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The Tragedy of the "Titanic"—A Protest.

In face of the appalling tragedy of the loss of the *Titanic* and the deeds of ennobling heroism which irradiate the gloom of sorrow, suffering, and bereavement, we cannot protest too strongly against the despicable attempt that has been made to suggest that Suffragists are blind to the courage and chivalry of men. Overshadowed by a sorrow of this magnitude, there is no thought of sex rivalry: men and women stand together in bearing tribute to splendid self-sacrifice. Courage was demanded of men and women alike; there was heroism in the lifeboats as well as on the giant liner. It is the pitifulness of sensationalism which seeks to make controversial capital out of this heart-rending disaster. To men and women alike who, brought suddenly face to face with death, showed

magnificent courage, we tender our tribute of gratitude, recognising that the world is the better for their heroism. Of their conduct we may well use Milton's words:

Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail
Or knock the breast, no weakness, no contempt,
Dispraise or blame: nothing but well and fair,
And what may quiet us in a death so noble.


Betrayal and Consequence.

The Nationalists who betrayed the women over the Conciliation Bill will not find that they have thereby ensured a smooth passage for the Home Rule Bill. Instead of having the majority of Irish Suffragists on their side, they have aroused indignant opposition—the reward of desertion. Mr. Dillon declared a few days ago that the Nationalist party, "having passed through the fires of misfortune and suffering and humiliation, has learned to sympathise with the sufferings of others, and

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is the friend of liberty in every part of the world." It is convenient to overlook the women at home while sympathising with China. However, the Irish women are determined not to be overlooked. Their next step is to bring Woman Suffrage before the National Convention, and they have a strong advocate in Professor T. M. Kettle who, protesting against the betrayal of the women, maintains that "It is always very poor tactics for the leaders of any just cause to garrot in the dark another just cause." The Professor's resolution will ask that when the Convention considers "the franchise clauses of the Home Rule Bill it shall determine that the women of Ireland are not to be denied their due share in the political enfranchisement of their country." Here will be a chance to show the pledge-breakers the error of their ways. At Westminster as well as in Dublin action is being taken. In the Committee stage of the Bill an amendment will be moved to secure the election of the Members of the Irish House of Commons on the municipal and not the Parliamentary franchise. In the Irish Council Bill of 1906, Mr. Birrell proposed that the franchise should be the municipal franchise, and if the Bill had been carried, women would have had the right of voting in the elections for the suggested Irish Council. If an amendment to the Home Rule Bill can be carried which establishes the register on the municipal, not the Parliamentary franchise, Irish women will have won a great victory, not only for themselves, but for the women of the United Kingdom. Good luck to them!

McKenna the Valiant!

The hunger strikers have vanquished Mr. McKenna, and, without doing violence to his conscience, he has seen fit to let Rule 243A rule. In answer to Mr. Lansbury, who persistently questioned him on forcible feeding and privileges, the valiant Home Secretary took shelter behind the chairman of the London Quarter Sessions, behind the age and the health of the prisoners, and also behind "the approaching termination of their sentences" to give "privileges modified in one or two particulars" to women suffragist prisoners. The "particulars" seem to be writing materials, and when these aids to happiness are supplied freely to men political prisoners, it is nothing but childish to withhold them from women. Here is a wielding of power of which the Home Secretary and his colleagues may be proud, since it affects voteless women. We pause, however, to note a prophetic allusion: "the approaching termination of their sentences." Remembering the two to six months sentences imposed in March, we can only conclude that Mr. McKenna is anxious to escape the flooding of the Home Office with petitions likely to be numerous, if we may judge from the Hyde Park gathering last Sunday, and is ready to stultify his declaration to Mr. O'Brien, that "the punishment has not been anything like severe enough," by releasing the prisoners. Is a moment of insight coming even to Mr. McKenna? Probably the indignation expressed on the Continent and in America on this torturing of women fighting for citizenship is found to be more troublesome than complimentary. Statesmen cannot, after all, hide their lights under a bushel.

An Outrageous Insult.

We commend to the attention of Sir Almroth Wright the outrageous conduct of four young men of good social position to three University women who held a suffrage meeting in the neighbourhood of Oxford. The signs of hysteria, which make them a danger to the community, were clear enough to require his denunciation; yet they belong to the superior sex, and a grateful country welcomes them as voters and perchance legislators. The letter of Professor Andrew J. Herbertson, which appears in *The Times* on April 20, sets forth the abominable deeds of these hooligans, whose disgrace is infinitely greater because of the snobbery which shelters them. They must not be permitted to

escape the punishment they deserve. The Professor writes:—

On the 11th inst. I attended a suffrage meeting at Bicester, organised by three University women, one of whom was Miss Philippa Fawcett, the daughter of Mrs. Fawcett, the leader of the non-militant suffragists, and the lady who was placed above the Senior Wrangler at Cambridge; a second, Miss Sheepshanks, the daughter of the late Bishop of Norwich; and another. All are non-militants. I left the ladies at their hotel at Bicester before closing hours, as I had to motor back to Oxford, and no attempt was made to annoy them while I remained. I have received a letter from one of them to say that immediately I had left four young men of good social position invaded the bedroom of one of the ladies, turned it upside down and were proceeding to the other rooms when they were intercepted. The hotel authorities are unwilling to do anything which may offend influential local families, and a written request for an apology to the ladies has met with no answer. As they have no legal remedy, and as newspapers are always ready to give publicity to acts of disorder when committed by women suffragists, I wish to call attention in your columns to the kind of treatment which educated women suffragists may expect in hotels at the hands of young gentlemen, whose sex and local influence allow them to employ militant methods in defence of their opinions without incurring the risks which attend them when women resort to violence.

If Motherhood were a Lucrative Profession.

A pathetic interest attaches to the current number of *The Review of Reviews*, for the vigorous crusader who edited it has passed on to other work. Boldly displayed on the cover of the April number are the words, "The Fair Sex, Psychological and Political," and, turning over the pages to see how so wide a subject was treated, we find that the article is a dissertation on a number of books on the subject of women. A lengthy introduction deals critically with the recent militant outbreak, though Mr. Stead acknowledges that militancy has brought the question of the enfranchisement of women into the pale of practical politics. The books dealt with are "The Drama of Life and Death," by Edward Carpenter; "The Coping Stone," by Katherine Bates; M. Finot's "Prejugé et Problèmes des Sexes," Mr. Harold Owen's "Woman Adrift"; Frau Adelheid Popp's "Autobiography of a Working Woman," and, finally, not a book, but the "moral emetic" of Sir Almroth Wright. From his treatment of the "Antis" we take the following extracts. Of Mr. Owen's book, Mr. Stead remarks that it is dedicated to his mother, and that the writer "devotes eighteen chapters and over 300 pages to a demonstration of how little his mother must have led him to respect the intellect, judgment, and the character of women." He adds:

Mr. Owen may not think it, but he and his book are justifications of militant tactics. It was precisely the insolent refusal of man to argue seriously the claims put forward by woman to full citizenship that necessitated those tactics, which have at least done this—they have brought Mr. Owen out into the open. They have compelled him to state, as he has done, the reasons why men despise women and consider themselves justified in maintaining absolute power in their own hands.

