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LIBERAL ELECTOR: What a sell! There's nothing in it. MAID (W.S.P.U.): It's a shame to take you in, Master Elector, you're such a trusting little heart! I've never believed in Cook!

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THE OUTLOOK.

Mr. Asquith's latest declaration of policy makes the coming of a General Election in June, if not in May, inevitable. The rejection of the Veto resolutions which he intends shall, after their adoption in the House of Commons, be laid before the House of Lords, is a foregone conclusion. Upon the failure of the Government to secure the acceptance of these resolutions by the Lords Mr. Asquith is understood to have pledged himself to resign, and Mr. Lloyd George has repeated the same pro-nouncement in more explicit terms. Another General nouncement in more explicit terms. Another General Election seems unwelcome to the various political parties, but it has no terrors for the Women's Social and Political Union. The precise part to be played by this Union at

the election cannot, of course, be announced for some time, but schemes of organisation, whereby stronger hold time, but schemes of organisation, whereby stronger hold may be obtained upon the country, are being pressed for-ward, and the electoral contest when it comes will find the Union well prepared. Between now and the General Election every by-election will be vigorously contested. It is rumoured that a Parliamentary vacancy may occur in West Nottingham, in consequence of Sir James Yoxall's acceptance of the position of private secretary to Mr. Herbert Gladstone. The Union is making the necessary proparations for a conflict in case this rumour should prove to be well founded. prove to be well founded.

prove to be well founded. In the somewhat chaotic condition of politics at the moment, women, as Mrs. Pethick Lawrence pointed out at the Queen's Hall meeting, have shown themselves to be the shrewdest politicians. While the Labour Mem-bers, the Irish Party, and even the more forward Liberals, have been disillusioned by being told that they misunderstood the Prime Minister's meaning, the clear theaded women who belonged to the W.S.P.U. have not been taken in for a moment by Mr. Asquith's so-called pledge. They are laughing to-day at a Government which agitates for the reform of an "unrepresentative of half the nation. Women have realised that it is only by fighting for their enfranchisment, and not by attaching themeelves to any party blindly, that justice will be won. themcelves to any party blindly, that justice will be won.

The Premier's Opposition.

The Prime Minister has now given a further proof of is antagonism to woman suffrage. A deputation recently his anta

waited upon him from the Trades Union Congress to lay before him their programme of electoral reform, which includes the granting of the suffrage to all adults, male and female. When woman suffrage was mentioned Mr. Asquith said, "Rocky ground," and atterwards hinted that this was one of the matters on which his party was not unanimous. This reference to woman suffrage was, as Miss Marion Phillips pointed out next day in a letter, nutrely omitted in the account of the deputation given in the Daily News, a journal which has always declared is in favour of the entranchisment of women.

Political Blacklegs.

Political Blacklegs. While denying women the right to representation, poli-funs the Daily Clivonicle in a recent issue makes a special appeal to women to support the Women's Free Trade Union. It states that women, the "domestic Chancel-lors of the Exchequer" in the homes of the land, realise that this is a bread-and-butter question, and it therefore supports the appeal of the Free Trade Union, which, it says, has done splendid work, especially through its women lecturers. It is curious that if women are capable not only of judging on this very intricate question, but also of instructing the electors upon it, they are yet con-sidered incapable of recording their opinion at the poli-tical sected to them by political parties, such as that in the Manchester Courier, from which we quote :--

they can be made exceedingly valuable to a political party, not only at election times, but in the intervals between.

The women of the W.S.P.U. have another and a

better way of making their influence felt at elections. Revolt of Liberal Women.

Happily, even the faithful Liberal women are, in vulgar atlance, "beginning to kick" at their treatment by a lovernment for which they have worked in blind faith. The Oxford Women's Liberal Association has unanimousl resolution recording its indignation at the deci-passed a resolution recording its indignation at the deci-sion taken by those responsible for the Home Countie Federation Conference at Oxford to exclude women from the meeting to be addressed by the Prime Minister on and meeting to be addressed by the Prime Minister on March 18. The decision, the resolution states, is "a needless slight on a large number of citizens, loyal and untiring in their devotion to Liberal principles, who are thus debarred on account of sex from being present to hear any authoritative statement on Liberal policy which they have done much to inaugurate and which they will be expected actively to support." he expected actively to sur

By-Elections. At the by-elections the Union has been carrying out its At the by-dections the Onion has been tearlying out to policy of working against the Government. During the past week members have been very busy at St. George's in-the-East, and it was remarkable how the attitude of the people there changed in a day or two from resentment at what they considered interference to sympathy and wel-come when they understood the real meaning of the come when they understood the real meaning of the women's movement. A great feature of the work there was the keenness and intelligence of the women in that very poor quarter. Living face to face with the grim realities of life, they understood at once what the suffrage realities of life, they understood at once what the suffrage movement would mean to them, and not only did they errowd to the meetings, but many of them, in spite of their poverty, became members. The result of the election was not a surprise. Mr. Benn appealed to the people largely on personal grounds. He represented the oppo-sition to him as being an unfair attack, and he raised as his election cty, "Get St. George's a voice in the Govern-ment !" and this prospect undoubtedly proved alluring. Moreover, the apparent concession made by Mr. Asquith the day before the pool and the collanse of the opposition the day before the poll and the collapse of the opposition to the Government in the House of Commons naturally influenced that section of the Liberal and Irish voters who intruenced that sector of the International Transformation and were wavering. A Minister seeking re-election is, as is well recognised, in a particularly strong position, and a by-election of this sort is not a really accurate test of the feeling of the country as a whole. Meantime another contest is to take place in Ilkeston. W.S.P.U. workers are very busy there, and Mrs. Pankhurst is holding excel-

The Treatment of Suffrage Prisoners.

The new Parliament of Suffrage Transfers. Ence before the Government was taken to task for its treatment of women political prisoners. On page 352 will be found questions relating to the cases of Selina Martin and Emily Davison. In the former case it will be seen that Mr. Churchill, the new Home Secretary, ely repeats the answers given by his predecessor, from hit may be concluded that he will follow in the same se of coercion and prevarication. Mr. Gladstone, who course of coercion and prevarication. Mr. Gladstone, who is responsible for all the cruelty and torture illegally pracis responsible for all the citery and worstee in gains piece tised upon suffrage prisoners, has now obtained his reward in the shape of a peerage and an appointment as Governor-General of South Africa.

Governor-teneral of South Airda. The Manchester Magistrates. With regard to the outrage on Miss Davison in Strange-ways Gaal, Mr Churchill in his answer merely stated that he had no control over the appointment of prison justices, and entirely evaded Mr. Snowden's question whether the men who sanctioned such a brutal proceed ing should not be removed from their position as magin-trates. The judge took a different view, for in the hear-ing of that case he stated his opinion that " it was unreasonable and unnecessary for them (the visiting justices) to act at all. They had no right, duty, or power to deal with the matter, and therefore they cannot ustify the assault."

Another Year.

Another Year. With the end of February the Union closes its fourth financial year. The auditors are now busy with the finan-cial statement, and before the great Albert Hall meeting on March 18 the annual report will be in the hands of members. The progress both in funds and membership and influence has been as marvellous as from the very begin-ning. The history of the growth of the Union is indeed, without exaggeration, to be characterised only as a

The Albert Hall Meeting.

Members of the Union know that from its very begin-ning, apart from the militant action which was so widely reported in the Press, the work of awakening and educating public opinion has never ceased for a moment-image of the second se At the very moment when this organisation was at its highest point of strength and efficiency, and when its the changes wrought in the political situation by the

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the new occasion. Militant methods for the immediate present have been laid aside. It is all the more im-portant that the Union should show the public what a portant that the Union should show the public what a large and enthusiastic body of workers compose its rank and file. For this reason the great Albert Hall meeting on Friday, March 18, will be a memorable occasion. It is a show of strength at the critical moment when the Government is weaker than ever before, and it will be a overnment is weaker than over before, and it will be a plendid opportunity for those who do not yet understand be movement to come and hear it expounded by the aders. Members, therefore, should turn up in full force, and should take this opportunity of bringing any friends and should take this opportunity of bringing any friends

who are not yet won over. The W.S.P.U. Pledge. Besides the pledged members of the Union there are numbers of women who are interested and sympathetic, and who help personally or with money. For such help gratitude is due, but it is the giving of self that is needed. Every woman who definitely joins the Union and signs the pledge card adds to the strength of the movement, and we appeal to those friends who are still on the outskirts to come in and join. The pledge, which will be found on page 351, binds the members only to the simple condition of working for no Parliamentary party until the vote is

The Scottish Exhibition.

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The Scottish Exhibition.
While members in England are looking forward to this great meeting at the Albert Hall, Scottish women are giving every spare moment to work for the Exhibition is to be held in Glasgow at the end of April. There their Exhibition as great a success as the one that way from the material advantage that will result from a successful Exhibition, it must not be forgotten that it form a successful Exhibition, it must not be forgotten that it form a successful Exhibition, is must not be forgotten that it form the material advantage that will result from a successful Exhibition, is must not be forgotten that it form the material advantage that will result from a successful Exhibition, it must not be forgotten that it form the material advantage that will result from a successful Exhibition, is must not be forgotten that it form the material advantage that will result from a successful Exhibition as the construction of the strength of the movement in Scotland. We hope that members and friends all over the contributions for the stalls.
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another for the woman. Very diverse views have already achievement thus, while Mr. Bargrave Deane, a divorce court judge, and Sir George Lewis, who has had fifty-four great festival. court judge, and Sir George Lewis, who has not inty-four years' experience of the law, consider that the law should be exactly the same for both man and woman, Sir John Bigham, the President of the Divorce Court, said he did not think misconduct on the part of a man had anything like the same significance that misconduct on the part of a woman had

One cannot imagine a question more directly affecting the well-being of women and children, and yet, although there are two women on the Commission, the final settle-ment of the question must rest with that Parliament in which women's interests have no voice whatever.

