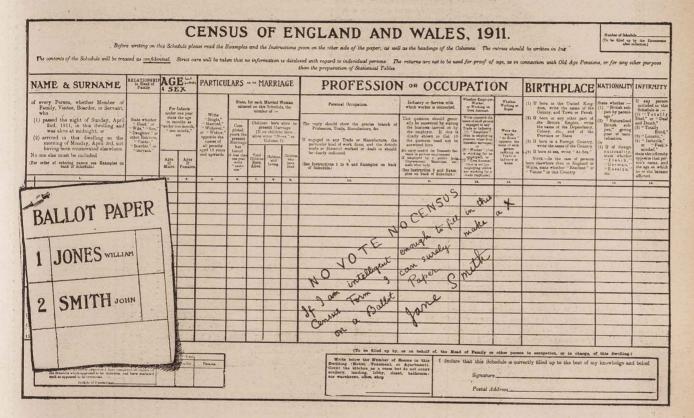
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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether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

# THE OUTLOOK.

One of the most successful meetings of the Women's Social and Political Union was held on Thursday in last week at the Royal Albert Hall, when the following resolution was carried, with only one dissentient voice:

This Meeting condemns the dishonourable and unprincipled tactics employed by successive Governments in order to defraud women of their right to the Parliamentary Vote. The Meeting demands the immediate cessation of these tactics, and calls for the enactment of the Conciliation Bill in 1911. And further, the Meeting calls upon women to untie in determined militant protest against any attempt on the part of the Prime Minister to prevent this measure of justice being carried into law during the present Session of Parliament.

So quickly did the mighty audience respond to the points made by the speakers that one who was present for the first time expressed the view that, in spite of the many thousands who were there, it seemed like one great family party. It is interesting to recall that only

three years ago this same expression was used as a term of reproach to the W.S.P.U.

# Special Features of the Meeting.

Miss Vida Goldstein, who had come specially from Australia to address the meeting, received a great ovation, many bouquets of flowers being handed up to her. Her speech, which we give verbatim on page 419 was full of good things, and showed her keen appreciation of the political conditions prevailing in this country. Dr. Ethel Smyth conducted in person her March, which she has dedicated to the W.S.P.U., and the audience were delighted with its power and beauty. As usual, a great feature of the meeting was the collection, which amounted in gifts and promises to some £5,000, raising the fund from £91,000, at which it stood last week in Yotes for Women, to a total of £96,500. The meeting was brought to a close by a rousing speech from Miss Christabel Pankhurst, which we reproduce on page 420.

# £100 Damages for Mr. Hawkins.

The victory gained by our friend Mr. Hawkins, in his action against the League of Young Liberals in Bradford, will come as welcome news, not merely to woman suffragists, but to all lovers of fair play. In consequence of his interjection of a remark about Votes for Women at a meeting held by Mr. Churchill in Bradford, last November, Mr. Hawkins was seized and ejected so violently that he fell, breaking his knee-cap and fracturing his ankle. As a result he has been crippled ever since and will never fully recover the use of his limb. Mr. Hawkins has now been awarded £100 damages by a jury sitting in Leeds. Among the interesting points which came out in the trial was the fact that, while ordinary interrupters were allowed to remain in the meeting, the mere mention of the word "woman" was enough to secure instant ejection. The

Judge, Mr. Justice Avory, laid down a number of important points of law. Firstly, that persons employing stewards are liable for the manner in which their duties are carried out. Secondly, that the mere interjection of a remark at a meeting (even at a meeting of a Cabinet Minister), is not of itself an offence. Thirdly, that until an interrupter has been asked to leave, any person who lays hands upon him is committing an assault. We deal with the political aspect of these decisions in our leading article this week.

### Census Night.

Census night, to which Militant Suffragists have for some time been looking forward as an opportunity for a further protest against government without consent, is now close at hand. All plans are complete, and it is realised that an army of women very much larger than was originally supposed, running into many thousands, will resistor evade enumeration. We draw special attention to an article written for us by Mr. Laurence Housman, appearing on page 427, in which he foresees that attempts will be made by the authorities to intimidate intending resisters. We have from time to time stated clearly in these columns the utmost penalties to which those who refuse to give information render themselves liable, and those who take part in the protest are warned not to be deceived by the bluff of the Government's servants with regard to this matter.

# Mr. Churchill and the Deputation.

We publish this week the important report of Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. Ellis Griffith concerning the behaviour of the police towards the women's deputation in November last. As we informed our readers last week, it fully bears out the conclusion of the Conciliation Committee that a prima facic case for enquiry had been made out. Lord Robert Cecil proceeds:—

Mr. Churchill accuses women of mendacity. Such an accusation requires more than the ipse distit of a Minister to support it. Nor

Is it in accordance with the principles of British justice to reject without investigation, the evidence of scores of apparently respect

Perhaps on the next occasion The Nation will hesitate before accepting without reserve the official view.

Forcible Feeding in Prison.

The welcome given to Mr. Abbey on Saturday last at the Caxton Hall was well attended, and Mr. Abbey's plain statement as to the atrocious treatment which he had received in prison was listened to with indignation. Over £60 was contributed to the funds of the M.P.U. Meanwhile, Mr. Franklin, whose spirited and chivalrous protest led to his own arrest, is still in prison, and the same disgusting and brutal operation is being practised in his case. He is due to be released on Saturday morning in March 20—March 25. case. He is due to be released on Saturday morning in

### The Removal of the Sex Disqualification.

Adult Suffragists who oppose the simple removal of the sex barrier to the franchise are fond of quoting Australia in support of their contention. In the Manchester Guardian of Monday last Miss Vida Goldstein effectually disposes of this argument. She points out that Adult Suffrage exists only for the Commonwealth Parliament, and that property is the qualification for four of the Upper Houses in the State Parliaments, and property owners still have special electoral privileges for three of the Lower Houses. Austra lian women, in fact, made the same demand which the women in this country are demanding, namely, that women

Unfortunately, at the present time people in almost every political party had been openly advocating violence as a method of obtaining political changes. They had titled ladies writing to the Times endeavouring to show that violence was the only means by which political improvement, as they considered it, could be obtained, and it was very deplorable and not to be wondered at that headstrong youths like the prisoner would transfer those principles into practice, which might produce very lamentable results.

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A more remarkable ground for a judgment it would be difficult to find!

### Music of the Weman's Movement.

We hope that all Woman Suffragists will make a point of being present to-morrow evening at the Queen's Hall, when Dr. Ethel Smyth is producing for the first time several spirited items of music, specially composed in connection with the Woman's Movement. We give further particulars and a portrait of the celebrated composer on

# GETTING NEW READERS.

How much can be done by a single member of the Union break down the Press boycott is shown by the following

It in accordance with the principles of British justice to reject, without investigation, the evidence of scores of apparently respectable women.

In conclusion, may I ask whether anyone thinks that if the deputation had consisted of unarmed men of the same character their demand for an enquiry would have been refused? Who can doubt that the Home Secretary and the other Ministers would have tumbled over one another in their eagerness to grant anything that was asked? Are we, then, to take it as officially admitted that in this country there is one law for male electors and another for voteless women?

And Mr. Ellis Griffith expresses himself as amply satisfied that there was unnecessary and excessive violence used against the women, and urges an impartial enquiry, not merely in order to decide the facts of the case in November last, but to establish and safeguard the principle that those who take part in public demonstrations are entitled to legal and proper treatment. We are glad that The Nation so far modifies its former attitude as to say:

The Home Secretary appears to have shut the gate to a formal investigation, and lapse of time forbids a clear and practical issue to it. But we do not feel satisfied, either as to the general behaviour of the London police towards political crowds or as to their conduct on this occasion. We hope, therefore, that Mr. Churchill will have this matter very carefully under his eyes. Political right will have this matter very carefully under his eyes. Political right will have this matter very carefully under his eyes. Political right they are asserted.

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Since the above was written Dr. MacKenzie has sold in the street 170 copies of last week's issue, and in spite of the text they are asserted.

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## TREASURER'S NOTE.

All the members of the Union are rejoicing in the magnificent sum put together at the Albert Hall on March 23. Never before has such an enormous shower of promise cards poured down upon the platform at a public meeting. The members and friends seemed determined to outdo themselves in generosity and authorized.

particulars and a portrait of the celebrated composer on page 427.

Pressure on our Space.

We regret that owing to the extraordinary pressure on our space we have been obliged, in spite of the increased size of our issue, to hold over much valuable matter, including the final chapter of Mr. Shallard's interesting series of articles on Warrior Women, a report of the Rev. Rhonda Williams' important speech at the Queen's Hall, and also our report of a recent pronouncement made in Glasgow by the Rev. John Hunter. We hope to include these in subsequent issues.

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At the meeting of the Falmouth Town Council on Thursday, March 23, a resolution urging the Frime Minister to grant facilities to Sir George Kemp's Woman Suffrage Bill was passed by nine votes to five.

We have received the financial statement of the Croydon Women's Social and Political Union. The total receipts are £272, 3s. 5d., as against £105, 18s. 10d. during the preceding year, and the total expenditure £259 3s. 2d., as against £84, 12s. 1d. We congratulate the Croydon Union on having trabled its activities during the financial year.

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# A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA.

Extracted from the Speech of Miss Vida Goldstein at the Albert Hall, London, on Thursday, March 23, 1911.

