick to it like this, through cold and rain, must indeed be a grand one," says one buyer—a man. Then there is the poorly clad woman who says: "I want to thank the ladies who go to prison ; they treat us better there now." An old man bent with age, ragged, and with boots so worn that his, bent with age, ragged, and with boots so worn that his feet are seen through large cracks, stands silent for a long time—so long, that the Suffragette thinks he is making up his mind to beg. At last, screwing up his



courage, he holds out a penny, not for a paper: "No, thank you, miss: I have no time to read it now—I have to work—but please give that penny to the funds, if you think it is not too little." A poor woman, with a smile of real friendship, says: "God bless you all, miss; we know what it means for us." These are the people who understand—the poor and the oppressed. They know what it is the women are working for—that the aim they have before them is to make the world a better place for women, and men too. place for women, and men too

place for women, and men too. Foreigners understand too. At Westminster numbers of Frenchmen, Orientals, and others stop and have a chat with the seller there, and "Really," she says, "they seem to understand our movement—and what is more, the methods we adopt to gain our object—far better than many people of this country." Then there are colonials— the Australian, who explains how glad and proud he is that the women in his country have the Parliamentary vote, or the American, who asks: "Why do your men treat you so shamefully over this business?" One treat you so shamefully over this business?" One American told how he had heard Mrs. Pankhurst in his own country and was anxious to hear her again. He said that the effect she had had on her American tour was

A delicate-looking little woman selling at the Victoria A delicate-looking little woman selling at the Victoria pitch tells how among many people who stopped to talk was a lady who expressed her interest in the militants, but said she could not become reconciled to the methods. In her retired country village the only person who ad-mired and stood up for the Suffragettes was an old lady of seventy. She had never seen a Suffragette, but she would not hear a word against them. After a little conversation this lady went away, saying she would re-gard militant action in a very different light in future, and at the suggestion of the seller she took with her a badge to be presented to the old lady whose kindly thoughts in the country village were keening the flame thoughts in the country village were keeping the flame alight.

An Education to the Women.

There are many opportunities during the day of polish-ing one's wits, and the questions that are asked and the information demanded by those who stay for a chat is in information demanded by those who stay for a chait is in itself an education to the seller. Some want to know how to become members of the W.S.P.U. Liberals during the election stopped to explain that they had voted against their Party because of its treatment of women; or, as at the Tottenham Court Road pitch, they disclosed their real feelings by calling out, "It's all right;

Come and Help. Nine pitches, and a population of something like six millions! More are wanted. Are there not other women who are fired by the enthusiasm of those who have given so much for the cause? Will they not-take their turn and relieve some of the sellers who are working for so many hours? Every new recruit who gees bravely to her work, suppressing her fears of the un-known, returns to Clements Inn radiant with success and enthusiastic about the interest of the work. "From the very first," writes the captain of the Picca-"From the very first," writes the captain of the Picca From the very first, writes the captain of the Picca-dilly pitch, "the sandwichman took me under his pro-tection, and told me where not to stand, as the traffic was dangerous, and chatted when he was slack." Some-times two or three country cousins will stand in the middle of the pavement, regarding the Suffagette evi-dently as one of the sights of London, and discussing her

denty as one of the signts of London, and discussing her in whispers. One of these, realising that the ordeal could be none too pleasant for the Suffragette, rushes up to her, presses a bunch of violets into her hand, say-ing: "They are so refreshing, and you must be tired standing here so long," and disappears in the crowd. Of those who do not understand is the fat, choleric old Of those who do not understand is the fat, choleric old gentleman, who, after stopping to read the poster for some time, makes the strikingly original remark: "Wouldn't it be better if you went home and washed the baby?" The Suffragette sweetly replies: "The baby in our household is twenty-two, and much prefers to wash

herself"-at which the sandwichman chuckles

A POSTER PARADE

"Heavens alive!" gasped a very smart lady in Bond Street on Saturday, her attention suddenly distracted from hats and blouses by the appeal, "Buy Vortes for WOMEN, latest number, one penny!" As the marchers filed past slowly, a long line of well-dressed, happy looking women, each decorated with and decorating her ing women, each decorated with and decorating her purple white and green poster, the open scorn changed to interest, and finally to a kind of grudging admiration. As the last one approached, my lady accepted, quite humbly, a bill of the Queen's Hall meeting, and then bought a copy of VOTES FOR WOREN. Our route was up Kingsway, along Oxford Street, down Bond Street to Piccadilly, and by the Haymarket to Trafalgar Square. All the way the abundant testimony of recent election workers was confirmed. The man in the street is already converted to the justice if not alast to the urgency of workers was conntrmed. The man in the street is already converted to the justice, if not, alas! to the urgency, of the woman's vote. There was little astonishment and less mocking. Some of the objectors even gave us in-tellectual stimulus, such as the gentleman who said, dogmatically, that we should sell hundreds instead of dozens of Vorzs ron Womrn if we hired starving women to rearrady and sell. "You care taking the head out of dozens of Vortes ron Wontrx if we hired starving women to parade and sell. "You are taking the bread out of the mouths of the poor," he insisted, "and people are so shocked at what you do they will not buy your paper." "Come to the Queen's Hall on Monday." was all I had a chance to get in, so voluble was he. The most cutting thing I heard shows what a long way we are already from the days of "Who's moindin' the biby?" etc. Two flower-sellers were discussing. "I eard them torking at Chelses and one or 'or shoisened

buy i etc. I wo nower-seners were discussing. "I 'eard them torking at Chelsea, and one on 'em she jawed so well abaht the unemployed I got my young man to vote for 'er, I did!" Said the other, grudgingly: "Well, they don't seem to 'ev done much yet. Them elections is nearly over now, and there's just as many unemployed as even?" as ever

