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## OUR POINT OF VIEW.

### Finger-prints.

We raise another indignant protest against the outrage perpetrated on Miss Sidley and Mrs. Ball in Holloway, where, although they were imprisoned merely in default of finding sureties, and therefore were not "convicted" prisoners, their finger-prints were taken by force, a man being outside the room at the time to add his brute force, if necessary, to that of the five wardresses. The four days of imprisonment elapsed on Saturday last, and the whole of Headquarters staff mustered at Holloway gates to welcome the prisoners; and if anything could add strength and fire to the determination to resist and defy, it is the tale of accumulated indignities heaped by the meanest of men—Home Secretary, Governor, and other guilty persons—on the heads of those whose resistance will never be broken and whom repeated insults will only nerve to fresh protest.

### Drugging?

The further accusations made in respect of the members of the Women's Social and Political Union now in gaol are so serious that some attention must be paid to them. The supposition is that to prevent them struggling under the infliction of forcible feeding, or talking freely when interviewed by Dr. Ingram, these girls have been drugged by the men who, posing as doctors, act as gaolers and executioners for the Government. This is so serious a matter that one wonders where this Government will draw the line. Brutal assaults, drugging of prisoners, deportations and imprisonment without trial, are becoming the official weapons of Liberalism—that used to delight in its boast that it had nothing in common with coercion. We notice in this connection the piteous wail raised by *The Daily News* over the "obsolete law" under which Sir Stuart Samuel's sharp practice has been penalised to the tune of £13,000. It is amusing to note that the "obsolete" law of 1801 is hardly more "obsolete" than the statute of Edward III. under which Mrs. Drummond, Mr. Lansbury, and Mr. Scurr were prosecuted, or the statutes enforced against Jim Larkin and Tom Mann!

### A Journalistic Gem.

Commenting sagely on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's assurance that in regard to the Labour Party's amendment to the Address, on the subject of the South African deportations, "We are taking a strictly constitutional course," *The Daily Telegraph* says:—"A strictly constitutional course can also be and often has proved in the past to be a thoroughly unwise and dangerous course. Straining the letter of the law against common-sense in politics is a proceeding against which our history is especially rich in warnings, and the most significant of these in the present connection is the loss to Great Britain of her American Colonies through the exercise of an undoubted constitutional right." This hits us right between the eyes. We stagger; and murmur—Is Saul also among the prophets (or, the rebels)? We congratulate *The Daily Telegraph* and the Unionist Party Press on its conversion to the ethics of rebellion, lawlessness, illegality, and all the other weapons so long denounced when supposed to be merely the armoury of militant women; but with the Ulster imbroglio, and the joy of seeing Labour euchered (even by General Botha), a gentler frame of mind is stealing o'er them. Don't let them forget the militants who showed the way!

### What to Do with Him.

The following letter, which we publish with great pleasure, has been sent by a valued friend and worker:—

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

Dear Madam,—The VOTE's anxiety for justice is so deeply felt and so warmly cherished that many besides myself must be grieved when a misapprehension of fact leads you to chastise

the innocent; and from first-hand information I know that certain comments in the issue of February 6 were undeserved. I refer to the paragraph (p. 246) on Mr. Jeffreys. It is the law that should be attacked—not he, for, so far from neglecting his duty or being guilty of any harshness, he took great pains that his action in a very difficult matter should be merciful and right. He succeeded. He consulted other magistrates, the Medical Inspector of Schools, the Secretary. He spared no effort—not to get the child off his own hands, but to help the mother. The problem before him was: What is to be done with a boy certified to be a moral defective and certainly unfit to be sent to a truant school, there to contaminate normal children? The most practical thing, the kindest, was to take measures for guarding the boy during the rest of his life, and this will be just the result of Mr. Jeffreys' action if the mother's consent can be obtained. The poor little fellow will be sent to the Infirmary, and thence drafted into an Asylum. Can anyone acquainted with the state of laws so often and so rightly condemned, suggest a better course? The mere administration of the law must often be so great a sorrow to those charged with it that I am sure THE VOTE would not wish to increase the burden of one administrator, at least, who has done well.—Yours very truly,

MARY ANDERSON.

We are very glad indeed to hear the other side of the question, as we would not willingly be unjust towards anyone. At the same time, while entirely appreciating the pains to which the magistrate put himself, we cannot agree that his efforts, however well-intentioned, were well directed. Our correspondent is not quite right in speaking of truant or industrial schools as places for normal children. The children committed to these establishments are either unmanageable, or taken from utterly vicious and filthy homes. The discipline is supposed to provide against the dangers of herding such children together; if it be insufficient, then it is a crime to commit children to these schools at all!

On the other hand, infirmaries are for sick, aged, and infirm people. The attendants are over-worked and untrained, and often recruited from the ranks of the mentally deficient and even the imbecile. Quite lately, a doctor on a Board of Guardians justified the sending of Poor Law infants to an establishment nine miles distant from the workhouse where the mothers were, because of the misery sick people endured through the crying and restlessness of children. What will not the presence of such a child as this mean to the helpless inmates of an infirmary, and why should it be foisted on them?

We are more than willing to place the blame on the law; but it must be shared by those who are content to make their living by administering it. We hold that in this case the intervention of medical and educational authority was premature and officious and should not have been invited at that stage. By committing the child to the truant school, the magistrate would have thrown on the educational authorities the onus of proving his mental condition and of keeping him in safe and sufficient custody until a proper place is provided for him; and it would appear easier to control him in such a place than in any infirmary we know of, and where he may be left hanging on for weeks and months.

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### MILITANT POLICY OF THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

The question is frequently asked, What is the actual policy of the Women's Freedom League, and how do we stand with regard to militancy? It may be well at this critical moment to make our position perfectly clear.

We are militant, and in so far our methods differ from those of the constitutional Suffragists. We believe that there have been moments in the history of every nation when laws had to be broken in order to prove that they harked behind the conscience of the people. That the law which prevents woman from taking her place as citizen is unjust and tyrannous we believe, and therefore we are in rebellion against a Government that refuses to give the nation an opportunity to redress that injustice. Therefore, we resist taxation, we refuse to submit to the Insurance Act, we make protests in public places against the orders of authorities; we do everything we can to emphasise our conviction that we are being treated as outlaws.

But we use no violence, and we do not, at any time or in any way, either damage private property or inflict suffering and loss on our fellow-citizens.

This, briefly, is our policy. I wish also to make it perfectly clear that it is adopted by the whole of the League, and has not been imposed upon it by its leaders. Over and over again, in our yearly conferences, two resolutions have been passed by large majorities—that we ourselves shall abstain from violence, and that we shall not criticise those who follow other methods.

C. DESPARD.

### ORGANISERS' FUND: APPEAL FOR £500.

With the certainty of a General Election at no distant date, we have organised a general weekly levy upon all members, so that we shall have a sum of money ready for our election expenses.

Now is the time to prepare the ground in the constituencies, and make the special work of the election campaigns effective.

Our organisers are hard at work ploughing up the land, but there is much work to be done. More organisers we must have, and for this £500 must be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Many thanks to all the kind friends who have already contributed to this fund. Further donations will be gratefully received.

E. KNIGHT.  
F. A. UNDERWOOD.

### AT HEADQUARTERS.

London Activities.—We thank our members for the splendid support they gave to our Poster Parade round the House of Commons at the re-opening of Parliament and to our afternoon and evening meetings at Caxton Hall on the following day. This evening meeting was such a great success that we propose to hold another there on Friday evening, March 6. The speakers will be announced later, but we ask our readers to take note of this date, and come in great numbers before the chair is taken at 8 o'clock.

Afternoon Meetings at Caxton Hall.—Next Wednesday we are having a specially interesting lecture

by Mrs. Cunningham on "The Race Bearers and the Falling Birth-rate in France," and we hope to see Caxton Hall crowded. Miss Nina Boyle will deal with the political situation, and the chair will be taken by Miss A. A. Smith at 3.30. The following Wednesday we shall have the pleasure of listening again to Mr. J. Cameron Grant, who has chosen as the title of his lecture "Thou Shalt not Steal!"

Mrs. Fisher will be glad to meet any friends who are willing to go with her to advertise our afternoon meetings if they will kindly come to this office on Wednesday mornings at 11.30.

Discussion Meetings.—Our next meeting will be held at 1, Robert-street, Monday evening, March 2, at 8 o'clock, when a discussion will be opened by Dr. C. V. Drysdale on "The Population Question and Woman Suffrage." All who are interested in this subject are cordially invited to attend, and to take part in the discussion following Dr. Drysdale's address.

King's Speech Indignation Campaign.—Next week we are inaugurating an open-air campaign in London, and in next week's issue of THE VOTE will appear a list of pitches and speakers. We need many volunteers for this work—for speaking, taking the chair, and selling THE VOTE, collecting and canvassing—and we urgently appeal to our members and friends to send in their names immediately to this Office if they can help us in any part of this work.