Votes by Proxy.

Votes by Proxy. In Bosnia-Herzegovina a new constitution has been granted, one provision of which is that women who are qualified as landowners or large tarpayers may exercise the franchise through a deputy. Even this concession woman has no representation at all. In this connection it is interesting to notice in the *Spectator* a letter stating that peeresses in their own right had of old the power to vote by proxy, and were members of the Upper House vanctly like peers, although they could not vote in person our speak. This constitutional right is mentioned by Mrs. Stopes in her book, "British Freewome."

Another Adult Suffrage Bill.

Another Adult Suffrage Bill. One or two correspondents have asked us for informa-tion with regard to Sir Charles Dilke's Suffrage Bill. This is one of those measures for electoral reform imme-diately recognised by every real Suffragist as only cal-onlated to complicate and injure the question of Woman Suffrage by reason of its sweeping constitutional charges. No serious affort has ever been made by Sir Charles Dilke to introduce this measure himself or to secure its discussion in the House of Commons, and the W.S.P.U. regards its introduction as unworthy of consideration. **Contexts of This Issue.** Contents of This Issue.

regards its introduction as unworking to contain the second Contents of This issue. I A matter infinitely affecting thousands of women workers is the establishment of the new Trades Boards. Good as the principle may be, these Boards cannot justly deal with the question of women's work so long as women are not represented on them, and they may, in fact, come to be a positive danger. This is pointed out by Miss Adela Pankhurst in her article on this subject which will be found on page 357 We would also draw our members' attention to the article by Miss Christabel Pankhurst dealing with the Parliamentary situation. For new readers who do not yet understand the movement Mr. Pethick Lawrence is writing a series on "Women's Fight for the Vote," the third chapter of which appears in this Missions to Women now in progress, the work at two by-elections, and the preparations for the great exhibition in Scotland.

Items of Interest.

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Items of Interest. Miss Alice Paul, who was imprisoned in Holloway for ner protest at the Mansion House, was welcomed recently at an enthusiastic meeting in the Cooper Union Hall, New York. At the close of Miss Paul's speech resolu-ions were passed expressing strong and steadfast sym-athy and admiration for the wonderful campaign carried in by the women of Great Britain. In Canada the Suffrage Association has opened an ctive campaign and is sending letters and deputations to dimisters.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

Our financial year ends on the twenty-eighth day of February, and begins on the first day of March. The At that meeting it will be the privilege and the pride of the treasurer to analyse and expound the statement of accounts for the past year, to outline the financial needs of the growing organisation in the coming twelve months, and to place before the members new,

twelve months, and to place before the memory level plans for raising the necessary funds for the work which has to be undertaken in the future. That great meeting in the Albert Hall should be the expression of the joy and the satisfaction that every one of us must feel as we look at the harvest of our seedsowing. I hope that representatives from every part of the country will be with us. It is our National Thanksgiving Meeting. From every centre in England and Scotland members should gather to take part in the great

Socilard members should gather to take part in the group rejoicing and to share in the national reunion. It has been a magnificent year. Only when we look back can we calculate the growth of our organisation and the result of our work. Never have any previous twelve months in our movement been so rich in history, or in achievement. We have stamped an ineffacable

Exhibition by sending with the sending the question of divorce. The main point as yet discussed is whether there should or should not be one law for the man and another for the woman. Very diverse views have already another for the woman. Very diverse views have already another for the woman. Very diverse views have already another for the woman. Very diverse views have already another for the woman. Very diverse views have already another for the woman. Very diverse views have already another for the woman. Very diverse views have already another for the woman. Very diverse views have already another for the woman very diverse views have already another for the woman. Very diverse views have already another for the woman very diverse views EPT

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WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR THE VOTE.

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS. (Previous articles appeared in our issues of February 11 and 25.) What women are asking for.—The demand which women are making is simply and solely that sex shall not of itself be a disgnalification for the possession of the Parliamentary franchise. Women suffragists have accordingly drafted a Bill which they desire to see carried into law. It is known as the Women's Enfranchisement Bill, and reads as follows :—

That in all Acts relating to the qualification and registration of voters o persons entitled or claiming to be registered and to vote in the election o Mambars of Parliament, wherever words occur which import the masculine gender the same shall be held to include women for a purpose connected with and having reference to the right to be registere as voters, and to vote in such elections, any law or usage to the contrar mothing-free.

The effect of the passage of this Bill will be immediately The enert of the passage of this bill will be immediately to confer the franchise upon all those women who possess the qualifications which at present entitle men to vote, and subsequently to secure that if any extension be made in the franchise law it shall affect men and women alike. It is estimated that about a million-and-a-quarter women will be immediately enfranchised by it. As there are at present between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 male voters this will mean that the famele electronic will be about one-scent nean that the female electorate will be about one-seventh of the whole

of the whole. The Meaning of the Parliamentary Vote.—The right to parliamentary vote confers is a symbolic act of citizenship. It is the means recognised by the law whereby the voter for the selection of the man who is to represent his dis-trict in the House of Commons, and through him to control the legislation, taxatlon, and administration of the country. Though an isolated individual may not attach much impor-mote the house of Lommons, and through him the test to this own vote, it makes all the difference whether a whole class of Individuals possesses the franchise or is excluded in it. What one single John Smith is unable to do as whole class of John Smiths not only can but will do. As illustrations may be noted the Trades Disputes Act, the Work more Compensation Act, and Old Age Pensions, which would new house class had not been infranchised.

CHAPTER III.-WHY WOMEN WANT THE VOTE.

Women want the vote for two essential reasons : firstly, in order that they may play their part in the life of the nation and introduce their point of view, so long ne glected, into the government of the country; and, secondly, in order that the interests of women may be safeguarded.

Women, it has been well said, "excel in the care of all living things." Women represent the human point of view. It was a woman who revolutionised the care of the sick upon the battlefield. It was a woman who was responsible for bringing into our mediaval prison system such traces of humanity as it possesses to-day. It was a woman who, by her writing, contributed so largely to the abolition of slavery in the continent of America.

For men to imagine that they can get on better in the government and administration of the country without taking counsel of women, is an assumption equally arrogant and ridiculous with that of a father who should exclude the mother from any influence in the home or in the care of her infant children.

Consider the nature of some of the questions to be decided in Parliament. On whose shoulders shall the taxes be laid ? Shall they be on bread, on meat, on tea, on tobacco, on large incomes, on licences, and if so, in what proportion ? What subjects shall be taught to the children at school ? Till what age should they stay there ? What steps are to be taken to check the terrible evil of infant mortality? What is to be done in order to restor to the ranks of self-supporting citizens those who have failed to stand alone in our complex modern civilisation How can those be reclaimed who have gone right under and committed crime? Should married women be prohibited from leaving their homes and going out into the world to work? How should the conditions of industry be regulated? What sort of homes are to be built for the people of the country? How are the lives of little children to be preserved from danger?

These and a multitude of other questions intimately affecting the lives of the men, women, and children of the nation men have been trying to settle alone. That in many directions their efforts have been met with con spicuous failure is a commonplace. Large sections of our population live in abject poverty; men and women-particularly women- are so terribly sweated that they earn only a few shillings a week in return for almost ceaseless toil; infant mortality is appalling; the housing evil grows steadily worse; the poor-law is in need of drastic reform; our prisons are a manufactory of criminals.

Women feel deeply on all these questions, and when they are voters candidates of all political parties will find

Incted Safeguarding the Interests of Women. No human being is good enough to be entrusted with absolute power over another human being, and no sec-tion or class of a community is good enough to be entrusted with absolute power over another section or class. At present the male electorate has the sole power to make the laws which affect the women of the country, and in consemence it has made many laws which are strongly resented by women and many laws which differentiate between m and women, to the disadvantage of the latter. Furthe more, the male electorate is also the virtual controller o more, the male electorate is also the virtual controller of the administration, and it has so administrend the laws as to exclude women from all important posi-tions, not merely to the disadvantage of women, but to the detriment of the community, which has been thereby deprived of the service of many most capable public servants. The more this statement is analysed and the more the difference in the treatment of men and women by the laws and by the administration is investigated the more clearly will be demonstrated the necessity for women to possess the vote. I propose, there-fore, to give a whole chapter to a consideration of this matter in greater detail, devoting the remainder of the pace available this week to another aspect of the same uestion.

The Status of Citizenship,

In addition to the direct power which the vote gives, a carnies with it a certain moral power which affects the state of mind both of the voter himself and of others in their attitude towards him. The vote is the hall-mark of citizenship, and confers a status which those who are excluded from it cannot possess. Before working men possessed the vote they were openly spoken about in terms of contempt which would never be applied to them to-day. to be classed with the unfit-the criminals, the paupers the lunatics-conveys to the popular mind a measure of inferiority. How does this work out in practice in the ase of women to-day?

One of the most extraordinary myths of our modern One of the most extraordinary myths of our modern civilisation is the pretence that women are regarded with special veneration and respect. The exact converse is the case. Throughout the whole relationship of the serces a sense of masculine superiority is assumed, consciously or unconsciously, by the man, and is accepted by the woman either because she has been taught to think it true, or either because she has been targht to think it true, or because she believes that only on these terms is any social life open to her at all. Among the upper classes the veneer of honour and deference paid to women repre-sents no doubt in some cases a genuine feeling of respect, but only too often it is merely skin deep. Follow the young man whose politeness you have been admiring to his club and listen to his conversation there upon the women of his acquairtance. You will not find his polite-ness reflected in his words, or in those of his associates ; woman has come down off her pedestal and become the but of his acquaired he object of his ist. of his sarcasm and the object of his jest. Among the lower classes, less used to disguising their houghts, the naked truth is more apparent. The women f the household are frankly the servants of the men; heir purpose is entirely secondary, and they are not ex ted to meddle in matters outside the immediate contro the house. Of course, there are exceptions to this state

f things, but the exceptions are few and far between. Those who do not trace the inferior position of women all these matters to their unenfranchised condition look In an inese matters to their unentranchised condition look in vain for a reason. The vast majority of qualities are sommon to both sexes of the human race; and where women differ from men in natural gifts, the difference is not one between greater and less, but between two equals if different kinds.

