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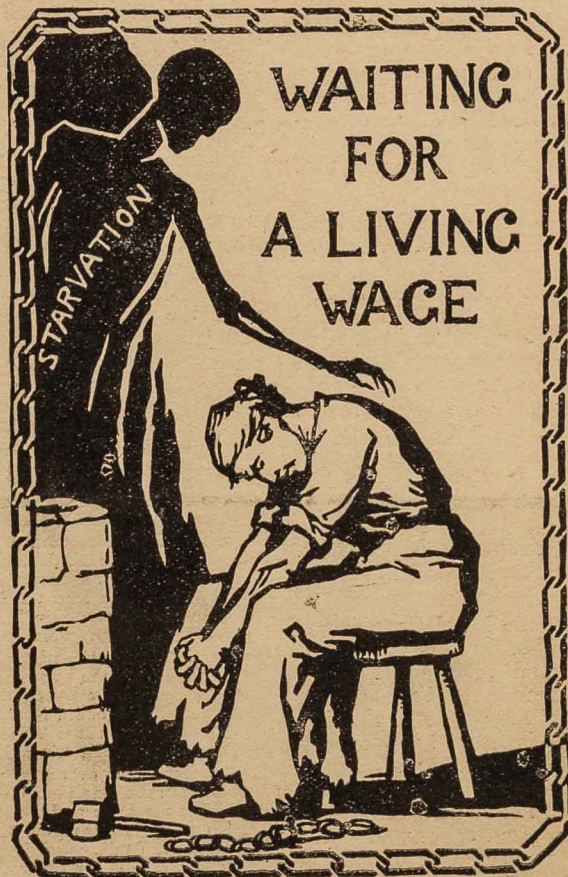
OUR POINT OF VIEW.

The Prime Minister's Appeal to History.

In his speech at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, on July 19, the Prime Minister, speaking on behalf of the Home Rule Bill, had much to say about nationhood and the earnest desire of the Government to put an end to the tragic series of misunderstandings between Great Britain and Ireland, so ushering in an era of peace. The audience, we are told, cheered to the echo his words: "Those whom nature has joined together man shall no longer put asunder." We have only to substitute the words "Woman Suffrage" for "Ireland" to find the Anti-suffragist Prime Minister using with eloquent forcefulness the very arguments by which suffragists support their demand for justice. We agree that "the democracies of the two great countries have been long and artificially separated," for democracy, with women left out, is artificial and half-complete. His appeal to the great men of history—to Hampden and Pym, and the heroes of the American War of Independence—"who have fought for freedom and conquered their oppressors," is

equally applicable to the woman's Cause. The Prime Minister did not overlook the "misadventures" that have marked the struggle for Ireland's nationhood; they could not be unwritten, he said, but a new volume of co-operation and freedom was to be opened. Let Mr. Asquith apply his

arguments to another great Cause—the woman's; then, instead of discontent and rebellion he will have peace. The lesson of history he sought to impress on others should not be lost upon him; Hampden conquered his oppressors; so did the "heroes of the American War of Independence"; so will the women! Without the co-operation of its women how is Ireland to enter upon its nationhood? Its new independence will not be broad-based upon the people's will; only upon the will of half the people. We who realise the deep importance of the true nationhood of Great Britain, as well as of Ireland, demand that the Prime Minister apply his words to the womanhood of the nation, and, instead of insulting it as unworthy of citizenship, to "unite the two streams [of manhood and womanhood] that they may flow together to the common enrichment of Ireland and the Empire"—and the world.



Mr. McKenna's "Gentle Eye."

The debate on the Home Office Vote on July 17 resulted in one of the diminished majorities for the Government which have been registered lately in the House of Commons. The vote was carried by a majority of fifty-two. The debate covered many subjects, including lead poisoning, dangerous trades, the maintenance of order, and remission of prisoners' sentences. Incidentally we may mention that a strong plea was put forward for an increase in the number of women factory inspectors. The Home Secretary permitted himself a reference to suffragist prisoners on the point of the average number of remissions of sentences annually. His words were: "There has been no material increase recently except that a number of suffragist prisoners have been let out of prison on medical grounds, and medical grounds have been more usually accepted as a reason for the remissions in late years than used to be the practice in former times. In fact, the general tendency is to look with a more gentle eye upon the life of the prisoner." The "gentle eye" has not been too apparent of late when women have been tortured almost to a fatal issue, and despite the declaration of Mr. McKenna's unnamed eminent medical authorities that forcible feeding is neither dangerous nor painful "if carried out under the usual rules of procedure," his "gentle eye" has been compelled to see the necessity of releasing them "on medical grounds." The "gentle eye" was evidently a phrase coined for Parliamentary consumption; we shall be glad to know of its effective application outside Westminster.

The Banished Words.

The wise men composing the Standing Committee on the Criminal Law Amendment (White Slave Traffic) Bill have decided that the words "White Slave Traffic" shall be omitted from the title of the Bill. From the arguments used the words were evidently considered too good an advertisement. So, if the House accepts the recommendations of the Committee, the Bill will retain a name that carries little meaning to the majority of the nation and be bereft of the words which strike home with terror. This is not the only emasculation. For fear of arresting the innocent the guilty are afforded a good chance of escape, because only a sergeant, not a constable, may arrest. The web to catch the evildoers is being woven with conveniently wide meshes—by men. No wonder the women are protesting against this ineffective grappling with a dire wrong to womanhood.

A New Champion.

We welcome Sir Harry Johnston as a new champion of our Cause. A man of wide administrative experience in the Empire, a traveller and author, his words should carry weight to all who are not "fooled and blind." Women, he says, must either be recognised as citizens or treated as children; there is no alternative. His arguments, based on the wise statesmanship shown in allaying discontent and danger in India by opening up a practical path of co-operation for the people in the administration of their country, also on the successful political work of women in many positions in various countries, make a forceful appeal; the plea of simple justice, he says, is not enough for persons of mediæval minds—morbid medical men and Antis—who are "clogs on the wheel of progress." He calls on Mr. Partington to recognise that the movement is irresistible.

The Ways of the Antis.

The correspondence between the Local Government Advancement Committee (Anti-Suffrage), of which Mrs. Humphry Ward is the chairman, and Miss Beatrice Kent, published in another column, will be read with interest. If a suffragist will put her convictions behind her back she may have the assistance of the society which is anxious to increase the number of women in Local Government. Miss Kent's vigorous comment is: "If I am an Anti I shall not need a bribe, and if I am a Suffragist I shall be proof against it." We recognise that women may render good service in Local Government, and agree with Mrs. Humphry

Ward that their number should be increased, but that a society can exist for the purpose of keeping suffragists out is amazing in its effrontery to women and contemptible in its action in endeavouring to bribe them to silence.

Industrial Strife.

The strike is not over. In South and East London men, women and children are hungering; the strike is now in its ninth week, but the determination of the men has not slackened. On Sunday last we were with them in Victoria Park. Banners waving and bands playing, they poured into the park and gathered round their speakers. Impossible to look into their faces, impossible to listen to their interjections—the cries of indignant dissent when there was any word of surrender—without feeling that they have behind them the strength of a firm conviction in the righteousness of their cause. Not even hunger will make them yield. They are asked to go back unconditionally, to trust to the goodwill of their employers. The bait of a ballot is thrown out. What useful purpose would it serve? The employers have not said that their action will be based on the result. But from the great crowd in Victoria Park on Sunday there was no word of surrender. Some few, here and there, may creep back to work. The great majority remain true to one another and their cause. We noticed that there were very few women in the crowd; doubtless because it was impossible for them to leave their homes. These industrial conflicts fall more hardly upon the women than upon the men.

The Alert "Woman's Journal."

Our readers will be interested to know that in the issue of *The Woman's Journal*, just to hand from Boston, U.S.A., the front page cartoon is a reproduction of "The Appeal of Womanhood," the striking design published by the Suffrage Atelier, which appeared in *THE VOTE* of May 11, 1912. We appreciate the compliment to the work of the Atelier and its co-operation with *THE VOTE*, and rejoice that the cartoon is now doing service in another part of the world. It is significant as proving the unity of purpose among Suffragists all the world over. We note, too, that *The Woman Voter*, the organ of the Woman Suffrage Party, quoted in its last issue to hand the lines about "The Old Dame in a Huff." Both these Suffrage publications—*The Woman's Journal* (weekly) and *The Woman Voter* (monthly)—give the important features of the woman's movement in the United States, and show not only how effective sympathy is growing, but the excellence of the work done by women in and for the State. We wish our American sisters continued success in their triumphal progress, and commend to our legislators the wisdom of turning their eyes westwards for an object-lesson on the value of woman's citizenship.

THE WOMAN SPEAKS.