Sir Almroth Wright's recent effusion is also treated in Mr. Stead's most trenchant manner. After briefly stating the case, he observes:

But surely Sir Oracle proves too much. If woman be unfit to vote once in five years because she is periodically liable to regularly recurring fits of insanity, this intermittent lunatic is much less fit to exercise the constant responsibility of motherhood. As a citizen she would have a chance that polling-day might coincide with one of her lucid intervals. But in the governance of the home and in the upbringing of children there is no intermittance of responsibility. No doubt if motherhood had been a lucrative profession, which men could have usurped, this argument would have been pressed for the purpose of showing that women were morally, intellectually, and physically disqualified by nature from undertaking the serious responsibility of managing the home and superintending the training of children. . . . The less a man seems to understand a woman the more certain he appears to be of his divine right to govern her. As a mere man myself, painfully conscious that I do not understand the mystery woman any better than Sir Almroth Wright, I draw from that fact exactly an opposite conclusion to his. I have neither the insolence to assume that I am necessarily superior to the being who brought me forth into this world, nor the imbecility to claim that because I do not understand her I am justified in usurping authority over her, and of refusing her a voice or vote in the management of her own affairs—which, after all, are those of 75 per cent. of the human race—50 per cent. being her own, and 25 per cent. those of the young children whom she is rearing for the State.

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AT HEADQUARTERS.

The National Executive Committee in Session.—A meeting of the National Executive Committee was held at 1, Robert-street, last Friday and Saturday, those present being:—Miss Tite, Mrs. Sproson, Mrs. Vulliamy, Miss Neilans, Miss Munro, Miss Andrews, Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Clark and the secretary; Mrs. How Martyn and Mrs. Coates Hansen being absent through illness. Miss Andrews was voted to the chair. A letter was read from Mrs. How Martyn stating that continued ill-health compelled her to resign the headship of the Political and Militant Department. The Committee accepted this resignation with the deepest regret, and expressed the sincerest sympathy with their colleague in her long illness. This regret and sympathy will be felt in every Branch of the Women's Freedom League, and will be shared by Mrs. How Martyn's numerous friends inside the movement.

Special Conference.—The Committee decided that as the delegates were holding a meeting Saturday morning prior to the Special Conference, it would be better to arrange that the latter should begin at one o'clock; but as there will be no interval, delegates are advised to get their lunch before this hour.

Return of Miss Sidley.—Readers will be more than pleased to learn that Miss Sidley has so far recovered her health that she will return to work for the Women's Freedom League early in May. It is possible that Scotland will have her services first. The least we can say is that we wish our popular colleague the utmost success in her work there.

New Branches.—During the last fortnight new Branches of the Women's Freedom League have been formed at Burnage (near Manchester) by the help of Mrs. Dean and other members of the Manchester Central Branch; and at Aintree, near Liverpool, by Miss Munro. We offer our best wishes for the success of the work of these Branches.

Open Air Campaign in London.—Very successful meetings have been held in the parks, and the week-evening meetings at street-corners will begin Monday, April 29. Volunteers for speaking, taking the chair, VOTE selling and bill-distributing are asked to communicate at once with Miss Nina Boyle at the office, who has all the arrangements in hand for this open-air work. It will be used to advertise our Trafalgar-square meeting to be held on Saturday afternoon, May 11. F. A. UNDERWOOD.

SHALL WE SUPPORT THE LABOUR PARTY?

One of the great difficulties which the Women's Suffrage movement has always had to face is that no party in the House of Commons has made this reform an important item on their programme. It is true the Labour Party has for years past put "Adult Suffrage" forward as one of its planks, but until quite recently the chief energy of the Adultists was spent in pointing out how absurd and unjust it was to demand votes on the same terms as men, instead of votes for all women. That phase has now practically passed away, and it is only fair to say that, speaking generally, we get more support from Labour Parliamentarians

than from any other party, but as a serious suggestion is now being put forward that suffragists should definitely support the Labour Party, some very much more certain benefit would have to be offered in return before it could be entertained. As it seems probable that some such offer may be brought forward it may be as well to turn over the *pros.* and *cons.* of such an arrangement.

The Freedom League has always stood firmly by its non-party basis, and is indeed the only suffrage society which has never, under any circumstances, given direct support to a candidate, however favourable his views might be towards women's enfranchisement. We have always felt it to be inconsistent with our position as suffragists to support any Parliamentary candidate by active work while women are specifically debarred from the right to vote, and it is not difficult to show the wisdom and the logic of such an attitude, as in giving active support to a party man we should also be forced to support many other things upon which we might have entirely different views.

The Freedom League has, however, never been hidebound in its attitude, and has on many occasions sacrificed a very great deal in order to do what was thought best for the Cause, and it will undoubtedly give due consideration to the question of supporting the Labour Party at the forthcoming Special Conference, and make its decision public later.

The idea which is behind such a proposal is certainly deserving of consideration. It is thought that if the suffrage movement could be unified on such a policy

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and all the money, work and enthusiasm were to be steadily poured out in support of the Parliamentary Labour Party, this party could, although a minority, hold the balance of power, and could act, on behalf of Woman Suffrage, very much in the same way as the Nationalist Party has acted to push Home Rule. Such action might have the result of forcing the Liberal Cabinet to introduce a Government measure, rather than incur a split in the Coalition majority, and if this could be assured it would appear to be to our advantage.

On the other hand it is an unfortunate fact that the Labour Party, as a whole, has not always used its unique position of independence on behalf of the women's movement, and only this year the largest body of men inside its ranks, the Miners' Union, took an adverse attitude on the question of Woman Suffrage at the Independent Labour Party's Conference in Birmingham. The truth is, and it must always be present in our minds, we have no guarantee that, after giving all our time and money to a particular political party, we may not be sacrificed to some other exigency which at present we cannot guard against. We have seen the Irish Party calmly overthrow the hopes of countless Irishwomen who have worked loyally beside them for Home Rule; we have seen Conservative and Liberals break their pledges to their own party women, and we have seen Labour men absolutely without enthusiasm for women's enfranchisement, as well as aiding and abetting in turning women out of trades.

We do not bring these things forward against the scheme; it must be considered on its merits, and it may be that the advantages of such a union will outweigh all its disadvantages, but if women have learned one lesson well in this fight for enfranchisement, it is the lesson of caution in dealing with any political party. It does not necessarily imply that all parties are unscrupulous, but it is only human nature to give first place and attention to those who have the power to enforce their demands. Women have not the power; we are voteless, and must therefore depend entirely upon the goodwill of men. We gladly acknowledge that such goodwill is frequently exerted on our behalf, but it is an unsafe position, and no body of men in the country would care to trust their daily interests to any other body of men under such conditions.

In the great crises of life ordinary men and women are capable of rising to the most wonderful heights of heroism and unselfishness, and such conduct always compels our reverent admiration, but unfortunately we cannot live long in that atmosphere; we have to come down to commonplace life and fight it on commonplace lines, and protect our life and labour as best we may. It is because of this that we demand equality. We do not believe in the "ladies first" theory; we consider that the conditions of modern commercial life render such an attitude impossible for the average man, who is handicapped heavily enough already without having to give women precedence. As a matter of fact, most men fully realise this, and the "ladies first" idea does not exist in business competition. We think this is quite right so long as there is equal opportunity for both sexes, but it is an undoubted fact that at present, in business and in politics, women are the more heavily handicapped, and that too by artificial restrictions, and not merely by Nature.

To remove these artificial disabilities is the aim of the women's suffrage movement, and it is to be hoped that whether we agree to support a party or not, the first step will soon be won, and women will begin to take their proper place in the political life of the State.

ALISON NEILANS.

BYE-ELECTIONS.

Nottingham Division.

The return of Sir J. D. Rees at this election places another Anti-Suffragist in Parliament, and one of the worst type. The League took no part in this contest.

Forest of Dean.

The appointment of Mr. H. Webb to a Government post has made it necessary for him to seek re-election in this division, but it does not seem likely there will be a contest.

SHOULD WE INVEST ABROAD?

By D. VICTOR MIRAMS.

Writing in THE VOTE last week, "E. d'A." suggests the sale of all British securities (Consols, bank stock and railway shares, &c.), and advises reinvestment abroad. For our part we cannot understand why it is that so many invest in these securities at all when the Colonies, and Canada in particular, offer such admirable opportunities. We are thinking especially of the purchase of annuities in certain Canadian offices which may now be obtained on so many different plans. The following examples will perhaps best explain what we mean; they are taken from the books of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, long known as "The Best Office for Annuities."