It is the fact that she belongs to the unenfranchised sex which renders a woman's opinion in the eyes of husband or son of less importance than it otherwise would be, for he assumes, in common with the law-makers and with the Anti-Suffragists, that she is not enfranchised ecause she is inferior.

The employers, too, especially when they are politically minded, find it worth while to conciliate their male opera-tives, while they can afford to treat with indifference the wishes of their women hands.

Upon the women themselves the lack of the vote acts directly. It weakens their power of combination and lessens their self-reliance, and makes them more ready to accept the position in which they find themselves.

Already the vigorous fight which women are making to win the vote and so secure the recognition of their citizen-ship is having a marked effect both on the women them-selves who are fighting and on those men who understand the meaning of the struggle. But the present inferiority of their status, with all that it implies, will not disap-pear till victory is obtained and the vote is won. (To be continued.)

that in order to win their support at the polls they will have to set these questions in the forefront of their pro-grammes. Those that are returned to Parliament will find that women will watch carefully their actions and those of the party to which they belong, and unless action follows upon promise they will lose their seats. To-day, because women are voteless, these questions are neg-

IS LOVE DEAD ?

- 1S LOVE DEAD? (Verest inspired by the recent herois action of Lady Constance Lytton They said—"He is dead: on a Christmastide He came, with the frost and anow; He was born a King, but he put from his head The crown, and served as a slave instead, And died—long, long ago!" "Ah, not for he lives, he lives," I cried: "I will prove ye false. I will get me straight To the men of repute, to the wise and great— For they know," I said. "What help for a world left desolate It Love were cead?"

- But the seer had peopled heaven and hell With his visions, and left no space For Love, and his patient ministry; And the wise man sighed—"I have probed the sky And the arth, and found no trace Of Love, nor corner where Love may dwell;" And the rich man scoffed, and spoiled as before, And feasted and drank. Then I turned from his door Soul-sick, and I said— "Mus creation rains. I will seek no more
- "My quest is vain: I will seek no more, For Love is dead."
- And lo! I stood in a Holy Place:
- It was only a prison-cell— A place of anguish, and fear, and hate, But its darkness for me was consecrate

- But its darkness for me was consecrate By a faith at grips with hell. And the martyr-light in a woman's face. . . . "Dear Soul, that wooed, for a race ensized, The fiery Kiss, on thy brow engraved, Of shame and pain! Did I dream that my quest was vain? At mo!" 1 esid.

- Ah no!" 1 said-"For by deeds like thine chall the world be saved. Love is not dead !"

MARY A. WOODS.

W.S.P.U. MEMBERS' PLEDGE CARD. Jomen of all shades of political opinion who are not as definitely enrolled as members of the Women's ial and Political Union are invited to sign the mbers' pledge card, which they can obtain from the ses, 4, Clements Inn, and apply for membership. The

olices, 4, Clements Inn, and apply for membership. The pledge is as follows:— "I endorse the objects and methods of the Women's Social and Political Union, and I hereby undertake not to support the candidate of any political party at Parlia-mentary vote." There is an entrance fee of 1s. No definite subscrip-tion is fixed, as it is known that all members will give to the full extent of their ability to further the campaign funds of the Union.



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The hitherto anonymous marble ladies in the House of Commons have had their names "Anno Boleyn," "Berengaria of Navarre," and so forth carved upon their pedestals. This has been rendered necessary by the constant mistakes of strangers who imagined the statues to represent the Pankhurst family. -Evening News. -Evening News.

Shakespeare and Suffragists.

Her infinite variety wo cannot see in Mr. Herbert Gladstone much likeness to Cæsar. -Evening Standard.

"Votes for Women."

"Votes for Women." There is a very earnest tone about this week's number, which should convince even the scoptical that the present truce between the militarts and the Government is no sign of any abandonment of their claims. On the contrary, it is evidently only the lull that pre-cedes the storm unless reasonable treatment is accorded to the women. --Wallasey News.

--Wallasey News. The hunger strike is the most effective means pet devised for embarrassing the Government. These women are ready to give their lives for freedom's sake, but if one of them died, as the persuit of the Government's vindicitive policy or inning, it would be the end of the Govern-ment. To the Suffageites belongs the honour of demonstrating that the spirit of freedom and rightcomess in a woman is stronger than all the "force" on which we are told law ultimately rest." --Woman Voter (Melbourne).

-Woman Voter (Melbourne)

-woman voter (Melbourne). According to the Fremdenblatt, Queen Maud of Norway is an ardent Suffragist. As far as this goes, in Norway the vote has been given to women, and the reform, it is said, has had good results. It is only natural, there-fore, that the Queen should be in favour of . the experiment being made elsewhere. -The Lady.

It is stated in the *Dublin Saturday Herald* that the Grand Duchess Elizabeth, sister of the Czarina, is a strong Suffragist.

Czarina, is a strong Suffragist. A correspondent sends us a cutting from the Observer, in which the Rev. Montague Fowler, viar of All Hallows, E.C., protests against the classing of the elergy with women, criminals, and lunatics as ineligible for election to the House of Commons. "Surely," he writes, "the statute ought to be repealed." Our cor-respondent adds:--"The writer's delightful un-consciousness in, as a matter of course, asso-ciating women with the lowest classes of the comme men the lowest classes of the comment ounderstand the more important questions of their time; yet many of these men-have the Vote."

A correspondent sends a cutting from the American World of To-Day, in which the writer, treating the subject of the feeding of infants, points out that it is impossible to keep the inside of a tube clean. The danger, as our correspondent points out, is that should dis-sage germs be introduced while the body is in a weakened condition disease may result and a weakened condition disease may result and be attributed to any cause but the right one.

MEETING AT ALTRINCHAM.

MEETING AT ALTRINCHAM. A very successful meeting was held in the Institute, Altrincham, on Thursday evening, February 24. Between 400 and 500 people at-tended to hear Miss Gawthorpe and Miss Robinson, who explained the work of the W.S.P.U., with special reference to militant tactics. The chair was taken by Mrs. Charles Parker. Great appreciation and real enthu-siasm wore displayed. A number of Vorze you Worker were sold, and it is hoped that there will be many new members for the Union as a result of this visit, arranged by local members in Altrincham and Hale.

MISS PANKHURST AT THE NEW

MISS PANKHURST AT THE NEW VAGABOND CLUB. Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LLB., was re-cently the guest of the New Vagabond Club at the Hotel Cecil, when Mr. Doughas Bladen presided over a large gathering. Among those present were Miss Beatrice Harraden, Mrs. Ale O'Tweedie, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hentschel, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Unwin, Mr. Cecil Chapman, and others. Mr. E. F. Spence, in proposing "The Guest of the Evening," said Miss Pankhurst had gone to prison three tunes for trying to get what she

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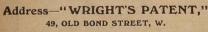


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BOOK OF THE WEEK. **Revolution.**

Prince Kropotkin is a firm believer in rev Intion In his pinion a reform which is achieved by methods of revolution of more subsequent valu to the people than the same rerm achieved by arrangement between the Government and the governed.

In his exhaustive work, "The Great French Revolution (Heinemann, 6s.), he brings forward more than one speci nstance to prove his theory.

Instance to prove his theory. When we study the conomic results of the great revolution is it was accomplished in France, we comprehend the wast differ nee there is between the abolition of feudalism accomplishes ureancratically by the feudal State itself, as was done in Prussia 1849, or in Russia in 1861, and the abolition accomplished by i opular revolution. In Prussia and Russia the peasants were read from feudal dnes and compulsory labour only by losing a onsiderable part of the lands they possessed, and by consenting to x_{β} heavy indicanity which ruined them. Nearly everywhere Europe the reform that abolished the feudal servitide increased power of the lords. In France alone, where the abolition of lordal system was carried out by a revolution, the change has ded against the lords, as an economic and political casts, to the vantage of the great mass of the peasants.

Kropotkin's history of the French Revolution deals with the side of the movement that has hitherto been neglected by historians. Readers of history have doubtless felt often that the story of this great upheaval has been written from the point of view of the intellectuals, and from the point of view of the middle classes who were placed by it in a position of dominance, but never from the point of view of the working people who played so considerable a part in the events of that time. At last we have the history written from the point

of view of "the man with the pike." The book is a monument of careful and original research It is in fact so realistic a picture of the continual conflict of a section against another section of the people, that the

mind at last becomes quite bewildered in the strife. But the very sense of despair in the attempt to comprehend the complicated situation makes one realise the extraordinary vitality and energy and genus of those men who attempted to cope with the overwhelming difficulties of the position and

mld the forces that were making the new era. The financial problem alone was enough to stagger the most ising. The great difficulty in the Revolution was that t had to make its way in the midst of frightful econom circumstances. Bankruptcy was always hanging threateningle over the heads of those who had undertaken to govern France which if not staved off would bring with it the revolt of the whole of the upper and middle classes against the Revolution The deficit had been one of the causes which forced royalty make the first concession, and this deficit was like a nightn all through the Revolution upon those who were successively pushed into power. One solution of this problem arrived a

by the Assembly at the close of 1789 was that of seizing the property of the Church, putting it up for sale, and in return paying the clergy by fixed salary. The result of this scheme was that in every centre of commerce, in every village i France, the clergy became centres of conspiracy to restore the old régime and feudalism.

For two years, from the summer of 1790 to that of 1792, the whole work of the Revolution was suspended by reaction Nobody knew whether it was the Revolution which was going to get the upper hand or the counter-revolution. The beam of the balance wavered continually between the two.

