

ADESTE FIDELES

By John Scurr

Soon we shall hear the bells ringing out their Christmas message of peace on earth and goodwill towards men. Even the most callous amongst us cannot but feel the solemn appeal, and if only for a moment a generous impulse steals over all.

Yet by how many is the real significance of the Christmas celebration appreciated? Is it nothing to us who profess adhesion to Christianity that we honour the birth of a child, and in honouring the child we honour its mother, specially chosen from among women to bear the Redeemer of the World, without the assistance of man?

You may not accept the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception; you may reject it as the mere fantasy of dreaming theologians. Yet to us who are suffragists, quite apart from theological considerations, it has a beautiful and real significance. The World must be redeemed through Woman.

Come with me along this street. It is evening; all around us glitter the lights of the shops; overhead flash the signs advertising all kinds of things for the use of man; crowds hurry by, some laughing, some sorrowing. Yet stay—who is this? Simply a woman. See, she smiles. What awful tragedy in that smile! Can anything be more terrible than the smile of the wanton? Yet it is her only hope of life. Somewhere a child wants food and clothes. The crowd hurries by, all too cruel. What matters it that a woman's body has been destroyed; a woman's soul has been blackened? And softly the bells ring out. Adeste Fideles. Lasti triumphantes.

"I will make it hell for her." There she lies in the prison cell. It is a place typical of our modern infamy, called civilization. Cold, precise, of regulation size, correct in all detail. And on the bed lies a human being. Battered, injured, waiting in terror, for the torturers are approaching. Men have risked their lives, have lost their health, fighting fell disease. Has it all been in vain? For the torturer is a doctor with all the skill and knowledge at his disposal, which these other men obtained so painfully. But the Law must be upheld in all its majesty; and besides, she is only a woman. Is it fancy, or have the bells a sound of mockery? Venite adoremus. Venite adoremus. Christmas Dominum.

Stitch! Stitch! Stitch! Quickly the deft fingers hurry over the garment. For it must be completed to-night. True, the light is dim, and the eyes are not so bright as of yore. The fingers, too, are often pricked, which is a terrible nuisance, and it means delay to wipe them, for the garment must not be soiled. Hurry! Hurry! the task must get done. For two or three shillings hang in the balance. If the garment is not delivered in an hour, the master will have gone home, and payment will not be forthcoming. To-morrow is Sunday, too, and Tommy went to bed early crying, without his tea, because there was none for him. So speed, speed, speed. She is only a woman. The merry peal of the bells will help to make her fingers move the quicker. Adeste Fideles.

"Congratulations, my dear." "Your reception was a magnificent success." "To have succeeded in getting Lord Blaseall to come means a great deal to me." "With him on the Board of my new company it will be a huge success." "I must get you that diamond necklace." "My wife must not lack jewels, now we are ascending the social ladder." She smiles, and passes away to her room. For an hour or two afterwards she gazes out into the night, all kinds of rebellious thoughts coursing through her brain. Is this all that life means; is this the crown of wifehood? Simply to dress, to entertain, to flatter the crowd, that he, her husband, may attain to wealth and power! Is there nothing else for woman? Oh! would those bells were silent, with their sneering song. Venite adoremus! Venite adoremus! Hominum Iominum!

Soon will dawn another year. Is it to pass like this without the great act of reparation being made to woman? Is she still to be tortured, to be flattered, to be laughed at, to be placed in the inferior position? Or are we going to take our courage into our two hands and make the great restitution? We are on the eve of a great crisis in the history of the world. All, who are not blind, recognise that we are on the eve of a great social reconstruction. Social evils and injustices have been remedied before, but they have failed in their object because women have been left out. This must not happen again.

Let us then go forward during this coming year banded together, determined that under no circumstances shall it pass until we have placed woman in her rightful position, as a citizen, the equal of man.

Let every man determine that this question is of supreme importance. It is not politics. It is not a mere passing craze. It is a solemn act of justice, an Act of Reparation, an Act of Faith. Then

"Come all ye faithful
Joyfully triumphant,"

and make this next year the real year of grace, so that the Christmas Bells of 1914 will ring out with truth and joy; their song of justice done; of righteousness triumphant.

THE PLOW STOTS

A golden plough goes ploughing,
And behind that plough is the Lord Himself;
The holy Peter helps Him to drive,
And the Mother of God carries the seed-corn.
—FROM "CHRISTMAS. IN RITUAL AND TRADITION."

It is the coldest time in all the year, and a hard frost holds the earth as in a vice. The streams and rivulets are frozen, ice-cold, and silent, the sun hides his face, and the snow is falling, slowly, sullenly. It is winter, hard and relentless, and no life stirs in tree or flower. The village street is silent and deserted, for all who can, stay in doors in warmth and shelter.

But suddenly there is heard a shout, a sound of music and song and the clash of swords; every door is thrown open, and old folks and young crowd at the doorways, for the signal has been given that the winter is over and that the time of cold and darkness is passed, that the birds are returning to the countryside, that the sap is rising in the trees, and that the warmth and light of the sun is waxing stronger every day.

Six stalwart youths—the plow stots—dance, while in their midst is a decorated plough, symbol of man's work with the Sun god for the production of the fruits of the earth. For it is Plough Monday, the day of dawning and returning hope, the Christmas Day of the Nature religion, older in form than Christianity, curiously similar in essential truth and symbol.

And the sword dance symbolises the sacrifice of a human victim, not as propitiation to an angry god, but a slaying of the old dead year, and the renewal of life in the youth and hope of the future. And the victim was a willing and an honoured sacrifice, giving up his life that a fuller life might renew the earth and every tree and flower.

