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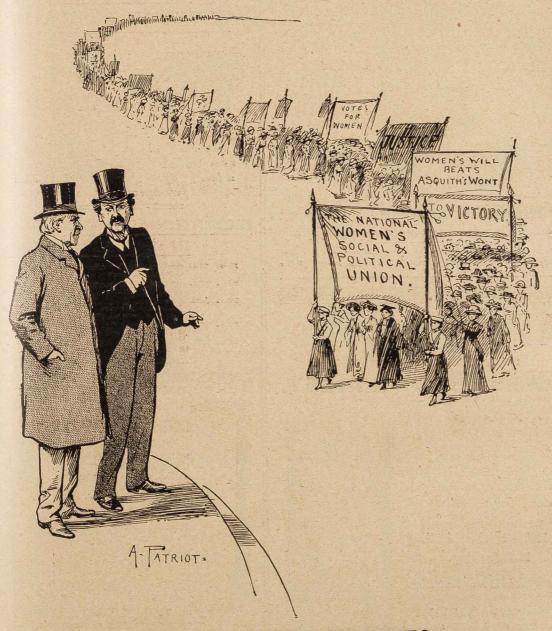
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#### DEDICATION.

dom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

#### THE OUTLOOK.

This morning at eight o'clock Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will released from Holloway Gaol, after serving the term of two onths' imprisonment to which she was sentenced at the Bow treet Police Court on February 25. She will be greeted at the welcome and to show her their love and devotion. At nine clock they will join in a complimentary breakfast, which vill be served at the Criterion Restaurant in Piccadilly Circus. n the following day a great procession starts from inside Hyde Park, forming up in the North Ride, near the Marble Arch, at trand to the Aldwych Theatre. Here, at 4.30 p.m., a meetng will be held, which will be addressed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and by Mrs. Pankhurst. Full particulars of the arrangements appear on page 551.

#### The Events of Two Months.

Much progress has been made since Mrs. Pethick Lawrence went to Holloway. The Union which she will find on her release is the same Union, but grown far larger during the time hat she has been in prison, for many brains have been thinking and many hands have been working to express in deeds the the Woman Suffrage Demand.

feeling of their hearts for the Treasurer. Many have been the women who have devoted these two months to the cause because of her action, and the result of their service has been such as will gladden her heart.

#### The Croydon Victory.

Among the outstanding features of these two months has been the great victory in Croydon, where the Union brought about the overwhelming defeat of the Liberal candidate, owing to his support of the Government which opposes women. Testimony is borne to the importance of the work of the Union by one of Punch's inimitable cartoons, entitled "After Raphael," in which the Liberal candidate was shown being chased out of 551 the constituency by a member of the W.S.P.U.

#### Steady Progress.

Over £4,000 has been paid into the funds during the past two months, and a further £4,000 promised during the great Selfdenial Week which followed on Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's arrest is still to come; while week by week contributions are flowing steadily into our treasury. Every day many names have been added to the membership roll of the Union. The circulation of this paper has risen from 15,000 to over 20,000 a week. The number of advertisements has increased in a remarkable way, and, apart from the welcome increase in revenue which this represents, it is a sign that in the business world the popularity and influence of the Union and the cause for which t stands are a recognised fact.

Several great meetings have been held, notable amongst them being the annual meeting in London at the Queen's Hall, and meetings in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, and Bradford.
Since the arrest of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and her colleagues

another deputation has proved the power of women to withstand the measures of coercion which the Government use against them. On March 30 this deputation sought an interview with the Prime Minister and persisted in the attempt to see him until overcome by force.

#### Ready for the Future.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will find on her release that there are excellent prospects for the future, and that members of the Union are thoroughly prepared for the work of the coming months. Those whom she leaves behind her in prison are to have a great welcome when they are set free on Friday, April 30. They will be met at Holloway gates, and will be escorted by a big procession to the City, where they will breakfast To the brave women who to-day are fighting for free- quietly with members of the Committee. In the evening they will attend a public reception in the rooms of the Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall. These arrangements are described on page 549.

The Edinburgh campaign comes to an end to-day, and the Stratford campaign has begun. Miss Gladice Keevil, Miss Ainsworth, and others will not be among those who await the Treasurer at Holloway gates, because this all-important duty has called them away to Stratford-on-Avon. They will be speedily reinforced by Mrs. Pankhurst, and possibly by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence herself.

Everything points to the great success of the Albert Hall meeting on Thursday, April 29. The arrangements for this important gathering are more fully dealt with in a special article on page 554.

Mrs. Lawrence will find also that the arrangements for the rison gates by a great gathering of friends, eager to give her great Exhibition in May are well advanced. More complete information on this subject will be found in the article on page 550. It is enough to say here that it is now the advertisement of the Exhibition in which help is chiefly wanted. All London must know of the Exhibition, and to this end we invite the co-operation of every reader of the paper.

We shall be able further to tell Mrs. Pethick Lawrence that p.m., and marches vià Oxford Street, Regent Street, and the members of the Union are volunteering to take part in the great deputation which will wait upon the Prime Minister on June 29, and she will learn that her action in going to prison for her principles has made many other women feel that they also must be ready to face this risk in the performance of their political duty.

Among the special features of this week's issue are the article by Mr. J. T. Grein, the well-known journalist, who occupies, among other positions, that of dramatic critic to the Sunday Times; Miss Christabel Pankhurst's article on the release of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence; and the eighth chapter of Mr. Pethick Lawrence's series of articles on The Elements of

## ELEMENTS OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEMAND

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

## Chapter VIII.—The Opposition of the Liberal Government.

are the actual enemies to be fought. In the battle for Woman "offer" on his part, it is necessary to deal with it in detail Suffrage both the teaching of history and of political common Mr. Asquith's "offer" was to the effect that the Go sense point to the same conclusion—there is only one enemy, and that is the Government of the day.

Some people suppose that the enemy of Woman Suffrage is the men of the country; that is entirely a mistake. Woman Suffrage is not in any sense an anti-man movement, and as open to a private Member to move a Woman Suffrage at such it should not, and does not, rouse the hostility of the men of the country. On the contrary, in the old days, when petitions were being got up in favour of this reform, large numbers of men signed in favour of it. The Women's Social and and (2) that there was evidence that the proposal was suppo Political Union find that at great meetings all over the country, and in particular at the bye-elections, the majority of men give a hearty support to the cause whenever it is properly explained, and carry this to the extent of their vote at

Another set of people regard as the principal opponents those members of the House of Commons who are unfavourable to Woman Suffrage. In this they show themselves ignorant of the manner in which the political machine is worked. At the present time there are quite sufficient favourable Members in the House of Commons to carry a Bill if opportunity were provided, as was shown in the division on the second reading of Mr. Stanger's measure, when 271 voted in favour and only ninety-two against; but in these days no number of private Members can succeed in carrying any measure except with the deliberate support of the Government. It is not necessary to argue this point further here, as it will be dealt with at length in the next chapter of the series, in which the byeelection policy of the Women's Social and Political Union will

#### Neutrality in the Matter of Action Impossible.

The real enemy to Woman Suffrage is the Government, who, in spite of the just demand of the women and the overwhelming support of the country, and in spite of a favourable majority in the House of Commons, refuse to act. It matters nothing to women whether this refusal springs from unanimous opposition of the individual members who form the Cabinet or from disunited counsels. The effect is precisely the same. For where action is demanded there are only two alternativesaction and inaction. A parallel case will make this clear. Suppose that a number of starving men come to a house and ask for food. There are only two courses which the inmates of the house can take: either they can give or they can refuse. It makes no difference to the starving men outside whether the refusal is due to a unanimous opposition to giving them food or to divided counsels upon the matter.

attitude taken up by a member of the present Government before the General Election of 1906 when questioned on the subject. The same course was followed on all other occasions by the other Liberal leaders, and this policy of refusing to nature of an offer about Mr. Asquith's statement. Individu answer questions on Woman Suffrage bore, to all those who members of the party may vote as they please upon this que understood anything of politics, only one interpretationnamely, that the Government were not prepared to Governments, and yet the Woman Suffrage clause may act in the matter when they came into power. This negative become law. Even assuming the clause including women inference has been reinforced since the General Election by the Bill carried by this House of Commons, the Government a positive statements. When on May 19, 1906, Sir Henry not prepared to make themselves responsible for it, or to reg Campbell-Bannerman yielded to the pressure brought to bear it as an essential part of the Bill. This was recently br upon him, and consented to receive a deputation of women, he out by Mr. Lewis Harcourt. His attention was called told them that he had no hope to offer them with regard to speech by Mr. Herbert Gladstone, who was reported to have Woman Suffrage during the present Parliament, and his only counsel to women was patience.