Mrs. B—R—, of Hastings, had £1,000 invested in securities yielding an income of £35 per annum. By transferring the capital to an annuity her income would have been increased to £93 per annum, but being in slightly impaired health she obtained an annuity of £105, just three times her original income.

Miss M—M—, an hospital nurse, aged thirty, deposited less than £12 per annum and receives at age sixty an annuity of £50 a year, the company undertaking to return all deposits in the event of death before sixty, and to grant a proportionate annuity if unable to continue the deposits for the whole period.

Sir T—A— invested £10,000 a few days ago for an annuity of £1,528, and is arranging for a similar amount for Lady A—. This latter is a particularly attractive policy, securing as it does the economic independence of husband and wife.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE WEEK IN SWEDEN.

April 9-14 was a general Woman Suffrage week throughout Sweden. Meetings, held in different parts of the country, were well reported in the Press. The climax of this national demonstration was the great Suffrage meeting held at Stockholm on the Sunday after Easter. Among those present were the Prime Minister, Mr. Staaff, and several other members of the Government and a great number of Members of Parliament. The principal leaders of the movement delivered powerful speeches to which the public responded enthusiastically. A resolution was passed unanimously from which the following extract will be read with interest:—

Tuesday, April 2, 1912, was a memorable day in the history of the Swedish Suffrage movement. On this day for the first time a Bill was brought before the Parliament of Sweden proposing to give Swedish women the vote and Parliamentary rights (eligibility for Parliament) on the same conditions as men. We men and women here assembled earnestly hope that both Chambers of the Riksdag will pass the Government Bill.

I. B. G.

THE BIBLE AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Mrs. Maud Wood Park, at a big meeting in Boston, was asked by a man in the audience if there was anything in the Bible in favour of Woman Suffrage. Mrs. Park answered smilingly "Yes, 'Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you.'" This brought down the house.

HOW MEN PROTECT WOMEN.

[All Branch Secretaries, and other members, who have kindly sent in Press cuttings and information concerning police-court cases, are very warmly thanked for their valuable assistance in contributing to this column.]

Susan James, charwoman, Hampstead. Drunk and disorderly and annoying male passengers on Lower Heath at night. Fined 10s. or seven days.

Annie Brooks, charwoman, Holloway, drunk and incapable. Fined 5s. or three days.

Alice Saunders, charwoman, Holloway, disorderly and using obscene language. Previous conviction. Fined 40s. or one month.]

Rose Young, 24, Glasgow. One month's imprisonment.

Both charged with improper conduct together.

At Northwick, for assaulting a woman lodging-house keeper, striking her savagely, knocking her down and injuring her head. Two months.

At the Old Bailey, two women sentenced to four months' hard labour each, for robbing a Russian sailor of one sovereign.

Annie Say, Kentish Town, neglecting children. Six months (second division).

Helen Hardy, Aberdeen, drunk, disorderly, abusive. Warned off, returned, used filthy language, and smashed window. *Evening Express*, Aberdeen, called this "Suffragette tactics." Fined 7s. 6d., or three days.

Polly Kabinsky, cigarette maker, Old Bailey. Husband treated her with greatest cruelty. In a moment of passion threw corrosive fluid at him for suggesting that she should go "to the West End or the Argentine" to get immoral earnings for his support. Six months.

Laura Kelly and Margaret Riley, for obstruction at Neath, fined 7s. 6d. each.

Suffragists at Newington Butts, for breaking windows, as a protest, without any kind of disorderly conduct, or injury of person, or resistance to police. Eight months, six months, four months—in some cases for first offenders—and two months, in all cases hard labour.

Those who are glad and those who are sad should join the Suffragists at the Town Hall, Anerley, on April 25, between 3 and 10 p.m. They will find plenty of amusement and good cheer; their presence and their purses will help the Suffrage Cause. The programme is quite irresistible.

STRANGE though it seems, women at present turn out the larger proportion of the wealth produced by industry in Great Britain.—To the Women's Franchise Association.—*Mr. J. Cameron Grant*.

Frederick Passmore, Hampstead, drunk and disorderly, using obscene language, at night. Fined 2s. 6d.

Harry Wilson, Hendon, drunk and incapable. Fined 2s. 6d.

John Canty, Kentish Town, drunk and disorderly, using obscene language. Fined 2s. 6d., or one day.

Arthur Snee, labourer, and Alfred Perkins, tailor, Islington, disorderly and using obscene language. Inspector asked that cases might be treated seriously, as they were typical of the disorder created in Hampstead every Sunday by gangs of youths from other neighbourhoods. Fined 10s. each.

David Thomas, 23, married man. Fined 20s.

At Warrington, for stealing six hens, value 18s., three months' hard labour.

James Lander, 25, Glasgow. Three charges of fraudulently obtaining board and lodging, two charges of obtaining money. Bill for £10 15s. for board and lodging, and had induced two landladies to lend him £4 16s. 7d. Sheriff said such frauds were becoming common, and local Press said "a smart sentence" was passed. Three months' hard labour.

Frederick John Say, her husband, same charge. Two months, without hard labour.

Miss Brackenbury, one month for (not) obstructing the police, who inflicted wanton and severe injury on her person.

John Osborne, Dundee, returned late, drunk, and when wife rated him, knocked her down, dragged her about by hair. Fined 10s. 6d., or seven days.

Jeremiah Davies, Neath, for similar offence, in same court, 5s. fine.

Fourteen men brought up at Glamorgan Assizes for rioting during strike at Swansea. Reuben Fermandel sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, thirteen others to fourteen days without hard labour, the sentences dating from first day of assizes. Thirteen were thus immediately released. Mr. Justice Bankes said "the law did not allow intimidation and violence."



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TAX RESISTANCE.

Under the auspices of the Tax Resistance League and the Women's Freedom League a protest meeting was held at Great Marlow on April 17, on the occasion of the sale of plate and jewellery belonging to Mrs. Sargent Florence, the well-known artist, and to Miss Hayes, daughter of Admiral Hayes. Their property had been seized for the non-payment of Imperial taxes, and through the courtesy of the tax-collector every facility was afforded to the protesters to explain their action. A quiet little group—a large crowd for Marlow—listened attentively to Mrs. Florence, Mrs. Jason Kerr, Miss Kineton Parkes, and Miss Neilans. Mrs. Sargent Florence had been distraised upon more than once, and intends to continue her passive protest until women have the vote.

At the County Court, Woodbridge, Dr. Elizabeth Knight was charged with keeping a dog without a licence and refusing to take out a licence for her dog cart; Mrs. H. Lane was charged also with refusing to pay the licence for her trap. Dr. Knight said she believed taxation and representation should go together; and Mrs. Lane, who was unable to attend, wrote to the Bench saying she refused to pay taxes as a protest against women's political disability. Mr. Eton White, the presiding magistrate, said his duty was to administer the law as it stood; therefore Dr. Knight was fined £2 10s. and costs, and Mrs. Lane £1 10s. and costs. A protest meeting was afterwards held on Market Hill. Mrs. Pratt, hon. secretary of the Women's Freedom League, Ipswich branch, presided, and an interesting crowd listened appreciatively to the speech of Mrs. Sproson who explained the reason why women should adopt the policy of tax resistance and urged upon all women to make the position of the Government intolerable and untenable unless it conceded to women their common human right.

Silver belonging to Miss Neligan, of Croydon, and Mrs. Hamilton, of Wendover, was sold for non-payment of taxes on April 16 and 17, and vigorous protests made. At Wendover, in the John Hampden County, an Anti-suffragist from London made a speech.

IN SYMPATHY.