I shall always be glad to think that the truly enfranchised women of Australia, women enfranchised women of Australia, women enfranchised in spirit as in fact, recognised the inner meaning of this movement from the very beginning. In 1905, when those two girls, Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney, fired the shot, head round the world by all lovers of freedom, we knew in Australia they had heralded a new age of chivalry, the chivalry of woman towards woman. And to-night I bring to you a message from my fellow-workers in Australia. We offer you our reverent appreciation of the spiritual insight and fidelity to principle that are enabling you to overcome, and speedily overcome, the materialistic forces arrayed against you. We sympathise with your militant policy, believing that you embarked upon it as the result of earnest deliberation, and from a knowledge bitterly forced upon you, that the more peaceful methods employed by your predecessors for so many yoars were bound to continue wholly ineffectual

We know that only the leftiest ideals could inspire such devotion and such tragic solf-sacrifice for a principle as you have shown. And we in Australia are reasonable. And wore more women, even in a young country, to be actual breadwinners. Men have relentlessly sucked women with a cloud thought have avended to think that we are of your blood and rate.

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I have only been a few days in England, and this is my first visit here. On the second day I was taken to see your Houses of Parliament, and there I saw one thing that alone justifies the existence of this movement, and that was the Grille. I hear people laugh at the existence of that Grille. I felt deeply humiliated when I saw it. It is a wonder to me that the women of England have tolerated it so long. That Grille signifies the harem idea of women, and disguise the fact as we may, it is on that that all legislation affecting women is based. I am very proud to think it was one of my own countrywomen, Muriel Matters, who had a hand in damaging it!

Your Woman Suffrage movement has a special significance for us in Australia, who can view it from the standpoint of a long and varied experience of the vote in school, municipal, State and Commonwealth politics. You know well enough the utter hollowness of the anti-Suffrage arguments. But I should like to deal with just one or two to-night. It may interest you, I think, to hear a brief survey of them by a woman who knows what it is to work for women and children without the vote and with it. Mrs. Humphry Ward says that women cannot grasp the broad lines and main points of public questions, but would legislate, on side is garden.

Humphry Ward says that women cannot grasp the broad lines and main points of public questions, but would legislate on side-issues. Australian women voters have shown as comprehensive and as intelligent a grasp of all public questions as men have shown, and they have improved Parliamentary measures by exacting the introduction of "side-issues" which men, whose training does not impel them to attend to small but necessary dotails, had overlooked. When the Public Service Bill was introduced in the House of Representatives (the Lower House in the Commonwealth Parliament), that Bill dealt only with the broad lines and main points affecting the employment of men. Solely through the work of women voters several so-called "side-issues" affecting the employment of the women in the service were considered on broad lines, and finally converted into main points, to our satisfaction to our satisfaction

"Side Issues."

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You will find that there is a great tendency to regard everything affecting women as "side-issues," and it is not until women become voters that legislators begin to realise that there are many things touching them and their children that are really main points. Take, for instance, the question which always rouses the greatest interest and activity amongst men, that, of property. All down the ages men have done every possible thing to safeguard their proporty so that it could not be wrested from them. But the property of women was such a paltry side-issue that the men quietly put it in their own pockets! And it took the Woman Suffragists of England, assisted by men who were themselves in favour of women having the vote, many, many years to establish by law the principle that women, married women, have a perfect right to the control of their own property. And the women of England to-day who are using their money to fight against Woman Suffrage owe the power to do so to the Woman Suffrage owe the power to do so to the Woman Suffragists of an earlier generation.

Then, again, Mrs. Humphry Ward tells us that twomen would lay stress on the individual side of life. That is quite true, and well indeed it is so. Life is a hideous affair for the great majority of people to-day, because men, fulfilling their natural duty of safe guarding the collective and material interests of the mation, have found it impossible to safeguard the

embarked upon it as the result of earnest defiberation, and from a knowledge bitterly forced upon you, that the more peaceful methods employed by your predecessors for so many years were bound to continue wholly ineffectual

We know that only the leftiest ideals could inspire such devotion and such tragic self-sacrifice for a principle as you have shown. And we in Australia are proud to think that we are of your blood and race. It has fallen to us in our young country, where prejudices have not had time to solidify to the same extent as in older countries, to gain the charter of our womanhood by a comparatively easy road, the road of persistence, certainly, but not of martyrdom. And in the name, again, of these Australian women, we are on the side of you militant women, and we offer you our deepest gratitude for having demonstrated to an unbelieving world the real existence of the sisterhood of women.

Equal Pay for Equal Work.

You are told that women are seeking to enter into competition with men in politics. Modern industrial conditions, made entirely by men, are driving more and more women, even in a young country, to be actual breadwinners. Men have relentlessly sucked women into the industrial wintly pool, they have made a devastating war on women, and now women with the vote in Australia are seeking to enter into competition with men in politics. Modern industrial conditions, made entirely by men, are driving more and more women, even in a young country, to be actual breadwinners. Men have relentlessly sucked women into the industrial wintlepool, they have made a devastating war on women, and now women with the vote in Australia are seeking to enter into competition with men in politics. Modern industrial conditions, made entirely by men, are driving more and more women, even in a young country, to be actual breadwinners. Men have relentlessly sucked women into the industrial whitpool, they have made a devastating war on women, and now women into the industrial winterpoly to a devastating war on women, a is the rule of trade, just so long will the cheapest labour be that most in demand. Women are cheaper than men, but children are cheaper than women, and the child is becoming an integral part of the industrial machine. It is our aim in Australia to prevent that. When capitalists and manufacturers are consumed with an abnormal passion for profits, neither woman nor child is sacred, and I assure you, it is all moonshine for people to tell you that the vote has no effect on the economic status of women! Before we got the Suffrage in Australia no one would listen to us about equal pay for equal work. We had deputations to Ministry after Ministry, interviews with Members of Parliament one after another, and pay for equal work under the Commonwealth Law, and no sconer was the State State Sthool teachers, and in the junior grade in the cducation department we already have equal pay for equal work. Every ression now equal pay for equal work. Every session now equal pay for equal work is discussed in Parliament. It is impossible to deal with any measure affecting wages in which this question does not come up; we have got it in one thing after another, and I am sure it will not be many years before it is the rule everywhere.

### The "Women cannot Fight" Rogey

The "Women cannot Fight" Bogey.

Then, again, the anti-Suffragists here tell you that women cannot fight. Well, the history of all the ages, ancient and modern, right down to the Suffragettes, disproves that! Women can fight, have fought, and are fighting valiantly for freedom. But if the anti-Suffragists told you that women won't fight, there would be some approximation to the truth in that statement. They won't fight when they get the vote, or at least they will be very much more chary than men about plunging their country into war. For everywhere you go you hear women pleading earnestly that war is a barbaric method of settling international disputes. But at the time of the South African war the Australian women were as much overcome as the Australian men by the cry of freedom for the oppressed, freedom for the Uitlanders, and although at that time they were Uitlanders in their own country, they willingly sent their husbands and early sent to find the comments the though at the sent the sent the sent and the sent and sent and sent and sent the sent the sent and se and although at that time they were Utilanders in their own country, they willingly sent their husbands and sons to fight for a cause that they believed was just. And to-day, when the naval and military defence of our isolated continent is in the very fore-front of the political programme of both parties, we find the women taking as keen an interest in the subject as men—with this notable difference, that we hear more from the women about maintaining our land and sea forces for the purpose of defence and not offence.

tives go into that conference instructed by us women to do certain things, and is it not an unthinkable proposition that England's grand-daughters should have equal representation with the men in that conference and that England's own daughters should have no representation at all? I believe that this is a most critical year for your movement. I do hope—I believe—that it will be 2 year of peace. You have excellent opportunities of getting your Bill carried on May 5, and I think the reason I have just reminded you of, this Imperial Conference, is an additional reason why you should win through on May 5.

May 5.
You have all noticed that in the hall to-night is a motto: "God befriend us." Mrs. Pethick Lawrence motto: "God befriend us." Mrs. Pethick Lawrence alluded to this movement as being a religious movement. If it were not a religious movement it could not be what it is to-day. But, instead of "God befriend us," let us know that God befriends us, and that He is with us in this fight, and that there is no power which can defeat the cause of justice. Remember, it is fear that kills. The thing we greatly fear comes upon us. Have no fear about May 5. You must know that your cause is just. You know it is just, and because right is might, you must prevail.

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Be Honest.

We say to you non-militant women, do not sin against the light. Do not let cowardice bilind your vision. Be honest with your selves. Think this thing out clearly without any heat or emotion. Ask yourselves what is the good of a constitutional policy to those who have no constitutional weapon. We say the have no constitutional weapon. We say the hone no constitutional weapon who have no constitutional weapon who have no constitutional weapon who have made not not have a constitutional weapon. We say the standard of the sacrificed in the future as they have been have a constitutional weapon. We say the standard of the sacrificed in the future as they have been in the future as they h

bonourable tactics used against us in 1910 and of the tactics which already have been employed in this present session. None of you have forgotten how we were on the eve of success last year, and how the only thing which stood between us and victory was the vet imposed upon us and the first control that we waste no time in regretting defeats that have gone. Our whole thought is always of the present and the future. We live now in the hope of victory this year.

Wasting Parliament's Time.

How has the Prime Minister dealt with our cause in the present year? He has defined us the right of having the Suffrage season. Without the anallest justification—as sown. Without the anallest justification—as events have proved—he deprived the private member of his time until after Easter. The course of debate in Parliament has shown that what we suspected was literally true—namely, that this was done to diminish our hope of getting the Bill carried into low. The waste of time that has occurred in Parliaments rise the beginning of the session.