And following the shining plough, in olden days, came Mary, the Queen of Heaven, scattering the seed corn for the coming year, the symbol of earth's fruitfulness, and the reward of man's labour. The actual sun may not shine for many days, the streams may still be frostbound and the wind blow cold and harsh, but the promise of the springtime is certain, and from Plough Monday onwards the thoughts of men turn to summer and the pageant of the time of flowers and fruit.

To-day in England is the winter of our discontent, bigotry and prejudice keep us hide-bound; behind prison bars men and women lie silent and alone, the year dies, and of life there is no sign.

But the old symbolism which held the first spring festival in the depth of winter is as beautiful and as significant to-day as it ever was, and the faith which rejoiced in the return of the Sun god to his kingdom before ever his face could be seen was the faith which created the fulfilment of desire. Only by the ploughing of the fields in winter was the triumphant progress of the Earth Mother with her live seed corn made effectual and the future triumph of man made secure.

To-day the golden plough of our faith is turning the hard furrow of the past, and already the seed corn of life is being scattered far and wide, and for us, as for all men, it will ere long be true that—what we have sown that shall we reap.

Following the golden plough comes ever the Mother of God, scattering wide the seed of life.

Mary Neal.

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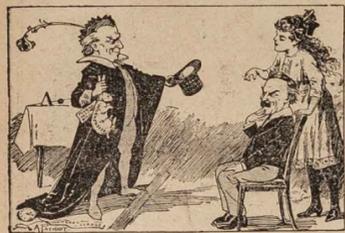


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THE YEAR'S HISTORY OF



1.—OUR FORECAST

Confurer Asquith: "Having put into the hat the watch borrowed from the little gentleman on the Front Bench, I wave my wand, and behold! I take out a rabbit!"
Militant Suffragist: "The rabbit was there all the time! And you simply dropped the watch, though you promised to turn it into a Vote for Women Bag!"
(January 3, 1913.)



2.—THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN THE BALANCE

(The first of the woman suffrage amendments to the Franchise Bill, the fate of which would depend upon the House of Commons, was introduced on January 4. This was before the Speaker's ruling caused the withdrawal of the Bill.)
(January 24, 1913.)



3.—THE PLAY—AND AFTER

November, 1911. January, 1913.
(Originally printed on November 17, 1911.)
Mr. Lloyd George: "I shall shout 'For Honour and the Women!' and advance to the fight. In the end you will pierce me through the heart, and I shall fall dead. After that the curtain will drop, and we shall go and have supper."
And they went!
(January 31, 1913.)



7.—MASTER HERBERT'S EASTER EGG

Master Herbert (losing his temper): "Boo-hoo! I don't like this egg. It has been sat on too long!"
(March 21, 1913.)



8.—THE CHANGELING IN THE HOUSE OF LIBERALISM

Mr. Asquith has substituted for the traditional Liberal policy of extending the Franchise the illiberal principle of coercion.
(April 18, 1913.)



9.—YIELDING TO FORCE

Inspector Asquith (to P.C. McKenna): "We can't resist the physical force represented by those three respectable citizens, so if they won't let the meetings go on peacefully you must prohibit them from being held."
(April 23, 1913.)



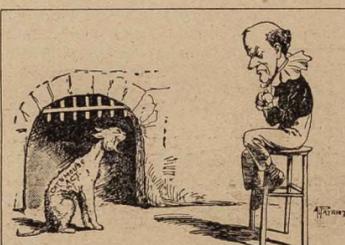
13.—MR. LLOYD GEORGE HITS OUT—AT HIMSELF.

Lloyd George, Democrat to Lloyd George, Cabinet Minister: "Take this, and go and learn what real democracy means."
("They have overlooked the daring and indomitable love of liberty which has inspired men of British blood throughout the ages. . . . They are negotiating a revolution in this kingdom. . . . with all the blind, headlong recklessness which has invariably characterized those who insist on retaining privileged positions in an age where all classes are possessed by milder ideas than those which make privilege tolerable.")—Mr. Lloyd George at Carnarvon.
(August 8, 1913.)



14.—THE BOY WHO BROKE HIS PROMISE

Naughty Herbert: "I tell you I didn't break my promise!"
Woman Suffragist: "Hush! You must really try to practise resignation."
(Mr. Asquith, referring to the Government's failure to fulfil its Reform Bill pledge, informed the N.W.S.S. deputation that he "really could not put on a white sheet in regard to it.")
(August 15, 1913.)



15.—THE CAT THAT FAILED

Little Reginald (to the cat): "I have to pretend you're a success before the other cats. But if I were not such a good, humane little boy, I should like to drown you!"
(August 22, 1913.)



19.—THE CHAMPION BUBBLE BLOWER

(With apologies to the Proprietors of Pear's Soap.)
Land reformers are questioning the value of Mr. Lloyd George's land campaign. Women Suffragists have no doubts as to the value of Mr. Lloyd George's Suffrage promises.
(October 17, 1913.)



20.—WHAT AMERICA HAS NOT DONE

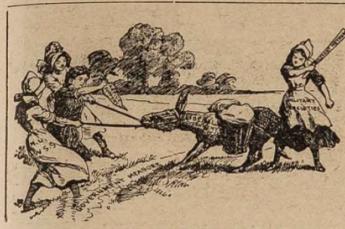
Mr. McKenna: "So you, too, have made yourself a laughing stock over these Suffrage women. Shake hands on it!"
Uncle Sam's Immigration Department: "No, thank you. I may have made mistakes, but I have not been cruel and brutal like you!"
(October 24, 1913.)