Free me that I may help you to be free!
 Brother, the night was long and full of terror;
 Let us forgive each other every error
 Before dawn breaks; when light comes let us see
 No haunting phantom here 'twixt you and me;
 Free me and I will help you to be free;
 Give me my freedom and you shall be free!
 When the dark door swings back on rusted hinges,
 Wish you a comrade or a slave who cringes?
 How will you face the future without me?
 What if my groping hands have found the key?
 Give me my freedom and you shall be free!
 Lo! through the night I've served you faithfully!
 Mine were the lips that kissed you and no other:
 Me you have called Beloved, Wife, and Mother;
 Now what I claim is only love's own fee,
 The right to share Time's burdens equally!
 Lo, on the road 'tis written: For the Free!
 Free me and evermore you shall be free!
 You make me your chief burden and are bowed:
 Let me arise and I shall be but proud
 To struggle with you toward the day to be;
 Brother, God's word is given now to me;
 The future is for Comrades strong and free!

—SHAEMAS O'SHEEL, in *Woman's Journal*.

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AT HEADQUARTERS.

Crewe.—Mrs. Despard, Miss Andrews, Mrs. Morivale Mayer, and Mrs. E. M. N. Clark are vigorously working at Crewe this week. Whoever loses, the women's Cause can only win at these by-elections. Women's struggle for political liberty is appealing to the more chivalrous instincts of working men; and since the suffragist meetings have been better attended and generally more orderly than those of the candidates at recent by-elections, it certainly seems, in the considered judgment of the masses, that the franchise should be conferred on women.

Scottish Campaign.—Splendid meetings are being held by Miss Anna Munro and Miss Bunten on the Clyde Coast, and we learn that public opinion seems to be all on the side of the women.

Caravan.—The caravan has now been repaired, and Mrs. Despard hopes to start with it on a tour in the direction of Lowestoft on August 1.

Eastbourne.—Miss Clark, who has so successfully organised our Montgomery Boroughs Branch and the sale of *THE VOTE* in Wales, will organise a fortnight's campaign in Eastbourne from August 1. She will be assisted by speakers sent from Headquarters, and would be glad to hear from any of our members who are taking their holiday in Eastbourne during August. From Manchester, Sheffield, Middlesbrough, and other Branches we have received excellent programmes of autumn work which will begin in September.

London.—With so many of our speakers out of London, our open-air campaign has been continued under difficulties, but, with extra work and enthusiasm on the part of speakers and other valuable helpers, we have managed to hold very successful meetings, and hope they will serve to strengthen the membership of our London Branches by the time they begin their winter's work.

Caxton Hall "At Homes."—We are arranging to resume the weekly Wednesday afternoon "At Homes" at Caxton Hall, September 25, and have already secured excellent speakers for the Autumn Syllabus. Will readers kindly reserve Wednesday afternoons for these Freedom League meetings?

F. A. UNDERWOOD.

THE POSITION OF THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

The Women's Freedom League is a militant society; its members have been militant in the past and are prepared again to resort to militancy at any moment when the committee judges it to be necessary. The Conference, attended by delegates from all Branches of the League, decided that the forms of militancy to be adopted should not involve deliberate intent to injure persons or private property. The League's plans to bring pressure to bear upon the Government, therefore, necessarily differ from those carried out by our sister militant society. These plans also differ from those of our opponents. Our President, Mrs. Despard, has been stoned by them when speaking on woman's suffrage, and others of our speakers have on many occasions been subjected to grave personal peril. Quite recently, too, our caravan was smashed in Hertfordshire by opponents of our Cause, and a Freedom League bazaar was, only this week, wrecked in Wales by those who did not sympathise with us. We feel strongly that the entire responsibility for

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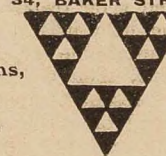
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the present unrest and disorder among women lies at the door of the Liberal Government. Its supporters were the first to use brute force against women, and ought not to be surprised to meet with retaliation. The Liberal Government, instead of dealing with a popular movement in a statesmanlike way, chose ill-liberal methods of repression and injustice which history should have taught them invariably result in revolt and rebellion on the part of those against whom they are directed. The present Government has it in its power to restore tranquility at once, not by coercion, but by undertaking to deal honourably with the question of woman suffrage.

CREWE BY-ELECTION.

Crewe has for the last two weeks been the centre on which the eyes of the political world are focussed. Never, perhaps, has a contest been more keenly fought, and never have so many interests been represented. Suffragettes and Anti-Suffragettes are there side by side with Tariff Reformers, Free Traders, Home Rulers, Anti-Home Rulers, not to mention the meetings of the three political parties striving for pre-eminence. The Women's Freedom League and the National Union are supporting the Labour candidate, Mr. Holmes, and are having a much easier task than at Hanley. Mr. Holmes has a personality which appeals to the people; he knows the lives of the workers, and can truly represent them if they will only return him. "We intend to fight straight," he says, and means it.

The people of Crewe are surprisingly genial and polite; they do not resent the presence of strangers trying to influence them in their voting, but at the same time one wonders if all the talking is not a little bit superfluous, for it is evident that the men of Crewe are in possession of their own minds, and are not easily to be influenced. The women, too, take their share in the meetings, and are most anxious to hear about our movement. In Nantwich, at least, they know the meaning of sweating, for there we find women being paid at the rate of 6½d. for making a dozen boys' knickers, and they have to find their own cotton.

At a large meeting held in the New Theatre, Will Crooks spoke in his inimitable way; he brought great cheers from the railway men by telling them a story illustrating how the present condition of striving for work has put the hand of one man against another. An employer said to one of his men: "Don't you think you ought to be earning more than Jack, your work is much better?" "Yes, I do, sir," was the reply. "Very well," said the employer, "as you both get 30s., I will lower Jack's wages to 28s!"

Crewe is certainly in favour of Women's Suffrage, due, no doubt, to the influence of our good friend, Mr. Walter Maclaren, the late member.

Mrs. Clark has joined us, and is doing most valuable work. We are arranging a large meeting for women only at which Mrs. Despard and Mrs. Merivale Mayer will speak, and a children's procession is to be formed to show that the Women's Freedom League is working all the time to get better conditions for the little ones.

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POLITICAL NEWS.

Amendments to the Manhood Suffrage Bill.

On July 17, the adult suffragists met under the chairmanship of Mr. Arthur Henderson, and further discussed their plans for the Committee stage of the Franchise Bill. Liberal Anti-suffragists also met, with Mr. Lewis Harcourt in the chair. It was decided to oppose impartially all the suffrage amendments on the paper. There was a general feeling, however, that in the event of a limited franchise being given to women during the Committee stage, the meeting would on Report vote for the admission of all women, as a lesser evil than their admission on a property qualification. On the reassembling of the House of Commons in October, the Unionists will be invited to meet, with a view to united action.

Mr. Brailsford on Woman Suffrage and the Bill.

In a long letter to *The Manchester Guardian* of July 17, Mr. H. N. Brailsford deals fully with the possibilities of the Bill as affecting woman suffrage. He summarises the two clauses and one schedule, which affect the interests of women, thus:

"Clause I. (1) is the formal prefatory enfranchising section. It states that 'every male person' who is qualified in terms of the Act shall be entitled to be registered and to vote as a Parliamentary elector.

Clause I. (2) goes on to define what the qualification is to be—residence or occupancy for a period of six months.

Clause II. deals with the local government franchise and re-enacts without any attempt at reform or simplification the several franchises, which vary in London, provincial England, Scotland, and Ireland, while in England they vary once more in county or borough and in parish elections.

The first schedule in the same manner re-enacts the existing provisions which define the status of women as local government electors, totally disqualifying married women in English boroughs and counties, while admitting a chosen few in Scotland, Ireland, and London and in English parishes.

Two Trenches to Carry.

"It follows from the structure of the Bill that suffragists have two trenches to carry. Women must first be made eligible for the Parliamentary franchise, and when that is done some positive qualification must be conferred upon them. This carries with it one fortunate consequence. In the first division the whole of the suffragist forces will necessarily be united. The first amendment, which is simply to delete the word 'male' from the phrase 'every male person' in clause I. (1), stands in the name of a 'syndicate' of Members who represent every group—Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Runciman, Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Arthur Henderson, and Mr. Snowden. Unless it is carried no subsequent effort to confer a qualification on women can be made, but if it is carried the detailed question remains still to be settled what women should be qualified and how. Suffragists will be united by this amendment on the bare question of principle as they never were even on the second reading of one of our Bills. The most uncompromising adultist must join with the most cautious Conservative, and any 'rat' or 'wobbler' who goes into the 'No' lobby will stamp himself definitely and without escape as an Anti-suffragist. By no manipulation, however pessimistic, of the figures of previous divisions can I conceive it possible that this first amendment should be defeated. A substantial majority is probable even without Irish assistance, and the moral effect of this initial victory may be considerable. Parliament will have decided that women ought not to be excluded. It will make itself the laughing-stock of the country and the world if it fails thereafter to decide that some women shall be included."