It is necessary to understand how the ground beneath every man's feet was honeycombed by plot and intrigue against the State; it is necessary, too, to bear in mind the machination of the nobles who had become emigrants at the European Courts, where they and become emigrants at the European Courts, where they andeavoared to stir up foreign powers to avade French territory, before we can understand the univer-al suspicion and panic which made possible the later excesses if the Revolution.

navade French territory, before we can understand tild mitter-sal suppiction and panio which made possible the later excesses of the Revolution. The end of this great story of human hope and endeavour is tragic. What was the good of the Revolution if the nation had to fall back again under despotism? Kropotkin in his concluding chapter answers this question. He says that these only who see in a revolution nothing but a change in the deventment, these only who are ignorant of its economic and educational work, could put such a question. He points out that the France we see in the last days of the eighteenth cen-tury is not the France that existed before 1789. It would have been impossible for the old France, wretchedly poor, with a third of her population suffering yearly from famine, to have maintained the Napoieonic wars, coming so soon after all Europe was attacking her. When, after twenty-three years of fighting, the Bourbons were admitted back as rulers of the country France was able to impose her own conditions upon them. The Bourbons might reign, but the lands were keed by the pseasants who had taken them from the found. Late, The old regime could not be re-established. The result of the French Revolution is not confined to what it obtained and what it retained in France. "Reform is always a compromise with the past, but the future progress." If the great French Revolution was the summing up of centuries of evolution, it also marked out in its term the programme of evolution, it also marked out in ithe course of the inteleventh century. Two great conquests in fact characterise the century that has passed since 1789 to 1795. 'the abolition of seridom and the abolition of absolution." "The one hing certain is," says Krepotkin in the closing sentence of his centain is," says Krepotkin in the closing sentence of his endending chapter, "that whateover nation enters on the path of evolution in our own day, it will be heir to all our forefathers have done in France. The blood they shed was shed for humanity—th

shed was shed for humanity-the sufferings they endu

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THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. Self-Defence.

Whatever the future may have for us, there is no doubt Whatever the intuire may nave for us, there is no could that the average woman is weaker, in muscular strength, than the average man. Yet in modern life it is not actual muscle that tells. Agility, alertness, dexterity, and endur-ance are usually of more importance, as the lessons of the Russo-Japanese war have taught, and it is the Japanese fine art of ju-jitsu or self-defence that has proved more than a match for mere brute force, and that is, therefore, art who may are a successful that is the account of not only a good accomplishment, but a necessary safe-guard for the woman who has to defend herself through

Ju-jitsu, which literally translated means the Art," is the art of balance and leverage, as easy as A B C, and as easily learnt as a child learns to walk. It has been practised in Japan for more than 2,000 years, but has only been taught to the populace during the last forty years; till then it was only known to the "Samuri"— the great fighting men of Japan—by whom it was taught by father to son, and so preserved.

It was introduced into this country about ten years ago by Mr. Barton Wright, who brought over the two Japanese champions, known as "Uyenishi " and "Tani." These men are quite representative of their race. Uyenishi, being of a good family, learnt the "art" from childhood as a sport; Tani, the son of a policeman, had lived all his if is in a dese (presting report) and mastered the science as a business. So taking the two different aspects of the 'art" as taught by these two men, and all the lessons I "art' as taught by inese two men, and all the lessons 1 could get from other clever Japanese—Myaki, Ono, Maida, Chiba San, and others—I have done my very best to apply Japanese methods to English wants, and I do not think there is any form of attack which cannot be local with are are concerned who cannot be defeated with dealt with, nor any opponent who cannot be defeated with

summising ease.

The great secret of ju-jitsu is to use an adversary's strength; for instance, a man rushes at a woman, he is aiming at a certain spot—that is, where she is standing aiming at a ceream spot-mat is, where she is schuling if she steps in to meet him and turns her head under his arm, he has wasted his strength on empty air, and she is close to him, in such a position that she can pull him over with ease, because his balance, after hitting nothing, is true.

The leverage lies in twisting wrists, elbows, or knee joints the way they are not meant to go, and it is quite suprising to find how easy it is to apply this, because if one is being pulled, the joints of the person pulling are in a bent position; therefore, one suddenly comes forward in the very way one was being pulled, but further than the assailant meant, so one bends his joints back further than nature intended them, thus holding him helpless, and should he attempt to struggle, causing him pain. and, should he attempt to struggle, causing him pain.

In this way one can regulate the punishment meted out; that is to say, one need only throw him and hold him helpless by a lock, or one can make it worse by breaking the limb. Another side of this art is that the student is tanght to fall without hurting herself, and as use becomes second nature, it is a very useful thing to know.

This is but a very slight sketch of what this great art vill enable those who master it to do; it provides for will enable those who master it to do, it provides for every emergency, and can meet every form of attack. How surprised that man at the Reading meeting would have been if the woman he struck had ducked her head, caught his arm before he drew it back, and pulled him off the platform. I believe that everyone of the audience

would have approved! Physical force seems the only thing in which women

Physical force seems the only thing in which which have not demonstrated their equality to men, and whilst we are waiting for the evolution which is slowly taking place and bringing about that equality, we might just as well take time by the forelook and use science, otherwise ju-jitsu.

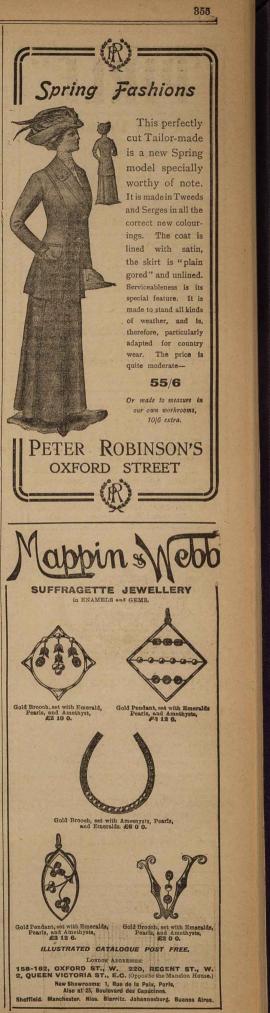
In this art all are equal, little or big, heavy or light, strong or weak; it is science and agility that win the victory. Is not this a forecast of the future? Science, quickness, vitality, and brains are surely equal to brute strength in politics as well as in fights.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

A correspondent sends the following quotation from, Nicholas Rowels "Fair Penitent." "Written," she says, "by one of the tyrant sex and in the year 1702, it ex-presses most concisely the sentiments of the woman of to-day":

How hard is the condition of our sex In all the dear delightful days of youth A rigid father dictates to our wills, And deals out pleasure with a scanty hand. To his, the tyrant husband's reign succeeds; Proud with opinion of superior reason, He holds domestic business and devotion All we are capable to know, and shuts us, Like cloister'd ideots, from the world's acquaintance, And all the joys of freedom. Wherefore are we Born with high souls, but to assert ourselves, Shake off this vile obedience they exact, And claim an equal empire o'er the world?

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VOTES FOR WOMEN AND SWEATED INDUSTRIES.

By Adela Pankhurst.

Five and a-half million or more of the women in ou country are wage-earners, and are totally unrepresented in the Legislature which has framed and is busily em-ployed in amending and increasing the laws which govern

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The Peril of the Women.

Such machinery might prove to be of the greatest value if those who were to be affected by it had a lever to control it, but the unrepresented condition of women leaves them unprotected against very serious dangers.

First, it must be noted that the workers will always First, it must be noted that the workers will always be in a minority on the Trades Boards. The Govern-ment's representatives hold the balance of power. The Government, too, can sanction or suspend the rates which have been decided upon by the Boards. Thus the Govern-ment, as far as the workers in four trades are concerned, have power to decide what the minimum standard of life for a woman shall be and what shall be the minimum wage paid to their workepople by employers. The Govern-ment represents the employers, who are not only voters, but sit in the House of Commons fixed, having been elected by men to whom an Act of Parliament like this but sit in the House of Commons Theell, having been elected by men to whom an Act of Parliament like this does not apply at all. For instance, a large employer of women's labour can be elected to Parliament by an elec-torate of miners because he supported the Eight Hours Act or maintains the fiscal policy most favoured by the

men. The employers, too, are large subscribers to the funds of political parties, and are organised in Unions of Masters with emoryours political power and influence. In short, the employers have the fullest representation under the Trades Board Act.

The women concerned are entirely denied this power The women concerned are entirely denied this power, as they will be of the poorest and weakers section of the community, prevented by poverty and overwork from effective organisation. Even when organised they are voteless, and so unrepresented in Parliament. They cannot get access to the Board of Trade and lay their grievances personally before the authorities. In short, they have no means of protecting their interests under the Trades Boards Act.

There can be little doubt that the minimum wage will There can be little doubt that the minimum wage will tend to become the maximum wage, as the employers, being compelled to spend money in one direction, will naturally attempt to save it in another. All the women workers in the four trades under the scope of the Act would be too poor to resist a reduction in wages, and great injustice and suffering will be caused by a reduction of the more skilled workers' wages to the low standard

of the minimum wage. f the minimum wage. Should the Act prove beneficial, the women employed in the other sweeted trades are powerless against their polithe other sweated trades are powerless against their poli-tically enfranchised employers to demand a Trades Board their industry

g entransmission employers by demaind a Traces board eier industry. omen have no reason to trust their fate in the hands ny Government which declines to be responsible to as electors. The action of the Local Government d, in its obstinate refusal to make provision for un-loyed women, says little good of the intentions of that riment under its present administration. The fact no women were permitted to sit on the Committee to ire into the sweated industries (upon the report of h the Act was framed) shows the contempt for and ference to women's opinion and interests which have acterised the present Government. Sweating of the t barbarous kind has been carried on by the tion of the Government, and this unfits them for task of legislating for the wages of those voteless cers of whom they take advantage. Wages of ½d, hour have been paid to the makers of Govern-telothing for years, without comment, and this dis-ferl state of things never came to light until one poor thre atterneted to end her existence by drowning. rs, without comment, and th s never came to light until on end her existence by drowni

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Asquith's utterance at the Albert Hall, it was universally believed that he would not continue in office after the General Election, except upon the terms of being able to overcome the resistance of the Peers by the use of the Royal prerogative, and the declarations of Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George upon this point were even more explicit. These solemn pledges have already been broken, and Liberal members of Parliament and others, in spite of the satisfaction they express at the renewal of these pledges, must be filled with apprehension that they will

that he will keep faith with them some six weeks

hence. For his statement, as interpreted in a

subsequent speech by Mr. Lloyd George, means that

he repeats and renews his repudiated and broken Albert

Hall pledge on the subject of safeguards. The

Government, that is to say, wish it to be supposed that

they stake their existence as a Government upon being

able to secure in a few weeks' time the means of compell-

ing the acceptance by the House of Lords of their Veto

proposals. Liberals have, of course, no reason what-

ever for supposing that in six weeks' time this pledge

will be more binding upon the conscience of Mr.