Members of the Women's Freedom League will extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Clarkson Swann in the loss of her husband, who passed away on the night of April 13, at his residence, St. Keverne, Bromley, after much suffering. Messages of condolence have been sent to Mrs. Clarkson Swann on behalf of the Women's Freedom League; and the hearts of all her fellow workers will be with her in her grief.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

LETTER FROM MRS. HOW MARTYN.

W.F.L., 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, W.C.
April 17, 1912.

As the state of my health makes it impossible for me to be present at the forthcoming Conference, I am writing to tell you that at the end of this month I am resigning my post as Head of the Political and Militant Department, and also as a member of the National Executive Committee. I wished to do this when I realised that my illness would prevent my doing any regular work for some months, but it was by the wish of the Conference that I stood for election to the committee, and at the unanimous request of the National Executive Committee, I undertook to remain responsible for the political work so long as the Conciliation Bill was before the House. With the defeat of our Bill, we have to face a new phase in our political agitation, and there is no longer any reason for me to retain a position the duties of which I am at present unable to discharge with any satisfaction to myself. I am much indebted to Miss Thompson and Miss Neilans, who have done everything in their power to make my responsibility as little irksome as possible.

In closing for a time my six years' active work in the movement, I should like very heartily to thank all those Branches and members who have sent me such kind messages of sympathy and of encouragement to get well. I shall have a better chance of doing so when quite freed from the cares incident to an official position.

My views on the political position, and also on the changes which it appears to me might be made advantageously in the internal policy of the League, have been expressed in letters and statements to the Branches.

It will serve no useful purpose to dwell on the deep

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regret I feel that our six years' work has not put us in a more hopeful position, but in conclusion—if after the Special Conference I find I can no longer work for the League, I shall hope, when restored to health, to work in friendly co-operation with it. Whatever may happen, I shall retain delightful recollections of the spirit of comradeship in which so much of our work has been done, and of the knowledge I have gained of the heroic qualities of my fellow-women.—Your sincere fellow worker,
EDITH HOW MARTYN.

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Pigs Versus Children.

Congress, which appropriates 3,000,000 dollars to promote the health of pigs and other animals, has at last appropriated the meagre sum of 30,000 dollars for a Children's Bureau, to investigate questions bearing on the welfare of children. This is the outcome of seven years of "indirect influence" by Mrs. Florence Kelley, and many other earnest women.

Police Court for Women.

San Francisco will have a police court exclusively for women. Representatives of leading women's clubs of the city have conferred with the police judges and the chief of police to perfect arrangements for the new institution. The purpose of the court will be to protect women prisoners and witnesses from crowds which throng the police courts. Only women offenders will be tried in the new court. It is planned to have a woman bailiff in attendance. The police judges will take turns in presiding.

China to Teach America.

The Era Club, of New Orleans, one of the most important Suffrage organisations in this country, at its last meeting passed the following resolution, "That the Era Club congratulates the men of China on creating the world's first republic; and that the Era Club requests the women of China to send political missionaries to the United States to teach the principles of true democracy to American men." The resolution was forwarded to the Chinese Ambassador at Washington, with the request that it be transmitted to his home land.

Activity of German Women.

Dr. Alice Salomon, of Berlin, in a paper on women in public life, makes the statement that 12,000 women are actively engaged in municipal institutions in Germany, doing good recognised work in many ways in the public welfare, the inspection of dwellings of the poor, the first care of widows and orphans; all cases requiring sound judgment and energetic action being more and more entrusted to women.

A Woman Lawyer.

For the first time in the history of New York State, a woman lawyer, Miss Lucille Pugh, has been assigned by a judge of the Criminal Court to defend a man charged with murder.

A Unique Suffrage Paper.

Chicago Suffragists are publishing a daily newspaper which is printed in six languages, English, Lithuanian, Bohemian, German, Italian and Polish.

A Peacemaker.

In Paris, a few days ago, one of the tribunals of Commerce was presided over by a woman, Mme. Kousselin, who pronounced judgment in a dispute between masters and workmen. Mme. Kousselin is said to have displayed tact and dexterity, as well as scrupulous fairness, and her decision was received with applause.

K. HARVEY, Hon. Head, Press Dept., W.F.L.

THE FORCE BEHIND THE MOVEMENT.

The W.F.L. received, among many letters in much the same tone, a communication from a member who explains how she and an old servant have dispensed with the services of a family doctor as a protest against the defeat of the Conciliation Bill and the offensive allusions of Sir Almroth Wright and other medical men. They will now place themselves in the hands of a woman doctor. This indomitable fellow-worker goes on to say:—"I am in a comfortable post here, and have only a very small private income which I wanted to save for old age. (I am nearly sixty now, and have earned my living since nineteen, working sixteen hours a day usually), and I feel that the failure of the Bill is a call for far more strenuous work and self-denial. I mean to give to suffrage work all my private income until the principle of Women's Suffrage is established. I must put off saving for old age. When payments come in I hope to send you a contribution. Most of my income is given to the Church League." Comment on this splendid letter, and the spirit that dictates it, are needless. Sir Almroth Wright, hysterical journalists, Members of Parliament, and other slanderers of womanhood, please note.

I AM inclined to think that women, on the whole, are less susceptible to the arts of the wire-pullers and the demagogue than men.—Lord Willoughby de Broke.



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"TITANIC."

While the impression of the great calamity which has thrown so many homes into mourning is fresh in our minds, it may be well, sifting out, as far as possible, the grains of truth from the mass of conflicting reports that have come before us, to try and realise its significance not only for ourselves but for the whole of the civilised world.

A vast creation, born of the imagination of men, and brought into being by their labour and skill, was, only a few days ago, launched upon the waters, with every sort of pride and pomp. Of the power, of the beauty, of the luxury, of the speed possessed by this glorious ship every tongue was speaking. The brief journey across the Atlantic was to be to a few powerful persons a pleasure picnic—a dream to be remembered, and repeated, whenever time and the occasion might serve.

Two objects seem to have been aimed at in the construction of this ship: the pleasure and convenience of passengers, especially of those who could pay large sums for their passage—these were to forget that they were at sea, to be able to imagine that they were spending a few days in one of the most luxurious of modern hotels—and speed! The *Titanic*, proudly named, with her mighty engines, and her carrying power in fuel, was to beat all previous records. Built with water-tight compartments, she was "unsinkable"; therefore it was unnecessary that she should be hampered by many boats; and we hear that spaces allotted by her designers for boats were empty, so that more room might be given to promenade decks and other luxuries.

Those of us who have gone down to the sea in ships will have no difficulty in imagining the details of that voyage. But for the fresh sea-air and the tumbling waters of the Atlantic that seemed to play kindly with the great ship and her living freight, favoured passengers would scarcely have thought that they were at sea at all. That arduous and exhausting work was being done somewhere—that the swiftly beating heart of the monster was being fed by human labour did not concern them. Those who desired a certain amount of activity had the gymnasium and the swimming bath and the promenade decks: those who wished only to lounge and eat could do so at their pleasure: the studious had books: the art lovers music and beautiful decorations of saloons and restaurants: the slaves of excitement could play cards and speculate wildly on the daily run, on the hour and minute of arrival; and over and over again officers and captain would be questioned, "When do you really think we shall arrive?" All quite ordinary! Except that the ship was bigger and more beautiful than others, there was nothing out of the common; no barest hint of impending tragedy troubled the rest of the doomed ship's company.

Was it this lulling sense of security that to some

extent warped the judgment of those who controlled the destiny of the ship? That question, it is probable, will never be clearly answered. What we know is that in one fell moment the *Titanic*, with all her priceless freight, rushed upon a doom as terrible as it was unexpected.