F. A. U.

### BY-ELECTIONS.

#### South Bucks.

Mr. Tomman Mosley (Liberal).

Mr. W. Baring du Pre (Conservative).

December, 1910, Conservative (unopposed); January, 1910, Conservative majority, 2,556.

#### Poplar.

Mr. Alfred W. Yeo (Liberal).

Mr. Robertson Kerr Clark (Conservative).

Mr. Jack Jones (Independent Socialist).

Liberal Majority, December, 1910, 1,829. Polling Friday.

#### Bethnal Green.

Mr. C. F. G. Masterman (Liberal).

Major Sir Mathew Wilson (Conservative).

Mr. John Scurr (Independent Socialist).

Liberal Majority, July, 1911, 184. Polling Thursday.

#### Leith Burghs.

Provost Malcolm Smith, Liberal.

Mr. G. W. Currie, Unionist.

Mr. J. N. Bell, Labour.

Liberal majority, December, 1910, 1,785. Polling day, February 26.

The Women's Freedom League, working at all the above elections, is in a sound position to contradict whatever has been said on various occasions by that "terminologically inexact" person, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as to the effect militancy has had on the public mind. Bloated "capitalists" and property owners, like Cabinet Ministers and the circles they revolve in, have undoubtedly suffered revulsions of feeling in regard to Suffrage because of the militancy that keeps them on the *qui vive* and that surrounds their persons and dwelling-places with police, plain and coloured. But the man in the street, the ordinary voter, has no such feelings; and he gives the very

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Mrs. Tippet and Mrs. Hyde, working Marlow—where Mrs. Sergeant Florence extended hospitality to them, and where they assisted in her Tax Resistance Protest—and High Wycombe, where the "Pilgrims" were so shamefully ill-used, have had excellent meetings and a good reception. A very large meeting assembled on Monday night to hear Miss Boyle, angry Liberals at the close raising the usual uproar at Suffragists being "in the pay of the Tories"; and the tone in this centre, reputed to be more than usually rough and "anti," speaks volumes for the energy and tact of the pioneers.

At Bethnal-Green Miss Read, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Mustard and others; and at Poplar Miss Trott, Miss Smith, also helped by Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. Mustard, carried the Freedom League banners and held meetings every day. The Poplar meetings were uniformly encouraging and well attended. Everywhere the same thing is noticeable, that the constant attacks on the liberties of the public, and the unmoved determination of the women, combine to bring the electorate into sympathy with the Suffragists.

NINA BOYLE.

The Edinburgh Branch of the Women's Freedom League is conducting a strenuous open-air campaign against the Government candidate at the Leith Burghs. A shop has been opened in the busiest part of the town, and a good display of Suffrage literature is on sale. Several successful outdoor meetings have been addressed by Miss Broughton and Miss Alice Maclean, organisers for the Scottish Council. The candidates have been approached respecting their attitude towards "Votes for Women," and asked to answer the following questions:—

1. Are you in favour of Woman Suffrage?
2. Will you, if returned to Parliament, press for a Government measure for the enfranchisement of women?
3. Will you vote against any alteration of the franchise (including the Plural Voting Bill) which does not provide for the enfranchisement of women?

The Liberal candidate replied as follows:—

1. Yes, to a certain extent.
2. Not at the present time.
3. This requires further consideration.

Provost Smith would allow women votes in a Home Rule Parliament but not in an Imperial Parliament.

The Labour candidate replied as follows:—

1. I am in favour of Women's Suffrage.
2. I am not prepared to press for Government measure for the enfranchisement of women if returned to Parliament.
3. I am prepared to oppose an alteration of the franchise which does not provide "Votes for Women," but not to oppose the Plural Voting Bill, while helping to secure the enfranchisement of women.

At the time of going to press no reply has been received from the Conservative candidate.

Help of every kind is needed. Subscriptions towards the by-election will be welcomed. Gratefully acknowledged, Mrs. Edgar, 1s.

[The Election results will not be known after we have gone to press.—ED.]

#### POLITICAL NEWS.

##### The Prime Minister and Woman Suffrage.

On February 12 Mr. Asquith received a deputation from the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress. Mr. T. Sexton urged adult suffrage, and Mr. H. ELVIN stated that a Plural Voting Bill was no substitute for a Reform Bill. He protested against the Premier's failure to redeem his repeated

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pledges to women and quoted statements made by Mr. Asquith regarding this question.

Mr. ASQUITH: All these pledges have been literally carried out.

Mr. ELVIN submitted that was not the general opinion.

Mr. ASQUITH: All my colleagues agree with me. They were Government pledges.

Mr. ELVIN suggested that if business was so congested that such a Bill could not be dealt with this session it would prove the Government's sincerity if they dropped one Bill and took up one for women's enfranchisement instead.

Mr. ASQUITH: I tell you at once they are not going to do so.

Mrs. Fawcett, who elicited four definite pledges from the Prime Minister when he received a woman suffrage deputation in November, 1911, has written to the Press expressing amazement at Mr. Asquith's declaration of fulfilled pledges, and adds: "A statement more contrary to the facts cannot be imagined."

The resolution carried unanimously at the National Union's great demonstration at the Albert Hall, on February 14, ran as follows:—

"That this meeting expresses profound indignation at the refusal of the Prime Minister to receive a deputation from the men representing 342 organisations and from the many hundreds of men in their individual capacity attending this meeting. Mr. Asquith has declared that he had yet to be convinced that there is a demand for women's suffrage in the country, and this meeting protests against his refusal to inform himself of the demand by hearing the views of these men, who represent all shades of opinion in every part of the country."

Mr. Asquith also refused to receive a deputation of the Scottish Federation and Women's Suffrage Societies.

#### A CALL TO SERVICE.

SISTERS AND FELLOW-WORKERS.—Once more I make my appeal to you, and from the feeling that I know exists amongst you—from your enthusiasm at Caxton Hall and elsewhere—I draw glad assurance that my appeal will not be made in vain. What I entreat is that you will not let your enthusiasm evaporate in words. So were it worse than useless.

Consider our position! We are righteously indignant with a Government that does not hesitate to insult the women of the country. Shall we not translate that wrath into action—well-conceived, vigorous, well carried out? Surely you will answer that we must.

It is my privilege to tell you that my colleagues and I have certain schemes in hand which we believe may be effective; but, in order to carry them through, we must have your support and help.

I do not minimise the fact that, without some risk to yourselves, you will not be able to give the help we need. That, however, if I know my fellow-members, will not hold you back. There comes a time in all great movements when sacrifice is demanded from those who love them. The honour and the joy is to be able to render it. To stand like the Prophet of fiery soul in the Temple, and to answer to the cry of humanity, "Here am I; send me!" is to be "happy as a lover."

I can give you no details. This is not the moment. I ask all who will, either by money or by personal service, help to make the scheme we have in hand effective to communicate at once with Miss Boyle, Head of our Political and Militant Department, and she will tell them what we propose to do. We want many women, for there are many parts to fill—women in the Provinces as well as in London—so write to us or come to the office without delay.

Two of our brave comrades came out of Holloway on Saturday. Five more who had the opportunity of making vigorous protest both in Whitehall and in the police court were given no sentence. Will you, who may have time or money to give to us, draw back? I am sure you will not.

I beg you to understand we do not ask you to do anything which may hurt your conscience. The laws of man are not the laws of God. Over and over again in the history of nations the civil laws have been in direct antagonism to the moral law. Then, to save a nation's soul, they have had to be broken.

I have said that I am making appeal to you. In a sense that is true; but the poignant cry comes not from me, but from your sisters) from your children who, dumb, exploited, robbed of beauty, joy and honour, appeal in their piteous dependence to our womanhood.

We and they must rise or fall together. Rather than fall—rather than drop into the ranks of the sheltered and shamed women of the nation—we will gladly face danger, reproach, and scoffing.

Let us remind ourselves that the eyes of our sisters all over the world are fixed upon us. If we fall—but we cannot—we may not. Every new rebuff brings new determination. We know that the sorrows of to-day are as nothing. Like clouds in the night, they pass away with the morning. Work done with a single heart of love for humanity, whatever the immediate outcome may be, is an everlasting possession.

Yours in the bonds of our common faith and purpose,  
C. DESPARD.

#### LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

"Be Law Abiding," the speech of Mr. Laurence Housman, at the W.F.L. meeting at Bournemouth, and which appeared in THE VOTE of January 30, will be published in pamphlet form in a few days, price 2d., post free 2½d. Apply to the Literature Department, 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, W.C.

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#### THE "PROTECTED" SEX.

##### Killed.

Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson, Sheffield, left alone in her house with a youth of sixteen, related to the family. On daughter's return six hours later, house in darkness, signs of desperate struggle, and trail of blood. Mutilated body found in cellar, partly hidden under a grate. The youth, Swift, arrested.