21.—THE PATIENT LOVER

Troubadour Sir Edward Grey (sings):—
I can't fix the day; for half my relations
Bring false accusations
Against you, my love, we perforce must have patience
And submit on orations.
Meanwhile, don't be tricked by my rival's advances,
He coy Front Bench glances,
I assure you, like me, he is splitting no lance
And taking no chance.
(Sir Edward Grey said at Berwick that the Government could do nothing for Women Suffrage because the Cabinet was divided—but he said the Opposition was in a similar position.)
(October 31, 1913.)

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN CARTOON



4.—WHAT A PITY IT WON'T GO QUIETLY!

In the absence of a satisfactory Government pledge after the Reform Bill fiasco, all the woman suffrage societies demanded a Government measure, and militancy broke out.
(February 7, 1913.)



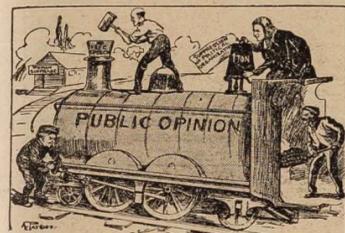
5.—THE GOVERNMENT MISTAKES THE MILITANT SYMPTOM FOR THE DISEASE

Doctor Asquith (to Britannia, who is suffering from internal disorder): "I do not like the look of your tongue; I propose to cut it out."
(February 28, 1913.)



6.—THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Stage Villains (pretending not to see the heroine): "Thank good nose, we've given that woman the slip at last!"
Voice from the Gods: "Garn, gov'nor! She's under your nose at the time!"
(March 14, 1913.)



10.—OUR ENLIGHTENED CABINET

On April 30 Lincoln's Inn House was raided by the police, the secretaries engaged in office work were arrested, and an attempt was made to suppress the official organ of the W.S.P.U. Just before this, the Suffrage meetings in the park had been proclaimed.
(May 2, 1913.)



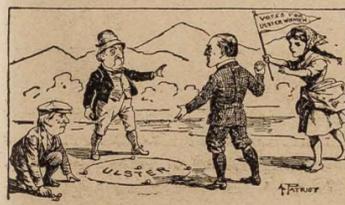
11.—HERBERT TWEEDLEDUM AND EDWARD TWEEDLEDEE

"We must have a bit of a fight, but I don't care about going on long," said Tweedledum. "Contrarywise," said Tweedledee, "we'll go on for twenty-seven years, provided we're friends all the time." "And will it be a real fight?" said Alice. "Nohow," said Tweedledum. "If I thought Tweedledee meant business I shouldn't fight at all; I should run away."
(May 9, 1913.)



12.—BREAKING THE RULES

The "Manchester Guardian" compares "Ulsterettes" and "Suffragettes," and admitting that the former are unpunished while the latter are prosecuted, hopes that this insalubrious indulgence is now nearly at an end.
(May 30, 1913.)



16.—THE ULSTER GAME

Master Asquith and Master Redmond (horrified): "Look here, don't ask that girl to play. She'll spoil the game!"
Master Edward Carson: "She'll spoil it much more if we don't let her play."
(September 19, 1913.)



17.—SIX YEARS OLD TO-DAY

The first number of "Votes for Women" was published in October, 1907.
(October 3, 1913.)



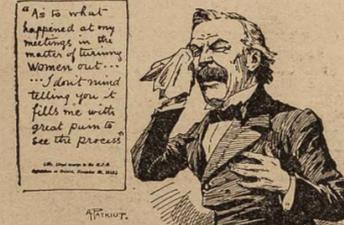
18.—LETTING THE CAT OUT

The Cook (Mrs. Humphry Ward): "O horror! I had disguised the cat so carefully in that pretty bag."
Pageboy (Sir Almoth Wright): "Garn! You're only a woman." (In his book, Sir Almoth Wright says: "One would not be very far from the truth if one alleged that there are no good women, but only women who have lived under the influence of good men.")
(October 10, 1913.)



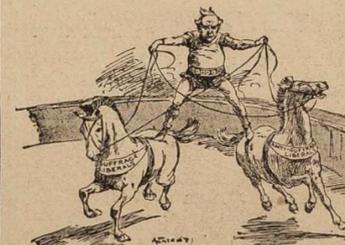
22.—THE VALUE OF THE VOTE

Mr. Larkin, backed by thousands of voters, is released unconditionally from Mountjoy Gaol, while voiceless women are forcibly fed, or released under the Cat and Mouse Act.
(Mr. Lloyd George, at Swansea, October 1, 1907, suggested sacks for the women, and ordered them to be "flung out ruthlessly"; and at Wrexham Buteadof, September 6, 1913, regretted the lack of hazel sticks.)
(November 21, 1913.)



23.—MR. CHADBAND IN 1913

Mr. Lloyd George at Oxford, Nov. 22, 1913: "As to what happened at my meetings in the matter of turning women out. . . . I don't mind telling you it fills me with great pain to see the process."
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24.—THE ACROBAT

How much longer will he be able to do it?
(The year closes with many indications of a Suffrage rift in the Liberal rank and file.)
(December 19, 1913.)

NEW FICTION

A CLEVER SEQUEL*

Mr. Arnold Bennett the jester is quite a different person from Mr. Arnold Bennett the psychologist, and we sometimes hope that the two may be combined in some future work from his pen.

"THE RUT"†

This is an able book. Presumably a first novel, it is not crude either in conception or construction, except that the last chapters are somewhat hurried compared with the leisurely pace of the preceding narrative.

nature awaking for the first time, all unconsciously to herself, at the age of forty-one. We see her carried away by those forces, see the woman who shrunk appalled from the bare mention of an infringement of the sex code prepared to outrage that code to the utmost; see her condemned by her son, sacrificed and abused by her daughter, forgiven with a hideous forgiveness by her husband, and brought back—a broken woman who has failed even to fall—into "the rut."