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# £100 DAMAGES FOR MR. HAWKINS.

Mr. Justice Avory on the Conduct of Public Meetings.

"Until an interrupter has been asked to leave, any person who lays hands on him and turns him out is in law committing an assault."

The action brought by Mr. Alfred Hawkins for damages against Mr. Geo. Muff and other members of the Committee of the Bradford League of Young Liberals resulted on Thursday in last week in a verdict in favour of the plaintiff (Mr. Hawkins) of £100 damages and costs. There is a possibility, however, that the defendants may decide to appeal. This decision has to be made not later than Monday noxt.

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HEARING OF THE CASE.

The case was heard at the Leeds Assizes on March 22 and 23, before Mr. Justice Avory and a special jury. Mr. E. Tindal Atkinson, K.C., and Mr. A. P. Longstaffe (instructed by Messrs. Hatchett, Jones, Bisgood and Marshall, and their local agents, Messrs. Taylor, Jeffery, and Jessop), appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendants were represented by Mr. Waugh, K.C., and Mr. R. Storry Deans.

At the outset Mr. Tindal Atkinson, K.C., said it was desirable that as far as possible the matter should be unaffected by political feeling, and there were two gentlemen on the jury whom he would prefer not to hear the case. He did not for a moment suggest that their politics would have any effect on their judgment, but it was important that the slightest appearance of a chance of that should be prevented.

Mr. Waugh said none of the defendants were alleged to have used violence to the plaintiff, and the defendants, the plaintiff had not established in case.

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Witness: Yes.
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Perhaps he wanted to be heard?—No doubt

n Mr. John Will. Discussed and the Cloudy Wilson were called upon om the jury, and two other gentlessworn in their places. In their places. In the places which appear in the newspapers of the colaintiff and narrated the facts whins's forcible ejection from Mr. Have you inquired who were the personal IV. Have not Do you think it a regrettable occurrence?

Ir. Hawkins in the Box. In the Box and the communication with anyone ing to the meeting, and did not know people who interjected. One of the tons he heard was "Liar!"

Mr. Atkinson: Have you ever expressed regret for it?—Not personally. Has any member of the committee, so far anyon know?—No, sir. In reply to his Lordship, the witness said that when the planniff fell on the stairs that there were four or five men ejected, the women? Has any member of the committee, so far anyon know?—No, sir. In reply to his Lordship, the witness said that when the planniff fell on the stairs that there were four or five men ejected, the women? His Lordship: And the moment he said that the when the planniff fell on the stairs he went forward and took the place of the women? His Lordship: And the moment he said that the were four or five men ejected, the was ejected for asking the question?—Yee, with the planniff fell on the stairs he went forward and took the place of the women? His Lordship: And the moment he said that he was ejected for asking the question?—Yee, with the planniff fell on the stairs he went forward and took the place of the women? His Lordship: And the moment he said that he was ejected for asking the question?—Yee, with the planniff fell on the stairs he went forward and took the place of the women. His Lordship: And the moment he said that her he helped to take him from the building. A lady outside had called him a big, burly brute. (The witness was a slender would have the planniff with the newspapers. They have a special practice.

The Witness: They have a special practice.

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policeman would have prought and slowly.

Mr. George Muff, the leading defendant, admitted in cross-examination that as a matter of common sense it would be the duty of the stewards to quiet any disturbance.

Mr. Waugn, K.C., addressing the jury for the defence, contended that it a man got the defence of the defence of

Interlections Not Illegal.

med to be made by someone in the gallery mediately above me. he witness proceeded to describe how he as ejected for asking the question?—Yes my Lord.

His Lordship: And the moment, he said that was ejected for asking the question?—Yes my Lord.

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Witness: No.

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Cabinet minister is addressing a political meeting have even gone so far as it of interrupt him by asking any question at ell.

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### An Experience of Forcible Feeding.

The terrible experiences endured by women who are ggling for their political liberty, as a result of the nunger strike in prison, have never yet been told to the world. Just as soldiers who have been through a mpaign cannot be induced to tell of the sights they ave witnessed and the privations they have endured upon the battlefield, so those who have lived through nes of daily torture in prison, whether for a few yeeks or, like Miss Marsh, for three long months, have runk from the thought and memory of that agony of orcible feeding, and have kept the story of its revolting stails to themselves. No doubt their instinct is a ght one. There are some subjects that are only fit or treatment at the hands of the artist, who, by selectng the essential and discarding the non-essential, is able to subordinate all that is personal to that which is f universal significan

At last there has been added to the literature of the novement a book which affords a glimpse into that abyss of suffering whose depths have been veiled hitherto from the eyes of the world, "The Prisoner" is a true picture, painted by a real artist. The author a true picture, painted by a real artist. The author is one who suffered in her own person, both from starvation and the subsequent horrible cruelty of forcible feeding. Yet if it were not for the preface, which was no part of the original scheme, but was written under the pressure of persuasion after the book was finished, many readers of the story would never have realised that it was one drawn from personal experience. We venture to think that this short preface wrung from the author, with a weary protest against the intrusion of personal details, will prove not the least valuable part of the whole, throwing light as it does on the subsequent pages. We can almost hear does on the subsequent pages. We can almost hear the sigh with which the following paragraph is penned :-

penned:

So it seems that in this sketch I have left out details; but if so, it is in the effort to paint a certain picture, and I have used my power of selection with the distinct object of reproducing the atmosphere which surrounds the suffragette prisoner, especially when she is undergoing the last extreme of resistance and its attendant torture of forcible feeding.

But these details I realise are necessary; they are the effect of what has passed, the cause of what is to come; and if I have made them too obscure for a public who suffers from a stringent Press boycott on this subject, I will endeavour to remove the cloud, although I have no wish personally to lift the obscurity that I hoped would envelop the author.

This sketch of a prisoner is an absolutely true statement of my own imprisonment of one month in October and November, 1909, in Stangeways Prison, Manchester.

There follows in a few words the story of the facts that led to the imprisonment, the conditions in prison that led to the adoption of the hunger-strike and a literal description of the three methods of forcible feeding used upon the person of the writer.

By our refusal to take prison food we were reduced in two or three days to a state of starvation. When we were so weak as to make it dangerous to put off the operation longer, the loctors, after slight and cursory examination, gave the order for forcible feeding, each of the three methods being in my case tried on succeeding days, not, as the humane Liberal Govern-ment maintained, to keep me alive, but evidently to try which orture would intimidate me.

In a few sentences these three methods are described The first was to screw the mouth open with a gag, when the victim had been overpowered by seven persons, to close forcibly the nostrils, and to push food down the throat of the suffocating, choking, gasping prisoner, an operation which lasted for twenty minutes.

The second method (tried the subsequent day) was the nasal tube, through which, when the prisoner had been pinned down, a large quantity of cold liquid was poured. The next day a still worse torture was put into operation by means of the abdominal tube. This treatment, described in one short sentence, is a sickening revelation, and the brief preface ends with the following paragraph, which will be recalled with amazement in years to come, when it is embodied in the history of this movement for human emancipation :-

And these tortures were allowed in English prisons, under a Liberal Government in 1909, in answer to an acknowledged just demand of women for a voice in making the law that shall govern them and their children . . and more especially a demand made by women taxpayers to have a voice in the spending of their money, of whom I am one, and have been for many years.

To those whose imagination needs to be quickened. the introduction from which the above quotations have been taken will serve as the description in the catalogue serves the uninitiated who enter a picture gallery. It will serve to arrest the attention. The picture itself must do all the rest. I believe this book will touch many a heart hitherto unmoved by the inspiration that has made heroes out of women used to luxury and pleasure. I know that it will be treasured as a precious

possession by all who have received the revelation of that great love by which a woman lays down her life for the wronged and oppressed of her sex.

Since it was written men have given proof that the flame of martyrdom for justice and for liberty has been kindled in their hearts also. One man was released a few days since, having endured the test of forcible feeding. And of the special time proposal time properties. feeding. And at the present time upon another man this barbarity is being practised twice every day. This fact gives, a new significance to the publication of "The Prisoner," which should be placed as speedily as possible Prisoner," which should be placed as specially in the hands of responsible men and women through the P. L.

### A PARALLEL.

They destroyed their property [banners, &c.], outraged their persons, threatened their lives, and robbed them of the right of seemblage. . . Upon the authorities, the Government, rests he duty of setting in motion the criminal machinery of the law to diress the wrong done, not only to the few who were attacked, but of the whole body of the people. The very existence of a Government is a pledge that this will be done. . If the Government cluses to protect its citzens it tells them to protect themselves, tests back the spirit of the age hundreds of years, and compels its itizens to return again to private war and personal vengeance. . No free people ever submitted to such things and remained ree.

ree. The quotation above is not from an account of the women's eputation of last November, although it goes on:

To one Magna Charta torn in pieces.
To one Bill of Rights torn in pieces.
To Breach of the Peace by the Officers of the Peace.
The bill has not been settled. There is one way, and only one, his bill can be paid. Not by money; only by justice, and it must be paid.

### A SUFFRAGE SYMPOSIUM.

Our readers will remember the symposium on Woman Suffrage that appeared recently in the New Age. They will be glad to know that these opinions of well-known men and women are now issued in book form, under the title "Women's Suffrage and Militancy," and can be had from Frank Palmer; 12-14, Red Lion Court, E.C. Price 6d.