Florence Smith, Carlisle, missing for months; headless remains found last week in the river Eden. Last seen in company with a strange man, who made remarkable proposals to a girl friend of hers to meet him at night in an improper fashion. **Open verdict.**

##### Assaults on Children.

Richard Innes, Glasgow, at Govan Police-court, convicted on January 2 of indecently assaulting a girl of nine years, when the lights were turned down, in a local theatre, where she was sitting near him in the gallery. The girl complained to an attendant. After a chase, Innes was caught. **Two months.**

Robert Rodgers, at Clydebank Police-court, before Bailie McDonald, found guilty of indecency before two young girls. **Fined £3 3s.,** or one month.

Abram Arnold, Sarah Roberts and Charles Leake, charged at the Shropshire Assizes of abducting Harriet Evans, age fourteen, in December last. The child was on an errand and was persuaded to have drink by one of the prisoners, and driven to a village near, where they stayed the night. Next day took her to Shrewsbury, staying two nights. The men were also charged with immoral relations with the child. Arnold, **nine months' hard labour** on each count; Roberts, **two months**; Leake, discharged. (This last seems difficult to understand, as he appears at least to have known what was going on.)

Joseph Johnson, charged at Edinburgh High Court with assaulting with criminal intent a child of eight, on the high road on September 4. Waylaid the child in a lonely road, her cries bringing help. Previous sentences on four occasions of criminal assault on children, and one of wounding. Lord Guthrie agreed that the prisoner was a public nuisance and should be shut up for life, and *would have sentenced him to penal servitude for life* but for the practice of the Court. He therefore gave him **ten years.**

(This case is highly instructive. The law evidently allows and provides for these severe sentences for these dastardly crimes; why, then, are they so seldom given? Was it because this particular offender was a coloured man—and women and children are not entitled to the same measure of protection from assaults by white men?—ED.)

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## "SETTING THE HEATHER ON FIRE." "WE'RE BONNIE FECHTERS ILKA ANE!"

The Northern Men's Federation for Woman Suffrage had a most enthusiastic send-off when they left Edinburgh for London last Friday evening. The station was crowded with enthusiastic sympathisers who sang the Federation's "Justice Song," and cheered. On arrival at King's Cross the deputation, numbering about 100, was entertained to breakfast by Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett, but unfortunately she was not well enough to attend.

The Prime Minister and his insult to Scotland in refusing to receive the deputation of the Northern Men's Federation for Woman Suffrage, was like King Charles's head at the meeting at the Memorial Hall, London, on February 14; it was in every speech—and there were many—but the general opinion was that it was the best thing that could have happened to advance the cause of Woman Suffrage, for it had roused the Scots! To refuse to receive the Lord Provost of Glasgow and the senior magistrate was an insult not to be taken lying down. "We have not come to hear his opinions, but to tell him ours!" declared Bailie Alston; "Glasgow compelled the Government to take action on the land question; it can follow the same plan for Votes for Women." "We are business men; we are not here for fun; we are in deadly earnest, ready to carry on steady, unrelenting pressure for Votes for Women," insisted Bailie Murray, of Edinburgh. "A notable deputation," said Councillor Rosslyn Mitchell, of Glasgow; "we represent all political parties; Edinburgh and Glasgow stand on the same platform; we have a great backing behind us. Women must be or not be citizens; if not, then they must not be responsible for a citizen's duties and obligations; if they are, then they must have the rights and privileges of citizens. That is why we are here! Glasgow Council voted 68 to 25 in favour of the deputation, and appointed the Lord Provost and others as its representatives." "Last July I said we had no statesmen, but puny, piffing pigmies; to-day I say they are creepy, crawling catchpennies. It is only this man Asquith that hinders our progress; he pretends he is a colossus holding everything back, but he has insulted a proud and determined race. I say to Liberals, 'Heave him overboard, like Jonah, and live up to your principles!'" was Councillor Crawford's declaration. "If women were enfranchised there would be a reformation in the White Slave Traffic," declared Councillor Bruce Lyndsay, of Edinburgh. "We are sympathisers and fighters for the Woman's Cause, and will vote for no man—Liberal, Conservative, or Labour—who is against Woman Suffrage." "Thank God Asquith is no Scotsman," fervently exclaimed ex-Provost Perry. "If I were a doctor in one of His Majesty's prisons I would crush the instruments of forcible feeding under foot, and go out and beg my bread rather than carry out this modern refinement of a past inquisition." "We have come with fixity of purpose to protest against this continued injustice to women, and we shall not forget our pledges to bust Asquith's Government," was the message of Councillor Cameron, of Edinburgh; "No Asquith, but Votes for Women!" Said Councillor Barrie, of Edinburgh, "I do not care if we never see Asquith; we throw down the gauntlet; when he comes to East Fife again he will know something about the great volume of feeling behind us!" "My penitence is sincere, I am glad to be an ex-Bailie, because when I was Bailie I helped to send Asquith to Westminster!"

There was only one shadow on the enthusiasm of the meeting—the absence through illness of Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett, and there was a most hearty response to Mr. Lansbury's suggestion from the chair that a message of sympathy should be sent to the founder and moving spirit of the Federation. "We welcome the men from the North," said Mr. Lansbury; "it is a good sign that the men are waking up; the Government is to blame, but the electors are also to blame for long-denied justice to women. We must organise and agitate, and make the electors understand that Woman Suffrage holds the field." "A man's meeting? Not entirely. For Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, Miss Nannie Brown, Edinburgh, secretary of the Federation, and Mrs. Despard spoke for women, and expressed their appreciation of the help given by men."

On Sunday afternoon Trafalgar Square presented an animated and picturesque appearance at the enthusiastic and successful demonstration held by the Northern men. The large crowds thoroughly enjoyed the determination, the fighting speeches, the vigour, and the humour of the Scotsmen. There was a running accompaniment of laughter and applause, and when the resolution was put, a forest of hands signified the practically unanimous desire of the vast audience for the introduction this session of a Government measure for Woman Suffrage.

The Actresses' Franchise League added further service to the success of the Northern Men's visit by entertaining them at an "At Home" at the Caxton Hall on Sunday evening. It was largely attended, and proved a most successful and delightful function. Two

representatives from Edinburgh and two from Glasgow made short speeches and the excellent entertainment provided by the League, especially the political Punch and Judy show by Miss Bensusan, was keenly enjoyed.

After continued correspondence between the Federation and the Prime Minister in which he declared that he had "nothing to add," and the Northern men insisted they had views to put before him, Mr. Asquith at last intimated that his private secretary would receive three of the deputation and hear their views, but not more than ten of their number would be allowed to enter Downing-street. The deputation gathered in strength in Whitehall, ten passed the formidable police barrier, and, on finding that Mr. Asquith was not at home, handed in a letter stating that having taken the journey from Scotland twice within six months for the purpose of being received in deputation, they were not prepared to be relegated to subordinates.

Accompanying the letter were messages on the Suffrage question from Councillor Murray, Councillor Bruce Lyndsay, Mr. Alexander Orr, Mr. McMichael, Councillor Crawford, Councillor Barrie, Mr. J. Wilson McLaren, and Councillor Cameron, all of Edinburgh; and Bailie Alston, Councillor David Wardley, Mr. A. M. Service, Councillor Hamilton Brown, ex-Provost Perry, and Councillor Whitehead, all of Glasgow.

Visits—most courteously received—were then paid by members of the deputation to the editors of the London newspapers, and the facts made plain to them of the growing indignation among Scottish electors at the continued postponement of a measure of justice to women.

Later in the day the arrival of the deputation at the House of Commons created great interest. The Scottish members had declined to hold a meeting to receive the deputation, but the Parliamentary representatives of the Northern men did not fail to respond to the call of so formidable a body of their constituents. They came out to see them, and were subjected to a most severe heckling on the subject of their attitude to votes for women; prominent and influential Scottish Liberals of the deputation declared in the straightest terms their determination to resign from official positions and oppose the Government unless a Government measure for Woman Suffrage were brought in this session. The news was evidently unwelcome to many hon. Members.

By kind invitation of Mr. Israel Zangwill, the deputation witnessed and keenly enjoyed his play, *The Melting Pot*, on Monday evening, then left by the night train for Scotland, King's-cross station being enlivened by the vigorous strains of the Northern men's "War Song" and "Scots Wha Hae," as well as loud cheering and infectious enthusiasm.

The parting message of the Northern men—electors all—is that they are determined to rouse their fellow-electors to active opposition to a Government which refuses justice to women; they will get to work at the Leith Burghs by-election, and wider organisation, and definite campaigns will follow. Women welcome this active and practical help on the part of electors, and hope that the fine example of the Northern Men's Federation will be followed all over the country.