Not confessedly concerned with the Woman's Movement, this story yet bears directly upon it, touching, in the utter subjugation in conduct, in thought, in feeling, of millions of women in millions of homes, some of the springs which swell the volume and speed the current of its course.

AMERICAN HUMOUR*

Samantha's way of putting the Woman Question is humorous, with American humour, which is not quite the same as English. Needless to say that, being humorous, Samantha is a suffragist, and also that she has a perception of the tragedy and injustice that underlie women's demand for the vote.

It has always been the boast of our American law that it takes care of women, and took care of her. It held her in its strong, protective grasp so tight that the only way she could slip out of it was to drop into the grave, which she did in a few months. Then it leggo.

He was kinder tall and looked out of his eyes and wore a vest. He was some bald-headed, and wore a large smile all the while, it looked like a boughten one that didn't fit him.

The Senator argues that women are angels, and therefore need no vote. Says Samantha:—

If women are angels, give 'em the rights of angels. Who ever hoarn of an angel foldin' up her wings and goin' to a poor-house or jail through the fault of somebody else? Who ever hearn of an angel havin' to take in washin' to support a drunken son or father or husband?

It is when Samantha comes to militancy that she shows lack of understanding which arises from lack of knowledge. She seems to imagine that "our English sisters" have had no processions, have done none of the preliminary things that American women are doing now; she seems not to realise that fighting

* "Samantha on the Woman Question." By Marietta Holley. (London: Revell and Co. Price 3s. 6d. net.)

on this side of the Atlantic has made peaceable ways possible on the other. Samantha should "lay out" to learn more about her English sisters and their methods before she gets "epissodin" about them.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"Report of the Proceedings of the English-Speaking Conference on Infant Mortality." Held at Caxton Hall on August 4 and 5, 1913. (London: National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality. Price 3s. net.)

"The Englishwoman's Year Book and Directory." 1914. Edited by G. E. Mitton. (London: A. and C. Black. Price 2s. 6d. net.)

"The Great Scourge and How to End It." By Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B. (London: Lincoln's Inn House. Price 2s. 6d.)

"The Religious Aspect of the Woman's Movement." Being a Series of Addresses Delivered at Meetings Held at the Queen's Hall, London, on June 19, 1912. (The Collegium, 32, St. George's Square, S.W. Price 4d.)

"EAGER HEART"†

"Eager Heart" has now become one of our annual London Christmas observances, and this year, the tenth consecutive one of its production, it was more reverent and impressive than ever. A crowded audience received it in appreciative silence, at the first of the performances last Wednesday afternoon.

Very beautifully and touchingly the Holy Family was presented; and their lines were musically and clearly given by Eager Heart and her sisters—really the same may be said of all the players. The dialogue generally wears well; the remarks of the shepherds on the present discontents were quite appropriate to the present year of grace. Too much praise cannot be given to the heavenly music, and the gorgeous costumes—indeed, the whole setting is excellent.

PAPER-SELLING REPORT

Our paper sellers will this week be enjoying a well-earned Christmas; but even so, some are resolved not to lose any opportunity of furthering our cause, and intend getting the paper into fresh hands. One seller has expressed her intention of selling even on Christmas Day! This should encourage others to give up some part of their holiday time, if it is only half an hour. Come and take supplies from the office, directly you read this, for your Christmas sales.

COMPARISON OF PUNISHMENTS

Light Sentences. Assaulting a Wife. The Sheffield Daily Telegraph (December 15) reports case of a labourer charged at the Sheffield Police Court with assaulting his wife.

Heavy Sentences. The Times (December 19) reports case of a labourer charged at the London Sessions before Judge Rentoul, K.C., with stealing a truck and three cases of clocks, and with receiving the goods knowing them to have been stolen.

Ill-treating a Horse. The Sheffield Daily Telegraph (December 15) reports case of driver and owner summoned at Chesterfield Police Court for ill-treating a horse.

Killing a Pheasant. The Western Times (December 17) reports case of a farm labourer charged at the South Molton Town Hall before Mr. R. S. Bryan, Hon. G. W. Bampfylde, Mr. G. H. Crocker, and the Mayor, with unlawfully killing game without a licence.

Children and Cauliflowers. Under this heading, the Child's Guardian (December) gives an instance of the contrast in punishments that Vorra von Womix has been exposing for some time past.

They are not "Well-trained Angels." After pointing out that a similar scandal was perpetrated over the police violence shown to women on Black Friday, 1910, the writer proceeds to say:—

"We find, then, that within the last few years the police have learned again and again that accusations against them of improper violence will not be properly inquired into, and that their own version will be accepted. If the police force consisted of so many of the well-trained angels this state of affairs might be safe enough. But policemen happen to be human beings like the rest of us, and human beings, moreover, who are not work and organisation tend to make them hold together and support one another, and also tend to secretiveness."

Penal Reform. "THE POLICE HAVE 'CARTE-BLANCHE'." In view of the growing tendency on the part of the police to assault the peaceable public, especially when it is that part of the public which believes in women's suffrage, considerable interest attaches to the severe condemnation appearing in the last Quarterly Record of the Penal Reform League, of the action of the authorities who uphold such conduct on the part of the police. The writer is referring particularly to the dismissed

THE REVOLUTIONARIES

Bomb Explosions at Holloway Gaol. Suffragists Suspected. Between nine o'clock and half-past, on Thursday evening (December 18), two bomb explosions occurred on the south-east side of Holloway Gaol, which resulted in two breaches being made in the prison walls, each about a foot in length, half above and half below the ground level.