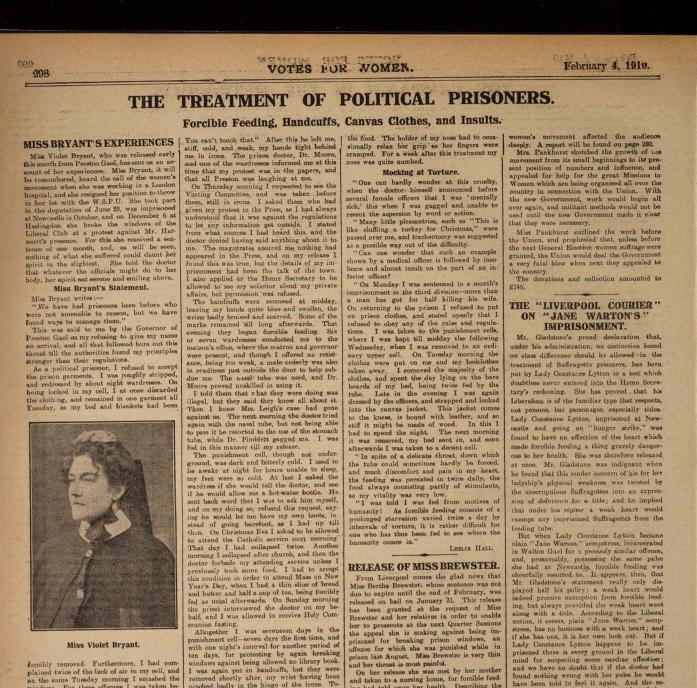
as ever!" Remembering some of the early attempts to sandwich -the mud thrown, the abuse, the tearing to pieces of our placards by rough lads—and comparing those days with the peaceful march on Saturday, one thought gratefully of those whose collective heroism has brought the change. We tod more safely in that throng because every poster bearing Lady Constance Lytton's name reminded Demos of the gallant deed in Liverpool Gaol, that has done more for democracy than all the "Liberal" Cabinet's work of the last four years. Let no one fear to do her share of sandwiching. There is no more difficulty than in plunging into a cold bath. The initial moment is unpleasant in both cases; the reaction in both is healthy and stimulating.

reaction in both is healthy and stimulating, B. A. S.

The Women's Social and Political Union are NOT asking for a vote for every woman, but simply that sex shall cease to be a disqualification for the franchise. At present men who pay rates and taxes, who are owners, occupiers, lodgers, or have the service or university fran-chise, possess the Parliamentary vote. The Woman's Social and Political Union claim that women who fulfil the same conditions shall also enjoy the franchise. It is estimated that when this claim has been encoded

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February 4, 1910.

General Offices : 4, Clements Inn. W.C.

majority of the women of England a sign that they wanted the Parlimentary vote. Such a test has never been imposed upon men when demanding an extension of the franchise. Moreover, the Prime Minister, had he chosen to believe the evidence before him, has had

Miss Jessie Kenney. It is hoped that the W.S.P.U. Drum and Fife Band will be much in evidence during the

Woman's Mission. Proparations are rapidly going forward for the Albert Hall meeting on March 18. The names of those wishing to act as stewards should be sent to Miss Hambling, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Members only are eligible, and they must be at the hall at 6 o'clock.

BATTERSEA. Hon. Sec., pro tem., Miss L. Yedy, 35, High Street

Hon. Sec. protem. Ans L. Yeey, 39, High street. The Woman's Mission has been taken up warmly by the Battersee W.S.P.U., for whom Miss L. Vedy is acting as temporary Hon. Secretary. A workers' meeting will be held next Monday at 23, Sugden Road, Lavender Hill, at 7.30 p.m., to make arrangements, and mambers who can spare an hour are asked to be present, and to make every effort to secure the success of the mission.

BRIXTON. Office : 80, Brixton Road. Organiser, Miss Grace Ros.

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THE CAMPAIGN IN THE METROPOLIS.