### GREAT ENTHUSIASM AT GLASGOW.

The meeting at the McLellan Galleries, Glasgow, organised by the Women's Freedom League, was a splendid success. The Very Rev. Provost Deane, in a vigorous speech from the chair strongly supporting the woman's movement, said it was because of the vast reserves of moral and spiritual and intellectual force which women could bring into political life that so many clergy had become converts to the cause of womanhood suffrage.

Miss Boyle said Suffragists pinned their faith on equal Suffrage for men and women in the interests of the common race. Canon Hannay (G. A. Birmingham) spoke of the strength of the movement which drew him from his quiet corner on to the platform, and said that the vote was but one step on the way towards placing woman in a position in which she could be self-respecting. He thought women might be able to break the extraordinary and pernicious power of the Party machine.

### THE COMING RACE.\*

#### THE NEED FOR THE EQUAL CO-OPERATION OF MAN AND WOMAN.

It is recognised in Paris that want of proper clothing is as detrimental to physical and mental development as want of food.

The necessitous child is clothed as well as fed, and, if the parents cannot supply the clothes, the Municipality does so, keeping a list of the garments, and insisting that they should be kept clean and mended. In an English country school of fifty-one children, Dr. Mary Williams found forty-two with cold wet feet, while ten had boots which, by no possibility, could keep out the wet. The suggestion that each school should have a drying room, in which the children's clothes could be quickly dried, seems a particularly valuable one. The provision of school slippers, as recommended by one of the speakers, would no doubt save many a child from cold and headache, if not from graver evils. Details of this kind would have appeared quite ridiculous in the eyes of a former generation, who would have considered it inconceivable that serious people could sit for two days discussing lentils and underclothing and tooth brushes and kindred subjects. Fifty years ago men and women would have thrown scorn on the discussions relating to children's food. In those days, children were supposed to have no preferences, whereas authorities now insist on the importance, physiologically, of the individual taste of the child being considered and of the need for variety. Incidentally, we may notice in how many instances the instincts of the child have been vindicated by later research, bearing out the teaching of Herbert Spencer that our appetites should be taken as our guide, and not regarded as delusions. After all, in spite of the protests of our elders, we find we were quite right in our school days to lay the butter on so thick—the element of fat being the one which is the most frequently deficient in the diet of children. Naturally the doctors present differed widely as to the value of various articles of food, and very conflicting opinions were expressed as to the importance of rice pudding. It was admitted that dietetics was a branch of medical science which had been largely neglected by the profession, but which would be of added importance in the future, since the science of medicine is being more and more directed to prevention rather than cure. There is, apparently, no golden rule of diet, and the speaker who gave it as his opinion that a good housewife was probably as good a judge of a "good" meal as any medical man was probably not far wrong. We are glad to find that, in many schools, a special meal is provided for the infants.

While admitting that there is much ignorance on the subject of food values among all classes of the community, and that many of the methods of cooking in ordinary use could be improved, we think that a great deal of quite unnecessary scorn was poured forth on the "ignorance" of the working woman. It is of little avail to complain that the art of cooking is obsolescent until you are assured that the class of which you complain have something which is worth cooking, fuel to cook it with, and decent conditions in which to eat and digest it. One would be glad to see some of the critics carrying on the business of domestic life, cooking and washing and mending in one room, and spending the weekly money with more advantage than does many a working woman. One's heart warms towards Miss Petty, the "Pudding Lady," of St. Pancras, for her "love which suffereth long and is kind," manifesting itself in the suggestion that the dirt is, in so many cases, "only top dirt."

Many comparisons are made between the English house-keeper and the French or German house-mothers, and they are always to the disadvantage of the former.

\* "Rearing an Imperial Race." Containing a full Report of the Second Guildhall School Conference on Diet, Cookery and Hygiene, with Dietaries; Special Reports from H.M. Ambassadors Abroad. Articles on Children's Food Requirements, Clothing, &c. Edited by Charles E. Hecht, M.A. Published by the St. Catherine Press.

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It is a question, we think, whether Mr. John Bull, in any class of life, really likes good cooking. We are more than doubtful whether an English workman would appreciate the *petite marmite* of a French wife, and it is probable that he would express himself forcibly on the subject of the mysterious stews of a German one. It is not his wife's fault that he does not like porridge or haricots. In hundreds of more prosperous homes, the man of the family would prefer a half-raw beef steak to the most appetising French *ragout*. His wife cannot be blamed for providing him according to his tastes, which, in the majority of cases, she probably shares. The statement of the food expert that a bowl of lentil soup, with bread, at a cost of 3d., contains more nourishment than ½ lb. of meat, costing 4d., is likely to leave both husband and wife untouched, though they will smile. Prejudices are not only common, but common as to gender. E. M. N. C.

(To be concluded.)

### GREAT POSTER PARADE OF TRAINED NURSES.

A strong appeal is being made to all trained nurses of courage and *esprit de corps*, to give practical proof of these qualities by joining the Parade, as a protest against the scandalous misuse of their uniform by prostitutes and White Slave "tools." The appeal, sent by our fellow-member of the Women's Freedom League, Miss Beatrice Kent, who is organising the parade, continues thus:—

"The nuisance has become intolerable. The respectable woman with a right to wear our uniform is being insulted by those who mistake her for a masquerader.

"The public are in serious peril. To sit at home and grumble is useless. To throw one's uniform on the fire—as one incensed nurse did—will serve no purpose, save as a vent for individual emotion.

"Our appeal is principally to nurses who are Suffragists, for we feel convinced that they will be ready to make a little sacrifice for so righteous a cause. We ask for a hundred nurses. It is considered desirable that outdoor uniform should be worn by all who are willing and able to do so, but it is not obligatory.

"Incidentally, the Parade, successfully carried out, is certain to help forward the Suffrage cause, and also the cause of State registration of nurses, which is the fundamental basis of our protest. Full particulars may be obtained on application to Miss Beatrice Kent, 13, Coliseum-terrace, Regent's Park, N.W."

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## SUPPRESSED TRUTH.

Last week our leading article dealt with the matter left out of the King's Speech. This week it is our intention to deal with what was in. The two together come well within the scope of our title, for whether facts are alluded to, or totally ignored, the same principle applies that the truth in regard to them is suppressed. Remarkable equally for what it says and for what it leaves unsaid, for what it reveals and for what it conceals, the Gracious Speech from the Throne contains truths for the House of Commons which not one Member in every hundred will acknowledge, and which all unitedly will endeavour to suppress.

A smart person once told us that language was given us to conceal thought. So might we assume the King's Speech to have been given us to conceal truth. It is addressed, ostensibly, to loyal and trustworthy subjects, to lords and gentlemen full of zeal and devotion, engaged in the most important business of State, and bearing on their honourable and right honourable shoulders the burden and responsibility imposed on them by the trust and confidence of a grateful nation.

[True, Mr. George has complained bitterly, and so has Mr. Asquith, although in more measured terms, of the want of feeling shown by a bad-hearted public for the mental comfort of these "priests of humanity" to whom His Majesty addressed the cold phrases which figure as the Gracious Speech from the Throne; but Mr. George is always grumbling at somebody else, so he cannot be surprised if the example he sets should be catching. That, however, is beside the mark.]

The suppressed truth revealed, though not declared, in His Majesty's Speech is as follows:—For two strenuous sessions, and as the result of five years' hard work, the efforts of His Majesty's Government have been directed, at great expenditure of public time and money, to placating the feelings and catering for the demands of a section which has insulted His Majesty's army, cheered His Majesty's enemies, pulled down and danced on His Majesty's flag, and refused a civic reception to His Majesty's person in the capital of His Majesty's dominion of Ireland. Now in this last session of the second of these Parliaments, other rebels are giving concern; and His Majesty's Speech and His Majesty's Ministers have to concentrate upon allaying the turbulence of a section which says they will set at defiance His Majesty's assent and His Majesty's signature if given to a Bill they dislike. And this is Constitutional Government! Swift himself could not have imagined broader satire.

The truth underlying these undeniable facts and His Majesty's restrained phrases is one these unfaithful servants will not hint at, even among themselves. It is this, that for once a stern rebuke has been administered to them. We cannot for one moment accept the proffered and platitudinous generality that the King's Speech is merely, as always, an expression of party intentions. That the Prime Minister would himself have dictated terms so humiliating and so compromising to his own dignity as the clause relating "to the problems connected with the Government of Ireland," is unthinkable; and the truth that is here suppressed is, quite

plainly, that His Majesty has rebuked these brawling party politicians in the most downright way: **Leave off your brawling and your most unseemly wrangling and behave yourselves. Your business and your duty is to maintain peace within my dominions.** We whose fate trembles in the balance while all this idle bickering proceeds welcome most heartily this timely interference and gladly hail it as a stroke off the King's own bat, and a shrewd stroke at that.