Touched—grazed only, as it seemed to some when they first felt the impact—by one of Nature's Forces, she broke, even as a child's toy in the hand of a giant; all her beauty and glory departed; in less than four hours, if we are to believe the last reports, the waters over which she had proudly triumphed claimed her as their own. When, meagre at first, but ever growing in horror, item after item of the catastrophe leaked out our first impression was of incredulity. It could not be so bad. Presently we should hear of other ships having hurried to the scene of the disaster and of many more rescues. But hour after hour has brought darker tidings, and at last we find ourselves face to face with the awful conviction that out of that great ship's company less than a third have survived.

Is it not right: is it not urgently imperative that we should now, as a nation, set ourselves to consider who is responsible for these calamities, and whether the present reckless waste of human life is to continue? We hear that since 1910, in view of the growth in tonnage of the great ocean-going liners, the Board of Trade have been considering an amendment to the law which prescribes the number of boats that every ship shall carry. The usual delays have intervened and nothing has been done. Alas! these are questions that concern not property, not party, not the Constitution, not any of the big things that so deeply affect men, and therefore they are allowed to wait.

Some of us will remember the brave Member of Parliament, Plimsoll, who, when he found that his Seaman's Bill, owing to lack of time, had no chance of passing, made a scene in the House of Commons. Many condemned him at the time. The truth was he could not bear another delay. He knew that over-laden ships—veritable coffins—were putting out daily; and his passionate indignation found a voice that stirred the hearts of the nation. Before that session had run its course his Bill became law.

Passion such as this is needed now. Possibly the sorrow and wrath of the country will supply it. But at what a cost! Surely it is time that women, to whom life is dear, should have the power, possessed by men and uncertainly used, to compel the attention of our legislators to the dangers that, through the enormous increase of individual wealth and its growing power, threaten life in every direction!

There were men and women on board the *Titanic* and the traditional custom was followed: "Women and children first!" was the order when the boats were being prepared for their plunge into the darkness. This is insisted upon as a proof of the heroism of men and of their readiness to sacrifice themselves. The heroism we do not deny. At supreme moments such as these we see human nature at its best. Ordinary people—some even who are less than ordinary—will, when the call comes, show the heroic within them that everyday life has not drawn out. There is no great disaster that does not yield such instances. But those who use this as a proof of man's superiority and of his reverent care for woman err strangely. In all probability they know nothing of sea-life and its psychology.

Those who have faced real danger at sea could tell them that, under such awful circumstances, living may sometimes be more appalling far than dying. As we think of those saved women—some of them torn from their husbands and forced against their will into the boats; others for the sake of their little children going out dumbly into the wilderness of waters; as we watch them being rowed out by, in some cases, inexperienced men; as we see them lifting eyes of horror on the ship they had left, watching her sink, until the lights were darkened and she made her fatal plunge,

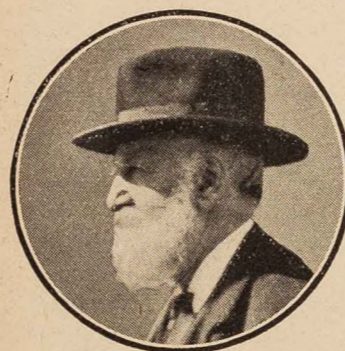
and the cries of despairing human beings, amongst whom were their own, rang out, when we read that two went temporarily mad, that one died, and that as friendly hands drew them up into the *Carpathia* there was no sound, not even a sob amongst them, we feel, to our heart's core, not only their heroism, but that theirs was the harder part. Heroism there was; heroism there will ever be when the call for it is made, because in the heart of every son and daughter of man the divine lies hidden; but it is the heroism of women as well as of men.

To one of those who went down on that terrible night we with all other women should offer our tribute of gratitude and admiration. William Stead, known to the world as the brilliant journalist and the indomitable fighter for what he conceived to be righteousness, felt by us as the friend and champion of women, the man who had made enemies and risked reputation for the sake of those whom the world despises, faced death as he had faced life—brave, chivalrous, dauntless to the last. Such men can ill be spared. We suffer for this loss. But, for himself, it was all gain. To serve, to be with men and women, his fellows in the dire stress and tumult of a great catastrophe: when he had done what he could, and the end was impending, to leap out into the darkness, to him the gateway to a greater adventure than even his crowded life had known. So the heroic soul passed away. May he rest in the peace that he would have desired, the peace of joyful activity.

C. DESPARD.

WILLIAM THOMAS STEAD: CRUSADER.

"The greatest Englishman on board," "the Don Quixote of Journalism," "the Titan on the *Titanic*,"



WILLIAM T. STEAD.
(Taken in Constantinople 1911.)

"the grandest journalist of his time," "the greatest truth-seer, the greatest and most fearless truth-speaker," these are among the epithets applied by the Press to William Thomas Stead, of whose death there can now be no doubt. His name has occupied the most prominent place in all newspapers

since the news came of the awful disaster to the *Titanic*; it is the man who crusaded ceaselessly and unwearingly against injustice who "counts," and it is in accordance with the whole tenor of his life that in the face of danger his only thought was to help others to escape. In Mr. Stead the Woman Suffrage Cause had a staunch friend and in the early days of the Militant Movement he was one who could be counted upon to give not only the help of his pen, but also of his purse and his personality.

His support of the Suffrage Movement arose from a deep conviction of the value of woman in the world, and of the need of her co-operation with men in the cause of progress. He set an excellent example to editors and other employers in securing the service of women and in his belief in equal pay for equal work.

Nor can women who see the canker in the body politic cease to be grateful to Mr. Stead for his vigorous crusading against the White Slave Traffic, and for the result of his great effort in the Eighties which led to trial and imprisonment. His articles in *The Pall Mall Gazette*, of which he was then editor, on "The Maiden Tribute of Modern Babylon," are said "to have shocked

London," but an outcome was the raising of the age of consent from fourteen to sixteen. He continued his editorship of the paper from his prison cell; every year he wore prison clothes—and gloried in doing so—on the anniversary of his sentence. He always referred to this imprisonment as "my first," declaring that he was convinced he would have to go to prison again for the sake of some crusade in the interest of what he considered the truth. Already it has been suggested by Mrs. Archibald Little that the best memorial to him would be to pass the Act, blocked by "one vain man," which would go far to stop the awful traffic in vice.

Mr. Stead's life was so varied as to read almost like a romance: the son of a North of England Congregational minister, he began a business career but abandoned it for journalism; he was an omnivorous reader, and soon became a clever and arresting writer, and was appointed as quite a young man to the editorship of *The Northern Echo*. It was his articles in this paper on the Bulgarian atrocities which attracted the attention of Gladstone, Carlyle, and John Morley, the latter of whom gave him his chance in London by offering him the assistant-editorship of *The Pall Mall Gazette*. When Mr. Morley went into Parliament Mr. Stead succeeded him in the editorial chair. A later journalistic venture, *The Review of Reviews*, has now become a publication of world-wide fame, standing, as it always has done, for justice, for peace, and for progress.

The purpose of Mr. Stead's visit to America was to lend his aid to the Men and Religion Forward Movement, which has been doing active work during the past winter to get men into closer practical touch with religious work, and to bring into that work "the same energy, concentration, and common-sense that are used in the making of a great fortune." He had been invited to speak at a meeting in the Carnegie Hall, New York, on April 21, on the "World's Peace." President Taft was also to take part in the meeting.

For a brief summing-up of the life of this great Englishman, to whom most notable tribute has been paid by friends and opponents alike, nothing can be better than the poem of Miss S. Gertrude Ford, which appeared in *The Daily News*, on April 19, from which we take the following verses:—

His was the heart of gold whose argosy
No ship on all the sea of life could match,
Whose wealth all shared; whose door, to each man free,
Was ever on the latch.
Kindness that knew nor end nor bound; the power
Thundering its way to thrones; the gentleness
That stooped to lift and cheer one wayside flower,
One fainting life to bless;
Great heart, intrepid soul, majestic brain—
To these, to-day, is many a tribute penned.—
My wreath is woven of love and wet with pain—
I mourn the man my friend.