Mr. Asquith once demanded from the majority of the women of England a sign that

demanding an extension of the franchise. Moreover, the Prine Minister, had he chosen to believe the evidence of the women's demand. Nevertheless, it will be an excellent thing for the women to show the strength of their demand once more, and for this reason a Woman's Mission has been set on foot through-out the country. London members have made proparations and from ill over the metropolis reports are coming in of work already done. Those who have carried out the works of far are aposially struck with the way in which the women's movement has impressed the woman of the homekeeping type. Many have ex-pressed their astonishment at this intense in-terest among the women, and their under-standing of the efforts that are being made on behalf of twomen. Below, will be fourd. **Delay Will be fourd**. **Delay Work.**

are specially struck with the way in which the women's movement has impressed the woman of the homekceping type. Many have ex-pressed their astonishment at this intense in-terest among the women, and their under-standing of the efforts that are being made on behalf of women. Below will be found some preliminary reports. The mission will in most cases last for about a week, com-mensing on February 15, and will culminate in a public meeting. Mrs. Pankhurst is in teresting herself specially in the Woman's Mis-ision, and hopes to take an active part in it. Volunteers able to help in any London centre should communicate without delay with Miss Jessie Kenney.

CHISWICK.

CHISWICK. Bhop: sto, High Road. Hon. Sec., Miss Geombes. The Mission here will open with a meeting in the shop on Tuesday, February 15. After-noon and evening meetings in the shop, and evening meetings in Devonshire Rooms or Mission Hall on the 16th, 17th, and 18th, will be followed by a Town Hall meeting on the 19th. Information will be gladly given by Miss Coombes, 98, Sution Court Road, or at the shop. The plans include chalking parties and poster parades.

CROYDON.

CROYDON. Mine: a station Road, West Croydon, Telephone 800 Croydon (MAL). Mon. Bec. Min. Cameron Swan. The canvasing of municipal voters (women) and the holding of meetings form part of Mission plans in Croydon, and members of religious bodies are invited to arrange meet-ings to be addressed by W.S.P.U. speakers. Volunteers will be welcomed at the above address. **POREY CATE** Hon. Sec., Miss Y. H. 2riedlaender, 129, Earlham <u>Grove.</u> The annual general meeting is being held

Hon Sec. Miss V. H. Friedlaender, 139, Earlham Groe. The annual general meeting is being held today in the Earlham Hall, Room 13, st 8 p.m., when future work will be discussed. It is hoped to continue open-air meetings without a break during the winter, the de-mand for them being so great. Miss Isabel Seymour spoke to an interested sudience at the first meeting for women only last Thurs-day, and members and friends had the un-expected pleasure of speeches by Miss Teress Garnett and Miss Vera Wentworth at their meeting last week.

Office: 80, dritton Read. Office: 80, dritton Read. Dryaliser, Miss Grace Rea. In order to ensure the success of the Worman's Mission, it is hopied that Streatham, Firston, Norwood, and Kennington will join forces. Preparations will commence next Mon-day at the Committee Rooms, which will be open from 10 a.m. daily. Meetings for women only will be hold every afternoon, and addresses will be piven by the Misses Brackenbury, Miss-Freidsford, Miss Joachim, and others. The Mission will eminate in a great ticket meet ing about February 24, when it is hoped that one of the leaders of the movement will speak. From February 7th to the 24th an open-air ampaign will be carried on, with two open-air meetings nightly, and a large number of abopping meetings. It he held in the Committee Rooms at 8 p.m. on Thursdays. This week Miss Una

London Meetings.

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comed. KENSINGTON-Bhop and Office : 183, Church Street, Kensington, W Telephone 216 Western-Hon. Sec. Mrs. Eates.

Shop and Offices: 107, **High Street, Lewinner. Hon Sac. Mrs. Bouvier.** An elaborate programme of meetings, etc., is being arranged, and offers of drawing room meetings, when those net yet in touch with the movement may have the opportunity of hearing about it during the Woman's Mission week, will be most welcome. The mission will cultimiste in a public meeting, at which one of the leaders will speak. Mem-bers are asked to approach the local clergy and supportintendents of mothers' meetings, aw well as the drapery and other establish ments employing women, with a view to W.S.P.U. speakers giving short' educatives addresses. There will be meetings for women only, open-air meetings, and canvassing. The quarterly reports show that the shop has so much time to the management of the shop to Mr. Glazier, who audited the accounts and to other workers, hearty thanks are due. **MARVLEBONE.**

MARYLEBONE.

Hon. Sec., Mrs. Nourse, 20, Weymouth Street, W. The attention of members is drawn to the speakers' class held each Friday at 147, Har-ley Street, at 8.15 p.m. The class is intended for beginners, and is quite free.

N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office: 215, High Road, Kilburn. Hon. Sec., Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

Members are concentrating their attention n carrying out the Woman's Mission. Meet noon and evening, in four or pro different parts of the district are d, and municipal women voters v ssed. There is great need here helpers. Who will volunteer?

PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

Offices: 9, High Street, Putney, and 508, Fulham Road, S.W. cos., Mrs. Roberts and Miss Cutten.

ho were disappointed at being un-ain admission to the public meeting by Miss Christabel Pankhurst durction will have further opportunities special Mission to Women. Some he special Mission to Women. Some ments of indoor meetings will be in a few days. These are at 905, Road, and the meetings during the with the exception of the final public will be held in the new office. On , February 12, from 3 to 5, a "Shop " will be held, and it is hoped that he leaders may be present. Members als are cordially invited, and refresh-ill be provided free. Open air meet-canvassing of women on the muni-ister are included in the plans for the

CHMOND AND KEW Hon. Sec., Mrs. Clayton, Glengariff, Kew Road, Richmond.

Plans for establishing a local shop are being liscussed and arrangements are being made to ecume the regular indoor public meetings which ast year were so successful. Periodical open-

Market Anders will be gladly veloced.
 CAMBERWELL.
 Organiser, Miss Toreas Garnett, W.S.P.U., 4. Clements Inn. W.C.
 Miss Garnett is helping the local W.S.P.U. beld shortly.
 CHELSEA
 Dop and Office: 78, King's Road, Chelsea. Hon. Scot, Miss Haid.
 The operation for a public meetings in the office with take place ast 8.30. The speakers include Miss M. Sheppard and Mrs. Chapman. Mrs.
 Miss Brackenbury at the Assembly Rooms
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WIMBLEDON.

Shop and Office : 6, Victoria Crescent. H on. Sec., Mrs. Lorsignel, 27, Merton Hall Road.

The Winblodon works are deviced that addi-tractive, and it is hoped that weekly At Hones at the office may be arranged. A cordial in-vitation is extended to women who are qualivitation is extended to women who are of fied as voters, and others to join the Unio

Telephone 2116 Western. Hon. Sec. Mar. Eats. In preparation for the Woman's Mission in North Kessington halls are being engaged there for women's meetings from February 15 ourwards. As the campaign will include open ar meetings, canvassing, paper selling, and more with the Hon. Secretary, or call at the work best suited to them. Members have suited conserted a pitch in North Kensington on Fridays, and more paper sellers are watted to keep it going. Mrs. Ferguson has kindly consented to act as captain of the High Street station pitch, and volunteers Mould address meeting at 2, Campden Hill Square should greatly assist the Women's Mission. Strangers as well as members are invited to be presen-ner Thesday venning. **LEWISHAM.** as well as members are invited to be present next Tuesday evening. LEWISHAM. Shop and Offices: 167, High Street, Lewisham. Hon. Sac., Mrs. Bouvier. An elaborate programme of meetings, etc., is being arranged, and offers of drawing-room meetings, when those not yet in touch with the movement may have the opportunity of hearing about it during the Woman's Mission week, will be most welcome. The mission

perish in the cause of truth. And every n is a 'silly fool,' judged by this standard, v stands alone in the cause of truth and righted ness."

PROTESTS FROM GERMANY AND AUSTRALIA.

That the treatment of women in England as awakened the greatest indignation abroad evident from the protests which have come oth from Germany and Australia. The Ger-ian National Union of Woman Suffrage ciations, representing all the local cou of the movement in that country, have sent to Mr. Asquit's the following strongly worded

The German Union for Women Suffrage, th national and local councils, expresses its deep tion at the crucity practised upon Suffra English prisons. They protest especially ag fact that in a constitutional state, women women have been forced for w rgo the painful operation of on account of their political been exposed to lifelong and in health and strength.

VOTES FOR WOMEN

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY.

Home Counties.

HOME COUNTLESS. BOURRMOUTH AND DISTRICT. , Sec-Miss Gwenhlan Lewis, Westfield, Gurrey Read, Bournamouth. preliminary meeting was held on Saturday ernoon, when Mrs. Shaw presided and Miss pobs gave a most interesting address. Many nks are tendered to Mrs. Hume for kindly

BRIGHTON AND DISTRICT.

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Hon. Sec., Miss Wallace Dunlop, Greenbank, Walton-on-Thames. Walton-on-Thames. A meeting has been arranged to take place on February 16, when Miss Christabel Pank-hurst and Lady Constance Lytton will speak. Will any members of the Union who have friends in or near Weybridge who would like to help communicate with Miss Wallace Dunlop?

Wednesday, 16th.-Holstein Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Lady Constance Lytton, 8.30 p.m.

The Midlands. BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT. Office.--33, Paralise Street. Organiser.--Miss Dorothy Evans.

A series of indoor meetings will take place as announced in the programme below. Tickets for the Tomperance Hall meeting on Friday, the 25th, are ready. Miss Mary Gawthorpo and Dr. Helena Jones will be the spoakers. Mrs. Pankhurst, as announced below, will peak on Monday, the 7th. Among suc-cessful meetings have been those addressed by Miss Patricia Woodlock, Miss Ryland, and others. Offers of drawing-rooms for meetings will be greatly appreciated.
 Priday, Au.-Bull Ring.
 Monday, The -Queen's College, Mrs. Pankhurst, 3.0 ; Bull, Miss Date.
 Presday, Sh.-Poster Stream, L.S.; Queen's College, Beneday, 5th.-Baller, Alum Rock Road, Miss Bull: Coventry, At Hose.
 Priday, Au.-Poster Stream, L.S.; Queen's College, Beneday, 5th.-Baller, Alum Rock Road, Miss Burling; Coventry, At Hose.
 Priday, Hu.-Ball Ring, Miss Barkitt; Bourbridge Libers Odelay, Difference Hall, Miss M. Gawthorpo D. Elema Jones

Friday, Jun-August Dr. Helena Jones. DERBY. Hon. Soc., Miss N. Smith, Lynwood, Swinburn Street, Darby.