It is an ugly blot upon the Parliamentary history of our land that this rebuke should have been necessary. Members of the two Houses, nevertheless, remain unabashed; and it is somewhat amusing to note that it is the section that shouts loudest about its patriotism and its loyalty that is the least inclined to bow to His Majesty's bidding. The expensive time of the nation is not counted by these lavishly wasteful gentlemen, any more than the wasted lives and labours of those who stand and wait until peaceful needs can be attended to. These Irish protagonists occupy the field. Their drums and bugles deafen our ears; their gallopers cloud all roads with dust; their ranks fill the horizon. They block all traffic. The nation is "held up" by these disturbers of the peace just as trains in the Far West are "held up" by armed desperadoes whose hand is against every man's. All progress is barred, and honest folk cannot go about their business; and it is to these feud-fogged men that His Majesty addressed his message of conciliation!

One gleam of consolation shines on us out of all this chaos. It is, that in being left out of the King's Speech we are not alone in our affliction. The Prophet of the Land, the self-appointed John the Baptist, the Priest—the High Priest—of Humanity, is also left out; and the Providence for whom he was so graciously and beneficently going to clear the way will find its progress barred too. There is no mention of Land. This is strange, because at Oxford Mr. George told the deputation that waited on him there that although he would not resign from the Cabinet because Women's Suffrage was not adopted as a Government measure, he would resign if his Land policy was not adopted; so now we can wait and see. But one hardly expects to see Mr. George resign. In the meantime, we anxiously hope to see him take his own good advice, given at Glasgow: "The first thing you have got to do is that those who are guilty of these tactics are repudiated by the vast majority of those who advocate Women's Suffrage." This applies to militant tactics; and we refer all interested to the Hansard report of questions in the House on Thursday last in reference to outrages in Ireland. We invite Mr. George to secure the repudiation of these tactics by the vast majority of Liberals and Nationalists, before sanctioning by his own actions the entire concentration of the Government forces on securing Home Rule at the request of politicians supported by followers who add arson, shooting and intimidation to their political armoury, and by whose votes alone the present Government is kept in power.

C. NINA BOYLE.

### Women's Eight-Hour Working Day.

The women's suffrage State of California now has an eight-hour working day for women. Instead of working at the usual Christmas pressure which often makes the average shop assistant quite incapable of a hearty enjoyment of her holiday, this winter the girls were leaving many of the shops as early as 5.30, even on Christmas Eve. San Francisco business men declare that they would not go back to the old conditions if they could. They have readily co-operated with the law, and have been repaid by prompt and efficient service from alert and contented salespeople.

### First Woman Diplomat.

The Norwegian Legation in Mexico is to have a "Woman First Secretary," she is the first woman to take up the Diplomatic Service as a profession. Her name is Miss Henrietta Hoegh; she passed her examinations in international law and political economy two years ago. As a first Secretary she will have the privilege of wearing the usual Diplomatic uniform, with the exception of the ornamental sword and gold-braided breeches.

## The Sign-Post.

One grand procession has passed down the road of 1914. In a

### Coach of crystal and gold—

as like that of Cinderella, as we can well imagine it—was seated the wonderful King and Queen, "all glorious within!" They passed through an admiring crowd, with

### Sunshine and laughter

in the air, and then, attended by Guards and Nobles—Dragon Rouge and Portcullis Pursuivant, with Cap of Maintenance and Sword of State, they entered the noble

### House of Humbug.

There to a hushed and gorgeous House of Lords and Ladies—

### In fairy tales and pageants

ladies always take part in the show; they help the scenic effect with their lovely gowns and glittering jewels—the King read his Speech.

It is always called the King's Speech, but he does not write it. Thus the grand House of Humbug is duly opened.

Exit the King, and the fairy tale ends.

### Now we settle down to business—

the serious business of "a most critical session."

The King's Speech is supposed to outline the situation; not exactly the existing one in the world outside, but the situation that Messrs. Asquith and Co. have decided

### May most easily be talked about.

Of course so vital a question as

### The demand of women

for some share in the management as well as the expenses of this grand Government

### was utterly ignored.

We are told we are in a majority, we women—that is one very

### Good reason for disfranchising us.

We are told that "men are men and women are women," and

### Therefore men ought to govern women.

We are told that we have our sphere in the home and the children, and we are

### Not allowed the smallest voice in any law that concerns either.

We are told men are the bread-winners.

And we know that

### over 70 per cent. of the women

of this country

### must support themselves,

and very often their relations.

But we may have a share in man's work. Oh yes! we may

### "Pay, Pay, Pay,"

and there is

### No chivalry that forbids

the gentlemen in Parliament from voting themselves

### Salaries out of women's pockets

as well as men's.

There will be other processions during this year—processions of Women, and though there will be no Cinderella's coach and eight, and no Beefeaters or Sergeant at Arms, there will be a good deal of grim earnestness; and the

### Goal will be no House of Humbug,

but that already reached by the women of Australia, New Zealand, eleven States of America, Finland and Norway, on the threshold of which stand the women of Sweden and Denmark.

### There also we intend to plant our flag—

### "VOTES FOR WOMEN."

MARY MAUD.



"Baboushka" (Little Grandmother).

Catherine Breshkovsky.

## OUR INTERNATIONAL COLUMN.

### News from an Exile in Siberia.

The following extract from a letter written on July 1, 1913, by Catherine Breshkovsky, known everywhere in Russia and beyond under the name of Baboushka (Little Grandmother), beloved by all who know her and many who have only heard of her self-sacrifice for her country, will be read with special interest for its reference to the British Suffrage movement. Since writing this letter Baboushka made an attempt to escape, but was captured when just within reach of freedom, and is now suffering the dread punishment dealt out to Russian political prisoners who dare and fail to escape from Siberia.

"In the summer time I feel very well. I walk much and sleep less. Sometimes I am up as early as four o'clock in the morning. A few days ago I happened to sleep till five. Suddenly I heard a knock at the window, then a knock at the door. I sleep quite alone in my hut, and lock my door for the night. I asked: 'Who is there?' 'Open the door!' was the reply. 'Who is it?' I repeat. 'The police,' is the answer. I got up, wrapped in a sheet, opened the door, hurried up into my bedroom to dress myself. A whole battalion of gendarmes and policemen fell into my hut, commenced to rummage among the things on the table, and in all the corners. Having dressed I lay down on my bed again and tried not to see the unpleasant proceedings which continued for an hour and a-half. I learned at the end, when I heard the reading of the affidavit, that nothing illegal had been found.

"When they had gone I opened my eyes, and on this occasion was not left with that dreadful impression that usually remains—neither with my eyes nor with my ears have I been a witness when they insulted my home. Only when I was left alone I began to repair the disorder. Involuntarily my face turned to what my hand had been doing. All the English letters had disappeared, which I received for the last three months, and your letter, which was full of the deeds of the Suffragettes. . . ."

### Suffrage Referendum Victory in Canada.

Our readers will welcome the news contained in the following extract from the letter of a Toronto Suffragist

and appreciate the compliment paid by the Irish policeman to the work done by Canadian women suffragists:—

We had a great Suffrage victory here when a referendum came up at the Municipal election to give married women, otherwise qualified, the vote in Municipal matters. For five years past the Suffrage people have been going to the Premier asking to have the franchise extended to them, and his invariable reply was, "There is no demand for the change." So this year permission was given to take a referendum at the elections, and it was carried by almost 14,000 majority. The women spoke at all the ward meetings before the elections and did splendid work. I haven't a doubt that it is but the forerunner to the full Suffrage, for the sympathy evinced by the men was quite a revelation. We of the Franchise League stood, two together, at the various polls all day, and spoke to the men as they came in. We found the working-men for us almost without exception. Often the educated man refused. When the polls closed the big policeman on duty said to us, "Ye've done well. Ye've canvassed as well as — (naming an alderman), and if ever I run meself I'll get ye to work for me!"

**KING'S SPEECH PROTEST MEETING.**

Our Caxton Hall meeting, on February 11, to protest against the omission of woman suffrage from the King's Speech, was marked by the keen enthusiasm of the large audience, in spite of being tightly wedged together and many having to stand throughout the evening. Miss Anna Munro was, as usual, an able chairman, and in graphic manner sketched the position and voiced the indignation of all Suffragists. Miss Nina Boyle, who had travelled all night from Glasgow to be present at the meeting, criticised severely the various items of the Speech, showing how the affairs of countries afar were included, but vital matters concerning the nation at home were scarcely mentioned. When women had the vote, she said, they would introduce changes in such a valueless piece of verbosity as the King's Speech is now. She pointed out the great changes which the woman suffrage movement had already effected in public life, among them the general opinion as to what women may or may not do, even to the demand to enter Parliament, which is now quite calmly received and at Glasgow and elsewhere was warmly supported. Male legislators made a great uproar about anthrax but were unmoved by an epidemic of measles responsible for a death-rate of sixty to seventy children a week. Everything proved the need for woman to have political power for the good of the community, and she felt that victory would not long be delayed.