Mr. Brailsford's Forecast.

After discussing at length the three "qualification" amendments and the omission from the Bill of any reform of local government franchise, Mr. Brailsford observes:

"The difficulty lies no longer with the leaders, but with the inert and lukewarm masses in both camps. I need hardly emphasise what is, I believe, the unanimous feeling of members and those in touch with members, that a truce from militancy would vastly improve the chances of success. If, after all, the event should show that nothing short of a Government measure will avail, the moral will not be generally drawn unless the experiment is made under fair conditions. The responsibility of failure, if failure there is to be, ought to fall visibly and clearly on the politicians who prescribed this hazardous procedure by way of amendment and not on any body of women. For the rest, much depends on fostering the feeling which already exists among Members that in circumstances so difficult it would be indecent for one section of suffragists to thwart or obstruct another. I believe that from twenty to thirty Conservatives can be induced to vote for the Dickinson amendment, but it ought to be imposed on the whole moderate suffragist wing as an obligation of honour that at least they shall not vote against it. If such a pact were loyally observed the advanced vote would be assured for the conciliation amendment as a last resort. Among English, Scottish, and Welsh Members there is undoubtedly a substantial majority for women's suffrage in some form. Mr. Redmond holds the balance, at all events for any democratic solution. There is every reason to fear that

it is his intention from some sense of obligation to the Anti-suffragist wing of the Cabinet to fling forty or even sixty votes against every suffragist amendment, and to order his more decidedly suffragist followers once more to abstain. Liberals cannot disavow all responsibility for the acts of their ally while the coalition subsists. If the Liberal party allows Mr. Redmond to put an Irish veto on the enfranchisement of English women it must be prepared to share the odium of his intervention."

Lord Selborne Favours the Referendum for Woman Suffrage.

At a meeting of the Central Council of the National Unionist Association of Conservative and Liberal Unionist Associations at the Whitehall Rooms, London, on July 19, Lord Selborne, speaking of the Referendum, said that although he was personally in favour of the enfranchisement of women, he thought that in the event of the two Houses of Parliament differing on the subject it was one to which the Referendum ought to be applied.

Sir Harry Johnston's Strong Support.

Sir Harry Johnston's long letter to *The Daily Chronicle* last week showed him to be a convinced and convincing supporter of woman's enfranchisement. He says:

"The Liberal party stands at the parting of the ways with the introduction of the Extended Franchise Bill, containing as yet no mention of women, no provision for the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to the female half of the British population."

Dealing with Liberal Antis, and the inclusion of women by amendment, he writes:

"It is doubtful whether there is a sufficiency of Conservative, Labour, and Irish votes in favour of this new reform to balance the illiberal Liberals and carry the amendment. Moreover, as the carrying of such an amendment would practically save the Liberal party from a crisis and a cleavage which may become as serious and as bitter as that which arose over the Home Rule question in 1885, it is very doubtful whether the Conservatives will come to the assistance of the Government in its present dilemma by saving the amendment which would make female suffrage of an extended or a restricted nature part of the new Franchise Bill.

"An increasing number of Conservatives are in favour of giving the vote to women—a steadily increasing number. I might say, after careful inquiry. Their motive is easily understood. Most of them look upon women in the mass as Conservative in tendency of thought and aspiration. . . . But the Conservatives know that if this great measure of franchise reform is carried with the exclusion of woman suffrage it will for a time wreck the Liberal party, it will act more fatally as a solvent than the thorny question of Ireland. Not even if a hundred thousand women could be imprisoned for their conduct of a political agitation could this movement for female franchise be stopped."

He shows how the woman's case "is exactly on the same lines as the demand in India for some participation on the part of Indians in the Government of the Empire," also how successful women rulers and women voters have been, and asks how it can be fair to tax sane, adult, educated women tax-payers without giving them the Parliamentary vote. He says:

"The only logical answer to such a question must be that the leaving out of woman from the Parliamentary suffrage is a gross injustice and a preposterous anachronism. In all other respects, except the Parliamentary vote, we treat her as a reasonable being, responsible for her actions and punishable for her crimes. The only logical alternative to the granting of a Parliamentary franchise (through which a tax-paying, law-abiding woman may express her preferences in regard to the male person who is to represent her views as nearly as possible in the National Council) is to leave women untaxed and not hold them responsible for obedience to laws they have had no share in making; in fact, deal with them throughout their lives as we deal with children."

Forcible Feeding.

Mr. McKenna has sent to the doctors who protested against forcible feeding a copy of the memorial from medical men who take an opposite view, but he withholds their names lest they should be annoyed. In the course of the memorial they declare that "the operation of feeding persons who refuse nourishment in the ordinary way by means of a stomach tube or otherwise is not, if carried out under the usual rules of procedure, either dangerous or painful. Any inconvenience which may arise to the individual operated upon can be at once removed by their taking the food provided in the ordinary manner."

From the reply, signed by Dr. Agnes Savill, Dr. Mansell Moulton and Sir Victor Horsley, we take the following extracts:

"The memorial has no value as a medical opinion, since it is unsigned and unsupported by any names of such practitioners. From internal evidence it is obviously official, and not medical, for two-thirds of its sentences are your own and taken almost *verbatim* from your statements in the House of Commons made on the following dates:—April 15 and 17, May 28, June 20 and 28, and July 2, all of the present year. (See Hansard.) . . . your practice on the suffrage prisoners has proved so dangerous to 'health and life' that, as stated by Mr. Ellis Griffith in the House of Commons (Hansard, June 26), you have been compelled to release large numbers of them in order to save their

lives, and, as you are well aware, you have inflicted by your treatment an incalculable amount of physical pain and mental anguish on your victims."

Under the signature "Scientific" a correspondent of *The Birmingham Post* on July 17, writes:—

"Sooner or later the medical profession will be called upon to decide these two questions:—(1) Is forcible feeding, as practised in prisons during the last three years by medical men, an operation conducive to the health and well-being of persons so treated? (2) If it is not, can the medical profession allow any of its members to be ordered, by the State, to perform acts which are illegal, according to its own regulations and standard of conduct?"

Strongly approving Miss Margaret MacMillan's protest in *The Daily Herald*, and her call for united action "to stop forcible feeding," *The Christian Commonwealth* says (in italics), "There must be no repetition of the infamy."

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

Petition to the Prime Minister.

A petition asking for the Parliamentary vote for Irishwomen under the present or any future form of Government was forwarded to Mr. Asquith by the Irishwomen's Suffrage Federation (non-party, non-militant), 29, South Anne-street, Dublin, on the occasion of his visit to Dublin, accompanied by the following letter, signed by Miss Louie Bennett, Honorary Secretary:—

"Sir,—We are sending you by this post a petition, signed by some thousands of men and women of all classes, demanding that the Parliamentary vote be granted to Irishwomen on the same terms as to Irishmen under the present or any future form of Government. In proof of the growth of the demand for Woman's Suffrage in Ireland, we beg to draw your attention to the fact that during the last year nine new societies have been formed under our organisation, and the membership of the older societies has been largely increased. We speak for one Irish organisation only; four others are also engaged in active propaganda work for this cause. We therefore feel justified in urging upon you an immediate recognition of our claim. When a community is sufficiently awake to demand so clearly and decisively a measure of justice, that demand may not be refused without evil consequences. We view with deep regret and mis-giving the failure of our politicians to recognise this truth in connection with Woman's Suffrage. By means of this petition we would give you one more proof of the sincere and serious desire of Irishwomen for enfranchisement."

Reduced Sentences for Irish Suffragists.

Four Irish Suffragists sentenced at the Dublin City Sessions, on July 11, to six months' imprisonment and fines of £10 and £5, have, on the Recorder's own motion, had their sentences reduced by one month and their fines remitted.

The Outburst in Dublin.

The visit of the Prime Minister to Dublin has evoked an outburst on the part of some women Suffragists. An attempt was made to set fire to the Theatre Royal on July 18, the night previous to Mr. Asquith's meeting. A hatchet was thrown at the carriage in which Mr. and Mrs. Asquith were driving with Mr. Redmond on July 19. The hatchet struck the Irish leader, wounding his ear. Four Suffragists have been arrested—Mrs. Mary Leigh, Miss Gladys Evans (London), Miss Mabel Capper (Manchester), Miss Lizzie Baker (Stockport). Mrs. Leigh admitted throwing the hatchet. They were committed for trial, bail being allowed only in the case of Miss Capper, who had arrived in Dublin the previous evening, and was not aware of the method of protest.

