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## WHAT WE THINK.

### The Political Situation.

Both the Government and the Opposition find the present situation difficult. The Irish Party, with an unwonted persistency and consistency, are determined that there shall be an autumn session, and, lest it should be taken as a sign of weakness, they refrained from taking part in any public demonstration of sympathy with England on the death of King Edward. They have won forward into a strong position, and, while claiming disunion, they keep carefully aloof from any possible suggestion that they could feel at one with England at any time. Whether the Veto battle be postponed or presently resumed, whether the Government will listen to the counsel of the extremists or not, whether we agree with the principles of Home Rule or whether we do not, we have at any rate before us an example which is at the same time a lesson in concentrating on a cause. The Irish Nationalists have not feared to appear brutal and even in bad taste, they have not wavered in the strong front they have shown to Mr. Asquith, and the reward of their consistency will presently be theirs. After June 8 we may begin to look for the reward of ours. Until the Conciliation Bill has had its chance of becoming law we must not criticise. It is the best attempt at opening the door to us that has yet been suggested, and it remains for us to impede its passage in no way. If individually we feel personally aggrieved at its tenor, if we do not think that it is happy in its framing, yet we know at least that it is the result of our strong stand and our consistency in the expression of our desires. Should it become law, we may regard it as the beginning of the end. In Norway the franchise was granted three years ago on a municipal basis, and recently a Bill has been brought before the Storting admitting Norwegian women to the full rights of citizenship, which has every likelihood of becoming law. The augury is a good one, and we may surely anticipate that we too shall presently enjoy the full use of contemporary citizen privileges, instead of being living political anachronisms in a progressive era.

### Mr. Chapman's Views.

Mr. Chapman's (Stipendiary Magistrate, Tower Bridge) evidence given before the Divorce Commission contained the most interesting suggestions as yet offered in solution of social problems. Amongst his recommendations for reform were that divorce juries should be permissive only, and should consist half of men and half of women; that

there should be equality of treatment between the sexes in the matter of divorce; that the law of bastardy be reversed by registering the children in the name of the father as soon as the paternity had been proved or admitted; that marriage at a registry office should be compulsory, subsequent marriage in a church being optional; and that separation orders should be for a fixed period only. These sane and wise suggestions, explained by practical evidence from the daily happenings in his own court at Tower Bridge, ought to be given careful consideration when the results of the Commission shall be drafted in advisory form. Mr. Chapman has been speaking for some time past on Suffrage platforms, and he has declared that "the spoilt darling of the law," as she appears in his courts, has firmly convinced him of the monstrous disabilities with which the law saddles women, and the very shady nature of its supposed favours. It is a notable coincidence that no Suffragist case has ever been brought before Mr. Chapman, and this may be due to the fact that he has not concealed his views on the subject or his sympathy with militancy apart from methods. Mr. Chapman gave it as his opinion that divorce, being in the nature of a punishment, should be associated with criminal rather than civil courts. Speaking of separation orders, he said that they were generally bad in the interests of morality and very unequal in their results for men and women. Separations, he thought, ought to be for fixed periods only, and each case assigned to a probation officer. After revision separation should be discharged or continued, but never continued for a period exceeding two years. The necessity for a wife to leave her husband in cases of cruelty and neglect before taking proceedings ought to be abolished, and also the necessity to wait for a month's accumulation of maintenance. The general tone of the Commission so far has been high, and leaning towards a more or less stable equality between the sexes, but, apart from abstract principles of justice, no evidence has been so considerate of the woman's stand-point, and in that way so likely to be of us to the community, as that given by Mr. Chapman.

### The Clerical Anti.

The Vicar of Brixton recently stated that when women got the suffrage he would quit the country. Even that astonishing utterance did not cause any great cessation amongst workers for the cause, nor a final pronouncement on the part of the Government that the question was to be indefinitely postponed. As in the fable of the fly which announced its intention of quitting the elephant's back, and was answered by the more important animal, "I didn't know you were there," there are probably people in the country who never heard of either the vicar or his parish.

### Moral Cankers.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Association for the Abolition of the Government Regulation of Vice, held at Caxton Hall last Friday, Mr. W. S. B. McLaren, M.P., declared that it was not unlikely that the question would be raised in the House during the next Session. The most striking statement made at the meeting came from Mrs. Bramwell Booth, who said that "the inequalities and insecurities, as well as the degradation, associated with any wrong relationship towards womanhood must eat like a canker at the root of all that was best in the nation."

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### OUR WORK.

**During the Truce.** We are working steadily on towards our goal. The Conciliation Bill offers us some hope of a partial fulfilment of our desires, but the uncertainty of politics and the untrustworthiness of prophets bid us not for one moment relax our vigilance or lay aside even one thread of our work. The Suffrage procession will mark time for us. It will be the greatest and most important display ever organised in favour of our cause, and it will give some idea of the vast strength of the movement and the way it has grown since the last demonstration. The open-air speaking is one of the most important features of our propaganda work, and we are glad to say it is making many converts for us and bringing in new members.

**Our Organisers.** VERY favourable reports are coming in from all our organisers. Miss Coyle is doing excellent pioneer work in the North of Ireland, where the economic condition of the women workers leaves much room for improvement. She has been paving the way for the enthusiastic gatherings which were held last week. Mrs. Despard addressed a packed meeting at St. Columb's Hall, Derry. At a drawing-room meeting a day later a provisional committee was formed to organise an Irish section of the W.F.L. contingent, and a meeting was arranged to discuss the constitution and tactics of this Irish section. Successful meetings were held for Mrs. Despard in Coleraine. A fund has been started for the Irish campaign. The importance of political power for improving industrial conditions is being brought home to the women, and they are responding well. Miss Bremner is making many converts in Portsmouth, and her open-air meetings have become a feature amongst local events.

**"At Home" at Queen's Hall.** THE Women Writers' Suffrage League were the guests of the W.F.L. on Thursday last at Queen's Hall, and a large number of these useful and gifted ladies accepted our invitation. Mrs. Baillie-Weaver and Mrs. H. W. Nevinson acted as hostesses, and Mrs. Holmes as chairman, and there were many distinguished women of letters present. In introducing Miss Hamilton Mrs. Holmes said that Mrs. Havelock Ellis and Dr. Baillie-Weaver were both unable to come. Speaking of the debt the suffrage question owed to women writers, she remarked that Miss Hamilton was skilled in both the pen and the sword, since both a militant suffragist and a writer with the power to present a case in forcible words.

MISS CICELY HAMILTON, author of "Diana of Dobson's," "Marriage as a Profession," "How the Vote Was Won," and more lately of the inspiring text for the Women's Pageant, delivered a fine address on Women in Art. She began by remarking that, being a member of numerous suffrage societies, and among them the Freedom League, she was there as both hostess and guest, and had the task of entertaining herself. Speaking of women in art, she said that it seemed at first sight as if they did not need emancipation. No one could be prevented from entering the world of art; if you care sufficiently for your work you do it for yourself and not for your public. Publicity was not essential

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to the production of art of any kind. To those who said that women were incapable of doing great work because they had not painted great pictures, &c., she declared that she did not believe it. Those whose minds were most susceptible to their surroundings were those whose minds were most given to creative work. It was possible to learn the technique of any art; it was always open to women to do that; yet they had achieved very little—and why? Because the force which lay behind the technique was wanting to them, and their technique was "flat" their ideas were stunted, and because for generations after generation they had been turned to one use. Art defined the expression of temperament; but women grew up without even knowing what they wanted to express. The first use they should make of their freedom was in the expression of their sincerity. Women so far had not been brought up to sincerity. As far back as their knowledge of women went they were found feigning feelings which they did not feel, and moulded all on one pattern. A woman was taught to be a humbug and never to discover her real self where a man was concerned. That attitude was not compatible with sincerity, and without sincerity it was impossible to be great in art, for real art stands for truth as it is seen by the one who seeks to express it. Girls grew up under conventions which hid from them a certain side in life—yet women were expected to produce great things. But it was necessary to live spiritually, intellectually, and physically to the utmost, to produce great things. They must not shut out any side of life or close up compartments in their minds.