Mr. Asquith, since he became Prime Minister, has gone then stated publicly that, as the Government were difurther than this. In the first place, he has invariably refused on the subject, at no stage would they undertake to receive any deputation of women at all. In the second support the clause. This position Mr. Asquith furt place, he stated to a deputation of Members of Parliament on emphasised in his speech on Mr. Geoffrey Howard May 20, 1807, that it was definitely not the intention of Bill, in the course of which he pointed out that the Government to bring in a Woman Suffrage measure of their Cabinet were prepared to support an extension of the franc

It is essential to success in a political fight to discern who factory kind, and as this proposal has been wrongly called an intended, unless prevented by special circumstances, in a Bill of franchise reform. This measure, as drafted Government, would apply to men only, and Woman S would not be part of its provisions. To this Bill it wo ment, but the attitude of the Government to this would be one of hostility unless two conditions were namely:-(1) That the amendment was on democratic by a vast majority of the women of the country, as well as by majority of the men. Even assuming these two co satisfied, Mr. Asquith stated that the Government as a w would not support the proposal, but that individual n of the party would be left free to vote as they pleased, expressed in the usual formula, "the matter would be left the judgment of the House.'

It will be seen that, so far from being an offer, this statement of Mr. Asquith was a fresh sign of opposition on the part of the Government. In the first place, he renewed the declara tion that the Government were not going to introd measure of Woman Suffrage, but that, on the contrary, it was their intention to press forward a measure extending to men, and definitely leaving women out. With regard possibility of a private Member moving an amendme does not depend upon Mr. Asquith's consent, but is in ance with the usual procedure of the House. Further, Mr Asquith's two conditions are framed so as to be capable of very dubious interpretation. The word "democratic" has a pleasing sound, but used in this connection it seems to suggest that Mr. Asquith intends that the Government shall opp amendment along the sound lines of the simple removal of the sex barrier, and would only remove his veto in the case some amendment framed on fancy lines by which the sup porters of Woman Suffrage would be divided. His second condition is equally precarious. In the first place, it is entire new. In the case of previous franchise extensions it has neve been held to be necessary to prove the support of the maje of those to be enfranchised; the fact of the existence of a redemand has been held to be enough. In the second place, M Asquith supplies no criterion by which the support women can be estimated, and, as a matter of fact, he know full well that there is no criterion other than that of successful great meetings, which are actually being held at the prese day. As to the support of men, that is being shown at the by elections, when, as Liberals now admit, the voters, in response to the call of the Women's Social and Political Union, oppose In Chapter VII. of this series an account was given of the the nominees of a Government which denies votes to women

#### The Attitude of the Government.

But, apart from the two conditions, there is nothing in the tion, as they have been allowed to do before by pre that if the amendment were carried by the House of Con the Government would support the new clause. Mr. Hard own. He made, however, a special proposal of a very unsatisto men, but were of two opinions on the subject of votes for women. It is therefore evident that the Government are reserving to themselves the power to carry into law a franchise Bill from which woman suffrage shall be excluded.

### The Chance of the Bill becoming Law.

APRIL 16, 1909.

But apart from this juggling, everyone knows that there is no likelihood of the Reform Bill as a whole being carried. Even if it be ever introduced, it has enormous dangers to face inside House of Commons and when it comes before the House of Lords. It is generally understood that it is being forged as a weapon with which to fight the Upper Chamber, and women have waited long for their enfranchisement are not likely be bamboozled into accepting this suggested "offer" as a ous one in furtherance of their cause. On the contrary, they see that the Government have only one honest course to pursue if they wish to earn women's friendship. They must gnise that women have a right to vote at the next eral Election, and accordingly they must themselves introduce a definite Woman Suffrage measure and be onsible for carrying it into law. Until they adopt this women will know that it is the Government of the day stand between them and their enfranchisement, and will accordingly waste no powder upon any other on of the community who may appear to be unfriendly, but will strike directly at the Government of the day, conscious that in so doing they are fighting the battle against their real

### PRESENTATION TO THE TREASURER.

My suggestion that the members and friends of the W.S.P.U. should celebrate Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's release from prison by presenting her with a motor-car for the work of the Union has been taken up with the enthusiasm which characterises the movement, and already more than half the money needed has been subscribed.

The car, which is being specially built and decorated in the colours of the Union, will very soon be ready for use, and I am most anxious that when we hand it over to our Treasurer it shall be entirely paid for.

Will all our members who desire to take part in the presentation, but who have not yet sent in their contributions to Mrs. Tuke at 4, Clements Inn, do so as quickly as Emmeline Pankhurst.

### THE AT HOMES.

The holidays are over, and the At Homes are being resumed. Next Monday afternoon the At Home will be held as usual at Queen's Hall from 3 to 5 p.m. The speakers will be Miss Annie Kenney and Miss Mary Gawthorpe, who will tell how the cause is progressing in the towns and villages of the West of England and in great industrial centres of Lancashire. Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be in the chair. We shall hope to see a large number of members and friends, and should recommend each converter one to bring as many unconverted friends as possible. On Thursday the evening At Home will be held at St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street, at 8 p.m., when we again expect a large

#### THE RELEASE OF PRISONER?.

Arrangements have now been made for welcoming the prisoners rested for their share in the deputation to the House of Commons on March 30 on their release from Holloway. They will be reeased on the morning of April 30, and on the evening of the same day a reception will be held in their honour at the Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, from 8.30 p.m to 10.30 p.m. Tickets of admission, price 1s. each, can be obtained from the Ticket Secretary, N.w.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn; these include refreshments. Further particulars will be given in next week's

#### THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Members of our League who take in Votes for Women are asked if they will order one or two extra copies weekly and send to their friends so as to extend the sale. Also will any members send their names to the Hon. Secretary, 19, Overstrand Mansions, Battersea Park, S.W.? The Actresses' contingent will walk at the head of the professional women.

A meeting for members and their friends will be held on Tuesday, W.C. Miss Muriel Matters will be the speaker, and Miss Sime Adeline Bourne, Hon. Secretary. village in France.

#### PROGRESS OF WOMEN.

#### The Mayor of Aldeburgh.

A procession led by local Territorials in uniform, and consisting of coastguards, lifeboatmen, post office officials, and firemen, conducted Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., England's first woman mayor, from the old Elizabethan Moot Hall at Aldeburgh to the parish church on Easter Sunday. Mrs. Anderson wore a scarlet robe and black bonnet and her chain of office, and carried an antique silver mace.

#### The Beatification of "The Maid."

It is estimated that the beatification in Rome of Joan of Arc which has been fixed for April 18, will be attended by 30,000 French pilgrims, who will travel in twenty-seven special trains.

#### Recognition of Woman's Work.

The Dublin Gazette announces a new departure of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in appointing a practical nurse to a seat on the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals. Miss A. M. MacDonnell, who has been appointed in place of the Right Hon. T. A. Dickson (resigned), has been for twenty-one years lady superintendent of a group of the largest hospitals in Dublin. During the Boer War she acted as matron in the Irish Hospital, South Africa, and received the medal for service and the Royal Red

#### Heroic Nurses.

The Treasury has approved the Army Council's proposal to grant a special pension of £35 per annum to Miss Body, late Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, on account of the act of "special devotion" which incapacitated her from further service with the Army.

A case recalled by the foregoing, the Daily Mail points out, n which a name was similarly obliged to retire because of a breakdown in health due to over-exertion, is that of Nurse Murray, of the South-Eastern Fever Hospital, New Cross. Nurse Murray, however, received no pension from the Metropolitan Asylums Board, under which she had worked for twelve years, but a grant of £50. With this as her sole capital, she has taken a sunny little house at Worthing, where she lets lodgings, and where a member of the Votes for Women staff has just spent an Easter holiday in great comfort and enjoyment.

#### A Girl's Heroism.

Beatrice Dunton, a girl of 19, acted with remarkable promptitude and courage at a fire last week in South Lambeth Road. The girl, with four young children, was sleeping in the upper rooms of the house. The ground floor was well alight when the alarm was given. Seizing the two younger children she got them out through a window on to the roof, and then went back for the others. She was about to push them through the window in the same manner when some persons in the street shouted that the roof was not safe. Protecting the children as far as possible, she rushed downstairs through the blazing passage to the street. She was badly burned herself, but so well had she shielded her charges that they escaped with comparatively little injury.

#### Rome and Votes for Women.

The commission appointed by the Premier, Signor Giolitti, to inquire into the question of granting votes to women at the elections of administrative bodies has concluded its labours, and will shortly present a report. This will, we understand, be favourable to the claims of the women suffragists.