Mrs. Mansell, of the W.S.P.U., told a Press representative that the Union was in no way responsible for the occurrences. Appeals have been made by Mrs. Fawcett, of the National Union, by Mr. Henry Holiday, Lord Haldane, Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy, Sir Edward Grey, Mrs. Creighton, and others for a cessation of such outbursts.

A WOMAN M.P. IN AUSTRIA.

Our readers have been aware of the determination of Frau Vik-Kunetiska, the authoress, to stand for election as a member of the Bohemian Diet. Bohemian women are not enfranchised, but the law does not state that a woman may not be elected to the Diet. On June 13, at a bye-election at Jungbunzlau, Frau Vik-Kunetiska, was returned by a large majority. She is forty-nine years of age, and wrote literary works in the Czech language as a girl of fifteen. Later she became an actress at the Czech National Theatre in Prague, but afterwards left the stage and married the sugar refiner, M. Vik. She is now at the head of the Czech women's organisations.

It is reported that the Governor of Bohemia, Prince Thun, intends to refuse his sanction to the election, as the law only refers to male candidates and members.

MRS. DESPARD AND MRS. HARVEY are endeavouring to organise a scheme whereby necessitous schoolchildren shall have a summer change and needful food. Three of our members have promised to take four children each. Can any others help in this way? If so, will they communicate with Mrs. Salter, 5, Storks-road, Bermondsey, London, S.E.?

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SUCCESS! This must be our one aim until the Fair and the success are accomplished facts! "Failure" must be our "missing word"! With high courage and firm determination to overcome, we will attack every difficulty; and, relying on staunch friends inside and outside the League, there is no reason why we should not move the Suffrage and Anti-Suffrage worlds to sympathy in its most practical form—the emptying of purses!

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Costume, 1s. 6d. each, must be hired from Mrs. K. HARVEY.

During the next fortnight, cardboard dress and blouse boxes; they need not be new so long as they are strong. Tie up securely, address to Brackenhill, write across the top "International Suffrage Fair," and PAY THE POSTAGE.

Names and addresses of members willing to help at the Parcels Department. Many volunteers are wanted for this work—it would fall too heavily on a few. With name

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Correct costumes of all nations to copy. To be of real use they should be sent now. Every care will be taken of the dresses, and they will be returned as soon as we have made a duplicate. If we can keep any to be worn at the Fair, it will help to pay the expenses of this department, which will be heavy.

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Where possible, I should like to come and see those who offer themselves as stall-helpers, to choose the four most suited for the costume.

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A NATION FOOLED AND BLIND.

O England, fooled and blind,
 Come back, if but a moment, on yourself!
 See through your streets what should be the living sap of your free blood
 And ask yourself the searching question straight
 How out of such roots shall a strong nation grow?

So runs the warning of a modern seer, and he is not alone. From platforms (Woman and Labour), from a few pulpits, from the small number of journals that are not in the pay of political parties, we hear the same note sounded. Look round, sons and daughters of a great mother; look at yourselves and your children, and awake to a sense of the danger that threatens you! Not for the first time has this happened; for in the lives of many nations of antiquity such moments have been—moments when they have entered blindly on the path that leads to destruction, and when an opportunity of redemption has been offered to them. History records how wise men in these nations, seeing where others were blind, have poured out passionate warnings to the children of their love.

Turn ye! Turn ye! Why will ye die?

If thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day, the things that belong to thy peace; but now are they hid from thine eyes.

The nations of old fell because, fooled and blinded by fatal illusions, they lost the spirit of independence. Assyria, Greece, Rome, Carthage—all have gone the same way; and we of this later time can easily trace the steps of their decline. The virile race entering upon conquest; following upon conquest wealth, world domination, material luxury, hypnotising pomp, a servile womanhood, with its necessary result a servile manhood, physical deterioration and national decay.

Are we, the men and women of Great Britain, wise enough to read the lessons of history, or is it already too late? Have the fates rung out for us the knell of doom?

This is the question which, day after day, is being forced upon us; and with the warning comes the opportunity. Sometimes we feel it, like a fresh wind from heaven blowing over a parched desert—a new, passionate revolt against injustice, spreading from soul to soul, and gaining strength as it speeds through the land; an unrest, not to be allayed by politicians' fair promises, for it is spiritual, it has its root in the eternal; a growing hatred of oppression, with a desire, rising to an insistent demand that all the toiling children of earth shall eat the fruit of their own labour; a further demand—and this from woman—the consequences of which may be momentous beyond expression, for such economic independence as will enable her to break, once and for all, the age-long silence of subjection, and effectively to take her part in the building up of the new order. It was said ages ago by the wise Aristotle: "In any public polity where the condition of the women is un-

satisfactory, one-half of the State must be destitute of legislative regularity."

If the women of Greece and Rome had been independent enough to bear and rear independent men and to stand by their sides in the hour of threatened disaster those nations might have survived as living Powers.

It is the one hopeful sign of our own times that women are shaking off the silence of subjection. In their new awakeness they see farther than men. Moving about from one election contest to another, unfettered by party bonds, we cannot but feel that the nation is being deliberately fooled and blinded. Silver tongued political adventurers, with their money, their flag-flying, and their motor-cars are throwing their spell over a great multitude of the people. Promises of the most sweeping kind are made and believed. And this is done by both the great political parties. But we who stand outside know that until this fatal blindness passes there will be no true social salvation.

A few plain facts evident to all who are not blinded by ignorance, or fooled by prejudice, may help to make our position clear.

The nation is in the throes of an industrial battle. Whatever anyone may think about the rights or wrongs of those who are engaged, bare morality demands that the laws which govern civilised warfare shall be observed. The children of the strikers are non-combatants; they have done no wrong; nay, more, if they grow up crippled in mind or body from the privation they have endured, the nation is impoverished. Surely they should not be allowed to suffer. Yet, when the London County Council was asked to order the feeding of necessitous children through the holidays, it refused.

The authority of the Local Government Board might be brought to bear upon the Council. A deputation of women, representing different societies, requested Mr. John Burns, leader of the first great dock strike, to receive them. He curtly refused. We presume money cannot be spared to feed the children.

Set against this cruel niggardliness the generosity displayed on the occasion of the recent naval review at Spithead. To awaken the pride and stimulate the patriotism of those who would presently be called to vote upon his estimates the First Lord of the Admiralty invited Members of Parliament and the Press to the mighty display of naval power. His invitation was largely accepted. Five hundred Members and 130 Press representatives spent a pleasant holiday—all their expenses defrayed out of public money, which cannot be spared for hungry school children—in watching the magnificent procession through peaceful waters of 233 ships of war, afterwards sitting down to a fair banquet. This, of course, is blazoned about throughout the country—why, else, spend money on mere Pressmen?—and independent electors, living themselves in miserable, smoke-grimed dwellings, burn to record their votes in favour of a Government that so greatly exalts the honour and dignity of the country.

Fools and blind! Which is greater, the thing which is made or that which makes it? By the enlightened citizen of a saner day it will be written down to your shame that while you acclaimed as prodigious things of wood and iron and steel, you left to haphazard the living hands and brains that, in the future, will make and man them.

On the 13th of July, the Chancellor of the Exchequer proclaimed a Joy-Day. Such a day had never been heard of before in the country. It was to celebrate the entering into action of the legislative enactment that, in the near future, is to make poverty, with its grim handmaids, disease and despair, a thing of the past. Miserable Joy-Day, from which the element of joy was absent! How many of the hand-workers of those who are supposed specially to profit by the Chancellor's Bill were present at his meeting? They were absent because many of them knew already that, in spite of the acclamations of party papers, and the tons upon tons of oratory that celebrated this great event, there

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The interest in the Women's Freedom League meetings remains unabated. This week, owing to Glasgow and Rothesay Fairs, the crowds at the holiday centres are at their height.

Consequently our audiences were very large whenever we took our stand for a meeting. With the exception of Friday two meetings have been held each forenoon and afternoon at Dunoon or Rothesay, and every evening at 8 p.m. on Rothesay Pierhead. A remarkable feature of the meetings, as well as the interest of men and women, is the behaviour of the children. Boys and girls, from small babies upwards, are present on all occasions, either accompanied by elders or quite alone, and very seldom does the slightest disorder or interruption occur from them. Intense heat has prevailed during the week, making speaking in the blazing sun trying to the speaker and rather uncomfortable, also, to a closely packed audience.