Mr. John Scurr, who had already spoken at the afternoon meeting, had a very fine reception, and told how George II. refused to punish a man who had written a parody of the King's Speech, because he liked it better than the Speech itself. Politicians to-day, he said, ignored human necessities, but the woman's movement was teaching them that obedience to the law is a fetish when the law stands in the way of the progress of the human race. He strongly impressed upon men their responsibility for militancy because of the Government's long denial of justice to women. The old political system is breaking up and the practical mind of woman must be brought to bear with man's on the national life.

Mrs. Despard spoke of the fresh enthusiasm which is penetrating the movement, and paid special tribute to the help of men Suffragists. The great contrast was presented of women who "have gone down into the depths," and politicians with their bland orations and this contemptible King's Speech. She urged everyone to get rid of convention and prejudice and help to win the coming victory, which would be good for man and woman and child.

**"Go Home and Mind the Baby."**

At the usual afternoon gathering on February 11 a very powerful address was given by Mr. John Scurr, showing that it was the women who had come out into public life who were really "minding the baby." He referred to the remarkable decrease in infant mortality in countries where women had the

vote, and to the improved conditions in which children grew up. Men had tried to mind the baby by making laws for it heedless of women's help. They had completely failed because they divorced the State from the home. Women knew that the State was only an extension of the home and needed their co-operation with men. Mrs. Despard strongly supported Mr. Scurr and Miss Anna Munro gave interesting accounts of the arrest of Freedom League members demanding their right to be included in the King's Speech and of Dr. Knight's Tax-Resistance protest at Hampstead.

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Miss Heckels, per Miss Read	5	0				
Mrs. Mallalue	5	0				
Miss M. B. Williamson	5	0				
Miss Battell	2	6				
Mrs. C. Bryant	2	6				
Miss M. H. Saunders	2	6				
Miss R. S. S. Whyte (Homerton Campaign)	2	6				
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Mrs. G. Ridgley	2	0				
Miss Trott	2	0				
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Mrs. M. E. MacGrotty	1	6				
Miss C. M. Eadie	1	0				
Mrs. Morgan, per Miss Read	1	0				
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Miss Madeline Thompson	1	0				
Collections	8	12	9			
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Finchley	6	0				
Brynawr, per Mrs. Johnson	2	0				
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Brighton and Hove	1	11	0			
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To Branch Treasurers.—In future Branch and District Funds will be added to the National Fund, and a list should be sent monthly to me.—E. KNIGHT, Hon. Treasurer.

A VERY enjoyable concert was given at the Steinway Hall, W., on Thursday, February 12, the artistes being:—Josephine Mann and Gladys Richardson, sopranos; Beatrice Goddard, contralto; Fuller Clarke, tenor; Sydney Clarke, baritone; Olive Richardson, reciter; and Agnes Fenning, pianist and accompanist. It was pleasant to note the many names of composers on the programme. The pianist gave three solos by her own countrymen. The audience was most enthusiastic and showed keen appreciation of the intellectual treat provided for them.

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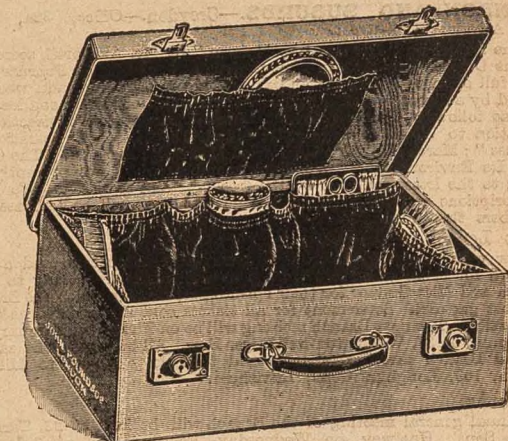


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Dear Fellow-Members and Readers,—I desire to thank very heartily all who have contributed to our Fund for the enlargement of THE VOTE. Their help, with the kind and cordial letters we have received, testifying to the pleasure they take in our paper, have greatly encouraged us. But we must make a further appeal. The Fund is not yet large enough to enable us permanently to increase our columns. We remind those of our readers who may be able to help us, that the moment is critical in the history of the Woman's Movement. The League is increasing; we are making new Branches and new members; work of all sorts is pressing upon us; never was there a time when a really representative paper was so urgently needed as it is now. Therefore I beg you to help us. I regard THE VOTE as the life-blood of the League.

I hope others will follow the example of those who have helped us, and so lighten our task.—Yours sincerely,  
C. DESPARD.

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**"THE VOTE" BRIGADE.**

A special appeal is made for reinforcements to THE VOTE Sellers' Brigade. All members of the League will realise that by joining the Brigade they render splendid service to our Cause. To sell THE VOTE is both propaganda and advertisement. Will everyone devote an hour or two each week to VOTE selling, either at convenient pitches personally chosen, or arranged from Headquarters? There should be no meeting without one or more VOTE sellers. If all will realise responsibility in this respect, our paper, our League, and our Cause will be strengthened. Our next VOTE poster parade will be on March 6, leaving Headquarters at 6 p.m.

A VOTE Rally was held on February 13, at Headquarters. Mrs. Despard received the Brigade, which welcomed her by

introducing two new members. We congratulate them, wish them good luck, and hope their example will be followed by many others. Designs for the championship badges were considered, and much interest was shown in those submitted by Mrs. Cubley. Mrs. Cubley has also designed a comfortable and becoming hat for poster parades; she has kindly offered to make the hats at a nominal cost for those who wish to have them. Our best thanks are given to Mrs. Bell for her continued kindness. — Mrs. Carey again invites the Brigade to tea on Thursday at 5 p.m. Members will be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity to meet, and they can at the same time get new copies of THE VOTE. P. LEAHY.

**WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.**

Miss Margaret Hodge has the gift of arresting attention and arousing interest both by speech and pen, and her audience last Monday evening, at the discussion meeting at Headquarters, paid her the compliment of waiting for her final word, and even after the meeting had closed, finding there was much more they wished to hear from her. She dealt with her subject, "The Effect of the Woman's Vote," from the point of view of the administration of the country, of the laws, of legislation for women and children, and emphasized the fact that the Federal Parliament has three times expressed itself strongly in favour of Woman Suffrage, pronounced it a great success, and advised the Imperial Parliament to do justice to the women of this country by enfranchising them. She told how candidates for Parliament were eager to hear questions from women at their meetings instead of turning them out with violence; how judges, recognising the woman's equality, gave severe sentences on men for crimes against women and children, quoting Judge Edwards in cases of criminal and indecent assault which came before him at Auckland, as saying that he would do his best to get a law passed to segregate sex maniacs. The Vote, too, was an education for women, and many of them, before an election, attended meetings of both parties to hear the different points of view. Miss Hodge added that women are finding their power greater in ensuring social legislation if they are independent of party.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Rawlinson, President of our Gravesend Branch, as chairman, and as an old friend and pupil of Miss Hodge; in an interesting opening speech she dealt with the ignorance existing here of conditions in the Overseas Dominions of His Majesty and the need for women of experience like Miss Hodge to dispel it.

## BRANCH NOTES.

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

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**LONDON AND SUBURBS.—Croydon.—Office, 32A, The Arcade, High-street.**

The lecture on "Divorce Law Reform," by Mr. Aldworth, secretary to the Divorce Law Reform Union, given at our office on February 13, was full of most important and interesting information, and was followed by a discussion. The subjects of the next four afternoon lectures are as follows:—February 27, "Ethical Thoughts on Vivisection in Relation to Woman's Suffrage"; March 13, "State Registration of Nurses"; March 27, "The Unmarried Mother"; April 24, "The Child and Its Environment." We thank members who have promptly replied to the letter sent out by the treasurer and secretary. We hope subscriptions and promises for the general levy will be increased in numbers this week.

**East London.**

Our whist party on February 14 was a great success, and a just reward for those who have worked so well for it, especially to Miss Nixon and Miss Gunner for their splendid service, for which the Branch is most grateful. Settlement for all tickets sold is requested as early as possible. The next Branch meeting will be on Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m., at 37, Wellington-buildings, Bow. All members who cannot attend Branch meetings should send their levy money to Miss C. Smith, 100, Longhurst-road, Lewisham.

**Hackney.**

Annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at 23, Terrace-road, South Hackney, on Wednesday, February 25, at 6.30 p.m. Election of officers and discussion of Conference Resolutions. Mrs. Despard will deliver an address at 7.45 p.m., and members are requested to make a special effort to attend.

**Hampstead.**

By kind invitation of Mrs. Nevinson, the annual Branch meeting was held at 4, Downsides-crescent, on February 13. Reports for the year were submitted and conference resolutions discussed. Mrs. Putz was warmly thanked for undertaking temporarily the duties of hon. secretary. Miss Mabel Lawrence was re-elected hon. treasurer.