Miss Woodlock's visit and address at the monthly At Home have won over many people to sympathy with the militant methods. Hearty cheers were given for the byrave women who have sacrificed so much, and who have been so unjustly treated by the Government. Miss Woodlock's vivid address made a great impression.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT. Office-17, Highfield Strest. Organiser-Miss D. Pethick.

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LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT. faniser-Miss D. Pethick, 11, Severn Screet LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT. Organiser-Miss D. Pethick, 11, Severa Streat. Now that the election is over, a constructive educative campaign is being entered upon. Fortnightly meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays from 4 to 6.30, when it is hoped many will seize the opportunity of learning more about the cause, and will come to have their difficulties cleared away. All classes, ages, and both sexes will be heartily velocined.

Wednesday, 16th. - At Home, Loughborough Temper-ance Hall, Miss Petbick, 4 to 6.30.

NORTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT. W.S.P.U. Organiser-Miss Corson, 10, Holly Road, Northampton. Weekly meetings will recommence on February 15, at the Y.M.C.A., at 8 p.m. Will

members make this widely known? Mem-bers and friends will be glad to know that a spisit from Lady Constance Lytton is expected in March. Will any members able to give an hour on Saturdays to the market stall write to Miss Corson? It is intended to make a great effort to increase the sale of Vorzs FOR WOMEN by this means.

West of England. BRISTOL AND DISTRICT. Office-37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Organiser-Miss Annie Kenney.

The following meetings have been arranged: Monday, flu. - Victoria Rooms, At Home, Lady Isabel Margesson, 3.30. Tuesday, 8th.-Drawing.room Meeting (Mrs. Rogers and Miss Gridland), Lady Isabel Margesson, 5.30. Wednesday, 9th.-Fishponds, Co-operative Hall, Lady Isabel Margesson, 3.30.

North Eastern Counties. BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Office-68, Manningham Lane. Orfaniser-Miss Mary Phillips. Organizer-Miss Mary Phillips. Special attention is drawn to the fortnightly At Homes which will commence this month in the Friends' Meeting House, Fountain Street. Whenever possible, a speaker from London will address the meeting. Members are asked to make these gatherings, which are such a useful means of educating out-siders, as widely known as possible.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office-77, Blackett S'reet. Orfaniser-Miss & Williams, 203, Westgate Boad, Office-77, Blackett Street. Organiser-Miss & Williams, 39, Westgats Road. Special meetings for women will form an important feature of the scheme for future work. The office is now in workmen's hands, and, through the generosity of Mrs. Taylor will shortly be reopened as a permanent office H and in a central position, it will be used for receptions and At Homes. The organiser earnesdy appeals for funds to furnish it; the aim is to make this office a contro of energy for the cause in Northnumberland. Many interesting meetings have been beld, includ-and Miss Davison at Crosby's Caté, on the 20th, described as "in evening not soon to S be forgotten." Wednesday, 9th .-- Crosby's Café, Mias Williams and others, 7.30.

SCARBOROUGH.

CONTRACTOR OF THE

north Western Counties. MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT. Contant Office-164, Oxford Road, Maachester. Organiser-Miss Mary Gawthorps. Thore will be no At Homes to-night (Friday, but next week, February 11, this series will be resumed, and members are saked to attend in full force to learn details of furnor Control of the second s

LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE.

Office-28, Berry Street. Organiser-Miss S. Ada Flatman.

Offica-28, Berry Street. Deganise-- Miss S. Ada Platman. A special announcement of the protest meet-ing to-night will be found under W.S.P.U. Announcements, page 290. This is one of the most important meetings ever hald in the Sun Hall, and is organised as an expression of indignation against the recent treatment d women suffraginst in Walton Goal. Mr. Barnes has again made a most effective ad-vertisement for the office window, bringing this meeting to the notice of the public. Mombers are invited to assemble on Saturday evonings at Spolion Lane at 7.15 to march to the prison gates and cheer Miss Solina Marini and Miss Elisie Howsy. Will those who have not yet octock for sales of Vorzs row Mourse. Friday 4th. Sun Lane at Mark and the glad to meet workers at the offices earch Friday at four o'clock for sales of Vorzs row Mourse.

Friday 4th. -- Sun Hall, Mrs. Paukhurst, Eady Constance Lytton, Miss Flatman (Chair), Miss Mary Gawthorpe, 2. Saturday, 5th.-- Walton Geol Gates, 7.30; Church of Christ Litterary and Debasing Society, Miss Flat-Christ Litterary and Debasing Society, Miss Flat-



Scotland. GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND. Shop and Office.-502, Sauchiehall Street. Organiser.-Miss G. Conolan.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND. Office.--8, Meiville Place, Queensferry Street. Organiser.--Misy Burns.