On Monday forenoon we started our week's meetings on the Pierhead at Rothesay. A large audience listened with great attention. In the afternoon we found rivals in the shape of the Anti-Home Rule Association. As our meeting proceeded, however, the Rothesay people evinced as great an interest as ever in Votes for Women, and in the evening, although for a few minutes the spectacle of a small boy who had fallen into the harbour proved a strong counter attraction, we had one of the largest and most enthusiastic audiences we have yet addressed. Several questions are put nightly on the Insurance Act, and the answers illustrating the lesser benefits and moneys comparatively between men and women, and boys and girls are appreciated by the audience. One evening a man became most indignant when told about the parentage laws. "My wife," he said, "has as much to say in regard to the children as I have." When Miss Munro told him that he was a decent man, it almost convinced him, but a case which occurred last week in Rothesay Court silenced and impressed the audience. A woman who had been deserted by her husband for a considerable period, about four years, and since that time had worked to maintain herself and her four children, sued in the Sheriff Court, in connection with an accident to one of her children who had been run over in the street. The Sheriff dismissed the case, on the grounds that a deserted wife had no rights, but stated that if the husband returned he could claim damages. Tuesday, and every other day during the week, the forenoon and afternoon meetings have been held at Dunoon, and the daily growth in numbers of the audience, the frequent bursts of applause, as well as the large sale of THE VOTE and literature, testified to the popularity of the meetings.

On Saturday morning, owing to the questions arising out of the Dublin incident, Miss Munro dealt with Mr. Asquith's speech, Irish history, and men's warfare generally. In the afternoon, when quite another aspect of the subject was being dealt with, interruptions regarding militancy were very effectively answered by members of the audience.

On Saturday evening, at Rothesay, we had Miss Helen McLachlan, of Edinburgh. A very large crowd listened to her with great attention, in spite of the fact that owing to heavy rain just before the meeting the ground was very wet. Miss Woolf, who has so ably taken charge of the literature and collections, has now returned to London. Our meetings for the week numbered 16, but many more could have been undertaken if more speakers had been available. THE VOTE is selling well, this week's issue numbering nearly 26 dozen.

C. DESPARD.

THE OUTCAST.

She sat on the ledge in Trafalgar-square, her elbows resting on her knees, her face white, her eyes wild. She had sat there all day and no one had noticed. The noise of the traffic sounded in her ears like the eternal roar of the sea, and it seemed to her, as she sat there friendless, betrayed and alone, that the heart of London was as stonily still as the statue-heart on the great column, and the faces of the crowd more hostile than the faces of the carven lions around its base.

A great sea was sweeping her soul—the sea of injustice; it came upon her in waves of such overpowering strength that she could not fight against it. She knew before God she was innocent, her only crime ignorance and a too trusting nature; yet here she was, she a girl of nineteen, and all the world against her! She did not know that hundreds of women were longing to fight her battle with her—brave, good women who were ridiculed and dubbed "Suffragettes"; but she thought she was alone in her struggle, she and her unborn babe against the world. What could she do? Would her little one be some day as she was now? Would she sit as she sat, and face this same thundering sea?

And the man? O, God! was he to go scot-free? To be received in polite society, to go with his wife and family to church, and to be looked up to as a leading light! The thought maddened her, and she looked up to the darkening sky and cried in her soul, "Is there no justice? No weapon with which I can fight?" But her words fell back unanswered, and the waves of that terrible sea surged over her again.

She sat there trying to fight it all out long after the darkness had fallen. There were, she thought, only two alternatives: either she must sell herself body and soul in the sin market, or—there was the river! The last, dreadful as it was, appeared far and away more preferable than the other. She got up and walked swiftly and silently towards the Embankment. The river was black and sullen-looking, but very peaceful compared with the roar of that turbulent sea that was rising higher and higher in her soul.

A splash—a cry—and the waters had closed over her head. They would tell no secrets, and the report of one more "Found drowned" does not create a ripple on the mill-pond of society! Only the women heard and cried, "How long shall these things be!"

KAY MORGAN.

Rowdism in Montgomery Boroughs.

An open-air meeting at Kerry, where no Suffrage meeting had ever been held before, was addressed on Friday, July 19,

by Miss Clark and Miss Boyle, and was well attended. The people listened sympathetically, and assured the speakers that but for the hay-gathering, which kept many persons in the fields, the attendance would have been much larger. At Newtown, however, the meeting advertised for Saturday night, July 20, was broken up by gangs of Liberal roughs, many of whom were half-grown lads of a very low type, and some of whom were manifestly the worse for drink. The police had a very bad time in attempting to keep order, and Miss Boyle's speech was drowned in the chorus of the "Land Song" and other "Liberal" ditties. Cheers were given for Lloyd George, and very hostile feeling was displayed towards Miss Clark—these pleasing ebullitions of party feeling being heightened, in the neighbourhood of Newtown, by the fact that many members of the local W.F.L. belong to Conservative families. In the end the meeting was broken up, and the police formed a lane through which the Suffragists were conducted to Miss Clark's house, a yelling, savage mob, more like wild beasts than human beings, struggling in pursuit. Miss Clark was ferociously struck with a stick and hurt; Miss Lewis was hit over the head with a stick, but her hat protected her from injury, and an excited mob remained for some time outside the house under the surveillance of the police.

The organisers of the uproar—for it was planned and organised, and news of it had reached Miss Clark and Miss Boyle before the meeting began—are supposed to be the same persons as those who wrecked the Fair stalls and cut up the decorations. It is a shameful return for the service willingly given by Miss Clark to every form of public and private enterprise in the welfare of the community, besides a host of personal charities and benevolences; and among those loudest and shrillest in the uproar were many who had not hesitated to accept many benefits at her hands.

GREEN, WHITE AND GOLD FAIRS IN WALES.

At Llanfyllin.

The *Shropshire and Montgomeryshire County Times*, writing of the "pretty Suffragette enterprise in the Montgomery Boroughs," says:—

Green, gold, and white, the pleasing colours of the Women's Freedom League, met the eye everywhere and in all manner of tasteful ways in the charming grounds of Bodfach, Llanfyllin, on Tuesday afternoon, July 16. The occasion was a Fancy Fair, arranged by the members of the Montgomeryshire Branch of the League, and it was a very pretty, interesting, and successful event. A more charming spot for an open-air function of this kind could not have been chosen, and the executive have good cause to be grateful to Mr. John Lomax for his genial hospitality. Bodfach, with its fine trees, its beautiful flowering and foliaged plants, and its velvety lawns, presented a very charming picture indeed. The weather was perfect—so perfect that one could not help thinking that perhaps Miss Alix Minnie Clark, the energetic honorary secretary of the Branch, had artfully managed to propitiate that oftentimes churlish gentleman, the Clerk of the Weather, by sending him a special invitation! There was one other factor in the success of the Fair which must not be forgotten—the admirable way in which things were carried out under the painstaking direction of Miss Clark. Everyone worked with a will to achieve the best possible results. The attendance was quite satisfactory, and the bargaining business was brisk. The stalls were tastefully dotted about in a little clearing under the elms. They were loaded with all kinds of pretty and useful things, from solid literature on the woman's question to natty toys for the chicks. But it was not business only and all the time. There was an excellent entertainment programme with band selections, songs (English and Welsh), airs on tumblers and gramophone, and humorous recitations.

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The Fair was opened by Mrs. Busch-Michell, an ardent supporter of the Cause. Prior to the formal ceremony she was presented by Miss Muriel Evans with a lovely bouquet of green, gold, and white flowers. Colonel J. A. Meredith proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lomax for his hospitality. Not only had he given them a cordial welcome to Bodfach, but he had the great Cause of Woman's Suffrage deeply at heart. Mrs. Busch-Michell, in seconding the vote, said Bodfach was worth coming from the other side of the world to see, and they were all grateful to Mr. Lomax. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Felix Jones, the local hon. treasurer, was also given.

Mr. Lomax, in his reply, said he was a strong supporter of the Cause the women were working for that day. He had always thought it a disgrace to this country that women, who at any rate had the Local Government vote, should not have the Parliamentary vote also. One of the greatest insults to women had been this last proposal of the Government—that there should be universal Suffrage for men and no votes for women. It was because of that injustice that he was glad to help the Cause which the earnest workers that day had at heart. He had great pleasure in asking Mrs. Busch-Michell to declare the bazaar open.

Mrs. Busch-Michell, who had motored to Bodfach with her husband, said she had great pleasure in coming to open the bazaar. A society like the W.F.L. could not get on without funds, and it was necessary for them to be always trying to raise those funds. She felt sure that with all the stalls and their beautiful and useful articles, they would obtain the object of their wishes. The Woman's Suffrage question was passing through a very critical time, and it behoved them all to do their level best to further it. The only thing she could recommend them to do that afternoon was to "pay, pay, pay," or rather buy, buy, buy! Mrs. Cartwright proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Busch-Michell. This was seconded by Miss Kate Evans, and cordially endorsed.