Asquith and the Government than it proved to be at

the close of the General Election. As the result of Mr.

be broken once more. That the Veto resolutions will be rejected by the House of Lords is quite certain, and the Government have provided two excuses for their rejection, of which the Lords will readily avail themselves. In the first place, the Government persist in their intention of raising the Veto question by resolution and not by bill, and, as Mr. Barnes, speaking in the House of Commons, pointed out, the Lords will say, "We are not called upon to deal with resolutions; produce your bill, and we will express our opinion upon that." The waste of public time involved by discussing a resolution for three weeks in the House of Commons and for several The Women's Social and Political Union are NOT asking or a vote for every woman, but simply that sex shall cease to be a disqualification for the franchise. resolutions were finally adopted, a bill on the same lines will afterwards have to be discussed, rouses the indignation of the members of this Union, and, we believe, of all other serious-minded politicians.

Mr. Balfour and Lord Hugh Cecil drew attention to the second excuse with which the Government present the House of Lords, for they gave warning that the Lords will refuse to accept the proposals for limiting the Veto, until they know what changes the Government propose afterwards to effect in the constitution of the Upper House. In fact, Mr. Asquith, by clinging to his scheme of re-constituting the House of Lords and postponing its introduction until a subsequent session, is certainly not facilitating the settlement of the Veto

to be a prophet to foretell the defeat of the Veto resolutions, and unless the Government again go back upon is to be expected in May or June. Whether or no this will result in a change of Government, and the replacement of Mr. Asquith by Mr. Balfour at 10, Downing

the Government, whether Liberal or Unionist, will be dependent for its existence upon the good pleasure of the Irish and Labour members. Indeed, as Mr. Balfour in a recent speech seemed to predict, this is in future likely to be the normal condition of affairs. This is a fact that brings a great light of hope to those engaged in the Woman Suffrage Movement, who for close upon half a century have seen their cause excluded from a place in practical politics by the inexorable working of the two-party system. The formation of new political groups by rendering unstable the equilibrium of the two great parties greatly increases the effect of the pressure which associations

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Acts of Parliament have been passed and new Bills are under consideration, some of which apply only in the case of men, others of which only apply in the case of It may be fairly said that all labour measures apply-ing to men have been passed :---(1) At the request of the workers themselves.
(2) After being drafted in consultation with the representatives of the workers.
(3) And subject to amendment or repeal should the workers find them inimical to their interests.

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Consequently, any permanent injustice to working men

In the case of women workers it can be as fairly stated

have elapsed.

(2) The representatives of the workers need not be, and often are not, consulted about the drafting of Acts of

otten are not, constituted about the intarting of note of Parliament obeyed by millions of workers. (3) Should Acts of Parliament even framed with excel-lent intentions prove to be unjust or impossible to en-

lent intentions prove to be unjust of imposite to en-force, women have no appeal against them. On the one hand, the army of working men marches forward, winning by right dignity, independence, and the full fruits of their labour; whilst the army of women toils forward haltingly, awaiting crumbs which, thrown at another's pleasure and often falling accidentally, are atimes found to be not useless only, but even in-The difference between men and women is the differ-

ence between freedom and slavery, for me make their own laws, and laws are made for women by others. Men have representation in the House of Commons, and women have none.

What the Vote Means to Workers.

The value of this representation can be shown by the

following instances :--In 1905 a judicial decision, known as the Taff Vale Decision, imperilled the position of the trade union funds. It was a matter which concerned large numbers of the men workers of the country, whose money and in-dustrial interest generally were bound up in the trade

At the General Election in 1906 the working men returned their Parliamentary representatives, pledged to amend the law. In the first session the Trades Disputes Bill was enacted by a Parliament in which working men were not only represented by every member, but also by the Labour members, elected and paid directly by them to watch their interests. Had the new Act not dealt with the grievance in a manner approved by the total to watch user in a manner approved by the trade unionists the Government responsible would have been faced with an electoral crisis which would inevitably have ended in

the Government's surrender or defeat. Minorities, too, can control a Government's action; for example, take the Miners' Eight Hours Act. The deexample, take the Miners' Eight Hours Act. The de-mand on the part of miners for an eight-hours day is a long-standing one, and dates back to the days before con-certed political action was resorted to by trades unionists. While the miners depended only on the justice of their demand for a shorter working day at an arduous and dangerons calling and on the humanity of their legisla-tors, nothing beyond vague sympathy was gained; but when they brought their Parliamentary votes to bear by giving them or withholding them at Parliamentary elec-tions the Government immediately took steps to satisfy ons the Government immediately took steps to satisfy the needs of this numerous body of voters, whose support they wished to gain

A New Act of Parliament.

We have now to consider a new Act of Parliament which is of far greater moment to those whom it affects than any former legislation touching the working classes, for it must absolutely fix wages at a legal minimum in four trades, and can extend to every trade, so that its effect will be, in all probability, to fix by a hard and fast line the standard of existence for those who have no power to appeal against it. The four trades are:--

(1) Ready-made and wholesale bespoke tailoring.
 (2) Cardboard paper or chip box-making.
 (3) Machine-made lace and net finishing and lace cur-

(3) Machine-made lace and net finishing and lace curtain finishing.
(4) Certain kinds of ohain-making.
All other trades may be affected at any time by provisional order of the Board of Trade.
The Act provides for a Trades Board that will fix a legal minimum wage.
Before passing on to the minor details of the Act, the tremendous importance of such a piece of legislation must be considered. It affects, or will affect, some millions of women whose wishes on the matter have not been and cannot be ascertained. It absolutely fixes the standard of living for those people who come within its scope at a level decided upon by a body of people who do not represent them in any way.

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He, like Mr. Sydney Buxton (indeed, this is the pre-vailing idea) calculated that each woman was entirely without dependents. The position of the widow with roung children and the woman with a sick husband, and of the woman who is the sole support of aged parents to little brothers and sisters, is too terribly hazardous T words

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The Trades Boards Act will place the lives of

f women workers absolutely in the power of a body of, copie over whom they have no control. If the rejection of the Budget by the House of Lords is revolution, what must Liberals think of this?

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Great Meeting in the Albert Hall.

The great meeting in the Royal Albert Hall on Friday, March 18th / This is an event to which the eyes of every member of the Union are now turned. It is not only an event which concerns the London members alone, but also an event member of the Union are now turned. It is not only an event which concerns the London members alone, but also an event for the national movement throughout the country. For this meeting is the annual reunion of the W.S.P.U., when the history of the year which ends on the last day of February is reviewed, and when the Union looks forward and attempts to foresee the coming events of the new year. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be expounded, and it is hoped that members from every part of England and Scotland and Wales will come and gather fresh enthusiasm for the work that lies before them in the immediate future. Mrs. Pankhurst calls upon all the members of the Union to put forth special effort during the remaining two weeks to bring this meeting to the notice of those who have hitherto remained untouched by this great movement. Tickets should be secured at once. Application should be made to Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The prices are as follows: Stalls, 5e.; arena, 2s. 6d.; balcony, 1s.; upper or chestra, 6d.; and boxes at various prices. The 1s. and 6d. seats are for women only, and all seats are numbered, except those in the upper orchestra. The lower orchestra tickets are all sold. all sold.

Free Meetings in London.

Free Meetings in London. The two weekly meetings (on Monday afternoons at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, and Thursday evenings as St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street) to which the public are admitted free continue to attract very large and en-thusiastic audiences. Next Monday afternoon the speakers will be Miss Decima Moore, the well-known actrees, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and Mr. Pethick Lawrence, ind on Thursday evening it is hoped that Miss Selina Martin will be well enough to tell the story of the disgraceful treatment meted out to her while on remand in Walton Gaol. Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Mrs. A. J. Wabba will also speek

Missions to Women.

Some interesting reports from various parts of the country where special Missions to Women are in progress will be found on pp. 558-560. Mrs. Pankhurst is taking an active part in these Missions, and is conducting meetings at Southport to-day and to-morrow, and at Leicester next week.

The Scottish Exhibition.

The Scottish Exhibition. Soottish women, determined not to be behind their English sisters in ingenuity, are preparing all kinds of delights for the Scottish Exhibition and Sale of Work which will take place in the Charing Cross Halls, Glasgow, on April 28, 29, and 30. They will welcome help of all descriptions, and those who would like to share in the privilege of working for this Exhibition are invited to communicate with the Exhi-bition Secretaries, whose names will be found on page 353, or with Mrs. Drummond, 502, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

By-Elections.

A vigorous W.S.P.U. campaign has been opened in the likeston Division of Derbyshire in opposition to the candi-dature of Colonel Seely, the Government nominee. Volun-teers for the few days yet remaining before polling day are asked to communicate at once with Miss Christabel Pank-hurst, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

To New Speakers.

