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# NOTES AND NEWS

#### Equal Citizenship for Irishwomen.

On Wednesday, 25th October, the Constitution of the Irish Free State was finally adopted by Dail Eireann. Many points in the Constitution are of interest, as, for instance, the provisions for the referendum and the initiative; but for feminists, Article III marks a real advance in constitution making. This article reads as follows: "Every person domiciled in the Irish Erec State for not less than seven years is a citizen of the Irish Free State for not less than seven years is a citizen of the Irish Free State, and shall, within the limits of the Irish Free State, enjoy the privileges and be subject to the obligations of such citizenship . . . Men and women have equal rights as citizens." A Government amendment during the Committee stage altered the last sentence as follows: "Men and women have equal political rights.' The unsatisfactory nature of this alteration was recognized by feminists at once. Communication with the country being impossible owing to the protracted postal strike, a temporary emergency committee was formed in Dublin. A a temporary emergency committee was formed in Dublin. A circular signed by fifty representative women was sent to every member of Dail Eireann, urging the importance of restoring the original phrase, "equal rights as citizens." This energetic action bore fruit in the final decision of the Government. They introduced an amendment striking out the last clause, and amending the first clause as follows: "Every person, without distinction of sex, domiciled in the Irish Free State." Thus, to quote the words of Professor Maginnis, T.D., "they had women recognized as citizens, with all the reasonable and equitable consequences to be drawn therefrom." The far-reaching changes involved will require special legislation, as, for instance, in the cases of the law of libel, the law relating to guardianship of children, etc., but the principle is established. In the Irish Free State men and women will be equally free to enjoy all the privileges and fulfil all the duties of citizenship. The fabric of the State, rising steadily amidst all the difficulty and confusion, is founded on the broad basis of equality and justice between men and women. It is a good omen for the future.

#### Women Candidates.

In less than two weeks after this issue is in the hands of its readers the General Election will be over, and we shall know how many women have been returned to the House of Commons. At the time of writing two admirable candidates have withdrawn: Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon (Co.-Lib., Canterbury), whose wide range of experience qualified her in an unusual degree, and Mrs. More-Nisbett (Ind., South Edinburgh), whose fine work in

connection with Women Police has won much admiration. More new candidates have been adopted. These include Mrs. Rackham, who is contesting Chelmsford in the Labour interests and is well known to readers of this paper—a great suffrage worker, ex-member of the N.U.S.E.C. Executive Committee, Poor Law Guardian, temporary Factory Inspector under the Home Office during the war, and a Town Councillor. Few candidates are more qualified than she to render valuable service to the Nation if returned. In addition to her, Miss Richardson (member of the Women's Freedom League) has been adopted as Labour candidate for South Acton, Lady Terrington as Ind.-Lib. candidate for Wycombe, and Lady Terrington as Ind.-Lib. candidate for Wycombe, and Mrs. J. M. Hogge has been invited to stand as Independent Liberal candidate for Dumbarton Burghs. The University of Wales has the honour of being the first University to adopt a woman candidate, and Miss Olive Wheeler is standing in the Labour interests. The Hon. Mrs. Brodrick is the Conservative candidate for Denbigh.

#### Prospects of Women Candidates.

We hear excellent reports of progress in the constituencies in which women are standing, and a great deal of interest is being shown by the Press and the public in the candidature of women; it seems to be generally anticipated that, in spite of the fact that, with two or three exceptions, no woman is standing for an obviously safe seat, there will be a certain number of successful candidates. Some pity, sincere or otherwise, has been expended by the Press this week on the unfortunate women who are standing as Independents! Reports received, however, from East Toxteth, Liverpool, and from Chiswick and Brentford by Miss Eleanor Rathbone and Mrs. Oliver Strachey, who are standing as Independent candidates respectively suggest a state standing as independent candidates respectively suggest a state of affairs deserving anything but pity. Miss Rathbone is supported by the Liverpool W.C.A., a very strong body, and being the only candidate opposing Mr. Rankin, the Conservative candidate (sitting member), will in all probability poll the whole progressive vote. Steady work has been carried on for over a year, and has resulted in a well-organized election machinery, and reports from both her supporters and opposed in each of the state. and reports from both her supporters and opponents indicate a very close contest. Mrs. Oliver Strachey has the support of the Political Reform Association, a body composed of men and women of all parties, and has a body of energetic and able workers. We hear that Mrs. Corbett Ashby's position has made surprisingly rapid educations into a life but the support surprisingly rapid advance in a difficult constituency, and that

Mrs. Coombe-Tennant (Nat.-Lib., Forest of Dean), Miss Helen Fraser (Nat.-Lib., Govan), and Miss Bondfield (Labour, Northampton) are all making themselves felt. We hear, also that Mrs. Scott Gatty (Ind.-Lib., Hunts) has during the last year visited practically every house in her constituency. Mrs. Burnett Smith (Ind.-Lib., Glaggow, Maryhill) is securing large audiences. Lady Cooper (Cons., Walsall) has of all the new candidates the unique position of not having to win a seat, as she is standing for that of her husband, and from the reports from her constituency there seems every reason to anticipate with confidence that she will be returned. A recent visit to Louth has given us the opinion that Mrs. Wintringham, who has won the goodwill and admiration of her constituency in a remarkable degree, is practically certain of a safe return, and we venture to predict that Lady Astor will triumph over the attacks of her adversaries with the same buoyancy, with the same aplomb, that characterized her first campaign.