**Kensington.**

A successful drawing-room meeting was held on February 9 at Mrs. Brend's. Mrs. Meeson Coates, who acted as chairman, has just returned from a visit to Australia, and gave some interesting news concerning the effect of the woman's vote there, and of an election which took place during her stay in that country. Miss Boyle gave a brilliant account of the political situation, urging the members to take an increasing interest in politics, which affected women equally with men. By her speech she showed that women could take a broad international view of things that really mattered, and awakened fresh interest in the minds of her audience in Imperial affairs. She promised to again visit the Branch, to which she especially belongs, at an early date, and members and friends are asked to keep a good look out in our list of forthcoming events for the date of her next visit. In the meantime members are reminded that they should attend the Branch meeting to be held at 6, Argyll-road, on February 24, at 8.15 p.m., to discuss the Conference resolutions.

## Chapter 12

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## PROVINCES.—Aintree.

The annual business meeting of the Branch was held on February 9, when reports of the previous year's work were read by the secretary and treasurer; both were highly satisfactory and encouraging. Mrs. Shaw stated that the membership had almost doubled during the year, and Mrs. McGuffie reported a substantial balance on the right side. A committee and officers were elected for the coming year; after discussing ways and means to raise funds to extend the work of the Branch, it was decided to hold two cake and candy sales, and a jumble sale.

**Brighton and Hove.**

A social was held at 19, Norfolk-terrace on February 14, which proved one of the most successful that the Branch has organised. Thanks are due to all those who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by reciting, playing, singing, or dancing, to the clairvoyants, and the lady who undertook the refreshments. Miss Hare, in a short and interesting speech, dealt with the King's Speech and the present political situation, and the Rev. F. Thompson said a few words in appreciation of the movement. Three dozen copies of "How the Law Protects Criminals" were sold. There will be a members' meeting on Monday, February 23, at 8 p.m., at 19, Norfolk-terrace, when the resolutions for Conference will be discussed.

**Ipswich.**

At our meeting on February 13, Mrs. Huddy spoke on Miss Margaret McMillan's work amongst children, and great interest was aroused. Our annual meeting was held on February 19. Please collect all you can for our Rummage Sale at the end of March. Subscriptions are now due.

**Middlesbrough.**

At our meeting at Hinton's Café, on February 9, Miss Alice Dewhurst, of Stockton, gave a most interesting address on "Child Study," pointing out that the term was practically new in the educational world. Children should be studied from three standpoints—physical, mental and moral, and play, she said, was one of the most important factors in bringing into use a child's activity. Members are asked to turn up in full force at our next "At Home," on February 27, when Miss Winifred Jones will speak on "Things That Count."

**Portsmouth and Gosport.**

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on February 10, by kind permission of Miss Mottershall, at 17, Lombard-street. After the business Mrs. Whetton spoke on "Are Women as Efficient as Men?" A good discussion followed. A whist drive was arranged for Wednesday, February 25, at 17, Lombard-street, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 1s. each. The next meeting will be on February 24, 7.30 p.m., for members only, at The Castle Tea Rooms, Great Southsea-street. Business: the Conference Agenda. The jumble sale has been fixed for Monday, March 16. Time and place will be announced later.

**Southampton.**

In spite of inclement weather Mrs. Leigh Rothwell addressed a large crowd at the Clock Tower on February 12, as a protest against the omission of any reference to Women Suffrage in the King's Speech. The meeting was mainly composed of men who were in entire sympathy with the points emphasised by the speaker.

**SCOTLAND.—Cowdenbeath.**

An excellent open-air meeting was held on February 11, at the Fountain. Miss Alice Maclean, who presided, spoke on sweated women workers. Miss Ada Broughton outlined the policy and aims of the League. The same evening Miss Broughton, speaking at the Kirkford Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association, showed how the vote would further the work of the Association. THE VOTE and other Suffrage literature was sold. Miss Broughton also spoke on February 9 at the Co-operative Women Guild, and pointed out how the vote would benefit the working women. Several women present promised to join the W.F.L. should a Branch be formed in Cowdenbeath.

**Dundee.**

Members gathered in force at Lamb's Hotel, on February 12 to meet Miss Eunice Murray. After tea Mrs. Allan, in the unavoidable absence of Miss Husband, took the chair, and Miss Murray gave an interesting address dealing with the omission of Woman Suffrage from the King's Speech, the growth of the movement, her experiences in the court when arrested for holding a meeting in Downing-street, and declaring that sooner or later Women's Suffrage was bound to come. Her speech was received with enthusiasm. An enjoyable concert followed, the artistes being Misses Anderson, Bryan, Mitchell, Mathers, and Sparks.

**Edinburgh.—Suffrage Shop, 90, Lothian-road.**

Three very good meetings have been held in the past week. On Tuesday afternoon Dr. Aimée Gibbs gave the first of her lectures on "Healthy Homes and a Healthy Race," the subject being "Woman's Place in the Home." From many instances that had come under her own observation, Dr. Gibbs made clear the necessity for legislation to ensure that the woman whose place is in the home shall be on an equality with man. Her address was listened to with great interest, and was followed by discussion. Miss Sara Munro presided, and a violin solo was contributed by Miss May Grant. In the evening a King's Speech meeting was held at the Mound. Mrs. Thomson took the chair, and Miss Jack and Miss McLachlan spoke. Miss Jack's statement that even more than the promised legislation for youthful offenders we needed legislation to protect youthful victims, and her account of the Wetherall case evoked a sympathetic response from the large audience. THE VOTE sold well. At our Wednesday meeting Bailie Rose, J.P., spoke on "Some Sad Features of City Life and Women's Share in Rectifying Them." Bailie Rose spoke from his experience as a magistrate, and his paper was heard with great interest, but his criticism of the work done—or rather left undone—by women in municipal life led to a very severe heckling of the speaker by many of those present. Miss Gilooly made an excellent chairman. Several members are already helping in Leith, and anyone who can help next week is requested to call at 38, Kirkgate, or to write to Miss Broughton there.

**Lochgelly.**

The Branch gave a successful "At Home" in the Co-operative Hall on February 10, at which Miss Alice Maclean was hostess. In a speech of welcome she referred to the strike of women and girls, earning

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## BRANCHES—LONDON.

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**Aintree.**—Mrs. SHAW, 15, Chatsworth-avenue, Aintree, Liverpool. **Bournemouth.**—Miss FORD, Heather Cot, Bengal-rd, Winton, Bournemouth. **Brighton and Hove.**—Miss HARE, 8, San Remo, Hove, Sussex. **Burnage.**—Mrs. BRICKHILL, 33, South-avenue, Garden Village, Levenshulme, Manchester. **Chester.**—Mrs. DU PLERGIN, Suffrage Shop, 45, St. Werburg-street, Chester. **Erdington.**—Miss G. ROSEMARY GREENE, 49, Hollist-road, Erdington, Birmingham. **Gravesend.**—Miss J. BOORMAN, 4, The Grove, Gravesend. **Grays.**—Mrs. TUNSTALL, 3, Heath-road, Chadwell St. Mary, near Grays, Essex. **Hadleigh.**—Miss MATTHEWS, 21, Fir Free-terrace, Hadleigh. **Hartlepool.**—Mrs. ENGLISH, 25, Carlton-street, West Hartlepool. **Ipswich.**—Mrs. HOSSACK, 49, Berner-street, Ipswich. **Letchworth.**—Miss LEE, Thistle-down, 2, Norton Way North, Letchworth. **Manchester.**—Miss A. E. HORDERN, 478, Stockport-road, Longsight, Manchester. **Middlesbrough.**—Miss A. MAHONY, 35, Albert-terrace, Middlesbrough. **Portsmouth.**—Mrs. WHITTON, 84, Devonshire-avenue, Southsea. **Potters-rials.**—Mrs. PEDLEY, 18, Bower-street, Hanley, Staffs. **Reading.**—Mrs. PENROSE, 100, Hamilton-road, Reading. **Sale.**—Miss E. BRIDDON, "Greeba," Harboro-road, Ashton-on-Mersey. **Sheffield.**—Miss J. MACDONALD, 21, Harcourt-road, Sheffield. **Southampton.**—Mrs. PERRIMAN, Morris Hall, Commercial-road, Southampton. **South Shields.**—Mrs. REVEL, 13, Hepscott-terrace, South Shields. **Sunderland.**—Mrs. PALLISER, 10, Fox-street, Sunderland. **Waterloo (Liverpool).**—Mrs. EVANS, 49, Kimberley-drive, Gt. Crosby, Liverpool. **Wellingborough.**—Miss V. SHARMAX, Ivy Lodge, Wellingborough, and Mrs. ENGLAND SMITH, Newstead, Hatton Park, Wellingborough. **Winchester.**—Miss COSTA, 14, Saxon-road, Winchester.

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## WALES.

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## GROUPS.