The ladies in charge of the stalls were Mrs. Frances Lewis (Aberdovey), Mrs. J. Peplow Cartwright and Miss Cecily Cartwright (Oswestry), Mrs. J. T. Evans (Llanfyllin), Mrs. Whitwell, Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. J. A. Meredith, Mrs. Felix Jones, Miss Perrott, Miss Poole, Miss Peggy Lewis, Miss Felix Jones, Miss O. Fell, Miss Alice Llowarch, Miss Muriel Evans, Miss Katie Evans, Miss Freda Whittingham, and Miss Lydiatt. The refreshment tables were supervised by Miss Hobbs, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Jones, (West Lodge), Miss Ethelston, Miss Egerton, and Miss Lizzie Ellis.

Among the entertainments were selections by Mr. H. Tims' band from Oswestry, airs on glasses and mandoline by Miss Thomas, of Newtown, songs by Miss Hall, Welsh tunes by Miss Dilys Richards, and gramophone selections by Mr. Lomax. During an interval in the afternoon Miss Nina Boyle, of the Women's Freedom League, gave an address on the political situation.

At Newton.

When Miss Clark, the able organiser of the movement, went to the Cunnings, Newtown, on Thursday morning with other helpers to complete the work of the erection of stalls which was started the previous night, they were dismayed to find their work temporarily brought to nought owing to the mischievous and malicious work of evil-disposed persons. Woodwork was smashed to atoms and decorative material, which adorned the stalls and which had involved many hours of patient labour, was torn to shreds. Miss Clark and her willing helpers quickly set to work, and after a strenuous morning they had new stalls erected, but the effect was nothing like the original was intended to be. By the kindness of Captain R. W. J. Arbuthnot-Briscoe, a delightful spot amidst sylvan surroundings was selected for the Fair. The tall trees afforded pleasant shade from the sun, and the prettily arranged stalls, presided over by persuasive ladies, at once commanded attention. A great feature of the Fair was the flower and fruit stall provided by the kindness of Lady Lawson and Mrs. Scott, Pennant Hall. The tea-tables were so arranged that little parties could take tea together and at the same time enjoy music played by Mr. G. Hunter Bell's string band. Little boys dressed as pages sought patronage for sweets, flowers, and other small articles, and Miss Clark, in the midst of her multifarious duties, even found time to dispose of tickets which, for a shilling, entitled the purchaser to a chance of becoming the owner of a real live pig. The following were the stall-holders: Mrs. Frances Lewis and Miss Peggy Lewis (Aberdovey), Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Beresford Wood, Miss Gwen Clipston and Miss Mercer (Welshpool), Miss Edie Jones; flower and sweet sellers, Miss Ottoline Barrett, Miss Dolly Roberts, Masters Claude and D. Oliver, Miss Gladys Pope, Miss Esme Grice; tea makers, the Misses Lewis, Mrs. Butt, Mrs. H. Barrett, Mrs. J. Humphreys, Mrs. Boulton, Mrs. Morgans, Mrs. Wilfred Taylor, Miss May Roberts, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Salter Lloyd, assisted by Misses F. and V. Jones, Miss S. Lloyd,

AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE: WHO WILL FOLLOW?—Two of our readers recently took the advice of THE VOTE and sent parcels of gentlemen's discarded clothes to H. Groves, 24, Cranbourn-street, Leicester-square, who pays a good price and remits the money the same day. They also acted on our suggestion that the money thus gained should be given to the Freedom League, and our treasury has been substantially helped. We thank them sincerely and urge others to follow this excellent example.

and others; while Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Rees (Pool-road) had charge of the refreshments.

Mrs. Scott, of Pennant Hall, declared the Fair open at 3 o'clock. She was supported by Lady Lawson (Stratford-on-Avon), Mrs. Pryce-Jones, Mrs. Busch-Michell, Mrs. Frances Lewis (Aberdovey), Miss Clark, Miss Nina Boyle (political organiser of the Women's Freedom League) and the Rev. T. J. Roberts (Vicar of Mochdre). Before the proceedings commenced, Mrs. Scott received a beautiful bouquet from Miss Peggy Lewis (Aberdovey). Miss Clark, who introduced the proceedings, said she had been disappointed in two things. The first was the absence of the Borough Member, Colonel E. Pryce-Jones, and the second was the absence, through illness, of Miss Ina Oxenford, the Society entertainer, who was to have given palmistry sittings. Colonel Pryce-Jones had written to say he very much regretted he was unable to be present, and he had sent Mrs. Pryce-Jones. (Applause.) They all knew that the Colonel was an excellent Suffragist, and they had every confidence that he would do his best to advance Women's Suffrage in the House. She was sorry to say the stalls were not what they should be. They spent many hours on Wednesday arranging and decorating, and when she came that morning she found the stalls had been broken down, and the decorations all torn to pieces and thrown to the ground. (Cries of "Shame!") She had put up other stalls as quickly as possible, but the effect was not nearly so good as she had hoped.

The Rev. T. J. Roberts said he was exceedingly sorry Colonel Pryce-Jones was not able to be with them. The Borough Member's absence was the cause of his appearing on the platform in order to introduce Mrs. Scott, who not only took a great interest in the women's movement but also in another subject, Church Defence, which perhaps he knew a little more about. Women Suffrage had become a political question. There was a good deal of the party game about politics, but looking at Woman Suffrage from a Christian standpoint, the great matter was whether women should not be on an absolute equality with men. He was not a Radical, and did not think he ever would be, but he had always heard that one great Radical cry was that where there was taxation there should be representation. If there was solid principle in the statement that representation goes with taxation, he could not see any argument why a woman should not have a vote. Speaking of Mrs. Scott, Mr. Roberts said she was one of the most estimable ladies they had in Montgomeryshire. She took no matter in hand without carrying it out thoroughly, for her enthusiasm never flagged. He had much pleasure in asking her to declare the Fair open.

Mrs. Scott then in a few well-chosen words declared the Fair

open. Mrs. Busch-Michell afterwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Scott for her services. Miss Clark seconded, and said she claimed to know something about the Suffrage movement in Montgomeryshire, and wherever she went they all loved the name of Mrs. Scott and also the name of the Vice-President, Mrs. Busch-Michell.

An entertainment was afterwards given by Mr. Morris's party of ladies and gentlemen who are performing daily in the town. Their services, which were given free, were much appreciated. After tea, Miss Nina Boyle gave an address on what the Women's Freedom League stood for.

Among those present were Mrs. Scott (Pennant Hall), President of the Montgomery Boroughs Branch of the W.F.L., Mrs. Hawkins, Colonel and Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. and Miss M. Moon, Misses Perrott, Mrs. and Miss Frances Lewis (Aberdovey), Mrs. and Miss Cartwright, Mrs. Whitwell, Miss U. Evans, Miss K. Evans, Mrs. and the Misses Luxmoore, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Partridge, Mrs. Davies (Llanfyllin Rectory), Mrs. and the Misses Richards (Llangynw Rectory), Mrs. Latimer Jones, Mrs. and Miss Humphreys (Llanfair), &c.

A Good Omen: The Phoenix-like Movement.

The *Shropshire and Montgomery County Times*, commenting on the Fairs and the mean attempt at wreckage, says:—

"The local Branch of the Women's Freedom League, ingeniously combining business, pleasure, and propaganda together, has been holding very pretty 'Green, White and Gold Fairs' this week—at Bodfach, Llanfyllin, on Tuesday, and at the Cunnings, Newtown, on Thursday. The former was a particularly successful affair. The latter was marred by a mean and cowardly attempt during Wednesday night—no doubt by Radical Anti-Suffragists—to wreck the stalls and spoil the decorations. The attempt was partially successful, but with characteristic resource the promoters set to work and had the mischief sufficiently repaired in time for the Fair being proceeded with. The incident is an omen. You may wreck bazaar stalls and decorations; you may imprison women and forcibly feed them; but, Phoenix-like, the movement emerges from every set-back with unabated vitality, pursuing its course to its appointed, inevitable end—the realisation of the women's just claim to political enfranchisement."

HOW SOME MEN PROTECT WOMEN.

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

Assault.

Esther Dunlop, of Taylorstown, Toomebridge, co. Antrim, attacked when milking cows by a man, for whose arrest a warrant is out. Throat cut, hands hacked, stabbed on neck, breast and arms.

Mrs. Hanna and her little girl, in railway carriage at Lisburn, assaulted by Patrick McGrogan, who threatened to shoot the child, and was found "behaving like a madman." Mrs. Hanna was struck in the mouth, her lip being cut.