#### Cowgirls in London.

A party of cowgirls, the first to come to England, have arrived with a number of cowboys to take part in an exhibition at Earl's Court. They accompany the Sioux, Apache, and Navajo Indians from the Band Lands of South Dakota, who are to take part in

#### "The Most Peaceful Village in France."

The little village of Froissy, according to several Press correspondents, is attracting considerable attention because of the important part women play in its official life. Travellers who alight at the station are met by a tall, powerfully built woman, who, with her knitting clutched in one hand, rapidly collects tickets with the other. She is the station-master. A barber's shop bears the notice who wish to take part in the procession on Saturday afternoon that "Mlle. Jeanne will henceforth shave her customers only on Tuesdays and Fridays, as she has undertaken other work." At the post office the local telegraph messenger and postman, Mme. Lesobre, walks on an average twenty miles a day. The municipal drummer is a woman in her ninetieth year. Nearly all the important posts, 20th inst., at three o'clock, at 3, Bedford Street Studio, Strand, save that of mayor, are, the correspondents add, filled by women and the inhabitants proudly declare that it is the most peaceful

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## THE WOMAN'S EXHIBITION, 1909.

### Prince's Skating Rink, Knightsbridge, May 13th-26th.

to the Woman's Exhibition and Sale of Work, which is to be and many popular actresses have promised to take part held in the Prince's Skating Rink, Knightsbridge, from May 13

Just as last year was notable for our Hyde Park Demonstration, so 1909 will be marked by the success of our Exhibition. Thought, imagination, and hard work devoted to the details of the scheme, an outpouring of gifts both in money and in kind, invaluable offers of musical and dramatic entertainment, have assured us of an enterprise so original and interesting in character, so effective from the picturesque point of view, as to bring all London to the Prince's Skating Rink during the brief fortnight that the Woman's Exhibition is

What will this Woman's Exhibition be? It will be more than an ordinary exhibition: it will be a rallying ground for be of Irish linen, with bands of the colours. The whole arrange all who are interested in women's work, women's aims, women's hopes, and above all in the great, inspiring movement of women towards a fuller and more spacious life.

It will be an Exhibition of our Colours. Under the direction of Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, the decorations are being charmingly carried through in the purple, white, and green, whilst the beautiful banners and flags carried in the processions of last June will be there to heighten the effect.

The whole Exhibition will be essentially alive. The things that are for sale will be for sale—there and then—ready for eager buyers to claim, whilst the exhibits will largely consist of representations of scenes from real life, as will be seen below.

#### The Stalls.

There will be over fifty stalls displaying work for sale. The stalls will be decorated according to the taste of the stall-holders, with our colours as the chief note in the scheme, and many charming and original methods of treatment have been hit upon.

Among the goods with which the stalls are loaded will be blouses and lingerie, art draperies, children's clothes-dolls, too!-embroidery, needlework, laces, appliqué work, handicraft work in wood, metal, and leather, artistic jewellery, Venetian ornaments, enamels, china, curios, old furniture, books, and flowers.

Many of the stall-holders will specialise, as one on millinery, another on children's things, another on sweets and confectionery.

At least two stalls will be given up to cut flowers, flowering plants, ferns, creepers, fruits, vegetables, salads, honey, and all manner of garden and farm produce. In our issue of last week (p. 529) appeared a list of the prizes to be given in connection with the gifts to these stalls.

We are asked to mention that in the list of stall-holders of the Farm and Garden Produce Stalls given last week the name of Miss

The figures at the last election were:—Sir George McCrae (Lib.), 6,606; Rankin Dawson (Con.), 2,432. Liberal majority, 4,174. Parker was inadvertantly omitted.

The Writers' League—whose president is Miss Elizabeth Robins have provided a Book Stall, where many of the best-known members of the League will assist in celling. Among the many interesting things on this stall will be autograph copies of books by celebrated authors, original manuscripts, etc.

The Art Stall, in addition to all kinds of handicraft and decorative work, will include statuettes, pottery, and Liberty draperies.

#### An International Stall.

On the International Stall will be work from all parts of Europe, and from Japan, China, Siam, the East Indies, and West Indies.

Lancashire will be splendidly represented by three stalls. feature of the Yorkshire stall will be its Yorkshire Parkin, cakes, sweets, jams, and the other good things for which the county is justly celebrated. Nor will views of its scenery and the books of its authors be less interesting.

Edinburgh will devote its stall largely to local specialties, and the Glasgow stall will probably devote one day especially to a sale of Scotch cakes and sweets.

One of the Midland stalls will make a special feature of china,

including that made with leadless glazes. Newcastle stall will be notable for its dolls-singly and in groups,

representing old nursery stories and scenes of modern life, especially scenes in "Suffragette" history.

There will be four stalls supplying the colours in badges, ribbons, scarves, etc.; three will be given up to literature and three to VOTES FOR WOMEN.

#### Entertainments.

The most generous offers have been made as to the music and dramatic and other entertainments.

sponsibility for which has been undertaken by the Actresses' Fran-Christabel Pankhurst, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Within four weeks from now London will already be flocking chise League, and already many piquant suggestions have been made.

The Mascot Ladies Band and the Ellan Vannin Band will be among those to contribute to the delightful musical programme

The following well-known West End palmists have very kindly offered their services, viz. :-Sinfi Lovell, Marie Claire, L'Este and Madame St. Leonard. Further particulars of these attractions

#### The Refreshments.

A committee of ladies are organising the refreshment department and this promises to be one of the most attractive and successful features of the Exhibition. A great many young members of the Union, in pretty costumes, will act as tea-girls. The dainty china to be used will be in white, with a green edge, with Miss Sylvia Pankhurst's medallion design of a symbolic figure and the ini 'W.S.P.U." stamped on the side in colours. The table-cloths w ments are being carried through with similar thoroughness and

The exhibits, which include representations of prison conditions will be dealt with in a subsequent article.

#### Send for the Poster.

Will all who are interested in the success of the Exhibition send for a supply of the new decorative posters and get them exhibited wherever possible?

Communications should be addressed :- The Exhibition Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

#### Points to be Observed.

(1) Send for leaflets and promise cards. A special leaflet has been prepared, giving details as to size and number of stalls, etc. We want this distributed far and wide, and readers are asked to write for copies for distribution: The Exhibition Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, London, W.C.

(2) Some parcels of work having been sent to Clements Inn, th Exhibition Secretary wishes it made known that, as the necessar room for storing articles for the Exhibition is not yet available workers should kindly refrain from sending in goods until furthenotice; date and place will be stated in due course.

(3) Keep the Exhibition Secretary posted as to what you are ppared to do, so that she may know what she can safely reckon upo (4) Only four weeks between now and the date of the Exhibit The time is short. Work—and work your best.

## BYE-ELECTIONS.

EAST EDINBURGH. Conservative ..

Committee Rooms, 64, Montrose Terrace.

Polling To-day. We are meeting with the same cordial reception here that we experienced in South Edinburgh, and we know we are making a great impression on the minds of the electors. "Best thing we've had this week" was the remark of one of a large and much in terested audience of foundrymen at the close of a very successfi dinner-hour meeting, and everywhere the men listen with close

attention to our arguments. As soon as the writ was issued and the election definitely fixed, reinforcements poured in; Miss Adela Pankhurst, Miss Conolan Mrs. Clarke, Miss Flatman, Miss Bidwell, Miss Billing, and Miss Spong joined our force of local workers and enabled us to hold a large number of dinner-hour and evening meetings, which were well worked up by chalking, etc. In response to our appeal for local help, volunteers have flocked to the Misces Haig at the com ittee-rooms, among them being Mrs. Maxtone-Graham, Mrs. Ord, Miss Burn-Murdoch, Fraulein Schelle, Miss Barclay, Miss Chapman, and many others who have all helped by sharing in the charge of the committee-rooms, chalking the pavements, distributing bills, selling Votes for Women, etc.

#### Florence E. M. Macaulay.

#### STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Conservative ... .. Mr. Philip Foster. Liberal ... .. .. Mr. Joseph Martin. .. Capt. Kincaid Smith. Independent

The figures at the last election were: —Captain Kincaid Smith (Lib.), 4,321; Mr. P. S. Foster (Con.), 4,173. Liberal majority, 148.

#### Probable Polling Day, May 5.

Miss Gladice Keevil and others are in the constituency, and the A space will be set apart for the entertainments; the entire re- names of intending workers should be sent in at once to Miss

## MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE'S WELCOME.

The arrangements for the welcome to our treasurer are now entirely complete. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be met at the prison gates by a large number of members and friends of the Union, who should arrive at the prison not later than a quarter to eight. Those who do not intend to drive from Holloway can reach the Criterion Restaurant very quickly and conveniently by taking the Piccadilly and Brompton Tube from Caledonian Road Station to Piccadilly Circus. A large gathering will assemble to breakfast with Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and to hear her first speech after her imprisonment. Every ticket for the breakfast is now sold.