Mr. Stead's Latest Suggestions to Suffragists.

In the current number of *The Review of Reviews*, issued after Mr. Stead had left England on board the *Titanic*, are some notes dealing with the present position of the Woman Suffrage Movement, from which we take the following extracts:—

Man in Revolt.

Mere man has revolted against the nagging of the women, and after the manner of his kind he has hit out at the weakest thing within range of his fists and knocked it down. In other words, he has rejected the Conciliation Bill by a majority of fourteen, which he read a second time last year by a majority of 167, not in the least because he does not believe in Woman's Suffrage, but because he wants to "teach these window-smashing women to behave." That the window-smashers hated the Conciliation Bill, and that by rejecting it Man goes far to justify their major premiss that all men, especially all Members of Parliament, ought never to be trusted; these considerations do not weigh with him one atom. The dear, delightful, illogical John Bull: "One cannot help loving him; he is so hysterical, illogical, irrational, impulsive, and everything else that Sir Almoth Wright says characterises John Bull's wife. They are a worthy pair, well matched, and their children are like unto them. The cause of the women has suffered a temporary setback, just as the cause of Home Rule was put back by the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish. The leaders of the W.S.P.U. are to the great body of the Suffragists what the

Invincibles were to the great body of Irish Home Rulers. Of course, window-smashing is nothing like so heinous a crime as the assassination of an Irish Secretary, but both are alike in being appeals to violence which irritate without intimidating those to who they are addressed.

What the Women Should Do.

What the women should do it is for the women to decide. Far be it for a mere man to arrogate to himself the right to direct the political strategy of politicians who are at least as capable of framing their own policy as any politicians in Parliament. But it may without presumption be remarked that if men were in their place there is no doubt what men would do. They would accept with grim stoicism the temporary rebuff, recognising that it was but the natural and inevitable penalty due for a false move. But then they would set to work to organise the League of the Unenfranchised in every constituency so as to render it difficult to carry any candidate who would not pledge himself to vote the right way. And they would make a vigorous effort to combine all branches of the movement into one federated whole. . . . If women could but get a sufficient number of women in every constituency to refuse to canvass for or to support any candidate who would not vote for their enfranchisement, and to pledge themselves to work against any candidate who was a declared opponent of Woman's Suffrage, they would have no reason to despair. The Unionists, in any case, will probably enfranchise them next Parliament.

THE "VOTE" SOIRÉE AT THE DORÉ GALLERY.

The *soirée* at the Doré Gallery, New Bond-street, London, on April 18, to celebrate the co-operation between the Suffrage Atelier and THE VOTE, was a notable success. That the Gallery was an attractive place for a gathering was proved by the large number present. Mrs. Despard welcomed the visitors, who soon evinced an eagerness to inspect the Atelier's exhibition of posters and postcards. After about an hour of pleasant social intercourse, spiced with refreshments, the more serious part of the evening's programme began in the large gallery.

In the regretted but unavoidable absence of Miss Nina Boyle, who was to have presided on the occasion, the chair was taken by Mrs. Cobden Sanderson. In her brief opening speech she insisted that art should touch life at all points, including politics, and said that we had reason to be very proud of the way in which art had been placed at the service of the suffrage movement. In commending the work of the Atelier in many departments, including the Tax Resistance League's banners, which, said Mrs. Sanderson, had successfully borne the strain and stress of many a stormy meeting, she suggested that the Atelier should furnish women to post as well as the posters, and confessed that her first experience of political work was posting at night, on behalf of Miss Helen Taylor, when candidate for the London County Council, her bills over those of her opponent. "That was the beginning of my militancy," she added.

The first speaker, representing literature, was Mrs. Mary Gaunt, whose recent journey in West Africa, and her book describing her experiences where no white woman had previously penetrated, are fresh in mind. She gave an entertaining account of how the woman's movement is making itself felt in the haunts of what might be called savagery, because, even where women are mere chattels, girls are now refusing to marry the husbands to whom they may be assigned. "I am as mud in the sight of my people if the women will not marry according to arrangement," said one sorely harassed chief, who found a way out of a difficult situation by marrying the recalcitrant himself. Mrs. Gaunt also told of the success of women as traders at Tarqua, a mining centre; they buy of the merchants and sell to the miners, and have become satisfied and prosperous. They begin their business training when at school by selling food to other scholars. They are a contrast to the Hansa women, who toil along unhelped by their trader husbands through forest and swamp—the most miserable of beings. Efficiency was the keynote struck by Mrs. Gaunt; in the home, in the nation, in every kind of work, it is efficiency that counts, and the vote will be won by efficiency.

Art had an able and experienced representative in

Mrs. Jopling Rowe, whose speech on the value of pictorial art in political propaganda was full of wit and wisdom. She said that before people could read they learned by pictures; to-day, when they are too busy with football and other important occupations, they must still be taught by pictures. In a delightful historical sketch she told how theatrical announcements used to be hung between the posts that protected foot passengers when there were no foot paths and so were called "posters," and she suggested several practical hints for suffragists from caricaturists of the past. Ackerman, the publisher, she said, positively "rained politics" on the people by distributing 30,000 political skits from a balloon. She thought that posters by day and transparencies by night should be used all over the country, even invading the bunkers of golf courses, to impress upon the nation the need of votes for women. She laid stress on the great value of caricature in political work, and said, "Let us hold up to ridicule those Members of Parliament, who think that women, having no sense of humour, cannot register votes."

Mrs. Despard replied to the warm welcome with which she was greeted by saying that one of the beauties of the suffrage movement was that it had made men and women understand each other, and she rejoiced to see so many suffrage workers present at the festival. She welcomed the note of efficiency that had been struck, and saw great promise in the co-operation between the Atelier and THE VOTE in attaining efficiency in an appeal through the organ of the Women's Freedom League to the public. She spoke of the devoted work which had been given to establish THE VOTE, and, impressing upon her audience the value of a medium of expression, Mrs. Despard declared that THE VOTE was not big enough. "We want it enlarged not sometimes but always, but we cannot do it unless you help us by increasing the circulation." She spoke also of the way in which women



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are in revolt against bad conditions of life and work, and declared that THE VOTE would win the confidence of women workers by proving that it was seeking women's freedom. "I am very ambitious for THE VOTE; if you are ambitious with me, we are bound to succeed."

Another special interest of the evening was the kind help of Miss Janette Steer and Miss Inez Bensusan. Miss Steer recited with telling effect, two short poems, and Miss Bensusan created great amusement by her rendering of "An Anti-Suffrage Meeting." Brisk business in the sale of posters, postcards, and THE VOTE was a practical feature of an entirely delightful evening.

THE WATCH COMMITTEE'S PROTEST IN HYDE PARK.

The perfect weather and the beauty of the spring drew large crowds to Hyde Park on Sunday afternoon, April 21, and, being ready for any diversion that promised to be interesting, they quickly gathered round the three wagons as soon as they became platforms for the Watch Committee's protest at 3 o'clock. The speakers were heard with keen and close attention; only at one platform was there the least sign of brief hooligan interruption, and it evidently came from a few footballers who, disappointed with the "no score" result of the great football match at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, thought that Hyde Park would offer them some "sport" on Sunday.

The societies joining in the work of the Watch Committee are the Church, Free Church, and Catholic Leagues for Women Suffrage, the Women's Freedom League, the Women Writers' Suffrage League, the Women's Tax Resistance League, the new Constitutional Society, the Fabian Women's Group, the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, and the Men's Political Union. From all the platforms the object of the meeting—protest against the vindictive sentences on suffragists and the brutality of forcible feeding—was the main theme of the speeches, and was dealt with in ways as varied as the individuality of the speakers, among whom was Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Despard, Miss Nina Boyle, Mrs. Juson Kerr, Miss Joan Dugdale, Mrs. Mansell Moullin, Miss Price, Lieut. Cather, Dr. Drysdale, Mr. Duval, Mr. John Simpson, and Mr. T. Gugenheim.