The newly inaugurated Speakers' Class has had a most successful beginning (see page 359). The class, by the kind-ness of the Misses Brackenbury, is being held every Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at 2, New Road, Campden Hill (Notting Hill Gate Station). Instruction is given by Miss Rosa Leo, the well-known elocutionist, and the very small fee of 2d. per week is charged for books, etc.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst in Dublin.

Next Friday, March II, in response to an invitation from the Irish Women's Franchise League, Miss Christabel Pank-hurst will address an important meeting in the Rotunda, Dublin. Tickets, price 2s., 1s., and 6d., may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the League, Antient Concert Buildings, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

The Woman's Press.

Inc woman's Press. In response to special request, the beautiful speech by Mr. John Maschield at the Queen's Hall on February 14 is being reprinted in pamphlet form, price 1d., and will be ready in about a week. "The Reforming of Augustus," by Irene Rutherford McLeod (the text of the play performed at the Rehearsal Theatre on January 15), was erroneously announced last week as 1d.; the price is 2d. Orders should be sent to the Secretary, Woman's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.G.

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY.

"There has been such a me highted England as can never be put out," said one who in his day rebelled against oppression and who fought for liberty. To day it is women who are the rebels. For indeed, they have laid down their arms, but they are ready for the fighting line should the need arise. And in the me numbers who have never befor meantime numbers who have hever below come under the spell of the Woman's Movement are being drawn into the great army; and not only in London and the great towns, but in the villages as well the torch is passing from hand to hand and daily the army grows bigger and mor

Home Counties.

BRIGHTON AND DISTRICT. Office-8, North Street, Quadrant. Telephone 4883 (Nat.).

Office-S, North Street, Wath, Telephone 883 (Nat.). Organiser-Mrs. Clarke. Members and Friends are reminded of the weekly At Homes at Forfar's Restaurant, to which they are invited to bring friends, espe-cially those still unconverted. Additional volunteers for selling Yorns you. Wourn and for envassing women householders of Brighton and Hove are wanted. Will members make a point of calling at the offices for information as to meetings? These are frequently arranged at too short notice for announcement in Yorns to meetings? These are frequently arranged too short notice for announcement in VOTES 18 WORKN. "How the Vote was Won" will played at the Athenneum Hall, North reet, on March 10, at 8 p.m.; doors open 7.30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at the fiese. Miss Decima Moore has kindly pro-ised to recite "Woman This and Woman hat." Some younger members are anxious to m a local Drummers' Union. Information local Drummers' Union. Infor btained from Miss Marie Layer

CANTERBURY AND THANET.

RAYLEIGH. Hon. Sec., Mrs. Warren, B.A., The White Cottage. By the time this issue appears the first meet-ing of members, to elect officers and consider organisation, will have been held. Weekly public meetings (free) are held at the Council Schools (Girls'). Love Lone, on Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. Next Tuesday, March 8, is a special Interface to be addressed by a speaker from London. Will anyone who can help in work-ing up this meeting communicate with the Hon. Sec. as above?

Tuesday, March 8.-Council School (Girls'), Love Lane, 8 p.m.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT. Office-33, Paradise Street. Organiser-Miss Dorothy Evans.

Not only were members and friends at th weekly At Homes last week charmed by th delightful speeches by Mrs. Penn Gaskell, but new members were made. A full and en-thusiastic meeting was hold on Thursday at St. Mary and St. John's Mission, Saldley, and ad-dressed by Miss O. E. Dugdale, of Cholten-ham. In the Temperance Hall, Birmingham, on Friday, Miss Mary Gawthorpe araised cheer after cheer from an entranced audience, and her speech roused the workers to fresh mengy and assurance of speedy success. Will Bir-mingham members notice that the Office will in future be kept open until 8 p.m. Gaiy. In preparation for the Woman's Mission (April 5, 6, and 7, when Mrs. Pankhurst will address meetings at the Midland Institute at 3 p.m. for women only and at 8 p.m. for all school-room meetings are being arranged in all delightful speeches by Mrs. Penn Gaskell, but

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 LEICESTER AND DISTRICT. Official Street, Bowling Green Street. Organiser-Miss B. Pethide.
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 The Mission is occurpting all the workers' thoughts as the next piece of work which hey have to accouplish. More canvassers are urgently needed to bring to women house a pare even an hour or two send in their rances to the organisers. Journal of the Granisers and in the nove mont. Will volunteers call at the office? This weak new ground has been broken at Kibworth, where great interest has been aroused by a local member, Mrs. Taylor, who has worked hard in canvassing and speak. inc. The dealy solve heads of the action with the Mission. At the first At Horne are too which they are a descreating and appeak. Inc. The dealy a local member, Mrs. Taylor, we quite full, and the audience listened with in the new toom at the Savoy Hotel the room was quite full, and the audience listened with ing. During the Mission the meetings an-nounced below will be addressed by Mrs. Pathiurst. The shop still neede furniture. The dealy, storem, and scorealing, the gring a drawing-room meeting next Monday (7kh). An At Horne at 19, The dair. Priday startest apple, and Street Jones, Jones. Nonday, The-Haiton, Wesponies Valley, Dawing-the draw, Startest apple, and Master Markin Taylor, are great acquisitions. All members will be endones of the shop warming' and momber' meeting at the shop on Monday, March 7.
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March 7. Monday, March 7th.-Ehop Warming, Speakers' Class. Bay, At Bonday Correct Association and the second state of the se

Pankhurst (Public), 5 p.m. Pankhurst (Public), 5 p.m. NORTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT. W.S.P.U. Organisar-Miss Corson 10, Holly Road. At the weekly meeting, which was well at-tended, a number of new friends were present and listened attentively to an earnest address from Miss Marie Brackenbury. Next week members are looking forward to having Miss PitaPatrick, has promised to give an address. PitaPatrick, has promised to give an address. Members are asked to make the weekly meet-ing known to their friends. NOTINGHAM.

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Office-6, Carlton Street. ers-Miss Crocker and Miss Roberts. Organise

Office-4, Carlos streat. Organizes-Hiss Grocker and Miss Roberts. Mrs. Pankhurst addressed the members at the At Home lask Friday on the forthcoming Women's Mission which she is to conduct on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednasday, March 21, 22, and 23, in the East Queen Street Hall, Not-tingham. Afternoon meetings will be held at 3 p.m. and the evening meetings at 8 p.m. Admission is free with the exception of a few reserved scales at 1a, to be obtained at the shop. Handbills are now ready, and anyone willing to canvas should send in their names to the organisers at once. It is intended to canvass the women municipal voters, and this will entail a great deal of work. Every mem-ber is asked to do her utmost to help in this direction.

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

Offes -37, Queen's Rock, Ciliton-Organiser-Miss Annle Kenney. Miss Mordan delighted Monday's audience with a witty epeech, and again at a drawing-room meeting on Tuesday, given by Mrs. Dug-dale and Mrs. Dove-Willox. A crowded meet-ing for women was held on Wednesday at the Mount Pleasant Men's Institute at St. George, vary kindly lent by the minister, Mr. Bray. Members are now turning thair attention to the Women's Mission on April 14, 16, and 16, when Mrs. Pankhurst will speak. Will volunteers come forward'now for working up these meet-ings? The speakers' class, started a few weeks ago, is most promising. Miss Victoria Simmons is President, Miss Winnis Simmons is Secretary, and Miss Nowman. Treasurer. Members and others interested cannot do theter than visit the shop, 37, Queen's Road, on Friday evenings, at 7.30, and see for them-selves. Visitors pay a small feo. Miss Allen I will be glad of more helpers for selling Voras FOR WOMEN. This is extremely interesting I work, and someone who is used to it is always willing to accompany the uninitiated Mr. H. O. Brails for own has the Nictoria Rooms for March 12 at 8 p.m.

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Wadnasday, 9th.-Bridge Sirest, Open-Air Meeting. 7.30 p.m. Thurday, 10th.-Paim Court, Savoy Hotel, At Home, Miss Rachel Barrett, 3.30 p.m.

Hon. Sec.-Miss Mills, Teendarla, Osney Crescent, Paignton.

Miss Mills is arranging a series of drawing-room meetings; further details will be given next week.

North-Eastern Counties. BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Office-68, Manningham Lane. Organiser-Miss Mary Phillips.

Office-es, Manufaguar Late. Officies-Wiss Manufaguar Late. The schoolroom meetings continue to be most enouraging, and all the canvascer tell the same story of intelligent and sympathetic interest among the women. More workers are meeded! Never was the harvest riper or more worth reaping. Special attention is drawn to the meeting for shop assistants and business women in the Friends' Meeting House next Tuesday, March 8. Will members leave bills in overy shop they enter? The women's penny tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting on Mon-day, March 14, in the Central Baths Hall, are selling very well, and many engaged in social work among women are making themselves responsible for the sale or distribution of these. It is hoped that arrangements will be made responsible for the sale or distribution of an It is a hoped that arrangements will be m for Mrs. Pankhurst to be At Home to th who desire to come into closer touch with movement on the two days following meeting. Details will be announced at meeting; meanwhile members are asked keep these days free. Friday, March 4th .- Drammond Road School, Mr. Hardy Behrens, Miss Mary Phillips, 7.30 p.m.

Hernam, and Biyth is to have another visit. The following members are taking turns at the office:-Miss G. Pattison, Mrs. Burn, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hannah, Miss Hardwick, Mrs. Akkinson, Mrs. Taylor has given various articles, including a reading lamp and a beau-tiful Florentine pitcher. Home-made jam and marmalade for sale are specially appealed for, as well as pretty and attractive things for the shop window.