Theories of the Explosion. The detectives who at once investigated the matter, were of opinion that the explosion had been caused by the Suffragists. Two long pieces of fuse were found running across the moat from where the explosives were laid, to the garden wall of Nos. 10 and 12, Dalmeny Avenue, the former an unoccupied house and the latter tenanted by Suffragist sympathisers who have given hospitality to the women acting as pickets outside the prison.

It is said that a lock of woman's hair and a piece of hair ribbon were found in the garden of one of the houses, and the police were of opinion that these might have been blown off by the force of the explosion.

The wires were fired on the squib principle, and it is thought that dynamite was the explosive used. Had the place been banked up again after the bombs were laid, the whole wall, it is said, would have been wrecked. This lends colour to the theory advanced by the police that, as the Evening Standard puts it, "the affair was designed to scare prison officials rather than to do damage."

Major Cooper Key, Home Office Inspector of Explosives, made an examination of the place on Friday last.

Revolutionary Actions. The following incidents have been attributed in the Press to Suffragettes during the week:—

Tuesday, December 16.—Bottles of corrosive acid found in many pillar-boxes in Dublin. Large number of letters destroyed.

Thursday, December 18.—Boxes of black liquid found in Reading pillar-boxes. Bomb explosion at Holloway Gaol. Builder's shop and furniture depository burnt at Sutton, Surrey. Suffragists suspected, though no clues.

Friday, December 19.—Large coach and motor builder's warehouse at Sutton, Surrey, burnt, damage estimated at £2,000. Suffragists suspected; no clues.

Saturday, December 20.—Large unoccupied house at Lansdown, Bath, valued at £2,500, completely burnt. Suffrage literature found. Suffragists suspected.

Sunday, December 21.—Alstone Manor, an unoccupied house near Cheltenham, partly burnt, damage about £400. Suffrage literature found.

The Beryl, an 800 tons steam yacht, owned by Lord Inverclyde, destroyed by fire while lying off Rosneath Pier, Glasgow. Suffragists suspected, though no clue found.

Mrs. Pankhurst was sufficiently recovered from her last imprisonment and hunger strike to be able to leave London on Sunday for the Continent. It had been previously stated that she would return to England in time for the re-assembling of Parliament on February 10.

Miss Rachel Peace. We remind our readers that Miss Rachel Peace, whom the Government, with the aid of the shameful process of forcible feeding, have been able to keep in prison, is spending her Christmas in Holloway Gaol.

In Church, Theatre and Restaurant. Prayers were chanted for Mrs. Pankhurst on Sunday at the Barry Road Wesleyan Church, East Dulwich. On Saturday during a performance of "Quality Street" at the Duke of York's, thousands of hand-bills were showered down on the stalls from the gallery. These were greeted with cheers and hisses, and it was some minutes before quiet was restored.

Press Opinions. A Government morally and mentally weak, yet trying to pretend it is strong, makes an odious exhibition of itself. Prison is a crude expedient at any time—in a sane State there would be no prisons—but our present "masters" have linked the institution with coarse barbarity. Britain and Ireland must be strangely preoccupied or very sick in heart and soul. Otherwise they would revolt against the torture-chambers and the torturers.—Daily Herald.

The American Retort. The young husband was talking impatiently to his wife about the English militants. "What if the House of Commons did let the women's Bill come to the third reading? It wouldn't do any good—the House of Lords would throw it out." "Quick as a flash the wife threw back: 'Not when the House of Lords have all married American wives! They won't throw out the women's Bill!'"—Woman's Journal.

Why Women Want the Parliamentary Vote. He concludes by saying: "We must have conscious and direct effort, the State and the municipality joining hands."

Was Eve's Place the Home? "A woman ought to stay at home attending to the dinner," said the man who resents present-day tendencies. "No," replied Mr. Meekton, "that's where the human race made its first great mistake. If Eve had been out lecturing instead of passing round the fruit, we'd have been spared an immense amount of trouble."—Woman's Journal.

The Supported Wife. "Why did you leave your husband?" asked the Westminster Coroner of a witness. "Because I could not afford to keep him," was the reply.—Daily Press.

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Sir James Crichton-Browne, speaking at the joint annual meeting of the National League for Physical Education and the Mansion House Council of Health and Housing, on December 12, declared that in our public day schools to-day it would be impossible to find ten absolutely sound children.

This sounds incredible. Yet while the death rate among infants and young children stands where it is, we cannot wonder that those who manage to struggle through to riper years are not of a high physical standard.

Some Startling Facts. At a recent meeting of the Hyde Corporation the problem of infantile mortality was once more under discussion. It was stated that the rate had decreased slightly during the last two or three years, but it had now risen to the appalling figure of 215 per 1,000 births.

Another terrible fact was disclosed by the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, who said that one-half the deaths in the town during the last month were those of children under five years of age.

Is Bad Housing the Cause? It was stated further that the Sanitary Committee had done something by closing a number of houses as unfit for habitation, but as no provision had so far been made to replace the closed houses with new ones, this had only caused overcrowding.

Naturally! More and more are we made aware of the importance of recognising bad housing as a prime cause both of the death-rate among children and of the low physical standard of those who survive it.

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THE PEOPLE'S FOOD

Poison in Meat and Milk—What is Raspberry Jam?—Legislation Called For—Pure Food Where Women Vote

POISON IN MEAT
ACT OF PARLIAMENT WANTED

A committee is being formed to agitate for reform in the butcher's shop and the slaughter in order to ensure cleanliness in the handling of meat. Interviewed by a newspaper representative, one of the prime movers in this now agitation is reported to have said, when asked what remedies he suggested:—"In the first place enforcement of cleanliness by Act of Parliament. The Central Markets should be under more strict supervision, and the meat should be handled by men under supervision as well."