It was made hard nowadays for women to do anything well. They had got to make their own technique. Men had theirs already, but the woman had to work out hers for herself. She had got to find it out. So far her work had been wanting in many ways, because she had not found it out. The woman writer, when describing a "good woman," used to endeavour to reproduce the man's point of view, forgetting that in herself she had all that she required—that she was a condensed version of the world. It was not until the New Woman came along that this was ever realised. The Womanly Woman was the most unnatural thing in creation, but whatever the modern woman was at least she was natural. She dared to stand up. All honour to the woman who liked children, but it was insincere and mere pose for women to say they liked children when they did not, merely because they thought it was the womanly thing to do and say. Women would never be anything until they learned to be themselves, until they paid their debt to themselves and gave up pretending to be what they were not. The fundamental reason why there had been no great women to cap the Platons of the world was because so far the woman had been working to please other people and not to please herself.

She had heard people saying the movement was making women selfish—that they were thinking more and more of themselves. (A voice: "Time they did.") Yes, answered Miss Hamilton, it is time they did. They had got to claim more for themselves; it was only when they possessed they would be able to give. Christ had said it was more blessed to give than to receive, but He had never said it was more blessed to have it taken from you. Only those who had something they had made their own could afford to give.

In conclusion, Miss Hamilton said that if she had appeared to have spoken slightly of women it was not so really; she believed strongly that women were going forward. They were receiving their own impressions and giving them out. They were now at the beginning, and the earth was open to them. It was only when they knew their heritage they could perfectly understand.

Mrs. How Martyn dealt with the Conciliation Bill, and the substance of her remarks will be found in the leader.

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**Speakers' Class.** MADAME LUCETTE RILEY, the well-known authoress of "Mice and Men," kindly took the speakers' class at 1, Robert Street, Adelphi, on Friday evening instead of Mrs. Chapin, who was unable to come. Madame Riley gave a most instructive and interesting lecture, which was very much appreciated, especially the "Don'ts," of which a few are cited for the use of any budding speakers:

Don't underestimate the value of your personal appearance. Political reform and personal attractions go together.

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Madame Riley very kindly criticised our reading, and gave most useful and helpful advice.

### The Importance of Drawing-room Meetings.

WHILE London still lies under the shadow of mourning, and big public meetings are at a discount; while events in the political world hang contingent on the reassembling of Parliament, there is one branch of activity which our members can still urge on to the utmost of their endeavour. A few weeks ago we started a series of one hundred Drawing-room Meetings, and many most successful ones have already been held. The utility of these is self-evident in view of the cessation of public meetings. The fear of the ridicule of friends, the scorn of the social circle, is strong in many women, and prevents them seeking out Suffrage meetings for themselves. These are the women to whom we particularly want to bring the courage that defies the conventions, that makes the woman's movement ride over all obstacles proudly to victory. Drawing-room meetings rob a progressive movement of half its terrors for the timid; they touch an audience which often feels the pinch of bounded womanhood in their private lives, who will not, and cannot, bring their troubles out into the open. And this force of deep feeling, reservoir in the dark, forms a strong reserve from which to recruit our fighting ranks when the call of danger shall sound again, making demands on women even greater than in the past. Furthermore, they represent an admirable form of propaganda carried out with the minimum of expense to the League. The importance of this social-educational work cannot well be over-estimated. We have to thank many of our most loyal members for the fine meetings they have organised in the past or promised in the future. We appeal to all those who have a drawing-room or garden of whatever dimensions to fill it to its utmost capacity with their friends and acquaintances, and to communicate immediately with Mrs. Manson at the head office as regards a speaker.

**"The Vote" Reception.** A SPECIAL evening reception for the readers and sellers of THE VOTE will be held to-night (June 2nd) at Caxton Hall at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Despard is to be chairman, and the speakers are:—Miss Marie Lawson, "Business"; Mrs. How Martyn, A.R.C.S., B.Sc., "Pleasure"; Mrs. Thomson-Price, "Rejected Contributions"; Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett, "THE VOTE and Votes for Women." Evening dress is optional, and admission is free. We want everyone to bring as many friends as possible. The evening's speeches promise to be both amusing and instructive. VOTE Week will be July 3rd to 10th, and further particulars will be announced later.

### Women Compositors.

THE question of the proposals made by the men in the Edinburgh printing trade that no more female labour be taken into the compositors' department for seven years is still to the fore in Edinburgh. Some of the girls are very indignant at the treatment they are receiving. A joint committee, composed of members of the Freedom League, the W.S.P.U., and the N.U.W.S.S., has been formed. Its first work will be to endeavour to obtain reliable and accurate information, a somewhat difficult thing, as we have already found. The members of the different societies are keenly interested and at a meeting held in Melville Place, at the W.S.P.U.

offices, Mr. Buckner, a prominent official in the Scottish Typographical Association, who spoke on the question from the men's point of view, was subjected to a very severe heckling, and he owned in answer to a question that the men's attitude was that of self-interest, not a desire to benefit the girls. A serious attempt is now being made to get the girls to join the Printers' Warehousemen and Cutters' Union, but the union to which the male compositors belong still closes its ranks to the women.

### W. F. L. ATHLETES.

We have much pleasure in inserting the following letter from the Organising Secretary of our Athletic Section:—

31, Golden Square, Piccadilly.

DEAR EDITOR,—May I, through your paper, appeal to the athletic portion of your readers for their support in the forthcoming procession?

It has been decided to have a section devoted to all kinds of sport, and I want all to help me who can, whatever their speciality. Will they write me and tell me what help they can give by coming to march with me, and also by getting others to come with them, or can they go to the nearest gymnasium or bath, tennis or hockey club and try to get others to come? I want to show London that we women are good for many things besides asking for the Vote, so I ask all who can to help me; also to remember that "Many can help one, though one cannot help many."

I ask for gymnasts, swimmers, fencers, cyclists, motor women, physical culturists, jiu-jitsu exponents, tennis, golf, and hockey clubs—the whole club, if possible, but single representatives will be heartily welcomed.

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Being a sound politician, Mr. Clayton delights in committing political offences—for the sound politician knows that the ethics of politics change with the hour and that yesterday's technical crimes are to-day's heroisms. The selected Woman's Suffrage candidate for South Salford, he is a worthy opponent of Mr. Hilaire Belloc. The one is a Socialist, with a sound knowledge of Labour problems; the other a *flaneur*, with a brilliant pen and a detestation of everything savouring of collectivism. Mr. Clayton is a man of letters; so is Mr. Belloc. Mr. Clayton is an Oxford man; so is Mr. Belloc. But their differences begin in the use they make of the sea of knowledge in which both have waded. Mr. Belloc believes in pundits, and is a pundit to himself and to the world in general—but a paradoxical pundit withal. There is nothing of the pundit about Mr. Clayton. He has no use for the inexplicable; he believes the day of clarity in speaking is come, and the age of the mystery-monger is past. Mr. Belloc is an avowed anti-Suffragist, for crude and material reasons, on which he declines to debate. Mr. Clayton is an avowed Suffragist, has spoken for years on the subject, and has the same grounds for his belief in women as for his belief in men.

"I was never converted to Woman Suffrage," said Mr. Clayton, "and I have no recollection of when I first believed in it. It is simply one of those things every decent man believes in. The question of Votes for Women stands on exactly the same plane as Votes for Men; if you believe in the one you must believe in the other."

"When did I first speak on Woman Suffrage? Twelve or thirteen years ago, when I was a Fabian lecturer. I have not been a Fabian now for over ten years, but on

looking over some old papers I found that in some of my former speeches I used to make what would be called to-day points in favour of Woman Suffrage.

"I do not care about dominant sexes," went on Mr. Clayton. "I hate the woman who wants to clean a man's boots and the man who wants a woman to clean them. Most sensible men believe in the equality of the sexes to-day. There may be lurking in the wilds of Westminster some who do not, but eventually they too will become civilised."

"You can create artificial inequalities—you can invent inequalities, but these inequalities will be personal to their inventor and their creator. The women who think they are unequal or inferior to men are in a prison where the doors and windows are wide open, but they won't walk out. Equality exists for those who believe in it. It is the mental attitude of sane men and women. In right citizenship there is no disability of creed or sex."