Mrs. Despard gave a brief account of the origin of the Watch Committee, and declared that although there was difference of opinion on tactics, it was imperative to protest against the sentences on women and their treatment in prison. The Press, largely controlled by capitalists, took little notice of the matter, and consequently the public was ignorant of what was being done. In the case of the women the motive was not taken into account, and the Churchill regulations were disallowed by the present Home Secretary. Women were driven to the acute suffering of the hunger strike and forcible feeding in order to gain the privileges that were theirs by right. It must not continue; at least they must be recognised as political prisoners, not criminals. Better still, they must be released. It was with enthusiasm that the crowd greeted Mrs. Despard's declaration that the nation, as well as the home, needed that man and woman should work together and so bring about democracy in the spiritual sense of the word. There was a ready response to the appeal made from all the platforms to take the Memorial forms for signature. The memorial runs thus:—

We, the undersigned, earnestly plead that the extremely heavy sentences imposed upon women in consequence of the recent protests against the Government's treatment of the question of granting the Parliamentary franchise to women may receive your serious reconsideration and that suffragists while in prison may be accorded the privileges to which they are entitled under Rule 243A.

Mrs. Cobden Sanderson told how she was compelled to join the woman's movement, though she had no grievance of her own, after seeing the exhibition of the sweated work of women. She amused her audience by giving some account of her experiences in Holloway for the benefit of those who might be tending in that direction, and said that two years later a member of the Government informed her that she had done quite right in protesting in that way against the injustices to women. She said there would be hope for the future when Governments thought more of the souls and bodies of men and women than of plate glass windows.

Speaking from the platform on which the chair was taken by Mrs. Mark Verden, Miss Nina Boyle read out a number of the cases recorded in THE VOTE under the heading, "How Men Protect Women," and showed how many serious crimes are punished far less severely than window-breaking. She said that she came to England from Johannesburg with exalted ideas of British justice, but that she had been horribly shocked by the prejudice and bias openly displayed on the Bench. Dr. Drysdale supported Miss Boyle, and said he hoped that the firstfruits of the woman's movement would be to deal with the terrible conditions which so often led to the ruin of young girls. The following resolution was passed:—

That this meeting of British men and women protests indignantly against the severe and unjust sentences passed on women suffragists and demands their immediate release.

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Be sure not to forget the Green, White and Gold Fair being held today at the Town Hall, Anerley, from 3-10 p.m. Mrs. Despard (supported by the Rev. C. O. Baumgarten) opens it at 3 o'clock. Concerts at 5.30 and 8.40, under the direction of Miss Agnes Fenning, L.R.A.M.; phrenological readings by Mr. W. T. Prince; competitions and humorous side-shows. The stalls will have a tempting array of home-made cakes and sweets, fancy articles, leadless glaze china and flowers. Tea will be served from 3.30-6 p.m. Coffee and light refreshments in the evening. At 7.45 there will be short speeches by Mrs. Nevinson and Huws-Davies, Esq., Miss Winifred Mayo will recite, and Mme. Beatrice Goddard sing "The Awakening," and Dr. Ethel Smyth's well-known Suffrage medley, "1910," will be sung by an octet.

Croydon.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. TERRY, 9, Morland-avenue. Office: 32A, The Arcade, High-street.

A most interesting address was given by Dr. Drysdale on "Woman's Suffrage and the Birth Rate" on the 19th inst. at the weekly "At Home." A Branch meeting followed, when business connected with the special conference was discussed. Members are asked to bring friends to the Friday and Tuesday meetings, so that the lectures may be of still more value. Contributions are still wanted for the jumble sale. Members, who have not yet paid their annual subscriptions, are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Hackney.—Hon. Secretary (pro tem.): Miss E. M. ROLES, 5, Laura-place, Clapton.

Thursday, April 25, Mrs. Huntsman "At Home" to members of the Hackney Branch at the Shop, 3.30, 4, Clarence-road; afternoon tea. Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, we hope to see as many Hackney members as possible at the special conference.

Wednesday, May 1, Branch meeting, 8 p.m., to discuss new policy and formulate plans for the coming season.

Saturday, May 4, cake and candy sale, at the Shop, from 3 p.m. Contributions of all descriptions (cakes, sweets, groceries, garments, china, &c., &c.) gratefully received at any time.

Hampstead Garden Suburb.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. SYDENHAM, "June," Erskine-hill.

A special business meeting was held on Tuesday evening, April 16, to discuss questions which will be dealt with at the special conference. Our delegate was elected, and another Branch meeting was arranged for April 26 to instruct her on the final resolutions for the conference.

Herne Hill and Norwood.—Hon. Secretary: Miss B. SPENCER, 32, Geneva-road, Brixton, S.W.

On Wednesday, April 17, a very successful drawing-room meeting was held by courtesy of Miss Davies at 161, Croxted-road, West Dulwich. The chair was taken by Mrs. B. H. Jones, and the address of our president, Mrs. Despard, was listened to with deep and sympathetic interest by a large audience of members and friends. The singing of "The Awakening" by Mrs. L. M. Wright was much appreciated, and enthusiastic votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. Despard and our kind hostess. Copies of THE VOTE and other literature were sold, and a good collection taken, and several new members joined our Branch. On Sunday morning, April 21, at the meeting in Brockwell Park, the speakers were Miss Hillsworth and Miss Alison Neilans. A very large audience listened attentively to Miss Neilans's exposition of the question of votes for women. During her address Miss Neilans referred with reverent regret to the wreck of the Titanic, and announced that half the collection would be sent to the Mansion House Relief Fund, and in response to her appeal £1 0s. 5d. was collected. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 5, at 11.30 a.m., when Miss Nina Boyle will speak.

Peckham Group.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. PICKERING, 23, Albert-road, Peckham.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 1. More members wanted. Will all sympathisers and friends in Peckham, please come, 8 p.m., to above address, 10 minutes from Rye-lane? We are distributing literature to every house in Peckham, and shall be resuming open-air meetings shortly. Sent letter to Mr. Richardson, Member, re attitude on the Conciliation Bill (absent, unpaired), expressing hope he will support next motion for Woman's Suffrage, as even this is an advance from his former hostility. Date of next public meeting shortly.

Mid-London.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. TRITTON, 1, Northcote-avenue, Ealing, W.

It is most important that as many members as possible should be present at the special conference to hear the policy of the W.F.L. freely discussed by the delegates and the members of the N.E.C.

The Branch held the usual meeting in Hyde Park on Sunday, April 21. Mr. Witte, who acted as chairman, dwelt mainly on the physical force fallacy. Mrs. Tanner followed with a speech which dealt chiefly with the loss to the State incurred by women's exclusion from the body politic. There was a very large audience, who listened attentively to the various arguments, and the frequent applause testified to its sympathy with the cause of Woman Suffrage. At the end of the speeches Mrs. Tanner challenged an elderly gentleman who had interrupted several times during her speech to state his reason for opposing women's enfranchisement, but only elicited the statement that no woman had done so much for the poor as General Booth!

PROVINCES.—Cheltenham.—Hon. Secretary: Madame Borovtkowsky, Mostyn Villa, Hales-road.

A successful "At Home" was given on April 13 by Dr. and Mrs. Earengy, at Ashley-rise. An enthusiastic audience listened with emotion to Mrs. Despard, who spoke on "Woman's Part in Life." She said that since the recent defeat women were keener than ever to stir up public opinion to force the introduction of a Government measure, for true democracy was impossible until men and women stood politically free. The vote was a symbol of citizenship and freedom, it was the key to a door which surely now should stand open to women.