A Shorter Cut to Food Reform

Act of Parliament! And all the while the housewives of the nation are deprived of the voting power which is needed to force such an Act through Parliament. We should strongly advise that committee to take a shorter cut to food reform than the one suggested, by turning themselves promptly into a Suffrage Society. It would save a lot of time in the long run!

"NEED FOR A MILK BILL"

Under the above heading the *Morning Post* (December 13) gave an account of a paper read by Dr. Joseph Cates to the Society of Medical Officers of Health on "The Sale of Milk."

Existing Legislation Insufficient

In reviewing the legislation and Orders now dealing with the sale of milk, Dr. Cates said that existing powers might reasonably be thought sufficient to enable authorities to secure unsophisticated milk for customers, but that this was far from being the case was known to all those engaged in the public health services.

The main cause of the low quality of milk, continued Dr. Cates, was adulteration euphemistically known as "toning." This consisted of the addition to rich milk of water or skimmed milk sufficient in amount to bring the mixture into line with the minimum legal requirements. There was an extensive illicit trade in skimmed milk.

"Comprehensive Legislation"

Dr. Cates concluded by saying it was high time that the whole question of the production and sale of milk was dealt with by comprehensive and complete legislation aimed to secure uniform administration throughout the country.

We fully agree that it is "high time" that the people should get what they pay for when they try to buy pure milk. But knowing, as we do, that the Pure Milk Bill now before Parliament was shelved only last session in favour of measures that do not affect the public health, but have party votes behind them, we can only repeat what we have often said before, that this class of reform will never be effectively dealt with until women get the vote.

NOMINAL FINE FOR ADULTERATING MILK

The *Derbyshire Times* (December 13) reports the case of a milk vendor prosecuted at Chesterfield Borough Police Court for selling milk with 7.7 per cent. of added water. It was found in Court "a deliberate filtration and letting down by water" to the extent named. For this offence the defendant was ordered to pay the inconsiderable fine of 10s. and costs.

WHEN RASPBERRY MEANS APPLE

It is true that there is nothing injurious in apple pulp as in so many of the so-called "preservatives" with which our food is adulterated. But when we pay for raspberry jam and receive in exchange for our money a substance of which at least 10 per cent. is apple pulp, we have a genuine right of complaint against the grocer who has sold it as raspberry jam while labelling it as containing "the choicest fresh fruit and refined sugar, improved with fruit juice."

What is "Improvement"?

A grocer was summoned at Marylebone Police Court on December 12 for selling raspberry jam of the kind described above. Mr. Paul Taylor, in giving his decision, said he had no hesitation in saying that the word "improved" was a misleading description and did harm. He should find that the jam had been sold to the prejudice of the purchaser, and that the disclosure on the label was insufficient to protect the seller. At the same time, he acquitted the defendant of any intention to defraud. He would be fined 40s., with 15s. costs.

THE WOMAN'S VOTE AND THE GROCER

The connection between politics and the home, especially with regard to pure food and the public health, was dealt with in a speech made at New York the other day by Senator Helen Ring Robinson, who not

THE MOVEMENT ABROAD

IN AUSTRALIA

THE AGE OF CONSENT BILL

The *Woman Voter* (November 11) contains the following interesting item of news concerning the Age of Consent Bill which has been before the Legislative Assembly of Victoria:—"Mr. McLachlan's Bill to raise the age of consent, which is at present sixteen (16) in England, to eighteen, passed the Legislative Assembly on November 5 on the votes."

The Home-Maker in Parliament

The point she was making was that it was the womanly woman who was wanted in politics, not the woman who tried to "think like a man."

"I took to the Legislature," she said, "the spirit of the housekeeper and the home-maker. It is not only the farmers, the doctors, and the railroads who have representatives there. The grocer has his representative, too; and I can tell you that the housewives in Colorado are very glad that they have their representative to watch him. A man representing the grocers' combine said he would like to know the reason why, after all his work, his bill didn't get through. I said: 'I don't mind saying that I was one of the reasons.'

Housekeeping at the Polls

"I do fully one-half of my housekeeping at the polls. A great deal of your housekeeping is done in the City Council, behind which is the State Legislature. How about the streets and the garbage cans, and so many things which have direct connection with the home life?"

"A garbage can is galvanized iron can entirely surrounded by politics."

IN NEW ZEALAND

SOCIAL REFORM WHERE WOMEN VOTE

(From our Special Correspondent.)

In connection with a campaign for social reform which has been carried on recently by the woman voters of New Zealand, Lady Stout has been lecturing over there to large audiences of men on a matter too long left in silence—the responsibilities of fatherhood. To an English observer New Zealand is in this respect a remarkably advanced country. The Society for the Promotion of the Health of Women and Children (called for brevity's sake the Plunket Society) conducts a splendid work in every part of the country, through its staff of trained nurses and through a friendly Press, for the education of parents, especially as regards the preservation of infant life.

New Zealand Child has Two Parents

One result which forcibly strikes a visitor from the homeland is the keen interest taken by both parents in the question of their children. Information at the offices of the Society and letters in the Press coming almost as frequently from the fathers as from the mothers. But the question of parental conditions has not yet been considered.

Lady Stout has boldly and faithfully spoken out regarding the effect of the health of the father on the innocent mother and unborn child. The men of New Zealand have everywhere listened with grateful sympathy to her appeal for purity and for the establishment of a single standard of morality for both sexes.

Harriet C. Newcomb.