"But if the general attitude of the sane man is that Woman's Suffrage is right and just, how is it that it has not been granted?"

"Because in the House of Commons the difficulty is to get the thoroughly sincere Suffragist to take a definite stand. He puts the claims of party first, and will do nothing that may embarrass his party in the House. He believes firmly in the justice of the women's cause, but he lets them wait, knowing they cannot force his hand in any way until they are electors."

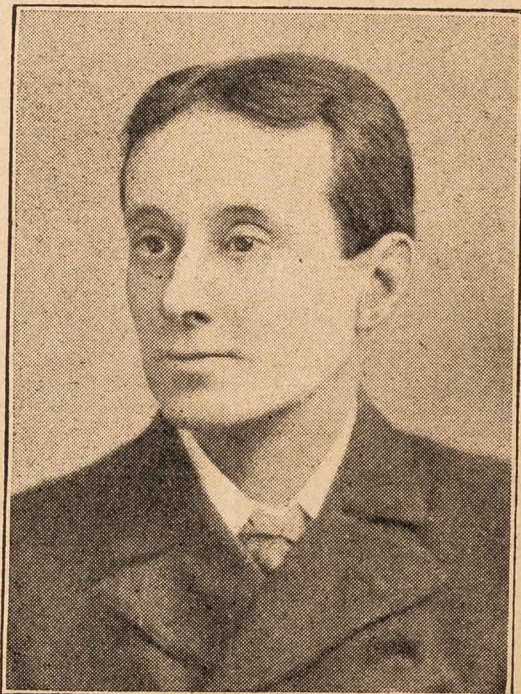
"The remedy?"

"A public opinion that will send men to the House of Commons who will stand for Woman Suffrage first and last, and who will keep the question eternally insistent, demanding an answer irrespective of the convenience of party whips. We must point out, in season and out of season, the futility of talking of 'the country' and 'the people' until both are fully represented."

The work of making the electorate representative, of producing government by consent of the governed, has been pursued slowly; the Catholic, the Jew, the Free-thinker, the working man have in their turn been given the power to be represented, and one of the last links in the chain is the removal of the sex disability, and by electing a few Suffragist members of Parliament this can be done quickly."

We may hope, though the principles of our League forbid us assisting at any election until we are ourselves enfranchised, that Mr. Clayton will be returned for South Salford. He has confidence in his own sex and in ours, and the resulting optimism ought to enable him to break down the reluctance of the House to consider immediately questions which do not concern its own electorates.

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The following excerpts from the memorandum sub-joined to the text of the Conciliation Bill (printed in last week's issue) explain the point of view which guided the Conciliation Committee, of which Lord Lytton is Chairman and Mr. H. N. Brailsford Hon. Secretary, in its framing:—

"This Bill is far from inventing an arbitrary franchise. It enacts a measure of enfranchisement which practically reproduces the present Local Government Register for women as it exists in England and Wales. This register has worked satisfactorily for a quarter of a century, and neither party has ever proposed to alter it."

"Our Bill meets Liberal critics by excluding the ownership and lodger qualification. It also provides against the enfranchisement of married women with their husbands under the £20 qualification for joint-occupiers—a qualification which would have included married women only in the middle and upper classes. It admits householders, even when they occupy only part of a house, without any limit of property. This basis is so democratic that the Independent Labour party, after a careful inquiry, satisfied itself that of the women on the Municipal Register 82 per cent. belong to the working class. It should be noted that married women are not as such excluded, though few of them would, in fact, be qualified. Married men who can at present rarely vote themselves, e.g., sailors and fishermen, would, under our Bill, be able, if they chose, to transfer their qualification to their wives."

"On the other hand the preference of Unionists for a cautious and experimental measure of enfranchisement is respected. There are some 870,000 women on the Local Government Register in England and Wales. Including the women of Scotland and Ireland, this Bill would confer the Parliamentary vote on about a million new electors. They would be in the main women who earn their own

living—those, in short, who pay rates and taxes, and have, in consequence, a traditional claim to representation which public opinion readily concedes."

"The failure of Parliaments to give effect to an opinion which they have repeatedly avowed would, if continued, justify women in complaining that in regard to them the Constitution has broken down. The painful struggle of the past four years is an experience which no one would wish to see repeated. However opinions may differ as to the methods by which this cause has recently been advocated, everyone must deplore the fact that many women, whose high character gives them a commanding influence with their fellows, should be found in open hostility to the laws of the land, and that their capacity for devotion and self-sacrifice should be called forth in opposition to public order."

### MOTHERS OF THE RACE.

The Women's Industrial Council are putting forward an interesting scheme for training girls of the working classes in the duties of motherhood. A home is to be opened in the East-End for the girls. A day nursery will be part of it, where women who are forced to go out to work will leave their babies, and the girls of the home are to mother the babies under supervision and with additional instruction in all the other arts and duties necessary to a thrifty and efficient housewife. It is also proposed to include in the scheme infant consultation for those mothers who are able to look after their own babies. The Council are appealing to the public for £1,000 for initial outlay and two years' working expenses. They hope to make the institution a successful demonstration to the L.C.C. Education Committee of the necessity and wisdom of undertaking the training of children's nurses as one of the skilled employments. Miss Clementina Black is chairman of the Executive Committee. The office is in John Street, Adelphi.—*Christian Commonwealth.*

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### THE POLITICIAN'S WAY.

The Bill that is to be introduced by the Conciliation Committee soon after the House reassembles—the text of which was published in the last number of THE VOTE, and excerpts from the explanatory memorandum of which appear in the present issue—is but another illustration of the methods of politicians. The straight and narrow way of honest dealing with a straightforward issue is deserted for the crooked and unsatisfactory path of compromise. Our demand, and that of all other Women's Suffrage Societies, is that votes shall be given to women on the same terms as men; and, so far as we are concerned, we have no intention of being fully satisfied with anything less. The Conciliation Bill, as it is now generally called, proposes to enfranchise women on the municipal basis, and ignores all the other grounds of qualification that men enjoy and that women equally fulfil. But it is claimed by the supporters of the Bill that, if passed, it would confer the franchise on nearly a million women, and exclude only about 10 per cent. of the total number that would have been enfranchised had the Removal of the Sex Disability Bill become law. Certainly to the lay, as distinguished from the political, mind it seems to be a case of "much cry and little wool." It would be difficult even for the enemies of the movement to contend that, had the full demand of the women been ungrudgingly met, the effect would have been so much more revolutionary than under the present proposed extension. But we suppose the politician would not consider himself acting in a constitutional and Parliamentary manner if he did not mutilate and cut down a simple measure of justice. The unsatisfactory action of the Parliamentarian, however, does not alter our gratitude to Mr. Brailsford, through whose instrumentality the Conciliation Committee was formed, for his untiring and devoted efforts on our behalf.

Remembering the fate of the Sex Disability Bill, which three times passed its second reading in the House of Commons, and was each time cheerfully consigned to oblivion by its perjured supporters, we do not propose to indulge in any premature elation over the prospects of the present measure, or to place any more faith than formerly in the pledges of our so-called "friends" in the House. It will be time enough to regard them as sincere in their desire to give us this instalment of long-overdue justice when the Bill has reached the Committee stage. No action that will delay or hamper this will be made by us. We have all suffered so much and so greatly during the war that has been forced upon us that we are not likely to lift one finger to disturb or put back the granting of any measure of freedom to women. But our agitation will go on unceasingly until our full demand has been met, and the women of the country stand as equal citizens with the men.

And let the powers that be make no mistake. The truce up to now has been honourably observed, and, as the framers of the Conciliation Bill point out, "the painful struggle of the past four years is an experience which no one would like to see repeated." But if the Government refuse to act, we shall have no alternative but to strike, and to strike as hard and as swiftly as we can. We have not pledged ourselves to a dishonourable peace, and during the time of truce we have been making the best preparations for war by strengthening our resources and keeping our powder dry. But we affirm now, as we have always done, that the responsibility for the renewal of war will rest with the Government, and with them alone. The methods of the oppressed must be the methods of rebels, and the fight against tyranny must never be abandoned until victory is assured. Even the *Daily News* recognises this principle—that is, when

the victims are of the male sex. "This much at least is certain," says a leader in a recent issue, "that if it"—*i.e.*, the Lords' Veto—"does not come by consent, the democratic parties can never abandon the struggle for it. They are bound simply to go on until they win, because unless and until they win that victory all other political victories will be barren."