### CONTRASTS.

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Anti-Suffragists and Suffragists alike will agree that "Contrasts—Forms of Poverty," by W. B. Northrop (Frank Palmer, price 6d.), is interesting but sad reading, its illustrations alone reminding one of the great evils that exist in our midst, showing, as they do, the sweated woman chain-maker at her work, men sleeping in doss-houses, and women and childen in "floor-bunks." One agrees with the author when he says:—
Who dares cry "Peace" amidst this hell?
Who rests content while others die?
Who dares say "Hush! for all is well"?
Base soulless hypocrites—they lie!

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# A CAUSERIE OF FASHION.

Spring is here, whatever the thermometer may assert to the contrary, for the little birds are twittering of love and housekeeping, the little green buds are pushing off their winter overcoats, the house painter, with his fearsome pots and ladders, has arrived, and so also has the first budget of Madame La Mode's commands.

mands.

Well, the question of the moment—the modistic moment I mean, of course—is naturally the jupe culotte. You may study it at any dress atelier, you may meet it not only in Paris, but also in the Park. To decry it is unsafe, for your dearest friend, fortified by Mr. Harry Furness and the Times, has probably ordered a couple "inst to try." Models of it (or should one say "them"?) vary immensely. Some wear the innocent air of an attenuated skirt, others give a welcome freedom of motion with an equalising loss of grace. Frankly, I refuse to prophesy concerning the jupe culotte. For the moment it is "on the knees of the gods"—who knows whether or no

prophesy concerning are gap, who knows whether or no is "on the knees of the gods"—who knows whether or no it will descend to ours!

As to the jupe itself, those who foretold the early demise of the straight skirt were no true prophets. The "hobble," of course, is as dead as the proverbial doornail, but its straight, stride-wide sister will outlive this season with little change, even as to its draperies. These are still of the shawl and tunic variety, but their materials—ch bien, nous avons change tout cele! Last year we were plain, to-day we are patterned—often enough in tinsel and velvet. Such exquisite designs, too; early Enghish looms, Beauvais tapestries, and Doges' palaces—all have contributed to our adorning. The Venetian in spirations are especially lovely. As I write an example to which I curtsied low at Debenham and Freebody's—where, of course, one always sees things particularly chi et ravissant—occurs to me. Picture a gown of mysteriou beetle's wing glint green charmeuse, draped with the ne tinsel brocaded ninon of shot green and copper, with it design in dull gold, the draperies being enhanced by wonderful dentelle broderie of copper, gold, silver, emers green, and vivid blue.

Muis courage, Mesdemoiselles! if counsels of perfect

wonderful dentelle broderie of copper, gold, silver, emerald green, and vivid blue.

Mais courage, Mesdemoiselles! if counsels of perfection de luxe are unattainable by all; this same chic Wigmore Street establishment has catered most successfully for you also. For instance, I saw a delightfully dainty and smart gown carried out in fancy figured ninon—Fragonat blue on a cream ground, combined with plain ninon and clever accentuations of black velvet for but 5½ guineas, while for one guinea more an exquisite cachemire de soie, garnished with shawl pattern en suite, and boasting the new high sash encrusted with dull silver soutache, is yours.

yours.

Apropos of sashes, the waist line this season can be either high or low, but the picturesqueness which is de rigueur is best served by the high line, and even the new leather "dog collar" belts encroach upwards.

Regarding sleeves, Madame La Mode is again sensibly catholic; they may be long or short, "bell" or plain or puffed à la moyen age. On the whole they are fuller than last year, and, alas! our dear "kimono" sleeve has serious rivals.

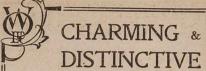
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As to hats—and I should have commenced my causerie with them, for a new hat lends the kindliest aid to a winter gown while the new spring toilette is being obtained—they are distinctly higher both in crown and trimming, though the low wide, picture hat—and bien entendu, this should not now obscure the hair—still holds its own. However, styles are so various that I cannot do better than recommend a visit to Derry and Toms, where one can comfortably study all the new modes, from luxurious Paris creations to simply smart and dainty chapeaux at 18s. 9d. and 12s. 9d. Naturally, these conveient sums will not purchase the floating feathers and exclusive models of the French section, but they will possess you of thoroughly smart headgear of wonderful quality, perfect style, and all the new ideas exemplified. In conjunction with a new hat, a tailor-made is naturally one of the first and most essential investments with which to greet an English spring. Well, this year's coats at any rate are totally different to last year's. It is not alone that they are shorter, the line is altogether altered; it is much squarer, and alas! for those who cannot compass the fashionable figure, much less becoming. Ehten! short squarish coats and short tightish skirts may be chic and convenient, but they do not make for distinction. Nevertheless, much can be done by clever manipulation. I am thinking of some examples of the costume trotteur that I saw in the Haymarket at John Simmons and Son's. Some were of the indispensable and ubiquitous blue serge, black braided, but a certain something (even apart from clever touches of colour, such as a dash of Empire pink cloth on the distinctively curt evens) which this firm boasts as to cut and style brought about the miracle. The new floating skirt panel back and front is helpful. Some coats have large sailor collars, some round hood-like ones, and some actual hoods lined en

nishings, are also being introduced into the sartorial world.

Long and evening coats, like our skirts, retain the straight line; their embellishments out-Herod Herod, and their colours are quite Oriental in vividness. Imagine an opera cloak of rich canary charmeuse, garnished with bands of heavy silver soutache, through whose interstices a lining of deep turquoise blue gleamed, the whole being contrasted by a picture collar of velours noire. This modèle de luxe à la mode is to be seen at Peter Robinson's Oxford Street House, with many another of the same alluring calibre. Here, too, one may encounter that delightfully convenient dernier cri, the reversible opera coat. Yes, it actually reverses, being equally perfectly finished on both sides. You posses a black charmeuse coat, lined with pale pastel blue cloth, that shows charmingly within the big hood that melts into wrap-over revers, and on the wide cuffs; hey, prestolyou have a pale blue coat, smartly lined, hooded, and cuffed in black. The advantages are obvious when motors fail us and we perforce take to trains and taxis, or wish to suit particular toilettes, and when I mention that these full length coats in any coloured cloth, combined with thoroughly satisfactory satin, cost but five guineas, the prudent will hesitate no longer.

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# THE LAW OF PUBLIC MEETING.

Once more it has been proved that Cabinet Ministers. and not the Suffragettes, are the real law-breakers. The nestions which for the past six years members of this ion have asked at Liberal meetings have been declared n a court of law to be legitimate, while the violent ttacks made by the stewards upon men and women Suffragists at these meetings have been declared to be unlawful. The action successfully brought by Mr. Hawkins against the Bradford League of Young Liberals has had the result of putting us in possession of a clear, indicial statement of the law concerning interruptions at public meetings. Mr. Justice Avory, the judge in this case, has laid it down that a mere intervention such as that made by Mr. Hawkins does not authorise either the chairman of a meeting, or the stewards, or anybody e summarily to eject a person from a meeting without any previous request to him to go, and that until he has been requested to leave, the person who lays nands upon him and turns him out of the meeting is, n law, committing an assault.

Dealing with the suggestion so frequently advanced by Liberal partisans, that a Cabinet Minister is an especially favoured individual, and ought to be more mmune from interruption than ordinary speakers, the udge observed that "there is no authority for such a estement to be found in any treatise on Constitutional law," and added that an interruption of the kind in tion, even if the speaker be a Cabinet Minister, oes not justify an assault.

The interjection which the Liberal stewards at Mr. Vinston Churchill's Bradford meeting made the pretext for attacking Mr. Hawkins with such force that his leg was broken, was certainly of a most easonable character, and is typical of the interjections which Suffragists, both men and women, are in the habit of making at Cabinet Ministers' meetings. Mr. Churchill, in the course of his speech, referring to the estion of the House of Lords, said: "The quarrel, always inevitable, has at last reached the final stage." equally to the women who are demanding votes." Just | meetings, unchallenged and unrebuked. before this, a man in the hall had interrupted the

neetings. The result of the case will give deep and general satisfaction not only because it gives Mr. Hawkins some compensation for a great and indeserved injury, but also because it establishes the right of public meeting on a firm basis.

Even if the policy of putting questions at Cabinet Ministers' meetings had been decided to be in conflict with the strict letter of the law, militant Suffragists yould nevertheless have pursued it because we take ur stand on higher ground than that. We base this policy upon the moral right to defy laws of inferior bligation when such defiance is necessary for the purpose of compelling obedience to a greater law. But now that the legality of these interruptions has been stablished, as well as their rightness on the purely moral plane, it is for the Liberal leaders to offer what ustification they can for the savage manner in which they have dealt with the Suffragists present at their meetings. Members of the Women's Social and Political Union decided to question Liberal Ministers at public meetings, because these Ministers refused to embody Woman Suffrage in their programme, and deliberately kept the country in ignorance with regard to the matter. At first, questions on votes for women were asked, not in the course of a Minister's speech, but at its close. This forbearance on the part of questioners met with the reward of violent ejection, and their questions remained unanswered. Later on it became customary for Suffragettes to interject their questions at appropriate points in the course of the Minister's speech.
As before, they were violently flung out of the meeting. Conscience makes cowards of us all," and Ministers grew so fearful of hearing the subject of Votes for Women mentioned that the slightest movement on the part of any woman, whether a Suffragist or not, was frequently punished by instant removal from the meeting. At the same time, men who asked questions on other subjects were not molested in any way.