Chapter 3

TWENTY YEARS OF THE WOMEN'S VOTE

Laws Passed Since 1893

A report in the *Otago Times* (October 11) gives an interesting speech made at Auckland on October 9 last by Mrs. Padney, local President of the Women's Christian Temperance Association. In it, she enumerated some of the measures of social reform which had become law since New Zealand women won the vote in 1893. Among these were the Infant Life Protection Act, the Act to regulate the adoption of children, the Industrial Schools Amendment Act, the Juvenile Smoking

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Suppression Act, and the Servants Registry Act.

The Shop Assistants Act, which safeguarded the interests and health of shop girls and bettered the conditions under which they worked, and the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, which granted an equal standard of morality, a divorce for adultery, and a right to support a wife, or cruelty, were both measures vitally important to women, and these had come into being since 1893. There was also the Criminal Code Amendment in the direction of purer morals, and an Act enabling women to receive compensation for slender without proving special damage, which had both been productive of much good. Everyone realised the benefits conferred on women by the Summary Legal Separation Act, while the Factory Act recognised the principle of equal pay for equal work, and the Old Age Pensions Act acknowledged the principle of the economic partnership of husband and wife.

Women and the Law

With regard to education and admission to the practice of the higher paid professions, some splendid laws had been passed. Women could now practise the law, and technical schools giving equality of opportunity to both sexes had been established.

Women concluded the speaker, were not concerning themselves with politics to the neglect of their homes, but to protect them. Much had been done for the protection of their homes and children, but much remained to be done. What was wanted was free representation in Parliament. On the twentieth anniversary of the granting of suffrage it behoved them to make a big effort to have this desired amendment in the Franchise Act passed.

IN CAPE TOWN

We gave, a few weeks ago, an account of the first open-air meeting held in Cape Town, on November 9. The following interesting notice has been sent us by Miss Harriet Newcomb, who held the meeting and spoke on the effect of the woman's vote in Australia and New Zealand, where she had just been touring in the interests of Woman Suffrage:—

It is interesting to note that the spot chosen for the first unfurling of a flag inscribed "Votes for women" was the scene of the landing, early in the seventeenth century, of Van Riebeeck, the first and one of the greatest of the Dutch Governors. It is now the entrance to the city, and the magnificent cliffs and rugged buttresses of Table Mountain tower in the background. The crowd assembled on this occasion, numbering about 200, listened with marked attention, and frequent applause encouraged the speaker.

IN CALIFORNIA

We have already mentioned in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* the reform effected by the Women's Hospital for Children in Harrow Road in establishing a nine hours day (including meal times) for the nurses employed there, a working day that is in strong contrast to that of the great majority of nurses. In California, where women are enfranchised, an eight hours law for nurses in training was passed a few months ago, but aroused so much opposition in the hospitals that it was to a very great extent evaded. A Californian correspondent now writes to tell us:—"The courts, in a decision of December 1, have upheld the eight hour law as extended to nurses in training. This is a more important victory for California women. It includes the six days a week limit also."

CORRESPONDENCE

PASSIVE RESISTANCE

To the Editors of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.
Dear Editors,—Will you kindly allow me space to inform all your correspondents who write suggesting an organised shop girls and work strike that there is already an organisation in the Suffrage Movement for this express purpose: the League of Justice. This League has for the last six months been organising in a practical manner to promote a policy of action which takes in all the suggestions recently made in your correspondence columns. My programme was written by me, and I shall be very pleased to send the leaflet and other literature to anyone who is desirous to join in the work. The League has done very well in the short time it has been in existence. It has just published a leaflet for distribution among the tradespeople electors of the country, which its members are busy circulating. As funds do not allow of this being done by post on a large scale, I should be very glad if those persons who write that they are in sympathy with our programme would help in the distribution of the leaflet by hand—I am, yours very truly,

Gwyneth E. Chapman,
Hon. Organiser League of Justice,
92, South Molton Street, W.

To the Editors of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

Dear Editors,—I was much pleased to see from the letter of C. E. Inland in last week's issue of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* that Inland's recommendation that, under existing circumstances, no social service should be given by Suffragists has not been least slight of. But I regret to see the writer puts in the forefront the refusal to pay taxes. Inland's policy would be very effective because, owing to its lawfulness, it could be carried out by everyone without fear of any unpleasant results. But refusal to pay taxes, a policy already adopted by the Tax Resisters' League, does involve, whatever its merits may be, legal consequences which everyone cannot face.—Yours, &c., M. W. Bell.

SUFFRAGE LEAFLETS

To the Editors of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

Dear Editors,—May I make a suggestion as to the distribution of leaflets? Will members find out in their neighbourhood some small shop in the poorer districts where the shopkeeper will consent to enclose leaflets in parcels? Of course, the things sold must be dry, like groceries and draperies; and at an old clothes' shop, for instance, back numbers of papers might be enclosed in the larger parcels. Only enthusiastic Suffragists should be dealt with, as otherwise the leaflets will simply be destroyed. Of course, the leaflets should be supplied to them free of charge. Those which accentuate the differences between the various societies should not be used. Promises of help should be asked for at meetings where it is apparent that a number of small shopkeepers are present. To save trouble, the leaflets may be folded ready before being handed to the shopkeeper. By this method one gets at a number of people who would otherwise be quite out of reach, and with a minimum of effort.—Yours, &c., Florence E. Glen, Ex-Hon. Sec. Windsor and Eton U.V.W.S.S., 50, Adelaide Road, South Hampstead.

COMING EVENTS

The East London Federation of the W.S.P.U. and the Kensington W.S.P.U. are organising a Suffrage School to be held in Bow, December 29, to January 4, and in Kensington, January 5 to January 11. Tickets and information from Miss E. Jenkins, 321, Roman Road, E.