That is our case, too. We are bound simply to go on till we win, and we are prepared to do it, because until the elementary right of self-government be granted all other concessions will be barren and unmeaning.

All the foam and fury that is voiced by the Liberal Press against the Lords is claimed to be the expression of the righteous wrath of the people, because the principle of representative government has been endangered by their action. We women know that representative government is in no danger, because it has never been in force. The system of democratic government that is in vogue in this country is a hypocritical farce. Still the cry goes up, "To arms against the enemies of liberty and democracy!" But, as the *Daily News* leader-writer truthfully remarks, "logic is not everything in the affairs of men."

Time alone will show whether the so-called supporters of our cause in the House are prepared to be true to their pledges or to betray us again. But we can at least make it impossible for them to put forward once more the paltry and lying excuse that the demand lacks the earnest support of women throughout the country. The Procession on June 18th must be the biggest and the most enthusiastic that has ever been seen in the Metropolis. Every Suffragist, man or woman, that can, must be there. Expression of opinion on this matter has now become a sacred duty. A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together may perhaps convince the politician that it will be dangerous to indulge any longer in his favourite tactics of evasion and obstruction with the women's demand for justice.

MARION HOLMES.

### JOHN STUART MILL ON MARRIAGE.

In the interesting volumes of John Stuart Mill's Letters, edited by Hugh S. R. Elliot, is contained a letter written by Mill previous to his marriage with Mrs. Taylor. It is hard to believe that this was written in 1849, in Mid-Victorian times:

"Being about, if I am so happy as to obtain her consent, to enter into the marriage relation with the only woman I have ever known with whom I would have entered into that state; and the whole character of the marriage relation as constituted by law being such as both she and I entirely and conscientiously disapprove, for this among other reasons, that it confers upon one of the parties to the contract legal power and control over the person, property, and freedom of action of the other party, independent of her own wishes and will; I, having no means of legally divesting myself of these odious powers (as I most assuredly would do if an engagement to that effect could be made legally binding on me), feel it my duty to put on record a formal protest against the existing law of marriage, in so far as conferring such powers; and a solemn promise never in any case or under any circumstances to use them. And in the event of marriage between Mrs. Taylor and me I declare it to be my will and intention, and the condition of the engagement between us, that she retains in all respects whatever the same absolute freedom of action, and freedom of disposal of herself and of all that does or may at any time belong to her, as if no such marriage had taken place; and I absolutely disclaim and repudiate all pretence to have acquired any rights whatever by virtue of such marriage."

### The "Anti."

She dines with married "chums" at will,  
And wrecks a home or heart,  
And year by year is flirting still  
In some gay social mart.  
Not one of all the tricks she's learned  
From mankind will she banish,  
But when toward Suffrage she is turned  
She says, "It's quite too mannish!"



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### BRANCH NOTES.

#### Manchester (Central Branch).—9, Albert Square.

The Stockport campaign is going on well. We have been encouraged by large and attentive gatherings, and look forward to a good meeting on Wednesday.

A pretty little incident took place on Friday, a very old woman on the edge of the crowd sending some flowers to the speaker, Miss Heyes, "for her courage." Why are not more of our members with us to feel the help such a little thing can afford? We are very grateful to the faithful ones who turn out at every meeting, but there are others who might and who ought to relieve them sometimes. Will members who can join the Procession on the 18th please send in their names at once? The Great Central Railway Company have arranged an excursion on Friday night, June 17th, returning at midnight, June 18th, and will reserve special carriages if a sufficient number of places are taken. The fare is 11s., and we hope every Manchester member will make a very special effort to join in this great movement.—M. I. NEAL, President.

#### Manchester and District.—Harper Hill, Sale, Cheshire.

A meeting of the Organisation Committee was held at 302, Upper Brook Street, on Monday, May 23rd, by the kindness of Mrs. McMurray. Representatives of the Swinton, Urmston, and Manchester Branches were present. The Manchester Branch reported that their Stockport campaign had fallen through, the weather having prevented the earlier meetings and the King's death the later. They presented a scheme for a week's campaign, ending with a Café meeting on June 1st, which was adopted.

The secretaries of the other two Branches also presented schemes of work, and an open-air campaign for the month, with a total of twenty-three meetings, was drawn up. Miss Manning reported that during April a Branch had been formed at Urmston, and that progress had been made in Sale, where two good meetings had been held—one in the Temperance Rooms, and, by the kindness of Mrs. Byles, an excellent drawing-room meeting at Chilworth, where many new members were enrolled.

A discussion on the possibility of sending a contingent to the Procession on June 18th took place, and the Branch secretaries promised to urge the matter upon their members.—M. E. MANNING.

#### West Sussex.—Easebourne Vicarage, Midhurst.

In order to increase the sale of THE VOTE, street-selling has now become an institution among the activities of this Branch. What seemed an improbable possibility to most of the members has

become an actual fact in the hands of our enthusiastic organiser, Miss Winter. THE VOTE has been bought in the streets of Midhurst! Residents of rural districts are not keenly anxious to buy literature of any kind, and Suffrage literature least of all, so that our sellers are to be congratulated on their success. As a means of propaganda it has been found excellent, questions on Woman's Suffrage being frequently asked and answered, with a constant demand for meetings. Let despairing members in rural districts take heart.—ANNIE N. ROFF.

#### Crystal Palace District.

A very successful outdoor meeting was held at the Tram Terminus, Crystal Palace, last Monday evening, the first of a series arranged by Miss Ethel Fennings. A most attentive crowd listened to Miss Fennings and Mr. Victor Duval's interesting speeches, a fair amount of literature being sold and a good collection taken.—I. M. F.

#### Central Branch.—1, Robert Street, Adelphi.

REGENT'S PARK MEETING.—Notwithstanding we were this morning shifted on to the grass some distance from our usual pitch, our flags and speakers soon attracted attention, and though our meeting was not quite so large, owing, I think, to the change made, we had and held all through a most sympathetic gathering. It was indeed a great pleasure to have Mrs. Wynne Nevinston to talk for us and to know Mrs. Hyde was once again well enough to be able to take the chair. In a neat little speech she spoke of our great hope in the future, introducing Mrs. Nevinston as a guardian of many years' standing, understanding and knowing the wants of the people and the irregularities of the law regarding women. After the meeting was over questions were invited, asked, and answered. To the usual one, "Do we want to get into Parliament when we have the vote?" it was pointed out to the questioner we could not get so far in our aspirations without the sanction of the men voters, to which, to our great surprise, came the reply from men from three quarters they would be pleased to see us there, and thought it was high time we were there. This is indeed a progression, and almost took our breath away.—EVELYN DE VISMES.

#### Eccles Division (Northern Branch)—Newholme, Hazlehurst, Worsley.

At a meeting held in the Co-operative Hall, Eccles, on Thursday, the 26th ult., it was resolved and passed unanimously that the Swinton Branch combine with members of the League in Eccles, Patricroft, Monton Green, Worsley, Pendlebury, Clifton, and Walkden to form a new Central Branch for Eccles, under the name of "Eccles Division (Northern Branch)." This will include all the Parliamentary Division of Eccles except Urmston, Caddishead, and Flixton, which can be more conveniently worked by our sister branch in Urmston. The officers of the new Branch will be those of the old Swinton Branch: Secretary, Miss Janet Heyes, Newholme, Hazlehurst, Worsley; Treasurer, Miss Heyes, Newholme, Hazlehurst, Worsley; Literature Secretary, Miss Beckett, 179, Chorley Road, Swinton. The committee consists of the officers and four elected members—Mrs. Hyde (Swinton), Miss Kepps (Sudley), Miss Brookes (Pendlebury), and Miss Hewitt (Eccles). This development is the direct result of the campaign through the Eccles Division, which culminated with the enthusiastic mass meeting in Eccles Town Hall, addressed by Mrs. Amy Sanderson and Miss Manning. We feel this is the very best proof we can offer to them that their words fell on good, appreciative ground, from which it will bear fruit. Our warm and earnest thanks are due to the Manchester Central Branch for their help in that campaign, and to our own Associates, Mr. G. S. Allen and Mr. Noel Ward, for the service they have rendered as speakers and stewards. Will members please note the dates and places for the open-air work in June?—JANET HEYES, Hon. Secretary.