Organisac. Miss Barns. This week members have had the pleasure of another visit from Mrs. Saul Solomon. In Loith they have kept their election shop open, and Mrss Hudson, Miss McFarlane, Dr. Fair-field, Dr. Cadell, and Miss Burns have spoken at several meetings there. Many new mem-bers are being won, and it is intended to form an organisation there. The people are ex-tremely responsive and sympathetic. The teachers in the neighbouring schools send in their pupils with pennics for VOTES ros WOMEN, and the boys, once the torment of the Suffragettee lives, are rapidly developing into Suffragettes' lives, are rapidly developing into Knights of the Suffrage Order, and guard the Anigns of the Subrage Oreor, and guate the women's shop-door with respectial gravity. In Edinburgh itself the Exhibition work is going on well under the splendid management of Miss Geddes, and the office is periodically full of members eathbasistically learning basket-work under the tutorship of Mrs. Ivory. Monday, 7th.-Musselburgh Town Hall, Miss Helen

Ognon. Tunsday, Sh.-Drawing Room Meeting, Mrs. Grieve, Culladdene, Portobello. Miss Helen Ogston, 8 p.m. Thursday, 10th.-At Home, Oak Hall, Editburgh Catá, Miss Helen Ogston, 3.15 p.m.; 8, Melville Piday, 11th.-Hawick, Miss Helen Ogston. Thursday, 24th.-Synod Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

DUNDEE AND DISTRICT. Office.--33, Union Street. Organiser-Miss McLean.

Christ Literary and Debaing Society, Miss Nat-mans, 8, 6, Mount Pleasant, 8, Marking, 81, 6, Mount Pleasant, 8, Markin, Walton Gaol, Release of Miss Belina Markin, Saurday, 19th, -Walton Gaol, -Release of Miss Elsie Howay, 19th, -Walton Gaol, -Release of Miss Elsie Howay, 19th, -Walton Gaol, -Release of Miss Elsie

THE SCOTTISH EXHIBITION. These who remember the magnificent pageant of Sootitah heroines in Edinburgh last Otober will rejoice that another opportunity of seeing it will be afforded during April be held in Ghagyow on April 28, 28, and 30, here will appear Queen Margaret, Davorgila, Marny Geddes, Lady Wardlaw, and many others in a series of tableaux. Another most interesting part of the Exhibition will be the whole were so annuing and instructive a feature of the Exhibition in London last May. Mark Hamilton has kindly undertaken to stage these therealt, and they are sure to be one of urgest a strateions of the Exhibition.

MRS. BRYCE AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

An interesting statement, on which we have already commented, was recently made by Mrs. Bryce, the wife of Mr. J. Annan Bryce, Liberal Member for Inverness. Speaking at a Suffragist lumoheon in New York on Docem-ber 29, Mrs. Bryce said that ahe had decided to romain in America until the General Elec-tionally to help her husband in his campaign, es he is an Anti-Suffragist. In former elec-tions ahe had always helped him, but as she had not succeeded in winning his support for the women's cause (because of his behief that most women would vote Conservative) ahe folt it would be inconsistent to support him during the General Election. "Woman Suffrage," abs arys, "is one of the cardinal doctrines of my political faith. I hope my husband will win, but I feel it would be in-consistent to support him while there is very little possibility of his conversion to the cause." esting statement, on which we have onsistent to support him while there is ve

MISS VIDA GOLDSTEIN STANDS FOR PARLIAMENT.

Organisar-Miss McLean. Tady Constance Lytton's heroic action at this greater zeal. A special effort is being Works, and one member has made herseli versekly. Apart from streest sales of Vorzs ror works, and one member has made herseli versekly. Apart from streest sales, these stoady members are to be congratulated on their ver-collent work. Miss Ogston is the speaker fort has been stable to address meetings in Melbourne itself, which constant an early half the special deformation for a set in the Com-miss Goldstein is well known in connection with the women's movement is Australia. Site verse two denesday, February 9, in the Y.M.C.A. Has McLeaser Hall. The social meeting has been postponed. Buday, 6th-Albert Square, Miss McLean, 7.80. Marks, 6th-Albert Square, Miss McLean, 7.80. Marks, 7 here and the stable of address meetings in Melbourne itselfure. Miss McLean, 7.80. Marks, 7 here and the meantly Miss Ogston. Marks, 8th-Albert Square, Miss McLean, 7.80. Marks, 7 here and the stable of address meetings in Melbourne itselfure of the State. Since that date Miss Goldstein has lectured considerably, and has presided as Speaker over as amakeur women's araliamont in Melbourne. She is an accellent orator and a keen worker for the advancement of women.

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ECHOES OF THE ELECTIONS.