Finding that the questions of women could not be silenced by means of brute force, Cabinet Ministers then decided that women should be shut out of their meetings altogether. As the result of this countermove on the part of the Government, it seemed that this valuable method of agitation would be no longer available, but, fortunately, a brave band of men then took upon themselves the task of giving voice at Cabinet Ministers' meetings to women's claim to citizenship. Immediately, Ministers gave fresh proof of their detestation of being questioned on this subject, and men Suffragists have been treated with the utmost savagery. In fact, public meetings under Liberal auspices are now public meetings only in name. Hordes of stewards are in attendance, one half of the public-the women-are entirely excluded, and even to men tickets are given out with secrecy and circumspection, while an attempt is made to keep out all men suspected of active sympathy with the Woman Suffrage cause. Those who make even the quietest and most appropriate interjections on this subject are ized and hurled out of the hall.

Liberals will be the first to admit that even if such a state of affairs were lawful, true Liberalism could not ive under conditions such as these; but it is not lawful and in future those who assault members of the public, men or women, who are merely exercising their rights, do so at their peril.

It is interesting, in the light of Mr. Justice Avory's statement of the law, to recall the denunciations hurled by the Liberal Press and Ministers at those men and women who have interrupted at public meetings. We have been condemned as "brawlers," whereas in fact it is those who have assaulted us who have been in the wrong. We have been accused of destroying the right of free speech, whereas in reality our opponents are the enemies of free speech, because they have made the monstrous claim that a Cabinet Minister (who is a ften threatened, often averted, and often delayed, but | public servant, and liable to render to the public an account of his stewardship) has the right to abuse his Mr. Hawkins then interjected, "What you say applies trust and to do injustice, and then to appear at political

Undoubtedly, this agitation has placed the Governroccedings by shouting "Liar!" and no notice had ment in a serious difficulty. What they have been een taken of him, but as soon as Mr. Hawkins made | slow to realise is that from this difficulty there is is interruption, he was set upon by the stewards and only one lawful, creditable, and effectual escape. lung out of the meeting. Nothing could have been | To batter and maltreat women at Westminster is neither e appropriate and to the point than his observation. lawful, creditable, nor effectual. To hurl questioners If to utter such words were unlawful, justifying the from meetings, to the danger of their life and limb, is commission of an assault, then the right of public neither lawful, creditable, nor effectual; but to admit neeting would be a mere farce, and the law on the women to the Franchise by carrying the Conciliation would call urgently for amendment. Happily the matter has been decided otherwise, and "the Voice," that time-honoured institution in British

Christabel Pankhurst.

# OFFICIAL BLACKWAIL.

By Laurence Housman.

Census-resistance has gone ahead; even those who are not joining in it have come to admit that it is going to be a big thing-how big will never publicly be known, for though the resisting householders can he accurately numbered, the evaders whom those householders will shelter for the night, or who wil otherwise avoid qualification, will be numberless, and only the Women's Suffrage societies will be able to reckon approximately how many tens of thousands they amount to. For obvious reasons the Societies will not communicate their knowledge to the authorities except on their own terms, and their terms are full facilities for the Conciliation Bill this year.

March 31, 1911.

A proof that the Resistance is already an assured success is to be found in the rising note of disapprobation, mingled with vague threatenings, which now comes from quarters least favourable to the Women's movement. Several organs of the Press which began by making light of the protest have now changed their tone, and are threatening with dire penalties all who take part in it, while at the same time assuring the public that the authorities have unexpected means for bringing the resisters to heel, which will only be sprung upon them at the last moment.

It is likely enough that the Census authorities, presuming upon a general ignorance as to the strict limitation of their legal powers, will do their best to bluff resisters and evaders into submission when the day of Census-taking arrives; for it is still permitted in this country to threaten people with penalties which cannot enforced without thereby incurring a legal charge of blackmail. It is allowed, for instance, to debtcollectors to hold out threats of arrest and imprisonment which cannot be put into effect, so as to compel payment. And there are signs that the Census authorities are for the present lying low in order at the right psychological moment, to bring this form of official pressure to bear on those who are ignorant as to how the law stands. This is probably what a Registrar in the Manchester district means by "a little tact." Suffragists should understand that the true meaning of 'a little tact," employed by those who know the law against those who do not know it, is often nothing more or ess than official blackmail, and there will no doubt be plenty of official blackmailers abroad on the morning of Monday, April 3. It is necessary, therefore, that all resisters should be armed with knowledge of the exact terms of the Act from which the Census authorities derive their powers.

### Legal Limitations.

Not anticipating any general resistance to its pro visions, the framers of the Act have omitted in several stances to provide penalties for the refusal of the information it seeks, or to make any but a comparatively small class legally responsible for filling up the

BLACKWAIL.

(4) The expression dwelling-house shall include every building and tenement of which the whole or any part is used for the purpose of human habitation, and where a dwelling-house is let or sublet in different tenements or apartments and occupied distinctly by different persons or families, a separate schedule shall be left with or for and shall be filled up by the occupier of each distinct tenement or apartment. (Section 4, clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4.)

It will be noted that "the occupier for whom the schedule is left" is held responsible for a return of "all persons dwelling in the house occupied by him." Clearly, therefore, he alone is the "occupier being the legal owner or tenant, not the mere immate or guest. From beginning to end no authority is given under the Act for levying any penalty whatever on any person who is not an "occupier for whom a schedule has been left," either for refusing to answer questions; nor has the enumerators any right to deliver a schedule so left in the course of the previous week," to "complete such of the schedules as on delivery thereof appear to him defective, of the previous week," to "complete such of the schedules as on delivery thereof appear to him defective, and correct such as he finds to be erroneous." The Act does not give him power to force schedules upon evaders on the Monday morning and demand that they shall be filled up; he must have delivered the schedules in the previous week. As regards the penalties which the Act lays down they are all of them limited, in the words of Section 12, Clause 2, to "any occupier for whom a schedule is left under this Act." No person travelling, no person who is not an occupier, no person for whom a schedule has not been left in the week ending April 1, incurs, under the wording of the Act, any penalty whatever. The Act has been so badly drafted that those who are not "occupiers" do not fall under its provisions as regards any obligation on themselves to assist in making the returns accurate. If only one schedule had been left at a house only one person can be held responsible for filling it up (see above, Section 4, Clauses 2 and 3); that is to say, either the person for whom the schedule had been left, or the person who as whom the schedule had been left, or the person who as substitute and temporary tenant has chosen to become responsible. Throughout the Act it is abundantly evident that to be an occupier one has to be in legal possession of a house or of some part thereof; inmates of a "workhouse, hospital, prison, public institution, or other large establishment," are not entitled to receive separate schedules as "occupiers," and therefore are outside all responsibility in the matter, and can incur no penalty for refusing information. Indeed the Act seems to recognise that such persons lie outside its Act seems to recognise that such persons lie outside its jurisdiction; for in the clause dealing with their enumeration it provides for the returns, with regard to enumeration it provides for the returns, with regard to such inmates, to be made by the actual occupiers only "so far as may be practicable;" and the withdrawal of consent to unrepresentative government may make the completion of such returns a far less practicable matter than in previous years.

Points to Remember.

To sum up, the points to be borne in mind are And when the men ask

the seeks of the seeks of the seeks are gards these who are travelling on Census night, or are "for any other feason not abiding on that night in any house of which account is to be taken by the enumerators," and under this head they may seek to include these who, in order to evade the Census, chose to walk the streets or remain outside a dwelling-house. But no ower is given under the Act to interrogate any but "cocupiers," nor is there a single word that provides the endroging of penalties against these who are not "coupiers," or is there a single word that provides proposal to take a Census return of those travelling, broad or rail, or camping out, is therefore merely a founding-houses.

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# SUFFRAGIST PLANS FOR CENSUS NIGHT.

census will serve, we are told, as a basis for further legislation affecting women and girls as well as men and boys. Such for a wholesale boycott of the census on

reform has placed the price of ameliora-tion on the over-burdened backs of women. The Children's Bill carried in 1908 is a case in point. It inaugurated a new penal code for women. Miss Georgina Brackenbury, in a short article, from which we take extracts, draws attention to the legal cruelties practised upon women n police courts on the plea of saving the hildren. Women are heart and soul in favour of saving the children. If the women's point of view were represented in legislation this work would be better done than it is to-day, but it would not be

done at the cost of breaking the mothers.

The following typical cases illustrate the visited on the heads of women who, by the law of the land, are divested of parental rights and political responsibility. All these cases are quite recent.

### 1.—The Crime of a Dirty Home.

In this case a woman who is in illhealth because, on the admission of her husband, "she starved herself to feed the except for the rain pouring through the the washing, scrubbing, cooking, mending, and nursing of the family. Failing to fulfil this utterly impossible task, she is

### 2.—The Crime of a Damp Home.

In this case, a mother having given birth to a child a month since, is sentenced to three months' hard labour be-cause she dwells with husband and six children in the home provided by the

### 3.—The Crime of Clinging to the Home.

about the "sacredness of the home," nothing about the "supreme claim of motherhood," which is the argument so freely used by those who would make it illegal for married women to earn wages by being employed in shielded industry. Mr. John Burns, who openly advocates the restriction of married openly advocates the restriction of married woman's labour, has recently issued a pro-hibitory order revoking the regulation order which has hitherto permitted the Guardians of the Poor to grant out-relief to women, whether able-bodied or not, according to the special needs and circumstances of indi-vidual cases.