But the chief feature of the welcome is the procession and public meeting to be held on the following day, Saturday, April 17, and we have heard from our treasurer that she is delighted with this plan for celebrating her release. As the procession seems likely to be so large, it will be necessary to emble at 2 o'clock instead of 2.30, as at first arranged. The procession will form up in the North Ride, which runs parallel with Bayswater Road, and is just inside the Marble Arch entrance to Hyde Park. Members of the procession will march four abreast, and in order to get the best possible effect, they are urged to march in step, to keep time with the music, and to see that the ranks are

The chief marshal will be Miss Jessie Kenney, and the names of those who are to assist her appear below. When the Aldwych Theatre is reached, the police will assist our own officers in arranging that members of the procession shall reach their places in order and comfort.

The interior of the theatre is to be decorated in the colours, and a band will play until the meeting begins. Those on the platform will include the members of the deputation of February 24, and the committee and organisers of the Women's Social and Political Union. Flowers will be presented by local unions and others to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence before she delivers her address.

Those who have not yet obtained their tickets for this neeting should apply instantly to the ticket secretary. All the shilling tickets are sold, but a few half-crown and sixpenny tickets still remain.

### PROGRAMME.

Friday, April 16.

8 a.m.—Welcome at the gates of Holloway. 9 a.m.—Breakfast, Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus. Mrs. Pankhursi in the chair.

There will be no procession from the prison to the restaurant. Members and friends will make their own arrangements either to drive or to go by train from the Caledonian Road Station to

#### Saturday, April 17. PROCESSION FROM HYDE PARK, MARBLE ARCH, TO THE ALDWYCH THEATRE.

2 P.M.-Form up inside Hyde Park as follows:-

Special band of thirty performers. Great silk banner. Committee and Organisers

A symbolic figure representing Joan of Arc.
Local W.S.P.U.'s.—Barnes, Bowes Park, Brixton, Camberwell,
Croydon, Chelsea, Forest Gate, Fulham, and Putney.
Second band.

Local W.S.P.U.'s.—Kensington, Hammersmith, Hendon, Hornsey Ilford, Lewisham, Richmond, Streatham, Wimbledon.

Ex-prisoners of the deputation of February 24. Girls in white carrying flowers. Great silk banner Esperance Girls' Club Fourth band. Actresses' Franchise League. Teachers and Nurses. Women's Clubs and Professional Women.

3 P.M.—March vià Oxford Street, Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus, Cockspur Street, Charing Cross, Strand, to the Aldwych Theatre, Miss Cameron
Miss B. Ayrton
Miss A. Russell
Miss F. Russell
Miss Hannah Lightman
Miss Higgins
Mrs. Knight
Mrs. Bartlett
Mrs. Bartlett
Mrs. Gorson

#### 4.30 p.m.-GREAT PUBLIC MEETING, ALDWYCH THEATRE.

Speaker, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Chair, Mrs. Pankhurst.
All seats reserved, 2s. 6d., 1s., 2nd 6d., from Ticket Secretary,

#### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

April Fri. 16	Holloway Gaol	Release of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	8 a.m.
	London, Criterion Restau- rant, Piccadilly	Public Breakfast to welcome Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	9 a.m.
	Pickering Place, W.	Miss Mackenzie, Miss L.	3 p.m.
	Hammersmith, 8, Edith Road	Work ng Party Miss Mills and others	3-6 p.m.
	Pembridge Gardens, W. New King's Road, 20, Church- field Mansions, S.W.	Miss Mills and others Committee Meeting	6.30 p.m. 7 p.m.
	Putney, 46, Kenilworth Court Chiswick, Elliott Road, Open- air Meeting	Committee Meeting Mrs. Watson & Miss Coombs	7 p.m. 7 p.m.
	East Edinburgh Manchester, At Home, On- ward Buildings, Deansgate	Polling Day Miss Gladys Hazel and others	
	Marble Arch	Miss Evelyn Sharp, Miss Mills, Miss Ayrton "Votes for Women" Corps	6 p m.
Sat. 17	Manchester, 164, Oxford Road London Procession to form up at Marble Arch	A welcome to Mrs. Petnick	11 a.m. 2 p.m.
	Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath Street	Lawrence M ss Conolan, Miss Under- wood	3 p.m.
	Southport	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence,	3.5 p.m.
	London, Great Public Meeting, Allwych Theatre	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Chair: Mrs. Pankhurst	4.30 p.m
Sun. 18	Rochdale Hampstead Heath	Miss Seymour and others	11.30 a.m
	Brockwell Park	Miss Naylor	3 p.m.
	Peckham Rye Battersea Park	Miss L. Ainsworth and others Miss Mills and others	3 p.m. 3 p.m.
	Clapham Blackheath	Miss Mills and others	3 p.m. 3 p.m.
Mon. 19	London, At Home, Queen's Hall	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Annie Kenney, Miss	3.5 p.m.
	Bradford, 68, Manningham	Mary Gawthorpe Workers' Meeting	8 p.m.
Tue. 20	Newport, Temperance Hall Glasgow, Athenæum	Mrs. Pankhurst Mr. Forbes Robertson, Miss	8 p.m. 3 p.m.
	Manchester, At Home, Me- morial Hall	Adela Pankhurst Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Marie Brackenbury, Mr. Lewis Casson	3 p.m.
	Birmingham, At Home, Mid-	Lewis Casson	3.30 p.m
	land Hotel Fulham, Whist Drive, Kelve- don Hall		7 p.m.
	Rochdale Social Dublic Hall		7 p.m.
	Biverpool, 43, Mount Pleasant Birmingham, At Home, Priory Rooms, Old Square Liverpool, At Home, 48,	Members' Meeting	7 p.m. 7.30 p.m
	Mount Pleasant	Miss Mary Phillips	8.10 p.n
Wed. 21		Miss Conolan	7.30 p.n
778	Wolverhampton, At Home, St. Peter's Institute		8 p.m.
	Leeds, Arts Club Manchester, 164, Oxford Road	Miss Marsh Members' Night	8 p.m. 8 p.m.
	Manchester, 164, Oxford Road Bedminster, Y.M.C.A. Dumbarton	Miss Annie Kenney Miss Conolan	8 p.m.
Thu. 22	Croydon, Lecture Room, Small Public Hall	idiss Conolan	3 p.m.
	Bath, Guild Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton	3 p.m.
	Blackheath London, St. James's Hall, Meeting	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	8 p.m. 8 p.m.
Fri. 23	Wood Green, Unity Hall Walham Green, Effic Road,	Bowes Park W.S.P.U.	5 p.m.
	Open-air Meeting Putney, 3, Oxford Road,		8 p.m.
	Drawing-room Meeting Fulham and Putney Branch, Meeting	Mrs. Mayer	8 p.m.
	Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath	Miss Conolan, Miss Kelly	8 p.m.
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	Manchester, At Home, On- ward Buildings, Deansgate Crouch End, "Ye China Cup,"	Miss Mary Gawthorpe Hornsey W.S.P.U.	8 p.m.

April		
29	London, Albert Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Pankhurst.
30	Bristol, Victoria Rooms	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton
May		
7	Birmingham, Town Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence
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#### Constitution.

OBJECTS.—To secure for women the Parliamentary vote as it is or may be granted to men; to use the power thus obtained to establish equality of rights and opportunities between the sexes, and to promote the social and industrial well-

METHODS.-The objects of the Union shall be promoted by-

- 1. Action entirely independent of all political parties.
- 2. Opposition to whatever Government is in power until such time as the franchise is granted.
- 3. Participation in Parliamentary Elections in opposition to the Government candidate, and it dependently of all other candidates
- 4. Vigorous agitation upon lines justified by the position of outlawry to which
- 5. The organising of women all over the country to enable them to give adequate expression to their desire for political freedor

MEMBERSHIP.-Women of all shades of political opinion who approve the submit to injustice of make that half-hearted resistance The entrance fee is is.

### OUR TREASURER.

and Political Union than that which sees the release from justified. We can point to the great and growing financial Holloway Prison of our beloved treasurer, Mrs. Pethick and numerical strength of the Union, to the awakening in

friend, whose love and companionship lighten our burdens and give us joy in the big political fight we have under. at bye-elections. In short the cause which the political

We rejoice, also, because by passing proudly and unflinchingly through the ordeal of imprisonment she has gained on behalf of the Union one more victory over the forces of reaction as represented by the present Government. Our hope of winning the vote is based on the belief that piritual must prevail over material power, and the

welcome to our treasurer is a great festival at which we shall celebrate with joy and reverence the triumph of the human soul over all that is ignoble and base.

There is special gladness and rejoicing at Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's release because it brings back into our midst a great woman upon whose services to this movement its success so largely depends. We know that in our treasurer we have one of those outstanding personalities who, because of their strength and nobility, are able to make great gifts to the human race. What, by her creative power, her wisdom, her splendid faith, she has done for the Union we know, and we shall try by the warmth of our greeting to tell her how greatly we thank her.