#### Battersea.—37, Park Road, St. John's Hill, S.W.

Active preparations are in progress for the great Procession of June 18th, and as a result of the open-air meetings several ladies have notified their intention of marching in the ranks.

On Friday evening a large crowd assembled at Mossbury Road to hear Miss E. M. Fennings, who dealt with the inequalities of the laws as affecting women. Mrs. Duval occupied the chair, and explained how to-day the question of Women's Suffrage was recognised as a living issue owing to the militant movement. A good deal of literature was disposed of at this meeting and the crowd was most sympathetic. Two meetings were held on Sunday, one in the morning on Wandsworth Common and the other in the afternoon in Battersea Park. Miss A. Neilans spoke on both occasions and made a great impression. She dispelled the erroneous idea that only the rich woman would benefit under the Bill which was demanded, and convinced those present that the great majority of the women who would get the vote would be working women. Mrs. Clanchy and Mrs. Duval also addressed the gatherings. The former paid a tribute to John Stuart Mill, whose book, she said, had made her a Suffragette. Good collections were made and a number of papers were sold.

Members of this Branch are urged to attend the open-air meetings and help in the selling of literature. A great effort must be made now that there is every reason to hope for the passing into law of a Women's Suffrage Bill this session.—B. D. D.

#### Newbury and Thatcham.

Newbury and Thatcham were visited this week, and several successful meetings held. On Tuesday evening an open-air meeting was held in Thatcham. A fair hearing was accorded us,



broken only by a few youths, who demonstrated their disapproval by booing. The next day a gathering at the Colethorpe Mills was addressed. Several questions were asked and answered, one gentleman telling us that we were not yet sufficiently militant. Our colours were worn by several of the girls to show their approval and sympathy. Later in the day a women's meeting was held.

Two good open-air meetings were also held in Newbury. Our second meeting was particularly successful, many queries being put forward. We hope, as a result, a Newbury and Thatcham Branch will shortly be formed. Thanks are due to the Misses Ashman, Miss Henry, and Mrs. Spicer, of Thatcham, and Miss Elliott, of Newbury; also Mr. Lee, who kindly gave us a lorry free of charge.—ANNA MUNRO.

**Swansea.**—Chez Nous, Sketty, S.O., Glam.

On Wednesday, May 18th, the weekly branch meeting took the form of a Trial by Jury, specially written for the occasion by Miss Nelson, in which a man Suffragist is on trial before the opposite sex for daring to demonstrate in favour of the enfranchisement of men. Miss Neal, as Lady Alberta de Fustian, made a most delightful judge, with a pleasant knack of falling asleep in court. The parts of Miss Angela Talkalotti, K.C. (Counsel for Prosecution), and Miss Teresa Floor'emall, K.C. (Counsel for Defence), were taken by Miss Nelson and Miss Phipps. The prisoner was Master Eric Cleeves, and the parts of the different witnesses were delightfully interpreted by Miss Holmes, Mrs. Cleeves, Mrs. Tobias, Miss Bevan, Miss Hindshaw, Miss Sylvia Cleeves, and Miss James, Miss Holmes receiving special applause in her double rôle of an irresponsible Welshwoman and of the drunken male supporter. Miss Roberts was Court Usher and Mr. Thomas Foreman of the Jury. At the end of the meeting a collection was taken, nominally to pay the prisoner's fine, in reality to purchase a pole to support the Swansea banner in the great Procession. Last week Mr. Ross read a very interesting paper.—M. MCLEOD CLEEVES.

**Ipswich.**—160, Norwich Road.

Our week's work has included two meetings on the Cornhill. Miss Benett was the speaker, and large crowds assembled to hear her. She received a good hearing, in spite of the second meeting being disturbed by some rowdies who got into the crowd. The police were assiduous in guarding us from their too enthusiastic attentions. On Wednesday afternoon, May 25th, Miss Benett gave an extremely interesting address to members and friends at the Club House. The attendance was not so large as it would otherwise have been, as some members were away working up the meetings arranged for Mrs. Despard at Stowmarket and Felixstowe. Also on the afternoon of May 25th an "At Home" was held at the Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmund's. Mrs. Clough kindly put a room at our disposal, and Mrs. Henry Tippett acted as hostess. Mrs. Vulliamy gave a very clear exposition of the constitution of our League and of its aims. Mrs. Tippett spoke on the social and industrial side of the question. Several of those present joined our League, and we hope before long to have a Branch in Bury.

Mrs. Hossack, 49, Berners Street, is organising our contingent for the procession on June 18th. Will any members or friends wishing to join us kindly communicate with her?—CONSTANCE E. ANDREWS.

**Herne Hill and Norwood.**—32, Geneva Road, Brixton, S.W.

On Sunday, May 29th, a meeting was held in Brockwell Park. The speakers were Miss Maclean, Mrs. Tanner, and Mr. Duval. The chair was taken by Miss Maclean. Mrs. Tanner gave an interesting address on the important social question of Women's Suffrage, and said that every former extension of the franchise had at first been bitterly opposed. Mr. Duval also spoke.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5th. The speakers will be Miss Neilans and Miss D. Bradfield.—B. SPENCER.

**Gravesend.**

The first meeting held by the Women's Freedom League in Gravesend took place on Friday, May 27th, in a room hired for the occasion. Mrs. Cunningham, of Hayes End, gave an interesting address on "Votes for Women" to an appreciative audience. She especially emphasised the economic aspects of the question. Mrs. Cunningham then gave a charming recitation of "Woman This and Woman That." Questions were asked, and an animated discussion followed. A satisfactory collection was taken and some literature sold.

**Croydon.**—9, Morland Avenue.

The weekly outdoor meeting was held at South Norwood Clock. Unfortunately, one of the speakers—Dr. Macpherson—was prevented by pressure of work from being present. The other speaker, Miss E. Fennings, addressed a very attentive audience. Good questions were asked and very satisfactorily answered by the speaker. Our next outdoor meeting will be held at Morland Road on Saturday, June 4th, when Miss A. Neilans will be the speaker.

Friends and members who wish to join the Procession on June 18th should send in their names to the secretary, Mrs. Terry, 9, Morland Avenue, at once. Carriages will be provided for those who cannot walk.—E. TERRY, Hon. Secretary.

**Middlesbrough.**

A meeting was held on Wednesday, March 25th, at which Miss Purvis presided. The address was given by Mr. Crow, President of the Middlesbrough Theosophical Society, on the subject

of "Suffrage in the Light of Re-incarnation." From this point of view he argued that the right to vote should depend neither on a sex nor on a property qualification, but should be the privilege of those whom he termed the "elder brothers," who had attained to a higher stage of development in the evolution of the soul through successive incarnations. He urged that the women who were seeking a new responsibility in their demand for the extension of the franchise should see to it that the motives which impelled them to such a line of action were unselfish and that their ideals were pure. An interesting discussion followed, which had to be curtailed from lack of time to deal with the varying issues that were raised.—L. MAHONY.

**West Hartlepool.**

We had a good meeting on Wednesday, May 25th, in the Church Square Schools. The room was full, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. The chair was taken by Mrs. Nicholson, the treasurer of the Branch, and the speaker was Mrs. Schofield-Coates. Mrs. Nicholson in her address gave a brief account of the objects of the League, which was very interesting, and then asked Mrs. Schofield-Coates to speak. Mrs. Schofield-Coates, in the course of her address, mentioned some of the terrible conditions under which women have to work. She also gave an account of the movement since its birth. A good collection was taken and a number of votes were sold.