Liverpool: Aintree Group.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. EVANS, 49, Kimberley-drive, Great Crosby. The newly-formed Aintree Group held their first public meeting at

Aintree Institute on April 15. Mr. Arthur E. Shaw presided over a crowded meeting, and reviewed the progress of freedom and the consequent widening of the franchise during the nineteenth century, culminating in the woman's demand for political emancipation, so marked a feature of the early twentieth century, and a quite natural development of the wider education of women. Miss Munro spoke of the cause and meaning of the present unrest, one phase of which was the woman's struggle for greater opportunity and power of service. Her speech was frequently punctuated with applause, and the eloquent plea for more members met with a warm response. Practical results were a good collection and the sale of literature. Much credit is due to Mrs. Davey and Mrs. Shaw for very effective work in this district, and the Waterloo Branch look forward to the advent of a strong ally in the Aintree Branch.

Waterloo.—The meeting at Pinnington's Café was well attended, a number of visitors being present. Miss Munro told the story of the sweated workers to a sympathetic audience, one of whom joined the Branch, and several members came forward with promises of help in working up the meeting in Bootle, which is fixed for Thursday, April 25.

Middlesbrough.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. CAREY, 1, Kensington-road.

At the last meeting of the Branch a very able and interesting address was given by Mrs. Jenny Baker, of Stockton, on the subject of "Women and Education." Mrs. Baker was formerly a member of the old School Board, and is at present a member of the Stockton Education Committee. Her address was very highly appreciated. The chair was taken by Mrs. Schofield Coates. On Thursday, April 12, Miss Amy Mahony accepted an invitation to address a meeting of the Unitarian Guild on the subject of "Equal Pay for Equal Work." There was a very good audience, and a lively discussion. She was very ably supported by the chairman, Mr. Harrison, and also by other members of the Guild.

Portsmouth and Gosport.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. WRETTON, 64, Devonshire-avenue, Southsea.

Last week-end Miss Neilans delighted three different Portsmouth audiences. She was especially fine at the Political Equality meeting, when she and Mr. James O'Grady, M.P., were the principal speakers. The drawing-room meeting on Monday afternoon was crowded, and Miss Neilans's appeal resulted in several new members joining the W.F.L. She spoke again in the evening at the Co-operative Hall, Gosport, to a very appreciative audience. The resolution proposed by Miss Hattrill was passed unanimously.

Wolverhampton.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. CRESSWELL, 25, Rugby-street.

A large and most enthusiastic meeting was held in the Agricultural Hall under the auspices of the Political Equality Campaign. Rev. J. A. Shaw, M.A., presided; the speakers were Mr. J. Parker, M.P., and Miss Anna Munro. Miss Munro delivered an eloquent appeal from the woman's standpoint, which was loudly applauded. Mr. Parker made out a strong case from the Labour party's standpoint, and the resolution on political equality and opposition to any further

extension of the franchise which excluded women was carried almost unanimously, only three hands being held up against it.

SCOTLAND.—Glasgow.—Suffrage Centre, 302, Sauchiehall-street. Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. J. B. WILSON. Secretaries: Miss J. L. BUNTON and Miss B. SEMPLE.

On Saturday, April 20, a public meeting was held in the Athenaeum, the Rev. James Barr, of Govan, being in the chair. This, we believe, is the first time a minister of the U.F. Church has taken the chair at a public meeting, and we hope that many others will follow Mr. Barr's example. The speakers were Miss Bessie Semple and Miss Abadam. Miss Semple gave a resumé of the struggle of men for political freedom since 1832, and showed very clearly how women have followed their lead in their present struggle. Miss Abadam made a special appeal to women to resist the payment of taxes as a logical and time-honoured protest. Mr. Mactaggart in a short speech proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the speakers for their capital addresses. A very good collection was taken, and many copies of THE VOTE were sold. A jumble sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, in aid of the Branch funds. Will friends willing to contribute please send a p.c. to the Suffrage Centre, 302, Sauchiehall-street as soon as possible? A van will be sent to collect goods the day preceding the sale.

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Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, writing to *The Standard* ("Woman's Platform") to give news of the release of Nurse Pitfield, says:—

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Thurs. April 25.—Green, White and Gold Fair, Town Hall, Anerley, to be opened by Mrs. Despard at 3 p.m. HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB BRANCH MEETING, 47, Rotherwick-road, 3 p.m. Business: Conference agenda. CLAPHAM BRANCH MEETING, 1, Imperial Mansions, 7.30 p.m. KENSINGTON BRANCH MEETING, 6, Argyll-road, 7.45 p.m.

Fri., April 26.—NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 1, Robert-street, 3.30 p.m. CROYDON "AT HOME," 3.45 p.m. Mrs. Fowler Shone. PUBLIC MEETING, Mattison-road School, Harringay, 8 p.m. Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Nevinston, L.L.A. Chairman: Miss Nina Boyle. ANERLEY BRANCH MEETING, 149, Croydon-road, Anerley, 3 p.m.

Sat., April 27.—Special Conference, Caxton Hall, Delegates' Meeting, 9 a.m., Room 15. Conference opens in Council Chamber, 1 p.m.

Sun., April 28.—Special Conference, 10.30 a.m., Caxton Hall, HYDE PARK, 12 noon. Mrs. Juson Kerr, Miss Marie Lawson. Chair: Mrs. Hyde.

Tues., April 30.—CROYDON, Meeting at Shop, 8 p.m. Mr. J. Katz, B.A., on "Intellect and Sex."

Fri., May 3.—CROYDON "AT HOME," 3.45 p.m. Mrs. Ackroyd on "Women in Municipal Life."

Sun., May 5.—HYDE PARK, 12 noon; Mrs. Mustard. BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30 a.m.; Miss Nina Boyle.

Tues., May 7.—Discussion Meeting, Essex Hall, 8 p.m. Mr. Laurence Housman: "Sex War and Women's Suffrage." Tickets 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d.

Wed., May 8.—MID-LONDON BRANCH MEETING, 1, Robert-street, 7.30. Business: Delegates' Report of Conference.

Fri., May 10.—PUBLIC MEETING, Stephen Memorial Hall, Finchley, 8 p.m. Mrs. Despard and Miss Nina Boyle. Chair: Dr. Drysdale. CROYDON "AT HOME," 3.45 p.m. Mrs. Baillie.

Sat., May 11.—Mass Meeting, Trafalgar-square, 3 p.m.

Sun., May 12.—HYDE PARK, noon; Miss Nina Boyle.

Sun., May 19.—HYDE PARK, noon; Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Miss Henderson.

Mon., May 20.—JOHN STUART MILL MEETING. Speakers: Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., and others.

PROVINCES.

Fri., April 26.—Great Yarmouth. 3, Albert-square, Drawing-room Meeting, under the auspices of the Yarmouth Suffrage Society, 3.30 p.m. Mrs. Tanner.

Mon., April 29.—Middlesbrough. Girls' High School, 8 p.m. Mrs. Coates Hansen: "Women and Local Government."

Thurs., May 2.—Liverpool. Pennington's Café, College-road, Crosby, 8 p.m. Miss A. Wyse (N.U.S.S., Birkenhead), "The Moral Aspect of the Suffrage Movement." Hadleigh. Mrs. Despard.

Sat., May 4.—Hove. 48, Rutland-gardens, 6.30 p.m. Miss Hare, "The Political Outlook."

Mon., May 13.—Middlesbrough. Girls' High School, 8 p.m. Miss W. M. Jones, "Women and the New Philosophy."

Mon., May 20.—Middlesbrough. All Saints' Schoolroom. Jumble Sale.

SCOTLAND.

Thurs., May 2.—Dundee.—GILFILLAN HALL, 8 p.m. Miss Husband. Report of Special Conference.

Sat., May 4.—Edinburgh. SUFFRAGE SHOP, 33, Forrest-road, Birthdale Sale, 3 p.m. Glasgow. Jumble Sale.

Sat., May 25.—Edinburgh. Jumble Sale.

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