Women are to be excluded everywhere, even from the benefits of the Labour Test. "This means," says *The Crusade*, the organ "This means," says The Orusade, the organ of the National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution, "that the thousands of women of all ages who struggle along with the little help from the Guardians will all have to come into the workhouse or face semi-starvation or even actual starvation." The workhouse for the provent starvation." The workhouse for the normal human being who is "able-bodied" is a living grave. According to the public action by which he may be supposed to express his convictions, the President of the Local Government Board considers that woman's place as the unpaid servant of her husband is the home, and no matter what the conditions of that service may be, any attempt to tions of that service may be, any attempt to achieve independence is to be forbidden by law. Deserted by her husband or left a widow, he considers that the woman's place is the cannot be punished under the Census Act, as there will be no legal responsibility. workhouse. What right has a woman in such circumstances to the feelings of a human being or the affections of a mother?

workhouse. What right has a woman in a such circumstances to the feelings of a human being or the affections of a mother? Should she not rather be grateful that the workhouse is a refuge provided for the masterless relicts of men!

In the typical cases quoted above women see evidences of gross ignorance, stupidity, and (probably unconscious) cruelty, leading to tragic misery and waste. Men admittedly do not understand women, the home is presumably not their "sphere," yet they legislate for the home without the consent of women. Therefore it will not be by the consent of self-respecting women that the census will be taken, for upon the results of that census fresh legislation is to be founded, which will inevitably place still heavier burdens upon the race-bearer who is already bowed beneath her heavy cross. It is imperative for the sake of the home, it is imperative for the sake of the children, that women shall have the vote, and their highest duty at the present time is the duty of withholding their consent from a Government which excludes them from the rights of the following geecial arrangements we gladly make public, and any members of the general public who wish to join can do so by The following pecial arrangements we gladly make public, and any members of the general public who wish to join can do so by The following the responsibility.

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And we advise, resisters to maintain

1.—Make active resistance by refusing to fill in the form. This will make you liable to a penalty of 25. If possible, fill your house with evaders also.

2.—Lend your house to the W.S.P.U., and ask no questions as to who will occupy it on Sunday night. Many have already done this 3.—Leave the house empty, and write excess the schedule. House deserves write across the schedule, "House deserves write across the schedule, "House deserves write across the schedule, and give a reason for your refusal. This can be done by active resisters who remain in the house, and by occupiers who are evading the Census, by leaving the house empty. There is no extra penalty for doing this.

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# POWERS OF THE ENUMERATOR.

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powers of the persons who leave and collect the schedules, and in reply to numerous correspondents we repeat:—
Enumerators have no power to compel an answer to any questions; all you need do is to say, "I refuse to answer questions."
There is no penalty for refusing to answer these versal questions.

The enumerator also has no authority to ask whether you have been included elsewhere.
Enumerators will probably use all kinds of threats and spring all kinds of suggestions upon resisters; these should be entirely disregarded. Remember that only occupiers are liable for any penalty at all. Those who are not occupiers cannot be punished in any way, although no doubt enumerators, in desperation, will try to persuade them otherwise.

A report has reached Clements Inn that women are being sent round to make inquiries of landlords and landladies respecting lodgers, and that some members of the Union who did not expect to be treated as occupiers have had schedules left for them. They can either write on the form that they refuse to give any information—in which case they lay themselves open to a penalty of a fine not exceeding £5—or they can absent themselves from home on the night of the Census, and write on their form that they have done this in order to evade the Census. In this case they will not be liable for a penalty.

"Three Maxids" are informed that they

# SOME CENSUS PLANS

highest duty at the present time is the duty of withholding their consent from a Government which excludes them from the rights of citizenship, and denies them a voice in the making of the laws which they are called upon to obey.

NOTA BENE.

All letters relating to Consus arrangements, including requests for hospitality, should be sent to Miss Olive Smith, W.S.P.U., \$, Clements Inn, London, W.C.

The hour is almost striking! The enumerators have been busy through the week leaving schedules on the householders in their district. There they lie, with their detailed inquiries. Shall we fill them up? Shall we put the Government in possession of statistics upon which to base more one-sided legislation? Or shall we simply refuse to answer any questions until the Government has answered our demand: "Give women voices"?

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4.—The Crime of No Home.

A singular charge under the Children Act was made at Halesowen (Worcestershire) against a respectable-looking woman named Selina Moseon, for causing her four children to suffer by exposure. It was stated that she and the children were ejected from a house several weeks ago, and for at least three weeks

HOW SHALL I RESIST OR EVADE?

Read Mr. Laurence Housman's article on to suffer by exposure. It was stated that she and the children were ejected from a house several weeks ago, and for at least three weeks.

# Some Country Arrangements.

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waxworks. Coffee, 1.30; breakfast, 8 a.m., price 6d.

burnemouth.—Will all those wishing to take part in the Census Resistance write to Miss Lewis, W.S.P.U., 221, Old Christchurch Road?

Hastings and St. Leonards.—Will any who wish to evade the Census communicate at once with Mrs. Darent Harrison, 3, Grand Parade, St. Leonards-on-Sea, who will put them in touch with people where they can spend the might.

Redhill.—Will all desirous of joining in the protest communicate with Mrs. Richmond, Fengates House, Redhill?

Waterloo, Manchester.—Mrs. A. J. Hall, "Glenamour," The Park, Waterloo, Lancs, is throwing open her house for Census Resisters.

York.—Miss A. Coultate, 33, Melbourne Street, A meeting will be held at the office, 8, New Street. It will take the form of an all-night social. Music, readings, and recitations will be part of the programme. Supper (Is.) and breakfast (6d.) will be provided. Tickets for admission free, on a Bleighton member is keeping her house open the night of April 2 for any who want to evade the Cousus, but not as householder, in case it might injure my work. Mr. Winston Churchill's last reply has convinced me that the time has come for women to put perhaps unfounded fears aside, and actively to resist the Census."

## Some Suitable Mottoes.

### Resistance Form.

2.— J., ceing a Loager or Boarder, or resident in an hotel, undertake to apply to the Census Authorities for a special form for my own use, and to refuse to fill in the particulars, writing across the form the reason for my refusal.
3.—I, being a male Occupier, undertake not to fill in upon the Census Form any particulars concerning the women

action.

4.—I, being a woman unable to protest in any of the ways mentioned above undertake to adopt such other measures as may be necessary to escape inclusion in the Census return.

WELCOME TO MR. ABBEY. traitor to a great name and to a great party

WELCOME TO MR. ABBEY.

A rousing public welcome was given to Mr. Abbey by the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement at the Caxton Hall on Saturday last. Mr. Abbey, it will be remembered, was released from Pentonville Prison, where he had been subjected to foreible feeding as a result of refusing to take the prison food and adopting the hunger strike, on Thesday in last week. Hearty cheers greeted Mr. Abbey and Mr. Hawkins, and the meeting was marked by the greatest enthusiasm throughout. Mr. Frank Rutter presided.

On rising Mr. Abbey was greeted with prolonged and enthusiastic cheers. Speaking of militancy, he repudiated the accusation that militant Suffragists were actuated by any love of violetice for its own sake. Militant protests were rather symbolical acts of rebellion against the injustice of a position which had become intolerable. Some people asked what practical good such actions could do. That they had very definite and practical results was shown by recent events. With regard to his own action in attempting to present a letter to a meeting of the Cabinet, the time was chosen on account of the public would be directed to the principles and arguments by which that Bill was supported, principles and arguments which applied equally to the case of Woman.

# to does to be perfectly lawful. of over 250 was taken, and a line to that moved at the Albert MISS PANKHURST'S TAX RESISTANCE.

In reply to a further official threat of the usual "proceedings" to recover income-tax, Miss Christabet Pankhurst wrote as follows:

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Mrs. Pankhurst will again visit Ireland during the coming week. Already meetings have been arranged in Dublin on Wednesday, April 5, and Thursday, April 6, and in Belfast on Friday, April 7. Reports to hand prove that her visit is anticipated with keen interest.

programme has been arranged, and Suffragettes will welcome the news that one of the items will be the rendering of the "Songs of Sunrise" (including the March of the Women) by the MISS PANKHURST'S TAX RESISTANCE.

In reply to a further official threat of the usual "proceedings" to recover income-tax, Miss Christabet Pankhurst wrote as follows:—"SIR,—In reply to your letter of March 24, I have to say that I have decided to pay no income-tax usats such time as the law permiss me to qualify as a voter, Any proceedings that you may take for the recovery of the money will be quite in vain, as I shall decline to pay the amount claimed.—Yours faithfully, (Signed) "Chairstabet Pankhurst." Then came a letter from the Solicitor to the Tressury saying that it would be necessary to take legal proceedings and asking whether Miss Pankhurst has replied, "I have your letter of the 28th of March, saying that in consequence of my refusal to pay income-tax it will now be necessary to issue process. I prefer to be personally served."

The address of the Women's Tax Resistance Leave is 10, Talbot House, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.

A very interesting interview with Miss Vida Goldstein appeared in the Dady. Chronicle of March 23.

### THE PRESS BOYCOTT.

We quoted last week an interesting letter Mr. Zangwill in reference to the pious a tude of the Westminster Gazette over Lady b borne's recent letter to the Times. In reply

"COULD AND SHOULD."

a 3 speech at an I.I.P. meeting at Manster hat week Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., dissed the political situation, and after refergle to the Parlamant Bill, the Obborne judgin, and other logication, said: "There is
other measure which is neither in the
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# NO VOTE. NO CENSUS.