Organisst-Miss Adela Pankhurst, Si, Broomgrove Road. A series of drawing-room meetings on March 3, 4, 5, and 6 has been arranged by Miss Hitch, Mrs. Daniel Evans, and the Misses Woodhead and Mra. Cole, of Rotherham. The sum of 235 yearly has been subscribed towards the ex-penses of the Sheffield campaign. Mrs. Archdals will, welcome further subscrip-tions and donations. Miss Hitch 22, Clark-grove Road, has volunteered to organise the VOIRS FOR WOILN sellers. There will be a street-selling corps, and local committees are to be formed to get posters displayed by local newagents. There is to be a house-to-house canvas to secure new readers, and Miss Hitch colls for volunteers for this splendid scheme. Arrangements are complete for the At Home to meet Miss Marie Brackenbury in the Cut-lers' Hali on March 15, at 3.30. All who would like invitations should apply to Mrs. Archdals, 31, Broomgrove Road. Eviday March 4th -Grooksmore Road, "Hiswatha," Drawnal would a funct at the Mrs. Mrs. Archdals, 21, Brackerson Meriane. Mrs. Daniel Brane, Mrs. Maniel Brane, Mrs. Daniel Brane, Mrs. Maniel Brane, Mrs. Maniel Brane, Mrs. Daniel Brane, Mrs. Maniel Brane, Mrs. Manie Bran

Friday, March 4th.—Crookesmore Road, "Hiawatha," Drawing-room Meeting, Mrs. Daniel Evans. 5 p.m. Baturday, 5th.—Rotherham, Sannyside, Drawing-room Meeting, Misses Woodhead, 3 p.m.

YORK.

YORK. Hon. Sec., Mrs. Coultats, 68, Nunthorpe Road. The women's meeting is postponed until probably) April 6.

North-Western Counties. MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Central Office-164, Oxford Road, Manchester. Organisers-Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Rona Robinson.

meeting; meanwhile members are asked to keep these days free.
 Fidax, March 4th.-Drummond Road School, Miss Jaburaton, Miss Mary Philips, 7.30 p.m.
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the Mission, and that at the Sun Hall meet ing, to be held at the close, Miss Christabel Parkhurst and (it is hoped) Lady Constance Lython will speak. Friday, Rich 4th.-Clayton Square, Miss Flatman and and others, 5 p.m. Friday, 11th.-Birkenhead, 5t, John's Church, Grage Rodd, Miss Flatman, 5 p.m.

March 4, 1910.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE METROPOLIS.

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afternoon, have been held in the shopping contress of the neighbourhood to make known to-day's town hall meeting. These have been addressed by Miss Brackenbury, Miss Phillips, Miss E. Wylie, Miss Jones, and others. Canvassers have been hard at work, and a great amount of bill distribution has been done. Workers are reminded that they should be quich in evidence this (Friday) morning in Kensington High Street with handbills, in order to keep this afternoon's meeting work is asked to call at the shop for bills and instructions. Now that the weather is bocoming lees sover it is hoped that more yoursteers for paper selling will come forward. Many whose health will not allow of their standing out of doors during the winter would be able to do so during the spring and sum-mer, and it is of the utmost importance that the piches should be properly staffed. Thanks are due for anonymous gifts of 10s. and 2s. to one of the speakers at the olose of an open-air meeting.

LAMBETH.

Hon. Sec.-Mrs. Bartels, 23, Acacia Grove, Dulwich Organising Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 37, Drewstead Road, Streatham.

Road, Streatham. The Women's Mission in Brixton was brought to a successful close last Friday, when Miss Christabol Pankhurst and the Hon. Mrs. Havorfidd spoke at the Avondale Hall. The Mission work was shown by the fact that, atthough this was a public meeting, the audi-ence was mainly composed of women. Nor is this interest to be allowed to die away. A series of drawing-room and other indoor meet-ings is boing arranged, full particulars of which will be announced next week. Will members and friends willing to lend their drawingrooms kindly communicate with the organising secretary at the above address! One very encouraging feature of the recest organising secretary at the above address? One very encouraging feature of the recent campaign is that great interest has been aroused among business women. During the visit of the W.S.P.U. Band the manager of the Bon Marché very kindly made all arrange-ments for tea for the players, although it was early olosing day. He also had the entire room decorated in the colours, and bunches of violets and lilly of the valley for every member of the Band. The girk, who so kindly stayed overtime to wait at tea, are all keenly interested in VOTES FOR WOMEN, and sold quite a number of tickets for Miss

nd sold quite a number of tickets for Miss A new local union has been formed to gather in the Lambeth constituency, with a view to preparing fresh ground for the next General Election. The following further donations to wards the Mission Fund are gratefully acknow-ledged :-Lady Williamson, 4s.; Miss M.

Seale, 5a.; Miss Jobson, 1a.; Mra. Langley, Ia.; Miss Hutton, 10a.; Miss Sontance, Ia.; collection at Avondale Hall, £1 13a.; tickets, 511 16a. 6d.; extra on Vorzes ron Wourn, Ia. 6d.; membership fees, £1 2a. leaving a good balance in hand. Larger funds are, of course, urgently needed if the work is to be carried on effectively, and subscriptions will be very wal-come. They should be sent to the 10n. Trea-surer, Mrs. Pullen, 17, Beulah Hill, Upper Norwood, S.E.

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MARYLEBONE. Hon. Sec.-Mrs. Nourse, 20, Weymouth Street, W. Hon. Sec.-Mrs. Nourse, 20, Weymouth Street, W. Friends are reminded that the speakers' class at 147, Harlay Street, W., every Friday, at 8 sp.m., is still going on. A lady elocutionist, Miss Dawis, gives instruction free of charge, and the class, of which the results have been excellent, has always been open to every mem-ber of the W.S.P.U., not merely to those be-longing to Marylebone. Members wishing to gain a little experience in speaking, and unable to join Miss Brackenbury's class, are invited to come to 147, Harley Street. Volunteers are still much needed for canvassing work.

London	Meetings	during	the	Forthcoming	Week.	
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		tabel Pankhurst. Chair: The Lady Emily Lutyens	3 p.m.
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	Broadway, Lecture	Mrs. Lamartine Yates	3.30 p.m
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	Hammersmith, The Grove	Miss Kathleen Brown Misses Glover and Garnett	7 p.m. 6.30 p.m
	Honor Oak, Hohfluh, Canonbie Road Ilford	Votes Corps	7 p.m.
	2 New Road Campden Hill	Speakers' Class	4 p.m.
	Nutford Place, W.	Miss Wright	8.15 p.m
	Peckham Rye, Outside Tabernacle		7.30 p.m
	Richmond, Heron Court Willesden Green Station	Miss Elas Myors	12 noon. 7 p.m.
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VOTES FOR WOMEN.



N.W. LONDON. Shop and Office-215, High Road, Kilburn. Hon. Sec.-Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

Signed membership cards continue to come n as the result of Mission Week. Members re devoting themselves to replenishing their In as the result of Mission Week. Members are devoting themselves to replenishing their war chest, and on March 12 a whist drive will take place in the large room over the shop at 8 p.m. Tickets (which include refreshments) are 2a each. It is hoped that members and friends will lose no time in securing them, with the double object of helping the cause and spending a pleasart evening. Friends are also asked to remember the Jumble Sale. Parcels can now be sent to the shop, and where desired carriage will be paid. VOTES FOR WOREN sellers are much wanted. Will anyone volunteer t

PUTNEY AND FULHAM. Shop-905, Fulham Road. Hon. Secs.-Mrs. H. Roberts, Miss Cutten.

Hon. Bees., Miss. H. Roberts, Miss Gutten.
"Suffragettes at the Town Hall.—Miss Christabel Pankhurst's Fighting Speech," was one of the local newspaper placards after the meeting on February 22. Will members and friends please remember the meeting next Friday evening, March 11, at 8 p.m., at 905, Fulham Road, and the Whits Drive on Friday. April 8? (Tickets, Is. 6d., including refreshments.) The following additional subscriptions have been received towards the expenses of furnishing:-Mrs. Davies, 108. 6d.; Miss Tanzer, 2s. 6d. A welcome addition has also been made to the weekly guarantee fund. Homemade marmalade and Turkish doight will be shortly on sale. Orders should be given at once. Will any friend kindly lend some palms to improve the appearance of the new shop? Tickets for the Albert Hall meeting can be obtained and a plan of the hall seen at 905, Fulham Road. Members gave valuable help at the 8t. George's by-election during the week-end.

RICHMOND AND KEW.

Hon. Sec.-Mrs. Clayton, Glengariff, Kew Road, Richmond.

At last Thursday's meeting members and friends listened with keen interest to the Rev. C. Hinseliff's remarks on the religious and schical aspects of the movement, and to the thoughtful and earnest address of Mrs. Mansel, thoughthil and earnest address of Mirs. Manage, who dealt with the economic side of the ques-tion. Miss Naylor has kindly promised to speak at the next indoor meeting. Grateful acknowledgment is made of the donation of 2a, towards the Shop Fund, handed in by a speak speak speak. lady during the open-air meeting last Satur-day, when Miss Jacobs was the speaker. The Hon. Literature Secretary urgently wants more

MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN ON THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT.

GOVERNMENT. Mr. Asquith's statement on Monday has not improved the situation. This division, irresolution, and lack of fighting spirit have killed the Government, and for the time being dismayed and alignated the forces which gave them a majority of 124 to settle the veto of the House of Lords. . All faith in the Government will evaporate from the breasts of those who lately wore so enthusiastic for bottle against the House of Lords. A few months lator the Government will be turned out of office or dissolved, and they will appeal in vain for support if they do no better in the mean-time than their present intentions indicate. .-Mr. Philip Snowden in the "Christian Commonwealth." commonwealth.

LORD O'BRIEN AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

There is no sanction, in justice or expediency, hat a woman should remain unenfranchised that a woman should remain unenfranchised simply because she is a woman. . . The objection based upon the ground of sex rests upon no solid foundation.—From the Irish Law Times' report of Lord O'Brien's speech in Dublin on February 2.)

paper-sellers. Will as many members as pos-sible help? Albert Hall tickets can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary at the above address. WIMBLEDON. Hon. Sec .-- Mrs. Lorsignol, 27, Merton Hall Road.