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## BRANCH NOTES (Continued).

from 7s. to 9s. a week at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, for the right to combine to protect their own interests, and showed how the possession of the vote would strengthen them in their industrial fight. Councillor A. J. Millar, of Lochgelly, read a very clever paper in support of Woman Suffrage, and urged that the working woman upon marriage should receive some remuneration from her husband for giving up her independence. Miss Ada Broughton proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Millar, and appealed to each member for individual service, so that the Women's Freedom League should become the strongest progressive force in Lochgelly.

**WALES.—Swansea.**

Members are asked to make a special effort to attend the next Branch meeting on Wednesday, February 25, when Mrs. Knight will give an address on "Municipal Nurseries."

## IN REGENT'S PARK.

The Mid-London Branch held their usual midday meeting in Regent's Park last Sunday. Miss Trott was in the chair, and gave an outline of the present by-election work and our King's Speech protests. A splendid crowd gathered to hear Miss Boyle's criticism of the Government for its inaction on the woman's question, and its action in allowing Krugerism to be revived in South Africa, though so many millions of money and thousands of lives were spent fifteen years ago to put it down. Proposed by a man in the crowd, a resolution was carried without dissent protesting against the omission of a Woman Suffrage Bill from the King's Speech, and demanding a Government measure without delay.



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W.F.L. events list including: Fri. Feb. 20.-91, MOUNT PLEASANT-ROAD, Tottenham Branch Members' Meeting, 7 p.m.; Sun. Feb. 22.-REGENT'S PARK (weather permitting), noon. Mrs. Jason Kerr and Mrs. Hyde; Mon. Feb. 23.-25, WIMPOLE-STREET, W. Drawing-room Meeting (by kind invitation of Dr. Lewin), 4-6 p.m. Miss Cicely Hamilton and the Rev. C. Baumgarten. Chair: Mrs. Hyde. CATFORD, 53, Terridon-road, Drawing-room Meeting, 8 p.m. Speech by Branch Member; Tues. Feb. 24.-KENSINGTON, 6, Argyll-road, Branch Meeting, 8.15 p.m., Conference Resolutions; Wed. Feb. 25.-CAXTON HALL, Public Meeting, 3.30 p.m. Miss C. Nina Boyle and Mrs. M. Cunningham: "The Race-Bearers and the Falling Birth-rate in France." Chair: Miss A. A. Smith. BROMLEY, The Literary Institute, Widmore-road, Public Meeting, 8 p.m. Mrs. Tanner. Subject: "Women, Democracy and Mr. Lloyd George." Chair: Mrs. Hodgson; Fri. Feb. 27.-CROYDON W.F.L. OFFICE, 32A, The Arcade, Meeting, 3.30 p.m. Speaker: Miss Becher. CAXTON HALL, W.F.L. Dance, 8-12 p.m. Tickets 3s. (including supper). Proceeds to Headquarters Funds; Sun., Mar. 1.-REGENT'S PARK (weather permitting), noon. Mon., Mar. 2.-W.F.L. OFFICE, 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, Discussion Meeting. Opener: Dr. C. V. Drysdale. Subject: "The Population Question and Women's Suffrage," 8 p.m.; Tues., Mar. 3.-CRIPPLEGATE INSTITUTE, Performance of Madame Marcelle, by Miss C. Maud, and Courage (a Dutch play), by K. H. (evening); Wed., Mar. 4.-CAXTON HALL, Public Meeting, 3.30, Mr. J. Cameron Grant. 1, ROBERT-STREET, ADELPHI, W.C., London Branches Council Meeting, 6.30; Fri., Mar. 6.-CAXTON HALL, Political Meeting, 8 p.m. Speakers: Miss Boyle, Mr. Lansbury, and Mrs. Schofield Coates. Vote Poster Parade. Start from Headquarters at 6 p.m.; Tues., Mar. 24.-CRIPPLEGATE INSTITUTE, Performance of Hiawatha (afternoon); Sat., Mar. 28.-W.F.L. ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CAXTON HALL, 10 a.m.; Sun., Mar. 29.-CAXTON HALL, Reception to Delegates, 3.30 p.m. PROVINCES. Mon., Feb. 23.-Middlesbrough, Hinton's Cafe, 7.30 p.m., "At Home." Speaker: Miss Winifred Jones: "Things that Count." Tues., Feb. 24.-Southsea, The Castle Tea Rooms, Gt. Southsea-street, Members' Meeting, 7.30 p.m.; Wed., Feb. 25.-Southsea, 17, Lombard-street, Whist Drive, 7.30. Tickets, 1s. each; Tues., Mar. 3.-Chester, Grange House, Drawing-room Meeting, 3 p.m. Hostess: Mrs. Crosland Taylor. Speaker: Miss Eunice Murray; Wed., Mar. 4.-Sale, Mrs. Despard. Reading, Palmer Hall, Social, 4.30. Tea, Readings, &c. Admission 6d.; Thurs., Mar. 5.-Manchester, Memorial Hall, Albert-square, Public Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Despard, Rev. A. E. Cornibee, and Miss Eunice G. Murray. Chair: Miss M. I. Neal. Ipswich, Suffrage Shop, Dr. Barnes (Woman Physician East Suffolk Hospital) on "The Training and Work of Women Doctors and Dentists." Fri., Mar. 6.-Chester, Masonic Hall, Hunter-street, Public Meeting, 8 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Despard and Miss Eunice Murray; Mon., Mar. 9.-Middlesbrough, Primitive Methodist Hall, Public Meeting, 7.45 p.m. Speakers: Miss Nina Boyle and Mr. James Reid; Mon., Mar. 23.-Burnage, Branch Meeting; Thurs., Mar. 26.-Chester, Brown & Co.'s Sale Room, Meeting 8 p.m. Miss Winifred Davies on "Defects of Present Elementary Educational System which Hinders Development of Good Citizens." Middlesbrough, Victoria Hall, Suffrage Plays, 7.45. SCOTLAND. Leith Burghs By-Election. Sat., Feb. 21.-Open-air Meetings. The foot of Leith Walk, 3 and 7.30 p.m. Open-air Meetings. Portobello, 3 p.m.; Musselburgh, 6 p.m.; Tues., Feb. 24.-Edinburgh, Suffrage Shop, 90, Lothian-road, Tea, 2.30. Lecture, 3 p.m. Dr. Aimee Gibbs: "Our Children: How to Make them Strong and Happy." Admission 2d.; Wed., Feb. 25.-Edinburgh, Suffrage Shop, 90, Lothian-road, Meeting, 8 p.m. Miss Helena Normanton, B.A.: "Varying Conceptions of Womanliness." Thurs., Feb. 26.-Paisley, Room in Central Halls (one stair up), Branch Meeting. Members and friends; Wed., Mar. 5.-Dunfermline, Branch Meeting, 8 p.m.; Wed., Mar. 25.-Dunfermline, Masonic Hall, Social. WALES Montgomery Boroughs Campaign. Fri., Feb. 20.-Llanfryn, Town Hall, "At Home." Miss Anna Munro: "White Slave Traffic." Chair: Mr. J. Lomax (Mayor). Mon., Feb. 23.-Llanerfyl, Village Hall, Public Meeting, 7.30. Miss Anna Munro. Chair: Mr. C. Garfitt; Tues., Feb. 24.-Berriew, Assembly Rooms, Public Meeting, Miss Anna Munro. Chair: Mr. W. Pritchard; Wed., Feb. 25.-Oswestry, Horse Market, Open-air Meeting 1 p.m. Miss Anna Munro. Chair: Miss A. M. Clark. Kerry, Reading Rooms, Public Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Miss Anna Munro. Chair: Miss A. M. Clark; Thurs., Feb. 26.-Welshpool, Town Hall, Public Meeting, 8 p.m., Speakers: Mrs. Wynne Nevinson, L.L.A., Miss Anna Munro. Chair: Mr. A. P. Busch-Michell; Fri., Feb. 27.-Llanbrynmair, Public Meeting, Miss Anna Munro. Chair: Miss A. M. Clark; Sat., Feb. 28.-Newtown, Severn-square, Open-air Meeting, Miss Anna Munro. Chair: Miss A. M. Clark.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Sun., Mar. 8.-GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL, York-road, Lambeth, Speech by Miss Munro at the Nurses' "Literary Hour," 9 p.m.; Tues., Mar. 17.-CHINGFORD, Spicer Memorial Hall, Debate 8 p.m. Mrs. Nevinson, L.L.A. (affirmative), West Essex Women's Franchise Association. NATIONAL UNION OF CLERKS. Brixton Branch Meeting, at Trade Union Hall, 30, Brixton-road, S.W., 8.45. Speaker: Mrs. Tanner; Tues., Mar. 24.-THE SUFFRAGE CLUB, 3, York-street, St. James's, S.W., 8.30. Miss Boyle (W.F.L.) on "Some Reform Bills."

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