We shall hold especially in remembrance the manner of her coming into this movement. She joined it when it was a mere stirring of life, a flickering flame; she joined it at the moment of greatest unpopularity, when there was not any outward sign of the success which was to come later. Others were willing to help and encourage from outside, but Mrs. Pethick Lawrence made herself one with the movement, became a part of it. By accepting an official position in the Union she proclaimed to the world her decision to share in the new political revolt amongst women, and from that moment she has lived for this movement, cherished it, tended it, consecrated to it all she has to give.

Her comrades love to dwell on Mrs. Lawrence's record, 6. Education of public opinion by all the usual methods, such as public meetings, demonstrations, debates, distribution of literature, newspaper correspondence, and deputations to public representatives.

because it shows perfect courage and perfect faith. Hers is the courage which prefers to fail gloriously rather than the courage which prefers to fail gloriously rather than objects and methods of the Union, and who are prepared to act independently of party, are eligible for membership. It must be clearly understood that no member of the Union shall support the candidate of any political party in Parliamentary elections until women have obtained the parliamentary vote. And here is the faith which tells her that failure in the effort to gain the emancipation of women is impossible. This faith is founded upon the belief that the right must triumph, and upon the certain knowledge that human beings have power to convert their visions of truth and justice into There has been no happier day for the Women's Social reality. Already the faith which is hers and ours has been women of a new spirit of self-respect and dignity, to the Her release means so much to us. It gives us back a dear changed state of opinion amongst men as shown by our acknowledged power to secure the defeat of the Government world thought dead now lives. Clearly, the days of miracles are not over, and now, as always, they are wrought by faith, which is, in other words, a great understanding of the spiritual forces which dominate human affairs. Let us all be as strong in faith as she whom we welcome to-day, and nothing can rob us of victory.

Christabel Pankhurst.

## THE ALBERT HALL MEETING.

### Its Significance to Our Members.

Every member of our Union must look upon it as a special bring with her any friends who do not yet understand the moveplained by the speakers and personified on the platform by all the members of the W.S.P.U. who have been to prison, and who will be presented with the Victoria Cross of the Union, the memorates their bravery and self-sacrifice.

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It is also more than this-it is an occasion for all who have not been able to take part in militant action to do honour to the courageous women who suffered gladly in this way, and it is to be a great show of the strength of our movement in order that the international delegates from foreign suffrage societies, who have received a special invitation to be present, may carry back with them a true idea of what the militant movement is and what it has done; and—a point which will give this meetng a very special interest-it will be the second public ance after her release of our brave and beloved treasurer, who has suffered—for all the women in the hall and for all the women of the world-a sentence of two months in shame and ignominy, made happy and glorious by the motives that im-

#### The Militant Methods.

The cause which the great meeting is to celebrate will need, we may well think, no explanation and no argument on such an ecasion, but the militant methods, which have been at one and the same time the secret of our success and the reason of all the criticism from those who could not, or perhaps would not, understand, will form a fitting subject for this great popular and international gathering. The methods, it will be explained, are such as must be adopted by those members of a munity who are not lawfully represented in the government of their own state. All through the world's history justice and freedom have had to be fought for and wrested from those who govern. In every country-in history, ancient and modernsitizenship has been gained by fighting; in our own history all the great struggles teach the same lesson—the fight with the King over the granting of Magna Charta, the refusal of John Hampden to pay taxes levied without the consent of Parliament, the imprisonment of John Wilkes for criticising the King's Speech, and—to come to times nearer and more real to us-the riots which preceded the Reform Bill of 1832. Riot, arson, even murder, accompanied that great agitation and forced reform from an unwilling Parliament. Within our own memory we have John Bright, Gladstone, Gladstone either actually inciting to riot or publicly admitting that liberties could never be gained by peaceful methods.

But our "militant" policy, which is the cause of so much discussion, does not, after all, consist, as it well might, of fighting, and riot, and destruction; it consists of sending deputations of representative women to the Prime Minister, of questioning Ministers publicly, and of working at bye-elections against the Government candidate. The struggles, the imprisonments, are due to the action of the Government in not receiving peaceful deputations.

#### The Lesson Learnt.

History wrote this lesson in letters of fire, but the women of England, though they had been awake for decades to the injustice of their position, did not learn it until three years ago, when the founders of this Union taught it to them, and Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney were sent to prison for asking for justice.

But if they were late, the women of England were not slow duty-and every duty is a pleasure in this cause-to attend the in learning. First in dozens, then hundreds, then thousands, Albert Hall meeting on Thursday evening, April 29, and to women came to understand, and, in spite of abuse and misrepresentation, joined the Union to support the methods which The meeting has a very special significance—it is to be have led to its phenomenal success, which have made the quesa great, triumphant exposition of the militant methods, ex- tion of women's suffrage the most vital one of the day, and even forced the Government to recognise and to fear it.

If proof is wanted of the success of a strong, progressive, consistent, and militant policy, let the doubter take a broad view Holloway brooch, and with the illuminated address that com- of the women's suffrage question, and see where it stands to-day and where it stood three years ago.

#### The Women Who Suffered.

Still, let no one in this Union forget that, though the methods were right, they could not have been successful without the instruments—the brave women who volunteered to carry to the Prime Minister, the head of a so-called liberty-loving and just Government, the message deputed by great gatherings of women; these women, who endured first jeers and insults, then abuse and violence, and finally imprisonment in a common gaol, in order to advance the cause. Can those of us who applaud them ever realise entirely what it means to do this? The honest working woman, who is proud of her respectability; the hard-worked teacher, clerk, secretary; the professional worker; the gentlewoman of quiet and retired life, the home-loving wife and mother-all these have been in our deputations; all these, who had hitherto walked in quiet ways, and perhaps been guarded and sheltered, have come forward and suffered disgrace and degradation, violence, and the conditions of an institution usually reserved for the lowest criminals, solely in order that one day-and soon -the women of this country, and eventually women all over the world, may gain not privilege, not favour, but the simple elementary rights of human beings.

No one who has not suffered imprisonment can realise what it means, but that we love and honour our prisoners for their nobility and unselfishness-this let us show at the great meeting on April 29.

There on the platform they will sit, these women, the leaders as well as the rank and file, who have endured for our sake, and with them in spirit will be the twenty brave women who are still in Holloway Gaol, and will not be released until the next morning. In connection with our Union 451 sentences have been served, bringing the total aggregate to over nineteen years. Let us show them, by our numbers and our enthusiasm, that we are not poor-spirited under the weight of our debt to them. Let us bring others, that they may realise the wonderful beauty and strength of our movement; and let us show the international delegates what our militant methods mean, in order that they may carry our message aright to the ends of

The accompanying illustration is of the Holloway brooch, which has been specially designed by Miss Sylvia Pankhurst. The gate Chamberlain, John Burns, Mr. Haldane, and Mr. Herbert and chains are in silver, and the broad arrow is in purple, white and



Miss Isabel Seymour, 4, Clements Inn, will be glad to have the names of any members of the W.S.P.U. who have been to prison for the cause, in order that arrangements may be made for the presentations. It has been decided to ask them to dress in white, purple, or green, the colours of the Union, instead of in prison dress, as was originally proposed

There are still vacancies for stewards, and the names of those wishing to help the organisers of the meeting in this way should be sent at once to Miss Hambling, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be in the chair, and the speakers will include Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Christabel Pankhurst. Among those on the platform will be Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy, one of the pioneers of the movement and a member of the Committee of the W.S.P.U. Tickets, price 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., can be obtained from the Ticket Secretary, N.W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Men are admitted to the 5s. stalls and boxes only. Application should be made at once, as the tickets are in great demand.

## WHY I AM A SUFFRAGIST.

By J. T. GREIN.

dramatic debate feasted on personality, gibed at me because now he overestimates himself. and again I picked up the gauntlet for the women's cause. He contended that the women of England, as he put it, were not in need of my championship, and could very well defend themselves (which I never denied).

the men of England had made the laws, and at present remain negligible quantity. in supreme command, the women could not fight their battle single-handed, and would doubtless welcome male advocacy born of conviction. The meeting, mainly composed of women, signified their assent to my defence, and in relating this insignificant incident I have explained in broad principle why I am a Suffragist.

But there are other and equally weighty reasons. In the first place, so long as the women remain content to demand the vote, and where married couples are concerned would restrict that vote to him or her who is the householder, my common sense tells me that their claim is not only reasonable, but dictated by equity. Secondly, as a student of the question, I am fully aware that whereas in France, for instance, the woman is still considered the passive part of the population, in England, by education, by necessity, by the spirit of freedom which is essentially British, she is different from her sister of yesterday.