March 4, 1910.

The Friday At Home, at which Mrs. Lamar-tine Yates gave an address on "Her Right to the Franchise: If Not, Why Not?" the second of her series of addresses on the woman's moveof her series of addresses on the woman's move-ment, was most encouraging. A large propor-tion of those present were strangers, who in-tend to come again and bring friends. The re-citation by Mrs. Wilkinson of "The Women Do Not Want It," by Charlotte Perkins Gil-Do Not Want It," by Charlotte Perkins Gil-man, very fittingly preceded the address, and was much enjoyed. A good collection was taken and much literature sold. This Union has re-ceived a very welcome gift of four dozen chairs for their meeting room, Mr. Lamartine Yates's birthday gift to his wife, at her own request, who, in her turn, presented them to the Union. Perhaps other members may like to make simi-bar was of birthdars and as ralises the present Perhaps other members may like to make simi-lar use of birthdays, and so relieve the present strain upon the Union's coffers. Sunday's meeting, as usual, brought together a large crowd, which, in spite of the cold, wet ground, listened attentively for one and achalf hours to Miss Leonora Tyson and Mrs. Lamartine Yates. Will members and friends remember that the At Home to-day (Friday, 4th), at 3.30 pm., with an address on "Woman's Feiters," is open with an address or to all, and that more helpers are wanted?

MEN'S LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE. The third annual meeting of the Men's League for Woman Suffrage was held on Tnesday, February 22, at the Queen's Hall. Mr. Herbert Jacobs presided. The Earl of Lyton stated that the new Parliment was ontriely occupied with a grievance of its own-a grievance intimately connected with the cause of woman's enfranchisement. No Government had the right to embark on measures utless backed by the support of the people, and this world only be when women as well as men were consulted. Much had been soil about the impatence of women, but more violence, organised violence had been done by men during the three weeks of the General Election than had been done by women during the whole of their agritation. All honour to the women who had shown such compicuous courage and of their agitation. All honour to the women who had shown such conspicuous courage and

AN INTERESTING QUESTION IN NEBRASKA.

The question as to whether women can hold county offices if elected to them will be tried in the courts of Nebraska. Miss Gertrude Jordon has been elected county treasurer, but the treasurer already in office (by the way, his name is Mr. Quibble) refused to give up his post and the funds because she is a woman. The ques-tion will be decided in the Supreme Court.



MEN'S LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

determination. determination. Mr. Anourin Williams, M.P., seconded a resolution in favour of woman suffrage, sup-ported by Mr. Hugh Law, M.P., Mr. Laurence Housman, and Mr. Chancellor, M.P. The reso-lution was carried with one dissentient.

A WOMAN LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER.

A WOMAN LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER. Mong the many callings followed by women perhaps the most unusual is that of care-taker of a lighthouse. We learn from Hamp-ton's Magazine that Ida Lewis has lived in a lonely lighthouse on Rhode Island for fifty-three years. She is sizty-five and untiring, duntless, and brave. She has saved twenty-troe lives from the see, and she is a pensioner of the Carnorgie Horo Fund, as well as holding the Government first-class medial for bravery and the American Cross of Honour. She suc-ceeded her mother as lighthouse keeper in 187. "The light," she says, "is my child, and I know when it needs me, even if I sleep." Her greatest precepts are work and thrift, and she has never had a holdiay, nor has she asked for one. for one



SELLING A WIFE.

for her. "Neither party cared for the bargain and went to a lawyer, who told them the same as the auctioneer. She was his by law, though

he could not mary her. "They lived together and a son was born to them, and the grandchildren of this strange mion are prosperous merchants in a manu-facturing town in the Midlands. "The unworthy husband, after a round of debauchery, returned and demanded the wife he had sold, or a corner in the home. This was refused, and he died in the workhouse. "The law demands that a halter be placed over the woman's head and that she be led theorem the strants and with us a tarbhild rough the streets and nut up at public notion. Any children by the union following on take the first man's name."

second case: "In the first man's name." Second case: "In the mining town of Pontefract, Yorks, lived a man, wife, and three children, seemingly fairly happy. "A young miner came to live neighbour to them, and the husband fancied the wife was in love with the young man, so he placed the halter over hor head, led her through the

at the time. all be glad to furnish anyone with the d any of these parties. The last case well; the young man at one time for my father. former case happened in the village t was born and brought up. The kept a little shop to help her young

THE DRUMMERS' UNION.

e glad to announce that the very successful ament given on January 15 by this Union at earsal Theatre is to be repeated at the same heatre on Saturday, April 9. The entertainment will begin at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7.30. Tickets, price s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., can be obtained from Miss Janet ham, S.W., and at Leod, 9, Thornton Avenue, Streatham, S.W. Queen's Hall meetings on Monday afterno

THE CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

ENFRANCHISEMENT. A vigorous campaign was carried on in St. George's-in-the-East, and the following mem-bers addressed large open-air gatherings:--Messrs. Cornish, Clayton, Rutter, Duval, and Wilks. Although in the early stages there were signs of resentment at the Union's in-trusion, the meetings became very ordeidy, and many intelligent questions were put. A number of members canvassed the electors, and soveral Liberals promised to vote against the Government nominee on this occasion. One guinea and several smaller sums have been received for the special By-Election Fund, and as the members are anxious to been received for the special By-Election Fund, and as the members are anxious to help the W.S.P.U. at every by-election, they trust that friends of the cause will subscribe liberally. New members are still being en-rolled, and various requisites for the office have been received. Next Monday Miss Jacobs will be hostess at the weekly At Home (5.30 to 7) held at 13, Buckingham Street, when friends are cordially welcome. All com-munications should be addressed to Victor D. Duval, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

WOMEN AS STOCKHOLDERS.

WOMEN AS STOCKHOLDERS. A correspondent sends us a cutting from the Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia, from which it appears that in the Pennsylvania Railway, one of the world's greatest business enterprises, nearly half the stockholders are women, the number exceeding twenty-six thou-sand. "Their right to volc," args the Post, "arises not out of their ability to bear arms, but out of their stability to bear arms, dollar for dollar, as what the men contributed. . . In the great social enterprise of govern-ment the women's stake is equal to the men'e-their stockholdings substantially as heavy. There is hardly a wrong done by a Government that does not oppress a woman to the same

that does not oppress a woman to the same extent as it does a man. There is no reason why they should not express themselves about it as the man does." -

SUFFRAGE MEETINGS IN IRELAND.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

HELPING THE CAUSE.

An instance of the solid work being done ll over the country is that of a factory worker in the North of England who sells one worker in the North of England who sells one dozen copies of Vorks FOR Works in the Labour Church every Sunday night, and who "sows the seed" wherever she can. With her employer, who is in aympathy with the move-ment, she has many tails, and she informs us that he has made up his mind never to give his vote to a Liberal again on account of the Liberal Government's brutal treatment of the women in prison.

FROM A CHINESE NEWSPAPER.

FROM A CHINESE NEWSPAPER. An amusing account of the Suffrage more-ment in England appeared recently in a chinese paper, with the appropriate heading: "Woman's Power Will Boon be Great." A very spirited illustration accompanied the variade place in England, with women trumpeters place in England, with women trumpeters paper, "was a very fine one, the leading car-riage being driven by a handsome young lady, "Joan of Are." . . . The Suffragettes in their endewours to runk the House of Com-mons met with many difficulties and dangers."

A New Type of Epidemic, and a Remarkable Cure. A New Type of Epidemic, and a Remarkable Cure. This annual socurge has just made a respectation of the procession supposed to have and the head being usually absent, the and cold in the head being usually absent, the chief symptoms being severe sore threat, aching of head and hack, sichness and fover. For the past, the usual many difficulties and dangers." A new Type of Epidemic usually absent, the chief symptoms being severe sore threat, aching of head and hack, sichness and fover. For the past few years no remedy has been more widely the or named "Joan of Aro". . . The Suffragettes in their endeawours to rush the House of Commons met with many difficulties and dangers." A soller of Vorms ron Woxes writes that has been given the first instalment of a yearly subeription by a teacher who makes it a rule to devote a portion of hore income to some good purpose. T s lady became convinced of the necessary for the vote after experiencing the aterrible bronchitis and blod gitting to devote a portion of loses woman in bringing about reform in an orphange where the children were badly treated. Her deepiy carnest and religious naturo, at one time convinced that peace was above everything, han now turned to the woman's cause as exemptified in the militant movement.

THE TEA-CUP INN.

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"So many worlds, so much to do, so little done"--this is the motto on the brown and cream walls of the dainty Tea Cup Inn. In the rush of work or play, it is good to know where one may find a well-cooked, nourishing luncheon, or a refreshing afternoon tea, and both may be had in ease and comfort at this new Restaurant in Portugal Street, Kingsway, W.C.

THE WORD "OBEY."

Mrs. Aldis writes to say that in the Jewish Marriage Service, as in the Roman Catholic and Nonconformist ones, the word "obey" is not used, the phrase being, for both bride and bridegroom, "to love, honour, and cherish."

Miss Mary Hare, whose work in connection with the oral teaching of the deaf is so well known, has been elected Vice-Chairman of the National Association of Teschersof the Deat, The office carries with it the Chairmanship for next year. Miss Hare is the second woman to be appointed to this office. An additional recognition of her work is the appointment as an examiner under the Joint Examination Board for Teschers of the Deat. Miss Hare is an active worker and speaker for the W.S.P.U.

worker and speaker for the W.S.P.U. In a recent number of LA Dones appears a beautifully illustrated account of the English Suffrage Movement by Signor Alessandro Boseo, Attention is drawn to the effect of the Suffragettes' propaganda in the recent Genoral Election, and the Illustrations show the magnificent gathering in Hyde Park of June 39, 1008, Suffragettes on horeshock advortising one of the great Albert Hall meetings, a suffragette in prison, street meetings, etc.

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