# MR. BIRRELL IN MANCHESTER.

### QUEEN'S HALL.

At the Queen's Hall on Monday afternoon Mrs.
Pathick Lawrence urged upon members the immediate duty of increasing the circulation of Vorus for Women, more especially in view of the press boyect. The Rev. T. Rhondda Williams gave an inspiring speech, which we hope to publish in a subsequent issue. Mr. Frank Butter described the proceedings during Mr. Hawkins's case at Leeds. Assizes, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst said that in time to come Mr. Hawkins's splendid action would be regarded as one of the most illustrious in the annals of the fight for the vote.

Monday, 3...

### MEETING AT CHELTENHAM.

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Miss Flatinan is to be congratulated upon the splendid result of her two months' campaign in Cheltenham. On Tuesday night a very fine meeting, representative of both social and educational interests in the town, was held at the Town Hall, when the chair was taken by Miss Annie Kenney, and Miss. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Flatinan were the speakers. The speeches were listened to with the greatest attention, and were marked by onthursts of applause, and a resolution protesting against the treatment of the women's question by the Government, and calling for facilities for the Woman Suffrage Bill was passed with two dissentients.

# DEBATE AT THE QUEEN'S HALL

# CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Inn. Strand. W.C.

Inn, Strand, W.C.

Mrs. Lyall Dompster makes a most urgent appead for paper-sellers for to-morrow (Saturday). Boat Eace Day. The race starts at 2 o clock, and the paper cart will be at Patons Bridges 3 i o clock, where intending the start of the paper cart will be at Patons Bridges 3 in clock, where intending carnestly requested to attend in force, as it is important to have a large number of sellers along the route. Volunteers are also wanted for the usual street pitches. Names should be sent in to Mrs. Lyall Dempster, The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Speakers (Lass. Already a number of beginners have campaign is being organised in connection with the Speakers (Lass. Already a number of beginners have made the plunge and are addressing meetings weekly, but a larger number is wanted. Members are therefore urged to join the Speakers (Lass, which is held and thus gain help and practice for taking their part in this valuable propaganda work.

### BALHAM & TOOTING.

Office: 60, Balham High Road, S.W. Tel.: 1325 Bat-tersea. Organiser-Miss Violet Hughes, B.A. responsibility for which rests upon the Government which considers physical violence, indecent assunts, the prison cell, the feeding tube and the hosepipe suitable weapons with which to overcome the spiritual forces that are driving us along the road to Freedom."

To the Editors of Yores for Womes.

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest that those who cannot or will not refuse to fill up their Census paper might at least do something for the cause by entering, under the head of "Infirmity" the word "Unenfranchised."—Yours, etc.,

K. LOWNDES.

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MRS. PANKHURST IN THE POTTERIES.

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3 to 5 p.m.

# LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

d, Prince of Wales (out-		1-2-3-3
	Miss Wright. Chair: Miss Dixon	8 p.m.
Queen's Crescent and	Miss M. E. Thompson	8 p.m.
ng, 22, Foulser Street,	Hon. Mrs. Haverfield. Chair: Miss	o p.m.
oom meeting	Hughes, Hostess: Mrs. Harris	8 p.m.
Compton Hall	Miss Margaret West	3.30 p.n
Terminus	Mrs. Bouvier and others	8 p.m.
Yew Grove	Mrs. Kranich, Miss Batson	7.30 p.n
urch End, near Railway		
	Miss M. Wright, Miss Nettlefold	7.30 p.m
, Market Place		8 p.m.
le Town Hall	Miss Winpore, Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
ones Bros., Holloway	Miss Barwell	8 p.m.
ones Bros., Holloway	Miss Bonwick	8 p.m.
Theatre (outside)	Miss M. D. Thompson	8 p.m.
chington Road	Miss Brewster and others	7.30 p.n
hon	Committee Meeting	3.30 p.n
Rally	Members and friends	5 to 7 p
hop	Miss Townsend	6.30 p.n
, Rochester Road and		
own Road	Miss Baillie Guthrie	8 p.m.
way	Miss Hicks, Miss Hughes	7.30 p.n
ld Pump	Miss Alison Neilans	8 p.m.
reen Library	Miss Burroughs, Miss Rickards	7.30 p.n
Heath	Miss Mabel Atkinson	11.30 a.
Iilly Fields	Miss Tyson. Chair: Mrs. Bouvier	3.15 p.n
, Shrubbery Road	Members' Rally	10.30 p
Common	Miss Leslie Hall	3 p.m.
nall Public Hall	Mr. Laurence Housman	8 p.m. 8 p.m.
Road, Cobden's Statue	Miss Barwell, Miss Fricker	o p.m.
II, Langham Place, W.	The Rt. Rev. Bishop Mathew, F. W.	
in mangitain Liabol at	Pethick Lawrence, Esq., Miss	
	Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B	3 to 5 p.
. Warwick Street, and		
Street	Miss Kinkead, Mrs. Robson Drawing - room Meeting. Miss	8 p.m.
oventry Road	Drawing - room Meeting. Miss	
	Evelyn Sharp	8 p.m.
toria Road	Miss Meakin and others	7.30 p.n
e, Edgware Road	Miss Billing. Chair: Miss Löwy	8 p.m.
Vm. Morris Institute, 13,	Miss Wahal Athinson W A	8 p.m.
way, Gleneagle Road	Mag Dathick Lawrence Mice	o pame
embly Rooms	Evolun Sharn the Lady Suhil	
	Miss Mabel Atkinson, M.A	
	Seymour	8 p.m.
King's Road	Miss Bonwick	8.30 p.n
r Park, The Rabbits	Miss M. Harvey	8 p.m.
ighbury Corner	Miss Feek. Chair: Miss Meakin	8 p.m.
7, Goswell Road	Members' Rally	6 to 8 I
rchway Tavern	Miss Naylor	7.30 p.n
6, Linden Gardens, W.	Miss Naylor At Home. Miss Brackenbury, Miss	
and the second second	Conolan, Mr. Frank Witty	3 to 6.30

# March 31, 1911

Shop-905, Fulham Road. Hon. Secs.-Miss L. Cutten and Mrs. Roberts.

# Hon. Sec.-Miss R. M. Billinghurst. 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.

It has been decided to postpone the usual. "At Home at the Ethical Hall on the first Thursday in April caccount of Mr. Laurence Houssman's reading of "Pair and Penalities," at the Ladywell Parish Hall on the day. Members and friends are urged to take the opportunity of enjoying an intellectual treat and of the same time according a warm welcome to such champion of the cause. Members will be glad to her that the result of the Self-Denial canvass in the neighbourhood amounts to £19 10s. 6d. Will member please send in their cards to the above address?

Hon. Sec .- Mrs. F. W. Jones, 39, Pembury Road.

Shop—89, Heath Street. Office—154, Finchley Road. Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss C. Collier.

Organiser-Miss Billing, 4, Clements Inn.

Office-347, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.-Miss E. M. Casserley.

# Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel., 2116 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Eates and Miss Evelyn Sharp.

# LEWISHAM.

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Shop and Office—215, High Road, Kilburn, Tel. 1183. Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

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Hon. Sec .- Mrs. White, Gravels.

STREATHAM.

Shop and Office: 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham. Hon. Sec.-Miss Leonora Tyson. snow dier bospitality, for Cennus night analys, or who more manifested with the organizer without a please communicate with the organizer with the please of the second property of the please of the second property of the secretary at above a large crowd, when Miss Hasiam spoke. It is present at to-morrow's at Home an effort to be present at to-morrow's at Home an effort to be present at to-morrow's at Home and the second property of the secretary at above address.

Seven Sharp on Tuesday (see programme). All wishing to take part in the Corsus protest should apply to the secretary at above address.

ISLINGTON.

# SYDENHAM. Shop and Office—96, Kirkdale. Organiser: Miss Miller.

Miller.

The organiser is glad to report a particularly success ful week, with much work done. Canvassing has been going on apace, and all meetings have the week. Special thanks to Miss Naylor, who spoke twice. The Shop "At Home" was the greatest success, nearly seventy being present for Mrs. Pertwee's most interesting address. Everyone spoke most warnly of their gaddress. Everyone spoke most warnly of their delightful afternoon, and many are coming to the Forest Hill Balts meeting. Three new members were Porest Hill Balts meeting. Three new members were called the statement of the statement of

# UXBRIDGE & DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. - Miss K. Raleigh, S, Park Road, Uxbridge.

# WALTHAMSTOW. Hon. Sec.-Mrs. David Milne, Claremont House, 46, Second Avenue, Walthamstow.

Members and friends will be glad to hear that Mrs. Drummond will speak at the Pioneer Café, Hoe Street,

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Office-S, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4683 Nat.
Organiser—Miss G. Allen.

The office, which has been closed for cleaning and repainting, will be opened on Monday next. Members who have not yet met the organiser as about the contract of th

### CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.

# MAIDSTONE AND NORTH KENT.

OXFORD.
Hon. Sec. - Mrs. E. F. Richards, 109, Woodstock Road.

Organiser: Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road. Portsmouth, and 61, Oxford Street, Southampton.

specially asked to attend so as to keep in touch with the movement.—Briday, Mar. 31.—Brighton, Steine Hall, Mrs. Massy. Chair: Miss G. Allen, 8 p.m.