Less than half a century ago devotion to public life, even writing for the Press, on the part of a woman was deemed indecorous. Marriage, the household, and child-bearing were her destiny and her sphere. But the progress of freedom in every direction, coupled with the consequences of family overpopulation and the diminution of earning by paterfamilias, has bred a modernised womankind—a womankind conscious of its ability to be useful beyond the domestic hearth, a womankind independent in thought, trained to labour and earning, a womankind rebelling against the conventions which hitherto narrowed its horizon. Woman has been tried. We have her at the Post Office; we have her as factory inspector; we have her in the City in regular occupation, whereas in former times she was a "rara avis," looked upon with curiosity; and wherever she has been placed she has not only proved efficient, but in many instances, by accuracy and devotion, superior to the male competitor. I speak what is commonly called "by the card."

I have not only worked all my life for women, I have worked with women, and I owe them a debt of gratitude for the aid, both intellectual and material, which they have given to me in the pursuit of my activity as a business man and a journalist. I know full well that the antagonist of woman enfranchisement is ready with the argument that by the law of Nature and physical ordainment the woman is unequal in physical and

We also hear that women are creatures of impulse; that they make for issue, disregarding detail; that they are governed by their emotions.

But what about a man? I have no desire to cast a slur on the average voter or his mentality, but when I perambulate the streets of London, to say nothing of the streets of Scotland, I find that many a man entitled to vote is in a mental condition far from responsible

And a long study of men, particularly in relation to the Turf and Stock Exchange, has taught me that for impulse and "irrational resolution" a great many among the stronger sex are not second to woman.

Indeed, in matters of business, by her quick perception; in matters of charity, housing, betterment of the masses, the woman is often superior to the man, who in this country per-

Not very long ago a young man, who in the course of a haps, more than in any other, is pampered and flattered, until

Lastly, there is the question of property. Since we have the Married Women's Property Act; since our women are not, as i France, at the mercy of the men who marry them; since the are wage-earners by right of conquest, it is not only incomp ble with the spirit of our age, but contrary to justice, that I guillotined his eloquence by the simple remark that, since deciding who shall govern the country, they should remain

> And since we have already women on the Borough Coun and other boards governing municipal life, I for one hold that there is no reason why they should not have a word to say as to which men should be elected to represent a community in Parliament.

So long as the woman asks no more, I think that every man who is not blinded by hide-bound convention should see that Cæsar is given Cæsar's due.

### THE CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES.

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The work of the past fortnight culminates in the release of our Treas at Holloway to-day, and the great procession from the Marble on Saturday afternoon. The full programme will be found on pa 551, but here I remind all London members that we are le to see them in great force on both Friday and Saturday. No one has not been to Holloway can realise what it means to be free once and we are going to show Mrs. Pethick Lawrence how much we admir love her for her sacrifice of two months' freedom for the cause which she and we alike have so greatly at heart.

To-morrow's procession offers a unique opportunity for a record sale of paper, and as this is Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's day, we shall also sell the new photo postcards of our Treasurer, as well as badges, buttons, etc. should come to Clements Inn and ask for Mrs. Mosen (Votes for Wome and Miss Barratt (postcards and badges) before one o'clock on Saturday morn ing. Those who cannot be so early should go to Oxford Street, where, site the Marble Arch, they will find the Votes for Women Press cart wi supplies. After the Aldwych Theatre meeting we want sellers to return t Clements Inn to deliver up unsold copies and money to Mrs. Mosen and Miss Barratt. Nothing will please Mrs Pethick Lawrence more than to know that

Marylebone.-Miss Ainsworth and Miss McClelland have again held many successful meetings, notably at Nutford Place, Edgware Road. A ver teresting development is the holding of meetings for shop assistants. Or of these was held on Wednesday evening at 307, Oxford Street, by kind pe mission of Mr. James Fleming. To-day (Friday) Marylebone is joining force with Kensington in holding a mass meeting at the Marble Arch at 6 p.n Mrs. Pankhuret and Lady Constance Lytton addressed a crowded drawi room meeting in Gloucester Place on Monday, and, in Harley Street Tuesday, Miss Una Dugdale made several converts at a meeting comp almost entirely of those who had never before attended a suffrage mee Marylebone banner will be carried in the procession on Saturday, is hoped that all those taking part who live in Marylebone will join the contingent. The organisers will be grateful for the offer of drawing-rooms, and will both collect the audiences and provide speakers for any which may be promised. It is proposed to institute a speaker's class ike to join should write to Miss Genie Sheppard, at 13, Upper Berke

Holland Park and Shepherd's Bush.—This neighbourhood is being worked up by Miss Corson and Miss Hewett, the Kensington members kindly allowing them the use of their shop in Church Street as headquarters.

Paddington .- Miss Irene Dallas and Miss E. Mills are putting in a great interest. Through the courtesy of Mr. Sawtell, by permission of Mr. William Owen, an indoor meeting was held in the assistants' dining-room, at which

Albert Hall Meeting.—An article on the great meeting to be held on the 20th appears on page 553. There are still vacancies for members to act as stewards. Will they send in their names as quickly as possible to Miss Hambling, 4. Clements Inn.

Prince's, May 13-26.-I want everyone to read the article on page which is almost the last of the series dealing with the Exhibition and Sale of Work, which is now drawing so very near. Will London workers please remember! Only four weeks remain to the date of the opening. We want help in advertising the Exhibition. All who can help in any way please communicate with me at 4, Clements Inn at once.

Drum and Fife Band.—The band practice was well attended on Saturday evening. The practices are held at St. James's Hall on Mondays and Fri-

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The At-Homes. The At-Homes are being resumed after the holidays. At-Home will be held next Monday afternoon at Queen's Hall, and raday At-Home at St. James's Hall on Thursday, at 3 o'clock and 8

Flora Drummond.

#### WEST OF ENGLAND.

shop and Committee Rooms.—37, Queen's Road (opposite Art Gallery)
Clitton. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

At Homes.—Bristol: Victoria Rooms, every Monday, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.
Bath: Beau Nash Rooms, every Saturday, 3.30 p.m.
Important Events.—April 22, Bath, Guildhall, 3 o'clock; speakers, Mrs.
Pethick Lawrence and Lady C. Lytton. Tickets, 2s, 1s, 6d.
April 30, Bristol, Victoria Rooms, 8 o'clock; speakers,
Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Lady C. Lytton. Tickets, 2s, 6d., 1s., 6d.

a most successful series of At Homes and meetings, we have stopped aer until April 26. At the At Home held just before Easter a of strangers were present, always a good sign of activity. In the Mrs. Baldock and Miss Ball held a very successful meeting at Bristol and Bath members are now concentrating their energies in up the big meetings in honour of our Treasurer's visit. When the big meetings in honour of our fressurers, the or we shall devote ourselves in real earnest to finishing up the Exhibition. I have been immensely encouraged to-day by retter from our splendid supporters the Misses Strangways, of the order of the ord ing that they are sending me £40 worth of goods for my stall on April 24, in the Queen's Hotel Reception Room, Clifton,

glad to hear from West of England sympathisers who are of for active service in connection with the deputation to the Prime on June 29. Will they write to me at 37, Queen's Road, Clifton? e everyone will come back from their Easter holidays ready to work, a great deal to be done if we are to get the vote—as we mean to do.

Annie Kenney.

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Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Fridays, 8-10.
Liverpool: Engineers' Rooms, 48, Mount Pleasant, Tuesdays, 8-10.
Preston: Glover's Court, Wednesdays, 7-30 p.m.
Rochdale: 84, Yorkshire Street, Saturdays, 7-30 p.m.
Southport: Assembly Rooms, Cambridge Hall, Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Manchester.—Miss Isabel Seymour and Dr. Letitia Fairfield were the guests at the second Memorial Hall At Home. We want members to make these afternoon At Homes well known, that our circle may be definitely widened each week. The Friday evening At Home will be held as usual this week (16th) in the Onward Buildings, Deansgate. Miss Gladys Hazel, Miss Lee, and Miss Mabel Capper will speak on the campaign amongst the teachers at

Rochdale On April 20 there is to be a local dance and whist drive. Mrs.