Frances Lawes, in train, going from High Wycombe to Paddington, assaulted by strange man. Pulled her down and tried to kiss her. Then accused her of stealing a cheque. She pulled the cord for the guard, and the man then accused her of stealing a gold chain. Fined £5.

Samuel Winkworth, in Monmouth Assize Court, before Mr. Justice Phillimore, charged with forgery, sprang at a young woman and struck her several heavy blows in the face.

Matthew Goodwin, charged at Sheffield with deserting his wife on June 8. Three children of 8 years, 6 years, and 14 months. Had wages of between £2 and £3 a week. Four homes had been sold up because of his drinking habits. Wife carried into court, very frail and delicate. Had left him to get proper care during her illness, and he had then sold up the home for drink and quartered himself on her mother. No punishment; order for 12s. 6d. a week.

Mrs. Batter (seventy-nine), residing at Town, and getting relief from Holywell Board of Guardians. The Board was informed that the house was tumbling down, and there was only one bedroom for five grown persons. The old woman was driven out of the house by the conduct of her grandsons.

Bigamy and Desertion.

Christopher Mould, aged forty, employed by Carter, Paterson and Co. charged before Mr. Francis at Westminster with bigamy. Detective-Sergeant Steele said that accused, in different names, had contracted marriages with three young women, all of whom were alive, and with whom he alternately lived. By his first wife, whom he married in 1892 at Kingston, he had four children. By his second wife, whom he married in June, 1908, he had one child. After nine months he left her and paid his addresses as a single man to a servant at Putney. He married her and she had a family. In a very distressed state the second wife, Edith Tallett, of Upcerne-road, Chelsea, deposed that when she married the prisoner at Farningham, Kent, he described himself as a bachelor. He deserted her when the baby was born. Sergeant Steele said the position of the woman who had given evidence was a very sad one. She was shortly to become again a mother, and she was destitute.

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THE WAYS OF THE ANTIS.

Our member, Miss Beatrice Kent, who keeps us well informed on nurses and woman suffrage, sends the following correspondence as likely to be of interest to readers of THE VOTE. The reason for the letter from the Local Government Advancement Committee (Anti-Suffrage) is that Miss Kent stood unsuccessfully for election for the Borough Council (West St. Pancras).

(To Miss Kent, from the Local Government Advancement Committee [Anti-Suffrage], Caxton House, Tothill-street, Westminster, London, S.W. Chairman, Mrs. Humphry Ward.)

DEAR MADAM.—May I ask if you are thinking of standing again for the Borough Council for West St. Pancras? We are anxious to get good women on to the Borough and County Councils, and are prepared to help under certain conditions. Candidates helped by us must either hold Anti-suffrage opinions, or they must be willing to undertake that, if we help them to get elected, they will take no part in suffrage work during the time they are councillors.

I enclose some of our papers, and shall be very glad to hear from you on these two points.—Believe me, Yours faithfully,
M. EDNA DALTON, Secretary.

July 11, 1912.

(To the Local Government Advancement Committee [Anti-Suffrage], from Miss Kent.)

DEAR MADAM.—I regret that I have not earlier replied to your letter. You will not be surprised to hear that its contents astonished me. When I last stood for election to the Borough Council for West St. Pancras, I received considerable support without stooping to the contemptible methods of bribery. I have the honour to be identified with the great Woman's Movement—to me a sacred cause—of which the demand for the Parliamentary vote forms a relatively insignificant part. In other words I am heart and soul a Suffragist, and have no intention of exchanging my soul—in other words, principle—for your degrading offer.

Your Committee has been unfortunate in its selection of a title, for the letter I have received from you as representative abundantly proves the retrogressive and reactionary nature of its policy. In conclusion, I would commend to your notice the Corrupt Practices Act.—I remain, madam, yours faithfully,
BEATRICE KENT,

10, Coliseum-terrace, Regent's Park, N.W., July 16.

ON OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

FEMINISM. By May Sinclair. (The Women Writers' Suffrage League. Price 3d.)

This very attractively got-up little booklet by May Sinclair deals with Sir Almroth Wright's famous effusion on the subject of women's unfitness and general condition of hysteria and lunacy. Miss Sinclair is one of our most brilliant women writers, and needless to say, she proves the absurdity of Sir Almroth Wright's "arguments" in the most complete manner. One by one his monstrous assertions are taken and turned against himself with relentless logic and incisive satire. Miss Sinclair meets the famous pathologist (?) on his own ground as a scientist, and shows how "the reverberations of physiological emergencies" are not restricted to the feminine sex alone. Many men suffer, we are told, from apparently causeless phases of irritability and unreason. Philosophers and historians have shown how men are swayed by sentiment and prejudice at important crises. As for the unsettling effect of disappointed love on the male sex, do not our papers give daily instances of crimes prompted by insane jealousy?

Quite apart from its refutations of Sir Almroth Wright's absurd assertions, *Feminism* is a valuable contribution to the general literature of the woman's movement—certainly no Suffragist can afford to miss reading it.

HOW WOMEN USE THE VOTE. By A. Maude Royden. (The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. Price 2d.)

The value of Miss A. Maude Royden's pamphlets is well known to all supporters of the Suffrage movement. In *How Women Use the Vote* she has put forward, in her own concise and interesting manner, an irrefutable proof of the good that woman's suffrage has done in the countries that have been wise enough to adopt it.

The lists of beneficial laws that have been passed protecting children and the home by Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Australia, and New Zealand, Norway, &c., will be found of the greatest value to speakers, and as all the information given by Miss Royden is absolutely up to date, they need not fear wholesale quotations. The testimony of public men, who have been converted to woman suffrage not by argument but by experience, forms a valuable counterblast to the "Antis'" frequent dark and horrific prophecies of disaster. Those who doubt whether woman's suffrage "will do any good" should read *How Women Use the Vote*, and they will need no further reassurance.

MARY EDWARDS. An Anachronism in One Act. By P. R. Bennett. (The Actresses' Franchise League. Price 6d.)

The fact that Miss Horrihan's Company produced the little one-act play, *Mary Edwards*, for the Stage Society last month is in itself a recommendation of its interest and excellence.

The story of Mary Edwards's marriage and separation from Lord Anne Hamilton is founded on fact, says the author, Mr. P. R. Bennett. She was a rich heiress of the early eighteenth

century, who, by judicious and wise management, had increased her estates and administered them justly and well. On her marriage they passed by right of law completely out of her control into that of her husband—a weak, vacillating spendthrift. After a few years she found that she and her two sons would be faced with utter ruin, and so she destroyed her marriage lines and bastardised her children, to regain the control of her estates.

Mr. Bennett has pictured this act in a very dramatic little scene: the foolish, credulous man trying to hoodwink his wife by flattery and cajolery, and finally to browbeat her by threats, and the clear-sighted, sensible woman who understands business and who is determined to see that her children are not robbed are both excellently drawn.

Permission to perform the play can be obtained from the Actresses' Franchise League, 2, Robert-street, Strand, which is to be congratulated on the publication of this interesting and unique study of a Suffragette born out of due season! M. H.

A PLAY AND A PSALTERY.

Those who had the good fortune to be present at Clavier Hall, on July 18, had the pleasure of seeing in "Edge o' the Dark," a one-act play by Miss Gwen John, a powerful drama finely acted. It is a tragic and somewhat sordid play, written in the Lancashire dialect and set in a mining village, a tale of bullying men and a woman tossed to and fro between them, of sordid love and sordid murder, but set forth with a simple realism and passion that gripped one's heartstrings. Great praise is due to Miss Gladys Jones and her fellow-actors for their powerful work. Then we had the joy of hearing Miss Florence Farr recite, to the accompaniment of her psaltery, poems by such varied authors as Shelley, Homer, Swinburne, Verlaine, and Ernest Rhys. We send with her our good wishes in the new work she has undertaken in the East, but feel somewhat grudgingly that we shall miss her presence amongst us, and her beautiful and poetic setting forth of verse that has been a delight to so many of us. J. D. W.

"WAITING FOR A LIVING WAGE."

The front page inset in this week's issue, contributed by the Suffrage Atelier from a design by Miss Courtauld, reminds one of "The Song of the Shirt," which is just as applicable to the sweated woman of these days as it was to the shirt-maker of Hood's time; only now that so many more wretched women are exploited, many more songs might be sung.

We are no further forward than we were all those years ago: women are still waiting for the wherewithal to defend themselves from the oppressor, and "Waiting for a Living Wage," which sings the song of the chain-worker, might just as well be called "waiting for enfranchisement."

The Suffrage Atelier, which has done so much from a pictorial point of view to ventilate the disabilities under which women suffer, has just issued several new posters and postcards. Some of the former, being coloured in water-colour, are suitable for indoor use only, and can be obtained at very small expense. The new set of Insurance postcards, too, are of particular interest just now, and should, with the posters, be inspected at the Minerva Publishing Company, Robert-street, Adelphi.