From Kensal Rise, where the N.W. Long W.S.P.U. fought the Harrow election, con a most amusing story of the disconfitu a Liberal speaker. One evening after Feek had addressed a Liberal speaker who just arrived whether she might put a questions. To this he consented with yould be just arrived whether she might put a fi questions. To this he consented with a very good grace, probably foresseing that i would be well worsted. The result of a ti-minutes' debate was that Miss Feed kaid h opponent "flat." She wasted no words, at he had apparently none, and could on answer: "Yes" and "No" to her question Magnificent work was done by the women stic-ing to their posts an polling day in rain an alect, while the growds were most sympathetic and continually cheered the three motors while bord the lagends, "Every vote given for Liberal is a vote given for the torture women," and "Save women from torture, sar England from shame."

In Deptford, where there was no Liberal candidate, two of the voters said to members of the W.S.P.U. that they were glad the women were not working against the Labour candidate, as in that case he would not have got in.

Forest Gato W.S.P.U., which fought a West Ham, has been able to meet all election exponses, and the following additional con tributions are gratefully acknowledged :-Miss Morgan, 5s.; Mrs. Parker (third dona tion), 2s.; Mrs. and Miss Haelan, 5s.

For the Brixton election campaign Mrs. Tanner acknowledges the following further contributions:-Mr. P. W. Peacock, 2s. 6d.; L. C. Read, 1s.; "Constance," 2s. 6d.

At Cholses the money is still coming in towards the election expenses, and Miss Haig gives her grateful thanks to the following for helping to make up the deficit of £4 18s. 7d: -Miss Foley, £1; Mrs. Wilkin, £1; Miss Stella Brown, 2s. 6d.

One member who has been working in Lon-don, mentions with particular pleasure the sympathetic attitude of the police. Twice during arguments between her and electors did policomen defend and explain the militant methods.

over snow-covered mountains with the greatest difficulty, but all their hardships were made good by their splendid Highland reception. Mre. Drummond asks that the collecting cards



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THE SCOTTISH EXHIBITION.

the great attractions of the Exhibition. Most thorough are the preparations that are being made. Groups of women are meeting almost daily in one or other of the centres -e.g., Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumfriesshire, and Galloway-which have undertaken stalls; in Edinburgh Mrs. Ivory is teaching baket weaving, and elsewhere work parties are hard at work providing goods for sale. In addition, a very great deal of secretarial work has been undertaken, and hundreds of letters have been sent out by W.S.P.Cu. members inviting the co-operation of their friends.

co-operation of their friends. Among the stalls will be one showing mil-linery from some of the leading London firms. The Exhibition will be open from April 28 to 30, from 2.30 to 9 p.m., and till 10 on Saturday evening. Admission will be 1s. and 6d., and for the opening ceremony 2z. 6d.

Saturday evening. Admission will be 1s. and 6d., and for the opening coremony 2s. 6d. The Bazar scoretaries are: -For Glasgow and district, Miss Frances McPhun, 502, Sauchishahl Stroet, Glasgow; and for Edin-burgh and district, Miss Geddes, 8, Meivillo-Place, Queensforry Street, Edinburgh.

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ELECTION ITEMS.

Mr. P. W. Peacock sent Leaflet No. 64 -"Atrocities in an English Prison"-to the -"Atrocities in an English Frish to the Liberal candidate for Streatham and to the local Press. Mr. Peacock expressed his disgust the ignorant and brutal way in which the women's agitation has been met by the Liberal Government, and declared that, although anxious for the House of Lords veto to be destroyed and the Budget passed, he would not vote for the Liberal candidate in the General Election.

A correspondent in Cleveland, Yorkshire, sends us a Liberal leaflet which was widely sense us a Libera, teanet which shows a sad lack of humour. It depicts a lady and her little girl, and points out how the tariff in America taxes working women in clothing and accessories, such as umbrelha, baskets, purses, the child's doll and hoop, etc. The leaflet asks, "Shall the Tariff Reformers be allowed to tax British , women in the same way?"

Yet a Liberal Government openly defies its own fundamental principle-that taxation and representation must go together-by taxing nen and denving them the vote.

Several women have registered their votes Several women have registered their votes during the General Election apparently with-out challenge. We learn from a Weish paper that Mrs. Sophia Phillips voted at Whitland, the ballot paper being handed to her by the presiding officer, acting on special instruc-tions of the under sheriff, to whom the case had been previously submitted. On leaving the polling station, says the *Cardigan Advertiser*, Mrs. Phillips was received with deafen-ing cheers and congratulations by the assembled crowd.

assembled crowd. A correspondent, writing from one of H.M. ships at Portsmouth, says be knows several men who voted against the Liberal can-didate as a protest against "the abominable treatment moted out to those noble women fighting such a righteous cause." Though he himself was unable to be in Devonport to record a similar vote, he has the cause at heart, and will do anything in his power. "If," he adds, "the Conservatives refuse to grant women the vote, I dare not think what will happen; but I hope that the martyrdom of these brave somen has already convinced them of the impossibility of refusing it."



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At Redhill a member of the Liberal Association recently resigned his position account of the Liberal attitude towards wor

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THE WOMEN'S ELECTION SONG. (Tune, "Auld Lang Syne.")