The East London time table contains the following lectures: December 29, 4 p.m., "History of the Suffrage Movement," Mr. H. Laski; December 30, 9 p.m., "Working Women's Lives," Mrs. Scour; December 31, 4 p.m., "Legal Position of British Wife and Mother," Mrs. A. J. Webbe; 8 p.m., "Effect of Forcible Feeding on Suffrage Prisoners," Dr. Flora Murray; January 2, 6 p.m., "The Place of the Female in Life," Dr. Jessie Murray; 8 p.m., "Some Fights for Freedom," Mr. H. W. Nevins; January 3, at 6 p.m., "Sex Hygiene in Schools," Miss Bonwick. There will also be dinner-hour meetings, visits to factories, and an entertainment by the Actresses' Franchise Society.

ITALIAN SOAP

It has been said that the women of Italy owe their beautiful complexions to the fact that they use soap made from pure olive oil. This soap can now be obtained in London; it is made by the famous Italian firm, Chiozza and Turchi, of Ferrara. There are different kinds of "C. and T." soap—the "Royal Savon" for the toilet and the "Castile" for the toilet and nursery. It can also be obtained for medical and industrial purposes, and in a liquid or a powder. The soap varies in price, and can be bought at all high-class stores and shops, or at the wholesale agents, Messrs. Boddington and Kulassy, 34-36, Oxford Street.

HIS PRACTICAL WIFE

Good, absent-minded old Dr. Wilder was greatly dependent upon his practical wife. One morning Mrs. Wilder sent up an announcement after he had entered the pulpit, with a footnote intended to be private. "The Women's Missionary Society" he read aloud, will meet Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock sharp. Your necktie is crooked; please straighten towards the right."—*The Woman's Jour.*

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- Actresses' Franchise League, 2, Robert Street, Adelphi, W.C.
- Artists' Suffrage League, 23, King's Road, S.W.
- Australian and New Zealand Women Voters' Association, 5, Cranford Street, W.
- Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, 55, Barnes Street, Oxford Street, W.
- Church League for Women's Suffrage, 6, York Buildings, Adelphi, W.C.
- Civil Service Suffrage Society, 19, Botley Road, Highbury.
- Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, 41, Dover Street, W.
- Federated Council of Women's Suffrage Societies, 14, Launceston Place, S.W.
- Forward Civic Suffrage Union, 53, Wandsworth Bridge Road, S.W.
- Free Church League for Women's Suffrage, 4, Holmby View, Upper Claydon.
- Friends' League for Women's Suffrage, Walden, Gloucester.
- Gymnastic Teachers' Suffrage Society, 2, York Place, Oxford Road, Manchester.
- International Suffrage Shop, 11, Aden Street, Adelphi, W.C.
- International Woman Suffrage Alliance, 7, Aden Street, Adelphi, W.C.
- International Women's Franchise Club, 9, Robert Street, W.
- Irish League for Woman Suffrage, The Union of the Four Provinces Club, 16, John Street, Adelphi, W.C.
- Irishwomen's Franchise League, 11, Aden Street, Adelphi, W.C.
- Irishwomen's Reform League, 23, South Anne Street, Dublin.
- Irishwomen's Suffrage and Local Government Association, 23, South Anne Street, Dublin.
- Irishwomen's Suffrage Society, 27, Donegal Place, Belfast.
- Jewish League for Woman Suffrage, 2, Ryle Park Gardens, W.
- League of Justice, 22, South Molton Street, W.
- London Graduates' Union for Woman Suffrage, Chester Gate Ealing.
- Marchers' Quile Vive Corps, Euston, Finsbury, London.
- Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage, 34 and 35, Ludgate Chambers, Ludgate Hill, E.C.
- Men's League for Woman Suffrage, 15, St. Stephen's House, Westminster.
- Men's Political Union for Women's Emancipation, 1, Bevington Street, Strand, W.C.
- Men's Society for Women's Rights, 65, Avenue Chambers, Southampton Row, W.C.
- Muster Women's Franchise League, 83, Grand Parade, Cork.
- National Industrial and Professional Women's Suffrage Society, 5, John Dalton Street, Manchester.
- National Political League, 15, Bevington Street, Strand, S.W.
- National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, 14, Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.
- New Constitutional Society for Woman Suffrage, 4, 4, Manions Arcade, Knightsbridge.
- Northern Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage, 6, Wellington Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.
- Peoples Suffrage Federation, 31-2, Queen Anne's Chambers, Tophill St., S.W.
- Scottish Churches League for Woman Suffrage, 11, Howe Street, Edinburgh.
- Scottish Federation for Women's Suffrage, 11, Howe Street, Edinburgh.
- Spiritual Militancy League, 46, Queen's Road, Baywater, W.
- Suffrage Atelier, 3, York Street, Adelphi, W.C.
- Suffrage Club, 3, York Street, Adelphi, W.C.
- "Suffrage Fire" Committee, 47, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E.C.
- Suffragist Churchwomen's Protest Committee, 21, Downside Crescent, Hampstead, N.W.
- United Religious Woman Suffrage Societies, 13, Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, E.C.
- Votes for Women Fellowship, 47, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E.C.
- Women Sanitary Inspectors' Suffrage Society, 83, Sutherland Avenue, W.
- Women's Freedom League, 1, Robert Street, Adelphi, W.C.
- Women's Silent Co-operation for Freedom, 10, Southfields Road, Eastbourne.
- Women's Social and Political Union, 1, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingway, W.C.
- Women's Tax Resistance League, 10, Talbot House, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.
- Women Teachers' Franchise Union, 27, White Road, Lee, E.
- Women Writers' Suffrage League, Goschen Buildings, Henrietta Street, W.C.

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