Southport.—Mrs. Duncan and Miss Jessie Russell, of Manchester, are spending the Easter holiday here to assist the members in making the cause better known amongst the visitors by street and promenade canvassing and

The Exhibition.—The date of the bazaar is actually upon us! Everything must be to the Bazaar Secretary's hand in Manchester, Liverpool, and in less than a month,

Our Lancashire Prisoners .- Knowing that the best way of showing apbrave comrades' sacrifice is by helping towards the speedy VOIES FOR WOMEN week sales record ones. In Liverpool the first efforts sold nearly 400 copies in the streets; in Manchester over sold up to Good Friday, and the Literature Secretary hopes to 2000 sale aimed at. The financial report is unavoidably held

#### Mary E. Gawthorpe

#### MIDLANDS.

Offices and Committee Rooms: 14, Ethel Street, Birmingham. At Homes.—Birmingham: Midland Hotel, Tuesdays, 3.30: Priory Rooms, Old Square, Wednesdays, 7.30. Wolverhampton: St. Peter's Institute, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Important Event.—Birmingham Town Hall, May 7
Mrs. Pethick Lawrence

We have had an exceedingly busy week. On Monday Miss Keevil addressed ave had an exceedingly busy week. On Monday Miss Reven audiesses ployees at a lamp factory in Birmingham; the men listened with , and expressed their sympathy with our claim. On Tuesday we our series of drawing-room meetings, which several members are giving. Mrs. Davis spoke at Erdington at the house of Mrs. Abbott. ing giving. Mrs. Davis spoke at Evangeon at the loader of Mrs. Above has promised to give a meeting in her garden in the summer. On sday afternoon Miss Louisa Phillips spoke and Mrs. Kerwood announced t May 8 was the latest date for sending in articles for the Exhibition. souds, etc., are to be sent to 14, Ethel Street. Will members and friends to note these facts? The Shakespeare Festival began on April 13 at ford, and we very much hope to be able to go down and hold open-air gs during the week, as it will be a splendid opportunity for gaining fres

VOTES FOR WOMEN Corps is now quite an established fact in Birmingham. Tickets for our Town Hall meeting on May 7 have already begun to sell. They can be obtained from me at 14, Ethel Street. Prices: Reserved, 2s. 6d. and 1s.; unreserved (women only), 6d.

### p.p. Gladice G. Keevil.

#### YORKSHIRE. Headquarters.-Bradford: 68, Manningham Lane.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst's long-promised visit to Bradford came off on Wednesday, April 7, and was a brilliant success, and we all hope that she will pay us another visit before many months pass.

drums, 7 to 9; flutes, 7.30 to 9; and on Wednesdays for both flutes and "Yotes for Women" Shop. - By the end of this week all the decorating of the new shop at 68, Manningham Lane, Bradford, will be finished. I have received promises of window curtains, a cupboard, an umbrella stand, and a table. We still need another large table, chairs, and a desk. It is also important to have a telephone and a typewriter. We have opened a special fund for this purpose, and I shall be glad to receive contributions at once. We need at least £25 for the two last, and we propose to have jumble sales in Leeds and Bradford to help to raise this sum. Now that the warm weather is coming on, and people are overhauling their wardrobes, I am sure almost

> There will be a workers' meeting in the office on Monday, 19th, at 8 p.m., and one at the Leeds Arts Club on Wednesday, 21st, at 8 p.m

Open-air meetings will begin immediately after the holidays, and I hope that members who are working all the week will do their utmost to come to the meetings on Saturday afternoons, and to speak if possible.

Exhibition .- As the time is getting very short I want to have all the details as soon as possible of contributions to the Yorkshire stall.

Financial Report .- The collection at St. George's Hall on April 7, amounting to over £7, is to be devoted to painting and papering the shop, and to p viding linoleum for the floors. I have sent the Treasurer £34 14s. (tickets St. George's Hall) and 2s. (additional Coliseum tickets).

#### SCOTLAND: Edinburgh.

Shop: 100, Hanover Street.

Apart from strenuous work in the East Edinburgh constituency, our chief concern just now is, of course, car Exhibition stall. I am taking this, opportunity of appealing to all those who can help us in this very interesting way to communicate immediately with Mrs. Maxtone-Graham, the Exhibition Secretary, at 4, Eton Terrace.

By the time this notice appears in the Press Mr. Forbes Robertson's lecture will be a thing of the past. We must then concentrate on Mrs. Pankhurst's next great meeting in the Synod Hall on Thursday, May 27, during Assembly week, tickets for which will be ready in a few days.

We want our readers to note that we are moving to larger and more central premises at 8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street, on May 28.

central premises at 8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street, on May 28.

I am sending to the Treasurer the following:—Donation, Miss Scott Moncrieff, £1 13s. 4d.; collections, £2 4s. 5jd.; total, £3 17s. 9jd.

Miss Fairfield, 24, Buccleugh Place, is kindly undertaking the formation of a corps of Votes for Women sellers. With all those willing to help give in their

names to her as soon as possible?

Florence E. M. Macaulay.

#### Glasgow.

Office: 141, Bath Street.

At Homes.—141, Bath Street, Saturday, 3 p.m.

Important Event.—Athenaum, Tuesday, April 20, at 3 p.m.,
Mr. Forbes Robertson, Miss Adela Pankhurst.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 20, we shall have Mr. Forbes Robertson On Tuesday afternoon, April 20, we shall not meeting a great success, thus, and it rests with our members to make the meeting a great success, ckets, which must be secured early, may be obtained from 141, Bath reet, price 2s. (reserved), 1s., and 6d. Bills may also be obtained from the Street, price 2s. (reserved), 1s., and 6d. Bills may also be obtained from the office, and we shall be glad if our members will take these and distribute them in any way they can. On Monday we are sending a decorated wagonette through the town to advertise the Athenaeum meeting, and we shall be glad to receive the names of members who will drive in the wagonette and assist in distributing bills, etc. The theatre party has been arranged for Thursday, April 22, during Mr. Forbes Robertson's visit. Names should ce to Miss Burnet, at the offic

Our next At Home will be held at 141, Bath Street, on Saturday, April 17, when we hope that all members, especially workers, will make a great effort

time of the Exhibition is drawing near, and if the Glasgow stall is to be a credit to us, we must utilise every spare moment till May 13 in strenuous work for it. Several more promises of work have been received during the last week, but we are still anxious to know more definitely the probable value of the contributions guaranteed. The stall will be open for probable value of the contributions guaranteed. The scan will be open the a fortnight, and we shall be glad to have the names of any members who can be in London during the Exhibition, and who will be willing to help.

G. M. Conolan.

#### Aberdeen.

Office: Crown Mansions, 412, Union Street. At Homes. -Y.M.C.A. Hall, Monday, April 26, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, 3.30 and 8. Workers' Meeting each Wednesday at 412, Union Street, at 8 p.m.

We are extending our campaign in many directions. The meeting at Stonehaven last week resulted in new members and good promise of a flourishing centre to carry on a summer campaign. A very large number of people attended our meeting in Inverturie on Wednesday night. The Town Hall was crowded, and many people were turned away. Miss Ogston presided, and the Misses Grant acted as stewards. All our literature was sold out in a very few minutes. Miss Grant having explained to the youths that Votes for Women buttons were the most fashionable ones in Aberdeen, she very quickly sold out these also. The local Press has given us excellent notices this week, the report of our Banchory meeting being given a whole column in the Aberdeen Journal, one of the leading has given us excellent notices this week, the report of our Banchory meeting being given a whole column in the Aberdeen Journal, one of the leading daily papers. I am glad to be able to report that the local workers have undertaken the whole work of distributing the invitations for Miss Mary Gawthorpe's At Home, and that Miss Constance Ogston, with the help of Miss Rae, Miss Heriot, and others, will hold meetings in the open air whilst I am at the bye-election. Our staff of workers increases daily, and they are becoming more and more efficient as their responsibility is increased.

Adesa Pankhurst

Birmingham W.S.P.U.—Dr. Helena Jones, the Exhibition Treasurer, on behalf of the Birmingham W.S.P.U., specially requests the members of the committee and the joint secretaries to meet together at No. 14, Ethel Street, on Monday, the 19th inst., at 7.45 p.m., when it is hoped Miss Keevil will be able to be with us. Mrs. Lucy Calway, the Exhibition Secretary, reports the following further donations towards the stall, viz.:—Mrs. Parker, three studio robes; Miss Eastgate, silk blouse value 15s.; Miss Annie Steen (per Mrs. Kerwood), cheque £5 5s. (this I understand is part of the £12 promised by Mrs. Kerwood, and reported a few weeks ago); and anonymous goods, £1 1s. All communications directly relating to the Birmingham W.S.P.U. stall should be addressed to Mrs. Calway, 125, Alesster Road, Moseley, Birmingham. ELIZABETH REDFERN, Hon. Sec

Brixton W.S.P.U.—Our Committee met on April 5, and decided to hold our annual general meeting on the 26th inst., at 32, Wynne Road. We begin our open-air meetings in Brockwell Park on Sunday next, at 3 p.m., when we shall want help in selling literature, etc. We hold our first At Home on May 7, at Raleigh Hall, and we hope to make it a conspicuous success. Members and friends can help by selling tickets, which will be 1s. each, including refreehments. We look for a good muster of Brixton women behind our new banner on Saturday.

KATHLEEN S. TANNER, Hon. Sec.