On June 8th Mrs. Nicholson is giving a drawing-room meeting at 19, Brougham Terrace, West Hartlepool, at which Miss Clarke, of Sunderland, will speak.—E. CRESSY, Organiser.

**Brixton.**

We held an excellent meeting at Ruscroft Road on Thursday evening, when Miss Neilans spoke. Many questions were asked, and the crowd seemed in no hurry to disperse even at 10 p.m., when we closed the meeting. On Saturday evening, in spite of bad weather, a very fair crowd seemed greatly interested in Miss L. Miller's speech, and again we had a good many questions.

We are having open-air meetings every day to work up for the meeting at Hammerton Hall on June 3rd, when Mrs. Despard will speak. Mrs. Tanner's usual "At Home" will not be held on that day. After that date we will devote ourselves to working up for the Procession on June 18th. I hope members and sympathisers in this neighbourhood who can help will communicate with me at 32, Wynne Road, Brixton.—KATHLEEN TANNER.

## SCOTTISH NOTES.

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**Edinburgh.**—33, Forrest Road.

The usual weekly "At Home" was not held this week, as May 24th is Victoria Day and is held as a general holiday in Edinburgh. An open-air meeting was held at Castle Terrace on Wednesday. As Mrs. Billington-Greig is coming to us on Friday, June 10th, a series of open-air meetings will be held in the Central Ward. Will members please help by turning up at these meetings to support the speakers and sell THE VOTE? A list of meetings will be found at the shop. An important Branch meeting will be held on Friday, June 3rd. All members please make a point of coming.—MADGE TURNER, Organiser.

**Scottish Processional Plans.**

Scottish members are urged to remember that the Procession in London calls for helpers. Every member should make a great effort to go to London for the week-end and take her part in showing that Scottish women are as anxious for enfranchisement as English women. No special train can be arranged from Glasgow, but we can avail ourselves of the cheap excursion run each week during June. This excursion allows members to leave St. Enoch's Station at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 16th, and to return from St. Pancras (London) at 12 midnight on Monday, June 20th, or at 10 p.m. on Friday, June 24th. Fare, 27s. Seats in the excursion train can be booked in advance on application to the Stationmaster at St. Enoch's or to Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, 83, Buchanan Street. Tickets can be obtained at St. Enoch's or at Messrs. Cook and Son's. Members should please decide as soon as possible if they can go to London, and should send me notice immediately, stating if hospitality is required and for how long.

I want those members and sympathisers who cannot themselves go to London to realise that they are not debarred from helping to make the Procession a success. I am starting a special fund for Procession expenses, to which every Scottish member and sympathiser is urged to subscribe. Send me subscriptions of one shilling or more to the W.F.L., 302, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, and so let Scotland do her part in helping relieve the strain and anxiety now resting upon our London workers. Every member can spare a shilling, and if we all do our share we can ease the burden considerably.—MARGUERITE A. SIDLEY.

**Glasgow.**

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# WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE PROCESSION.

Hon. Organiser, Miss SIME SERUYA, 1, Robert Street.

The day of the great Procession draws on apace, when the tramp and the footfalls of women marching under the banners of freedom shall pierce the dull ears of sleepy politicians, reminding them that the new feminism, though quiescent for a season, is still present in their midst, gathering its forces for further action. The suffrage procession of two years ago proved a record; since that time thousands of women have gathered to our standards, and we confidently expect that this month's demonstration will eclipse the last, just as that threw all former ones in the shade.

As our readers know, women have the chance on June 18th to show their sympathies not only as private individuals, but with the prestige of their professions behind them. The procession will be divided into sections, and all those intending to march with us on this occasion are urged to send in their names without loss of time, as in spite of Miss Craig's reminder in last week's VOTE all cards have not yet been returned.

**PRISONERS' SECTION.**

Organised by Miss NEILANS, W.F.L., 1, Robert Street.

Those who have suffered imprisonment in the cause of freedom will naturally take a prominent part in the procession. This section will be headed by Mrs. Chapin (who received the longest sentence of any suffragist prisoner), and Miss Neilans, with a magnificent new banner, will bring up the rear. In this section will walk all the men who have been in prison for helping us as far back as 1906. All prisoners are particularly urged to be present, and to send deputies for each extra sentence; also will any prisoner who is quite unable to come see that she is duly represented?

**PICKETERS' SECTION.**

Organised by Miss ELSIE CHAPIN, W.F.L., 1, Robert Street.

The splendid protest of last summer, when the House of Commons was picketed for sixteen weeks by the W.F.L., will be commemorated by the Picketers' Section, which will be headed by Mrs. de Vismes, our champion picketer. A beautiful banner has been made reproducing the picketers' badge. A propos, more badges have been struck; any picketer who has not yet received one should send in her name at once, and anyone who has lost hers can have it replaced at a small cost. Picketers prevented from being present are also urged to send deputies.

**NURSING AND ALLIED PROFESSIONS.**

Organised by Miss EDINA MUNRO, 1, Robert Street.

A special appeal is made to all those interested in the tending of the sick to join in the section devoted to nursing and the allied professions. A preliminary meeting will be held in Caxton Hall on Thursday, June 2nd. The section will consist of Matrons, Sisters, Nurses, District Nurses, Masseuses, and Members of Red Cross Societies. All those connected with these professions are specially interesting themselves in this great peaceful demonstration, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick is leading the W.S.P.U. division.

**ATHLETES.**

Organised by Mrs. GARRUD and Miss KELLEY.

There is no body of women more fitted to disprove the physical force objection to woman suffrage than the women athletes. Large numbers of gymnasts, swimmers, fencers, &c., are sending in their names for this section, which will be headed by Mrs. Garrud, of jiu-jitsu fame. Will all women who excel in any branch of athletics send us their names as soon as possible?

**UNIVERSITY WOMEN.**

Organised by Miss NELSON, M.A.

There are few things that impress the public mind like a cap and gown demonstration on the part of women, so graduates and undergraduates are asked to enlist in this section, which will be led by Mrs. How Martyn, A.R.C.S., B.Sc. We particularly invite members of Colonial and Continental Universities to join us in the

procession, since there is no State so cosmopolitan as the Republic of the Gown.

**DECORATIONS.**

Organised by Miss TUCKER, 1, Robert Street.

Miss Tucker sends a special appeal for helpers in view of the masses of work to be got through. For those who cannot spend long at the office there is plenty of sewing that can be done at home. We also want people who will undertake to organise special branches in the different sections.

**SPECIAL TRAINS AND HOSPITALITY.**

The special trains arranged for will be announced in next week's VOTE, but any branch with twenty-four people coming up to town can make arrangements from their local station. Offers of hospitality are still wanted, and all who will require it are asked to send in their names to the office at once.

**MEETING IN KENSINGTON TOWN HALL.**

At both meetings in the Kensington Town Hall all members of the N.E.C. will speak, including Mrs. Despard, Miss Benett, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Sproson, Miss Manning, B.A., and probably Mrs. Billington-Greig. Seats should be booked at once, as tickets are selling fast. Prices range from 5s. downwards, and there are also a few free seats.

**PROCESSION OFFICERS.**

Leader, Mrs. DESPARD.

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**Re THE PROCESSION.**

1, Robert Street, Adelphi.

DEAR MADAM,—It must be quite clear that any statements appearing in THE VOTE with reference to the procession must refer to the W.F.L. contingent unless expressly stated otherwise, and a reference to the last two or three numbers of "Votes for Women," where the organisers of the University contingent are given among other organisers of the sister militant society, will explain how easy it was to conclude from that that the University women would be marching under militant colours.



We must all agree with Miss Hicks that the important duty of every woman and man sympathiser is to march in the procession on June 18th; then we urge on every member and sympathiser with the W.F.L. that her or his next duty is to march with the W.F.L. contingent and to attend the meetings in Kensington Town Hall.

I especially appeal to our women doctors and our graduates and undergraduates to march with us to show not only that they desire to be enfranchised, but that they recognise the debt that Suffragists owe to the militants for having made Votes for Women a question of practical politics.—Yours faithfully,  
EDITH HOW MARTYN.