Institute of Music, at the Queen's College last Friday. His speech was received with great enthusiasm. Friday, March 31.—Queen's College, Miss Una Dugdate,

Sunday, Pril 2.—Harborne Labour Church, Miss Sunday, Pril 2.—Harborne Labour Church, Miss Control Frants, 6,30 p.m. Census Party (Central present passes at office at 11 p.m. Tuesday, April 4.—Suffrago Tea, Miss Gladys Hazel, Hotetes: Miss Steen: College, Rev. B. W. Lummis, M.A.; Miss Maud Melley, 8 p.m.

DERBY.
Organiser—Miss Brewer, 6, Lime Avenue. Vill all who have not been communicated with and h to resist the Census, kindly write at once to Miss

# HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT, AND DISTRICT. Hon. Organiser: Miss Bertha Ryland, 12, Mayer Street, Hanley.

A most successful and mountaging drawing room meeting was held at Mrs. Lake's house on Thuraday meeting was held at Mrs. Lake's house on Thuraday was the mountage of the Mrs. Lake's house on Thuraday was the Mrs. Lake's house on Thuraday was the Mrs. Lake's speech and the discussion which followed. Some very good open-air meetings have been held, and thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of local members and sympathiesrs the campaign in the Potteries has been most successful in every way. In order to keep Vorres por Worker to the front in this important centre monthly meetings will be held in the different Pottery town for the Mrs. Will be held in the different Pottery town for the Mrs. Openair meetings will achebel throughout the summer. Thanks to the M.P.U. for their valuable help.

LEAMINGTON.
Hon. Sec. - Miss M. Bull, Ashton House.

# LEICESTERSHIRE. Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester, Tel., 1715 Leicester, Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

Tuesday, April 4.—Victoria Raad Schoolroom, Parlia-mentary Debate, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5.—Knighton and Clarendon Park Conservative Club, Debate, Miss Pethick, 8 p.m.

# NOTTINGHAM.

RETFORD.

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Hon. Secs.—Miss Barber and Nurse Harmer.

On Thursday, March 23, and the following Saturda
Vorrss for Womens stall was held in Retford March
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# West of England.

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# FALMOUTH.

Denial week in Falmouth and Penryn has been kindly responded to. The sum of £11 15s. 8d. en contributed by sympathisers. The collectors, Ross and Mrs. Frank Corbett, wish to express

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE. Office - 6, Oriel Road, Cheltenham. Tel. 1071. Organiser - Miss S. Ada Flatman.

# ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.—Mrs. du Sautoy Newby St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, Ilfracombe. Hon. Lit. Secretary—Miss Ball, Nursing Hom. Larkstone, Ilfracombe.

# WEST WILTS. Hon. Sec. (pro tem. .-Mrs. Dove-Willcox, 50, Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

Road, Trowbridge.

Thanks to all those who so kindly helped to ensure the success of the recent Town Hall reception. To Mrs. Brailsford herself, whose exceedingly interesting

# WILTSHIRE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Katharine Abraham, 2, Estcourt
Street, Davizes.

Many thank to Misses Gross and Allen who kindly
allowed the Devizes members to hold a marmalade tea
selling well, and the Secretary will be glad to receive
further orders, also orders for Vorus for Womkn
furniture cream, and sweets, kindly made by Miss
Sainsbury. It is hoped during the summer mouths to
have a stall in the market.
Saturday, April 8th.—Devizes Parish Room, Long
Street, Rummage Sate, 3 p.m.

# Wales.

HOILES.

BARY.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Walton, 20, Park Avenue, Barry.
Last week was spent in celling for the Self-Denial
envelopes which had been left the previous week.
The collecting of these was used as the means of propaganda work, difficulties were explained and new interest aroused. The financial result was very encouraging considering that only a limited number of
streets could be visited.

# Organiser.—Miss Rachel Barrett. Hon. Sec.—Miss C. Speed, Cardiff Rd., Llanishen.

### GRIFFITHSTOWN AND PONTYPOOL. Organiser-Miss Rachel Barrett, B.Sc., 46, Clarence Place, Newport.

## rsday, April 6.—Shaftesbury Café, 3.30 p.m., Mrs Edwards, of Cardiff.

### Eastern Counties. IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Sunday, April 2.—Old Museum Rooms, At Home, Wednesday, April 5. — Shop. Debate, Mrs. C. K.

# North-Eastern Counties.

Office - 68, Manningham Lane. 'Phone 4036. Organiser-Miss Mary Phillips. nent, 3 and 8 p.m.
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# HALIFAX.

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Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.
Hon. Eec.—Dr. Helena Jones, 3, Rhodesia AvenueLady Betty Balfour spoke most sympathetically of
Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting to a meeting of Conservative laddes, whom she was addressing on the Suffrage,
and urged them to come, an invitation which it
Is hoped they will accept. The meeting was also
announced at a Socialist demonstration.

# HUDDERSFIELD.

HUDDERSFIELD.
Organisor—Miss Mary Phillips, 88, Manningham
Lane, Bradford.
The Organiser or local members will be delighted to
supply invitation cards for Lady Isabel Margesson's
meeting to any who have not received them.
Monday, April 3.—Parochial Hall, George Street, Lady
Isabel Margesson. Chair: Alies Lowenthal, 8 p.m.

# NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT. Office—77, Blackett Street. Organiser—Miss A. Williams. members send their Self-Denial collected, to the organiser or to Mr

plete.

Friday, Ma-ch 31.—South Shields, Victoria Hall, Miss Williams and others, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1.—77, Blackett Street, Poster Parade, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 2.—Consus Evasion, 77, Blackett Street, 10.30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5.—77, Blackett Street, 7.33 p.m.

Friday, April 7.—Newcastle, Town Hall, Miss Vita Goldstein, 7.30 p.m.

### POTHERHAM.

### SCARBOROUGH.

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# North-Western Counties. BIRKENHEAD. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 2, Kingsmead Road, S.

rangements are being made to avoid the Census, are not yet completed. The usual fortnightly ing, on Friday, April 7, will take the form of cess meeting, and every member is urged to be not at 8 p.m. sharp.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTROT.

Hon. Sec. (proten): Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington,
118, Bortes Street, Hauligh, Bolton.

A Moccasful jumble sale, promoted by Mrs.
F. W. Control of the Mrs.
A Maccasful jumble sale, promoted with the Institute for the Marchael of the March March Electronic of the March March March Many members and friends sent parcial, March 21, &c. Previous to the sale a short meeting was held.
Mr. F. W. Coop presided, and an address was given by Nurse Griffin, of Manchester, During the meeting tea work of the March Ma

# LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT. OMce—ii, Renshaw Street. Tel. 3761 Royal. Organiser—Miss Davies.

lay, March 31.—17, St. Ann's Square, Whist Drive, 7 pam.
Sunday, April 2.—Census Sunday, Miss Stephenson,
"At Home," Census Lodge, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4.—17, St. Ann's Square, "At Home,"
Miss Jessie Stephenson, 5 to 6 p.m.
Priday, April 7.1, St. Ann's Square, "At Home,"
Miss Mary Philips, Miss Jessie Stephenson.

# Scotland

Hon. Sec.—Miss Lucy Nicholson, Si, Queen & Road.
A drawing-room meeting was held at Mrs. Trailf's, bld Aberdeen, on Saturday, 25th inst. Great in creet was shown in Miss Burn's explanation of the anti-mass shown in Miss Burn's explanation of the anti-meeting was holder. In the evening a large open-air meeting was holder. In the evening was holder, and the meeting on April 3. Many thanks to dandary and sympathisers who are so willingly selling tickets and sympathisers who are so willingly selling tickets and interesting their friends.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE

# Office — 61, Nethergate. Organiser — Hiss Frase Smith, M.A. Hon. Sec. — Miss McFarlane.

# EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office - 502, Sanchiehall Street.
Tel: 615, Charlng Cross, Organizer-Miss Wylle.
The At Home given by Mrs, Kedie, Mrs, Barclay,
Mrs, Rennie, Miss McLean, Miss Beckett, and Miss
Fyle, was an unqualified success. The Hail was filled
with an appreciative audience, and Lady Isabel
Margossor's speech was most convincing. Through
Mrs, Kedie's generosity, each member of the audience
received a copy of Vorres rout Womsy, and as a result
of the gathering, three new subscribers to the paper
were secured. The At Home in the Clark Memorial
well attended, and Lady Isabel Mr Homer was very
well attended, and Lady Isabel Mr Homer was
was much appreciated. Vorres for MOMEN sold well,
and a good collection was taken. Two new members
and a new subscriber to the paper were gained. The
Hillhead Hail entertainment in aid of Self-Denial Firm
was most successful and enjoyable. To Mrs. White,

Abrill, — Charing Uross Hall, Miss Vida Gold-catay, Aprill, — Charing Cross Hall, Miss Vida Gold-aday, Aprill, — Charing Cross Hall, Miss Vida Gold-stein, Mr. Victor Duval, Chair: Mr. McKen-drick, 8 p.m.

# SPEAKERS' CLASS. Hon. Elecution Mistress—Miss Rosa Leo, 43, Ashworth Mansions, Eigin Avenue, W. Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C

# CLERKS W.S.P.U. Hon. Secs.: Miss Phyllis Ayrton. 62, Edith Road, West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Magoire, 15, Gariton Vale, Maida Vale, N.W. Members of the Clerk W.S.P.U. are throwing them-

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