Chiswick W.S.P.U.—Our At Home on Wednesday last was well attended, and the newcomers were much impressed by Miss-Bonwick's address. A collection was taken towards the motor-car for the purpose of sending a small recognition from Chiswick of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's work for the Union. Last week Miss Marion F. Cerber gave a very telling address to the Turnham Green Church Branch of the Mothers' Union, at the request of the Vicer M. Coombs.

Croydon W.S.P.U .- We held our first meeting on April 6 at the Mecca Croydon W.S.P.U.—We held our first meeting on April b at the Mecca rea Rooms, West Croydon, at 3 p.m., to elect a committee and officers. Our first public meeting is to be held at the Lecture Room, Small Public Hall, Croydon, on April 22, at 3 p.m. We shall be glad of the name of anyone who can speak, take the chair, etc. We have had several sewing meetings. We are helping Mrs. and the Misses Tyson with their Streatham Baby Stall, many members having already given a good deal of work. Others have also given in their names to help sell at the Exhibition. Our banner for the procession on the 17th has been ordered, and I hope every member and sympathiser who possibly can will com

(Mrs.) G. CAMERON-SWAN.

Hammersmith W.S.P.U .- Will those members who were unavoidably absent from our annual meeting please note that a special rally is required to make our outdoor meetings a success. We shall hold these throughout the spring and summer at Down Place, King Street, on Friday evenings, at the spring and summer at Down Place, King Street, on Friday evenings, at 7 p.m., and at West Kensington Station on Saturday evenings, also at 7 p.m. No further notice of these will be sent to members, so that those able to help—in speaking, selling, or other ways—should write to me, and promise to be at these meeting-places at the hour mentioned. There are still some vacancies in the Votts for Women corps. Will helpers please communicate with Miss Haarbleicher. Members are reminded that all Exhibition goods should be sent to Mrs. Maund, 8, Edith Road, West Kensington. Our working party meets as usual on Fridays, 3 to 6, at that address. At the next At Home finished work will be on view.

F. E. Rowe.

Hendon W.S.P.U.— A very successful At Home was held in the Council Offices last week by two members of our local union, Mrs. Wyatt and Mrs. Bonsfield. After an able and interesting speech by Miss Una Dugdale, Mrs. Bonsfield, on behalf of the Committee, presented to our "prisoner." Mrs. Fahey, a silk banner in the Union colours. At the close of the meeting a good sum was subscribed to pay for our large banner for the procession. We want a large number of Hendon people to join us behind it on Saturday. The next business of importance in Hendon will be our "Rummage Sale," to be held before the end of April. Will those who have goods to send please direct them at once to "Lyndhurst," Brent Street, Hendon. FRANCES V. CREATON.

Hull W.S.P.U.—An At Home in Foresters' Hall on Tuesday, April 6, given by Hull working members to welcome Mrs. Clarke (sister to Mrs. Pankhurst) was well attended. Mrs. Clarke delivered a most Interesting address, making an appeal to women to join the Yorkshire deputation to Mr. Asquith. A successful evening was brought to a close with a collection, covering all expenses. A working party has been formed with the object of making Brabazon rugs for the Exhibition, and as these are to be made in the colours we hope that they will meet with a ready sale. M HARRISON.

Kensington W.S.P.U .- At our At Home last week an enamel "Votes Kensington W.S.P.U.—At our At Home last week an ename! "Votes for Women" brooch was presented to Miss Lethune, who has recently served a term of one month in Holloway Caol. Will those competent to help in organising an active canvass of the district apply to Miss Boyd at the "Votes for Women" Shop, 143, Church Street. We are also working up the district to advertise Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's procession on the 17th. Open-air meetings are being held every morning, afternoon, and evening, and it is hoped to extend the work in this direction all through the summer, the state of which is reaching collecting an audience, selling the paper, etc. helipers for which in speaking, collecting an audience, selling the paper, etc., are requested to apply to the shop. The Exhibition work is progressing well, and we hope all intending contributors will let us know as soon as are requested to apply to the shop. The Ambition work is plogressing well, and we hope all intending contributors will let us know as soon as possible the extent of their promised donations. Mrs. Hartley Withers has promised goods to the value of £20, Mrs. Charles Kerr has given materials to the value of £18, and is also superintending a weekly working party in her drawing-room for the purpose of making these into purchasable articles; Mrs. Mills is giving us £10 worth of her beautiful enamel work and jewellery; Mrs. Hannay and Miss Eleanor Whitehead, millinery and other work, £8 or more; Miss Boyd, £3 worth of pottery; and a number of members have promised children's freeks, blouses, etc. Mrs. Corbould's working party is turning out goods to the value of £20, a splendid tribute to the uncelfish devotion of Miss Trim and those ladies who attend it after working in business all day. We hope that every Kensington member will try to send us something, so that our two stalls may be as representative as possible. The weekly At Homes will be resumed on April 28 at Albert Lodge, by kind permission of Mrs. Cameron Grant, and the At Home on Wednesday, May 5, will be held in the Kensington Town Hall at 3.50 (admission free, reserved seats 1s.), when a presentation will be made to Mrs. Eates on her release. Subscriptions for this should be sent to me at 143, Church Street. this should be sent to me at 143, Church Street.

EVELYN MORRISON, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.).

Lewisham W.S.P.U .- On Saturday last a party of us went over Rich heath to Blackheath village, carrying posters announcing the pr the 17th inst., and selling Votes for Women. Will members bear in "social," which will be held at Avenue House, Avenue Road, day, April 22, 8-10 p.m Tickets (price 6d.) can be obtained fro Billinghurst, 7, Oakcroft Road, and from Mrs. Bouvier, 32, Mount 1 Road From Sunday next, April 18, the Blackheath meetings will regularly every Sunday at 3 p.m. Members are requested to attend to sell Votes for Women and literature.

Nottingham W.S.P.U .- The next meeting will be held at o Street School Hall on April 26, at 8 p.m., when Miss Helen Watts a lantern lecture on Holloway. Tickets, 6d. and 8d., to be obtain Miss Wallis, The Castle. Will all those who are making sweets to se Exhibition funds bring them to the meeting. Two very success? air meetings were arranged last week at Newark. A great-literature was sold, and fifty copies of our paper. Will all who can thing for our Exhibition stall write to Mrs. Evans, 48, Ebers Ro thing for our exhibition stall write to Mis. Evans, 48, Edges R. next sewing meetings will be held by Mrs. Shephend, Cyprus Road, Mrs. Johnson, 10, Patrick Road, W. Bridgford, April 20; Mrs. April 22 and April 29. On May 6 Mrs. Simon, 26, Zulla Road, is to hold an exhibition of the contributions for the great sale, from 2. Admission 1d. Tea, between 4 and 5.30 p.m., at a charge of 2d. e speakers' class is postponed to Tuesday, April 27, and will be held at 2 Road, at 7.30.

C. M. Burdis, Hon

Putney and Fulham W.S.P.U .- The open-air meeting at Putney and Fulham W.S.P.U.—The open-air meeting at \( \) Green last Thursday was a great success. Mrs. Everett, \( 3 \), \( \) Oxford Putney, is again lending her drawing-room for a meeting on Friday, \( \) at \( 8 \) p.m. An open-air meeting will be held in Effic Road, Walham \( 4 \) p.m. on Friday, \( \) Arg. Whitaker has given to the Extra funds \( \) \( \) 1 3s., the proceeds of a "Suffragette tea." Will members \( \) mind the whist drive at Kelvedon Hall, Fulham, \( \) at \( 7 \) p.m., on \( A \) Tickets from Miss Gilliatt, \( 6 \) Stevenage Road, Fulham, \( M \) Fulham, \( \) The Oxford Road, Putney; or Miss Cutten, \( 43 \), \( 5 \), \( M \) aur Road, Fulham are hoping to raise funds for a meeting in one of the large halls in \( \) or Fulham. We hope that as many of our members \( \) as a nogstike will apply to the second of the large halls in \( \)

Willesden and Kilburn W.S.P.U .- In honour of our comrade Eates, who is a resident in this district, it is proposed to organise and to celebrate her release. The meeting will be held early in May. We those members living in the neighbourhood who would be able to making this welcome a success call on or write to Mrs. Cullen, 143, R Lane, N.W., or Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 12, Nicoll Road, Harlesden, N.W.

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An arrest was made on Wednesday, the 31st ult., in Wolver ampton. Miss Bertha Ryland, of Birmingham, having been ejected from Mr. Runciman's meeting at the Agricultural Hall, attempted to address the crowd gathered outside. This the police efused to allow her to do. She, however, persisted, and was taken nto custody. The following day she was brought before the magis trate charged with obstructing the police.- The defendant said she was there to protest against the Government. To this the chairman of the Bench replied, "Oh, botheration! Go back to Birmingham and do not bother us again. You ought to be ashamed of your self!" The defendant and her friends then left the court.

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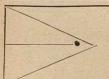
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