### 101 POINTS IN FAVOUR OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

*These points will cover the legal, social, and economic grounds on which women demand the vote, and will call attention to the glaring inconsistencies which demand a change in the present condition of the franchise.*

22.—One of the most important results which must immediately follow from the granting of the Suffrage is the re-adjustment of the male point of view. This will include the realisation by man that because (by no merit or exertion of his own) he has been born a male, does not make him by right superior to one-half the human race.

All the selfish propensities, the self-worship, the unjust self-preference, which exists among mankind have their source and root in, and derive their principal nourishment from, the present constitution of the relationship between men and women. Think what it is to a boy to grow up to manhood in the belief that, without any merit or exertion of his own, though he may be the most frivolous and empty or the most ignorant and stolid of mankind, by the mere fact of being born a male he is by right the superior of all and every one of an entire half the human race.—JOHN STUART MILL.

### WHAT WE ARE SAYING AND DOING.

"If any man is for captivity, into captivity he goeth."—BOOK OF REVELATION, xiii. 10.

\* \* \* *In this column we give W.F.L. news items in tabloid form week by week.*

#### Cycling Corps.

Miss Dorothy Spencer is anxious for anyone who has ever been a member of the W.F.L. Cycling Corps to communicate with her at once at the W.F.L. Office, 1, Robert Street, Adelphi.

#### Bound Volumes of "The Vote."

We are having numerous applications from all parts of the country for bound volumes of THE VOTE. Those who have kept their copies of THE VOTE can have them bound, with index, for 2s. The index has been very carefully compiled by Mrs. Harvey, to whom we are very much indebted, and the thoroughness of whose work will make any matters of reference easy.

#### Anti-Debating Antis.

Miss Evelyn Cressy writes us that, when arranging recently for a debate in South Shields, one of the W.F.L. Committee wrote to the president of the local branch of the Anti-Suffrage Society, asking them to take part, but they refused to "come out and fight," and stated, without ambiguity or shame, that they "were unable to meet us on the platform."

#### Divorce Juries.

Interviewed by the *Daily Sketch* as to her opinion of women on divorce juries, Mrs. How Martyn declared her thorough approval of the suggestion: "I don't think that a woman has ever been fairly tried in this or any other country

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so far, and I don't think she ever will be till we have women on the bench as well as on the jury."

#### Against Holloway Authorities.

An action brought against the authorities of Holloway Prison by Mrs. Meredith McDonald has been settled by the payment of £500 and costs to Mrs. McDonald. In March last year, while exercising in Holloway Prison, Mrs. McDonald slipped on some ice, fell, and broke her leg. The accident was held to be primarily due to the dripping of water from a tap.

#### Mrs. Ayres Purdie.

Speaking at the Women's Institute on Wednesday on "Women Accountants," Mrs. Ayres Purdie remarked that "the best training, following upon an ordinary education, was to be obtained at one of the commercial universities which had sprung up within the last ten years at such centres as Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, and the London School of Economics, which was an offshoot of the University of London." The *Financial News* gave a long space to a report of her lecture.

#### Whist Drive.

Miss Marie Lawson was hostess at a most enjoyable whist drive got up for the funds of the London Branch Council on Friday, May 27th, and held at 4, Guilford Street. A number of W.F.L. members and some outsiders took part in it.

### SUFFRAGE IN OTHER LANDS.

#### Norway.

It will be remembered that the Parliamentary franchise granted to women in Norway three years ago was based on the municipal franchise, which gave the vote only to women taxpayers over twenty-five. Proposals to substitute for this restricted franchise one that gives votes to women on the same terms as to men have recently been introduced into the Storting. As regards the municipal franchise, the proposal was unanimously adopted by the Constitution Committee, on the ground that the eight years' experience of municipal suffrage for women had proved most encouraging and their work as councillors most beneficial to the nation. As a result of this recommendation the reform has now been carried.

A further attempt was made to make the same alteration in the Parliamentary franchise, and in fact there was a majority of the Committee in favour of this change also. But it does not seem likely that this will be carried just yet. As yet women have only taken part in one Parliamentary election, and on the principle of "one step at a time" it is probable that this further change will be postponed. It can, however, only be a matter of a few years now.

#### Denmark.

Early this year a Bill changing the representation of the constituencies and granting the franchise to women was introduced into Parliament by the Prime Minister, Mr. Zahle. But as amendments to the Constitution cannot be carried in Denmark without the consent of two successive Parliaments everything depended on the result of the recent elections. And, of course, these turned on the burning question of national defence and not on the franchise. As the result of the elections is the defeat of the Radical Ministry, it may be that this will prove a set-back to the Cause. Still, it is clear from the recent debate that the women have friends in all parties, so that when the defence question is settled time may be found for doing that on which theoretically nearly all are agreed.

#### Bosnia-Herzegovina.

By the time these lines are in print women will for the first time have voted for the Bosnian Parliament. The franchise conferred on them follows the old lines of feudal Austria, i.e., only those who belong to the class of landed proprietors have a vote. These number only a few hundred, and are for the most part of the Mohamedan faith. Many of them are illiterate and quite devoid of political knowledge. On the other hand, Bosnian women who have had a University education and are practising as physicians or following other professions have no vote. Surely the logic of this situation could only be fitly illustrated in the domain of comic opera!—A. ZIMMERN.

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### WOMEN TEACHERS.

At a meeting of the Blackburn Education Committee recently the question of equal pay for the women teachers was raised by Mr. Higham, fought out, and eventually lost by 10 votes to 8. Mr. Higham urged that women cost as much as men to be educated; the parents of women had to sacrifice equally as much as the parents of men to get their children educated; women had to work equally as hard as men in order to fit themselves for these positions; and he could not understand why they should not be paid the same as men when they had succeeded equally as well as the men. That Committee had already put a handicap on all their women teachers by saying that they would only be allowed to work until they got married. The whole action of the Committee was just one of those things which bore out what many women had been saying lately—that it was not safe to place in the hands of men the dealing out of justice to women. Things like this justified the suffragettes in the tactics they had been adopting lately. (Laughter.) "It is all very well to treat it as a laughing matter," added Mr. Higham. "These women are protesting to-day that the only way to get justice from men is by terrifying them, and I am beginning to believe it." (Loud laughter.) Concluding, Mr. Higham said if the women's salaries were a living wage for women they would also be a living wage for men. He moved his amendment as a protest against the meanness of the Committee in making this difference between the women and the men. At present they gave the same salary to a man whether he was married or unmarried. One male head-teacher might be married and have half a dozen children, and yet he would only have the same wages as one who had none. It was a most absurd excuse, and was put forward to bolster up an unfair system. He had proved his case, and if they were men they would send the matter back for reconsideration.

Some of the objections brought forward to Mr. Higham's amendment were: By Mr. Cooper, that they should have some regard to the market price. They could get plenty of teachers at the salaries mentioned. By Rev. F. Hibbert: That whether a man teacher was married or not, they expected him to get married, and to fulfil his obligations to society. *They did not expect that from their women teachers.*

The best answer that could be made to the type of argument brought forward by the members of Blackburn Education Committee would be to have the women teachers strike and to have an organised boycott of posts advertised by them. They would quickly come to the use of reason then.

Mrs. McLeod Cleaves announces that special trains will be run, at reduced fares, from Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot, Bridgend, Cardiff, and Newport for the Procession Day.

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### OTHER SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

#### The Actresses' Franchise League.

At the next "At Home" of the Actresses' Franchise League, on Friday, June 3rd, in the Grand Hall of the Criterion, there will be a debate on the Woman's Franchise question—Miss Abadam and Miss Cicely Corbett for, and Mr. Maconachie and Mrs. Colquhoun against. The guests will be received by Mrs. Frederick Mouillot and Miss Alice Crawford, and the chair will be taken by Mr. M. Campbell-Johnston at three o'clock.

#### National Women's Social and Political Union.

Meetings have been resumed again after the pause due to the King's death. Last week, at the Scala Theatre, the Rev. G. E. Startup gave a fine address on the higher ideals of the Suffrage movement; and at the Thursday evening meeting, at St. James's Hall, the news of the Suffrage Bill drafted by the Conciliation Committee was received with evident enthusiasm, and its scope was fully explained by Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence and Miss Pankhurst. All over the country meetings are being held in connection with the great Procession on June 18th.