WOMEN ATTENDANTS AT CHILDREN'S SAND-PITS.

By order of the Commissioner of Works, women attendants are to be employed this summer at the children's sand-pits in the royal parks during the period of the school holidays.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR HOLIDAY NUMBER

NEXT WEEK!

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LONDON AND SUBURBS.—Anerley and Crystal Palace District.—Hon. Secretary: Miss J. FENNINGS, 149, Croydon-road.

We started our meeting at The Triangle last Friday under umbrellas, but our chairman, Miss Fennings, soon collected a crowd, which gradually increased as the rain kindly left off, and at the close a very large audience listened with attention to Mrs. Tanner's speech, and after she had left Miss Fennings dealt with several questions. The Vote was sold. We shall be there as usual next Friday at 7.30 p.m. Members are asked to send in their collecting cards and boxes at once.

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

Mrs. Harvey, one of our members, is organising an International Suffrage Fair, to be held in November at the Chelsea Town Hall, and, as she has asked our Branch to take a stall, I earnestly appeal to every member to start at once to make useful articles for sale so that Croydon may do its share towards ensuring a great success in the effort which means an immense amount of work to the organiser. Our office will be closed during the month of August. Members wishing to purchase tea during that time should apply to Mrs. Ridley, 53, Dingwall-road. At our open-air meeting on the 18th inst. Mr. J. Y. Kennedy's convincing speech was greatly appreciated by an attentive crowd. Two shillings was collected for the "East Ham Women and Children's Fund," being the second collection taken for that purpose.

Hackney.—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. PIEROTT, 31, Walsingham-road, Clapton. A large crowd was attracted to the Women's Freedom League platform in Victoria Park last Sunday. Miss Le Croissette, from the chair, explained the objects and policy of the League, and stated the Woman Suffragist's point of view regarding "More votes for men." Mrs. Cobden Sanderson expounded the new compact between women and the Labour Party, and met with a very sympathetic hearing. A resolution protesting against the exclusion of women from the Reform Bill was carried unanimously.

Hampstead.—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. SPILLER, 63, South Hill-park-road. A most successful open-air meeting was held near the Flag Staff, Hampstead, on July 16. Miss S. Benett made an excellent speech from the chair, and the lecturer (Mrs. Thomson-Price) was able to hold, for nearly an hour, a crowd which must have numbered between four and five hundred persons, mostly men. The audience, which was at first inclined to be disorderly, was soon won to good-humoured attention and listened with the greatest respect to the lecturer's arguments. Many questions were asked at the end of the meeting, and answered evidently to the satisfaction of the crowd by Mrs. Thomson-Price and the chairman. Mrs. Clarendon Hyde took up a collection and did a brisk sale with THE VOTE.

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

On Sunday, July 21, our usual meeting was held in Brockwell Park, and as the speaker whom we expected did not arrive, Miss W. Spriggs very kindly took her place. The many and convincing reasons which she gave in favour of votes for women were listened to most attentively, and her replies to questions at the close of the meeting were received with cordial appreciation by a large audience. The ready sale of THE VOTE concluded a very successful meeting.

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

There was an unusually large crowd on Sunday, July 21, at the Hyde Park meeting, and from the first it was apparent there would be some heckling. Mrs. Hyde, from the chair, spoke of the work and objects of the League, and introduced Mrs. Nevinson, who, in spite of frequent interruptions, held her own. Some of the Antis present thought they knew very much more about the League than either the speaker or the chairman. Mrs. Nevinson generously offered one vociferous gentleman a penny to procure a chair to hold a meeting of his own. A member of the House of Lords, who was one of the listeners, accepted two copies of THE VOTE.

Stamford Hill.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. THOMSON, 7, East Bank.

Our members having scattered for holiday engagements, we are now considering plans for propaganda in the autumn, when new vigour may be looked for at our first committee meeting. On Friday Miss Anson kindly came to speak at our street meeting at the corner of Amburst-park. Mr. Hammond once more acted as chairman. Our special thanks are due to him as he has come regularly for several weeks running. It was feared the weather would keep many listeners away, but in spite of a damp evening the attendance was good and we were glad to know so good a speaker had not come in vain. We trust to help, as far as we can, with arrangements for the International Suffrage Fair, and on recommending committee meetings will open the subject with that aim in view.

PROVINCES.—Brighton and Hove.—Hon. Sec.: Miss HARE, 2, San Remo, Hove.

We had the privilege of a visit from Mrs. Despard on July 18; she spoke at our public meeting at the Livingstone Institute, Hove, to which working women were specially invited. Miss Hare took the chair, and spoke of the need of the woman's vote. Mrs. Despard treated the subject historically, ending with the present position and what could be done now by any and all women.

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

The meeting on the Common on July 17 was a great success. Miss Bremner spoke to a large crowd and scored splendidly at question time. Our Branch is very grateful to her for sparing time to help us. Members are reminded that the annual subscriptions are now due.

Wellingborough.—Hon. Secs.: Miss V. SHARMAN, Ivy Lodge; Mrs. England Smith, Newstead, Hatton Park.

The third of a series of open-air meetings was held in the Church-square on Thursday, July 11, at 7.30 p.m., when Mrs. Schofield-Coates, of Middlesbrough, delivered an eloquent address to a large crowd. Mrs. F. Garbutt spoke of the work of the Women's Freedom League. Mr. G. Birks took the chair. Several hundred leaflets were distributed and a good collection taken.



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DARE TO BE FREE.

Thurs., July 25.—FINSBURY PARK, 7 p.m. Chair: Mr. J. H. Jackson; Speaker: Mr. Lewis Phillips. Highbury Corner, 8 p.m. Chair: Miss E. Spink; Speaker: Mrs. Tippett. THORNTON HEATH CLOCK, 8 p.m. Chair: Mrs. Terry; Speaker: Dr. G. Bagger. HANOVER PARK, PECKHAM, 8 p.m. Chair: Miss W. M. Spriggs; Speaker: Mrs. E. M. Watson. Fri., July 26.—THE TRIANGLE, Penge, 7.30. Chair: Miss C. Preston; Speaker: Miss Fenning. CLAPTON COMMON, corner Amhurst Park, 8 p.m. Chair: Mr. Hammond; Speaker: Mrs. E. M. Watson. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 1, Robert-street, 10 a.m. Sun., July 28.—HYDE PARK, noon. Mrs. Merivale Mayer. BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30. Chair: Miss W. M. Spriggs. VICTORIA PARK, 3 p.m. Chair: Miss Le Grossette. Mon., July 29.—CORNER DOWNSHAM-ROAD AND KINGSLAND-ROAD, 8 p.m. Chair: Mrs. Stebbings. Speaker: Miss Shannon, B.A. Tues., July 30.—THE FLAGSTAFF, Hampstead, 8.30 p.m. PRINCE'S HEAD, Battersea, 8 p.m.

PROVINCES.

Thurs., July 25.—Wellingborough. "Archfield," Garden Party, 3 p.m. Miss Nina Boyle. Sun., July 28.—Sheffield. Corn Exchange, Joint Demonstration, 7 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Snowden, Miss Barratt, B.Sc., George Lansbury, Esq., M.P. Chair: J. Pointer, Esq., M.P.

SCOTLAND.

Clyde Coast Campaign. Thurs., July 25, to Thurs., Aug. 1.—Open-air Meetings daily at Dunoon and Rothesay, 12, 3.30, and 8 p.m. at Pierhead. Speakers: Miss Munro, Miss Helen McLachlan, and Miss Bunten.

OTHER SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

The Catholic Women's Suffrage Society.—Secretary: Miss Gabrielle Jeffery; Hon. Treasurer: Miss Monica Whately. A public meeting will be held at the Thatched Assembly Rooms, Norwich, on Saturday, August 3, at 8 p.m. The speakers will be Miss Abadam and Miss Kathleen FitzGerald, B.A. Tickets for reserved seats (1s.) can be had on application to the Secretary. The office will be closed during the whole of August.

A REMARKABLE APPOINTMENT.

Miss Helen Keller, the American deaf, dumb, and blind author, whose mastery of an education in the face of these handicaps has made her world-famous, has been chosen by Mayor Lumm, of the Socialist city of Schenectady, N.Y., to serve as advisor to the city's Board of Public Welfare. This board has jurisdiction over tenement conditions, children's playgrounds, and numerous other matters that do not properly come under any regular department. Miss Keller, who has devoted the last few years of her life entirely to the study of the economic and industrial problems of her country, is a sincere Socialist and Suffragist, and in every way qualified to fill the responsible position offered to her.

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