Should our brave women be forgot And never brought to min'? Shall gaol and torture be their lot, And Britain make no sign?

Chorus: And Britain, Freedom's land of old--Shall Britain make no sign? Shall gaol and torture be their lot, And Britain make no sign?

11. No, we'll avange our sisters' wronge, And tyrants put to rout: Remember Woman's Cause betrayed, And keep the Liberals out! Chorus:

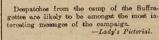
And keep the Liberals out, my boys! And keep the Liberals out! Remember Woman's Cause betrayed, And keep the Liberals out! F. E. M. MACAULAY.

Women's Social and Political Union within a stone's throw of both candidates' central com-

mittee rooms. -Votes for Women. "Stone's throw" is good. -Punch. Indirectly the Suffragists may have assisted the Unionist. —Daily Telegraph.

The "Suffragette" colours fluttered bravely in the breeze in several constituencies, notably Chelsea. —Morning Post.

Mention women as politicians, and the elec-tor at once thinks of Suffragettes. -Evening News.



The pluck of the women was indomitable. Heedless of the rain, they stuck at their posts. -Fulham Chronicle.



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A PERVERSION.

A PUBLIC-SPIRITED WOMAN.

A PUBLIC-SPIRITED WOMAN. There has just died at Cheitenham a lady who held a noteworthy place in the public life of Gloucestershire for many years. In addition to being a strennous advocate of Woman Suffrage, Mrs. Harriet Moliquiam was one of the first woman guardiane of the poor; abe also held the office of parish over-seer for Staverton, and was a parish and rural councillor. She was in her seventy-third was vear.

THE DRUMMERS' UNION.

THE DRUMMERS' UNION. The first meeting (for boys and girls only) will be held to-morrow (Saturday) from 2.30 to 4.30, at the Rohearsal Theatro, 21, Maiden Lane, Strand, W.C. Will each member try and bring four friends? This will fill the theatro. Admission is free, but in order to gover expenses a collection will be taken after the meeting. It is suggested that those unable to be present may like to send a small sub-scription to the Honorary Treasurer, 2, Philli-more Terrace, Kensington, W.

WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE. WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE. The reception to be held at the Waldorf Hotel on the afternoon of February 9, for which the Women Writers' Suffrage League are sending out invitatione, promises to be unusually attractive to members and their friends. Instead of the speeches which are the usual features of such gatherings, the chief guests-Mr. H. James, Dr. Saleeby, Mr. J. Masefield (whose beautiful poom de-lighted readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN Last week), as well as the president, Miss E. Robins, and Mrs. H. W. Nevinson, have promised to read extracts from their own writings.

ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE. The Actresses' Franchise League are At Home to members and their friends in the Victoria Hall of the Criterion Restaurant, to-day, at three o'clock. The guests will be received by Mrs. Madeline Lucette Ryley and the chair occupied by Miss Granville. The speakers include Miss Christabel Pank hurst, Miss Maud Hoffman, M. Campbell on, Esq., hon. counsel to the A.F.L., and Major-General Sir Alfred Turner.

CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

Lady Castletown and Lady Wilson have recently joined the list of vice-presidents, and recently joined the list of vice-presidents, and Lady Katherine Morgan, Lady Hindlip, Lady Scott Monorieff, and Lady Stormonth Darling have consented to belong to the Women's Council. The newly formed Chelese branch has held a crowded drawing-room meeting at Lady Scott Moncrieff's house, and the Ken-sington branch has held a meeting at Albert Lodge, by kind permission of Mrs. Cameron Grant. Mr. Cameron Grant (in the chair) spoke of the economic disabilities of women and the importance of the vote. Mrs. Gilbert Samuel and Miss Isabel Marris also addressed the meeting. Council The newly formed Chelses branch the meeting.

A SCHOOLBOY'S ANSWER.

A SCHOOLBOY'S ANSWER. One of the questions set in a school examination at Eastbourne College recently was "What do you connect with the names: Wilbur Wright, Marconi Shackleton. Mme. Curle, Miss Pathhurst, Ysaye Paderewski, Sarah Berhhard??" The correspondent who sends us the question sends also the answer of one of the boys as to the fifth name on the list: "A world.famed Suffragetie" The boy admitted he had never heard of several of the others.

INTERESTING ITEMS. An unique work for educated women has just been started at 4. Chichester Street, Westminster. Miss Marguerite Fedden, who holds first-class diplomas in the Domestic Arts, obtained at the National Training should of Compare, has mean

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is boundered acts, obtained at the National Training blood of Cookery, has opened a residential College of foursecraft, where all the acts of the household are significally taught by diploméed teachers. solantifically saught by diplomed iscohers. A correspondent writes from Galicia, regreting that, "baing so far from home it is impossible to do much for the great morement except to read Vorze you Worzer from cover to cover. Even in this out-of-the-way spot," the says, "you have many supporters. My chief, a vory elever and learned Pollah lady, reads Vorze you Worzer with great interest, and wishes the brave Suffragettes every success."



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