#### The Church League for Women's Suffrage.

The Camelot Players, under the direction of Miss Maud Douie, will give a performance of "The Masque of the Holy Grail," in aid of the funds of the Church League, on Saturday evening, June 11th, at eight o'clock. Miss Anna Mukle and Miss Dorothy Wallun have kindly consented to play, and Miss Edith Clegg will take part in the performance, which will be opened by Mr. Laurence Housman.

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- FRI., JUNE 3RD.—Hammerton Hall, Brixton, 8 p.m. Chairman, Mrs. Tanner. Mrs. Despard, Mr. J. Y. Kennedy, Mr. G. Warre Cornish. Admission free.
- SAT., JUNE 4TH.—Battersea Library. Miss Hicks, M.A., 8 p.m. Thornton Heath, 8 p.m. Miss Neilans.
- SAT., JUNE 4TH.—Hampstead Poster Parade. Start from 7, Gainsborough Gardens at 7 p.m.
- SUN., JUNE 5TH.—Regent's Park, 12. Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett. Finsbury Park, 11.30. Brockwell Park, 6 p.m. Miss Neilans. Wandsworth Common, 11.30. Mrs. Tanner. Battersea Park, 3.30. Mrs. Tanner.
- MON., JUNE 6TH.—White Horse, Brixton, 8 p.m. Mrs. Crummey's Drawing-room Meeting, 78, Wakehurst Road, Wandsworth, S.W., 7.30. Mrs. Manson, Mr. Yaldwyn. Lavender Road. Mrs. Duval.
- MON., JUNE 6TH.—Tram Terminus, Crystal Palace, 8 p.m. Miss Ethel Fennings and Seymour Legge, Esq., B.Sc.
- TUES., JUNE 7TH.—Egham Constitution Hall, 8 p.m. Mrs. Manson, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. How Martyn. Mrs. Clarkson Swann's, 14, Homefield Road, Bromley, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Despard.
- WED., JUNE 8TH.—Mrs. Labrousse's Drawing-room Meeting, 64, Northampton Road, East Croydon, 4 p.m. Mrs. Manson. Miss Baenziger's Drawing-room Meeting, Flat 4, 134, Portsdown Road, Maida Vale, W., 8.30. Mrs. Manson. Drawing-room Meeting. Miss Thoresby, 99, Highbury Quadrant, 7.30 p.m.
- THURS., JUNE 9TH.—**Caxton Hall, 3.30 to 6.** Hostesses, Dr. Constance Long and Mrs. Cobden Sanderson. Chair, Mrs. Cunningham. Speakers, Mrs. Lovibond, "Citizens' Duty to Elementary School Children"; Mr. John Russell, "Co-education." 1, Robert Street, Adelphi, 6.45 p.m. London Branches Council. Rushcroft Road, Brixton, 8 p.m.
- FRI., JUNE 10TH.—Kensington Town Hall, 8. Mrs. Manson, Mrs. Despard, Mr. Kennedy. Mrs. Tanner's "At Home," 32, Wynne Road, Brixton, 4.30 and 7 p.m.
- SAT., JUNE 11TH.—Croydon, Thornton Hill Clock, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Fox Bourne's Drawing-room Meeting, Albany House, Caterham, 3.30 p.m. Mrs. Despard, Miss Neilans. Hampstead Poster Parade. Start from 7, Gainsborough Gardens, 7 p.m.
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- WED., JUNE 15TH.—Dr. Knight's Drawing-room Meeting, 7, Gainsborough Gardens, Hampstead, 7 p.m. Mrs. How Martyn, A.R.C.S., B. Sc. Miss Hicks, M.A. (chairman).
- THURS., JUNE 16TH.—**Caxton Hall, 3.30 to 6.** Hostesses, Mrs. Vulliamy, Mrs. Duval. Chair, Mrs. How Martyn, A.R.C.S., B.Sc., Speakers, Mrs. Holmes, "Woman's Place"; Mr. Cecil Chapman, "Marriage, Separation, and Divorce."
- SAT., JUNE 18TH.—**Kensington (Large) Town Hall, 8 p.m.** Chairman, Mrs. Despard. Mrs. Billington-Greig (health permitting), Miss Benett, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Schofield Coates. Tickets, 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s.
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- THURS., JUNE 23RD.—**Caxton Hall, 3.30 to 6.** Hostesses, Mrs. Bexfield, Mrs. Railton. Chair, Miss Benett. Speakers, Mrs. Fenwick Miller, "Women and Progress"; Dr. Drysdale, "Women and Science."
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- THURS., JUNE 2ND.—Urmston, near Manchester. "At Home." Miss Heyes, 8 p.m.
- SAT., JUNE 4TH.—Urmston, near Manchester. Lawn Grove. Miss Manning and Mr. Webb, 8 p.m. Patricroft. "Big Lamp." Miss Heyes, 8 p.m.
- SUN., JUNE 5TH.—Portsmouth. For I.L.P. Town Hall Square, 11 a.m.
- MON., JUNE 6TH.—Portsmouth. Town Hall Square, 7.45 p.m.

- TUES., JUNE 7TH.—Pendlebury. Miss Neal and Mr. Allen, 7.30 p.m. Pendlebury Station. Miss Neal, 8 p.m.
- WED., JUNE 8TH.—Urmston. Garden Meeting. Miss Neal, 8 p.m. Swinton. Miss Heyes, 8 p.m. Gosport, 7.45 p.m.
- FRI., JUNE 10TH.—Southsea Common, 7.45 p.m. Patricroft. J. Heyes and Mr. Downes, 7.30 p.m. Eccles Cross. Miss Heyes, 8 p.m.
- SAT., JUNE 11TH.—Monton. Miss Manning and Miss Heyes, 7 p.m. Monton. Miss Manning, 8 p.m. Flixton. Miss Heyes, 8 p.m.
- TUES., JUNE 14TH.—Swinton. Miss Heyes and Mr. Downes, 7.30 p.m.
- WED., JUNE 15TH.—Dewsbury. Mrs. Despard.
- THURS., JUNE 16TH.—Dewsbury. Mrs. Despard.
- FRI., JUNE 17TH.—Eccles. Miss Neal and Miss Heyes, 7.30 p.m.
- SAT., JUNE 18TH.—Urmston. Fair Ground, 8 p.m.
- TUES., JUNE 21ST.—Pendlebury. Miss J. Heyes and Mr. Allen, 7.30 p.m. Pendlebury. Miss Manning, 8 p.m.

## SCOTLAND.

- Edinburgh.**
- FRI., JUNE 3RD.—33, Forrest Road. Branch Meeting, 8 p.m. Speaker, Miss Sara Munro.
- TUES., JUNE 7TH.—33, Forrest Road. "At Home," 4 to 6 p.m.
- FRI., JUNE 10TH.—33, Forrest Road. "At Home," 4 to 6 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Billington-Greig. Evening Meeting. 33, Forrest Road, 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Billington-Greig.
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- WED., JUNE 8TH.—Castle Terrace, 8 p.m. Dundee. Miss Clunas, Miss Marguerite Sidley.
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- FRI., JUNE 10TH.—Dunfermline. Open-air. Miss Marguerite Sidley.
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- THURS., JUNE 2ND.—Rosemount, 6 p.m. Diamond, 8.45 p.m.
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- Coleraine.**
- WED., JUNE 1ST.—Town Hall Square, 8 1/2 m.
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- TUES., JUNE 7TH.—Town Hall Square, 8 p.m.
- WED., JUNE 8TH.—Café Hall, 8 p.m. Miss Coyle and Miss Osborne.
- Portrush.**
- FRI., JUNE 3RD.—Esplanade, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- SAT., JUNE 4TH.—Drawing-room Meeting, 3.30 p.m. Speakers, Miss Coyle and Miss Osborne.

## WALES.

- WED., JUNE 8TH.—Swansea. Chez-nous, Sketty, 7.30. Debate.

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