#### Woman as Election Agent.

Mr. J. Jones Roberts, Labour's barrister candidate for Merioneth, has appointed his wife as election agent.

#### A Message to Women.

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Lady Astor, M.P., Conservative Member of Parliament for Plymouth, Mrs. Wintringham, M.P., Independent Liberal for Louth, and Miss Margaret Bondfield, Member of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and prospective Labour candidate for Northampton, have signed the following joint message to women as an introduction to one of the leaflets of the International Labour office: "The benefit of a higher standard of working conditions has often in the past been conceded to those bodies of workers who by the strength of their organizations have been able to make their claim most forcibly heard. The Labour part of the Peace Treaty, which proclaims that ' universal peace can only be established if it is based upon social justice,' created an International Labour Organization

Two weeks ago the distribution of women candidates for Parliament according to Party was dealt with in this paper. Though some changes have taken place, the numbers remain approximately the same. It may now be interesting to analyse the position with regard to women actually in the field, from the point of view of their qualifications and to consider their distribution in different parts of the country geographically. At the time of writing this article, out of a total of thirty-one candidates, ten have had a University education. Newnham College claims the distinction of producing four—Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Miss Susan Lawrence, Mrs. Rackham, and Mrs. Oliver Strachey; Somerville College gives Miss Eleanor Rathbone; and the University of London two, Dr. Ethel Bentham and Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, who is now Professor of Botany, Birkbeck College. Two women, both of outstanding ability and wide reputation, tell us that they have had an elementary education only. In almost every case the women who have come forward have served an apprenticeship to National politics in local affairs. Fourteen have been members of Boards of Guardians, local authorities, or have sat on the Bench, and most of the others have had good experience of social work of all kinds. Nearly half were distinguished for their work in the Suffrage movement, and several whose names are too well known for mention are admitted experts on questions relating to the political, legal, and economic status of women in the community.

The range of subjects on which one or other of the candidates have specialized is a very comprehensive one, including such diverse subjects taken at random as trade boards, unemployment, temperance, women police, women in the Civil Service, housing, child welfare, National War Savings, trade unionism for women, the Co-operative movement, women in the Church, foreign missions, the care of the blind, women's institutes, education, decasualization of dock labour, seamen's allotments, disarmament, and the League of Nations. It will be seen from this list, and still more from the actual records of the work of the candidates, that while alive to the paramount importance of what are popularly but inaccurately called "women's questions," to bring about the improvement of the conditions of the workers throughout the world by agreement, irrespective of the lever of force. The most prominent of its achievements have been on behalf of women and children. Thirteen of the thirty-four Conventions and Recommendations passed by its three annual conferences, where are gathered together representatives of Governments, employers and workers of over fifty countries, deal specially with the conditions of working women, young persons, and children. The International Labour Organization of the League of Nations has given a strong impetus to the realization of many of the aspirations of the women's movement, and should be actively supported by the women of all countries and of all classes."

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#### Child Murder.

The first case under the Infanticide Act, better known to readers of this paper under the original name of the Child Murder Trial Act, was heard at Lincoln Assizes this week. A girl of 19 pleaded guilty to murdering her newly born child, adding that at the time she did not know what she was doing. The Crown accepted the plea, and she was sentenced to four months in the, second division. Mr. Justice Lush said that the Act marked a firesh step in the improvement of the Criminal Law. He felt great pity for the prisoner, and if one consulted one's own feelings one would be glad to have said she had suffered punishment enough. He must, however, take care that the way he dealt with her should be a deterrent to others. A young woman about to become a mother should make proper provision for her child.

POLICY.—The sole policy of THE WOMAN'S LEADER is to advocate a real equality of liberties, status and opportunities between men and women. So far as space permits, however, it will offer an impartial platform for topics not directly included in the objects of the women's movement, but of special interest to women. Articles on these subjects will always be signed, at least by initials or a pseudonym, and for the opinions expressed in them the Editor accepts no responsibility:

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they are capable of doing distinguished and even original work in the sphere of National and International politics. Several of the women who are standing have had no small degree of political experience either in connection with party politics, or non-party political activities connected with the enfranchisement of women and kindred matters. Lastly, one or two, at least, have had opportunities of life in other lands, which, in view of the need for international knowledge and sympathy, will serve them in good stead.

The geographical distribution of the candidates presents features of interest. The west counties returned the first woman member, and we are convinced Sutton, Plymouth, will send Lady Astor back again in triumph. The east counties returned the second, and the Louth division can be depended on to see that Mrs. Wintringham will carry on in the next Parliament. At the General Election the London area alone has produced eleven candidates ; Scotland has three, Lancashire two, Yorkshire, Gloucestershire, Devonshire, Lincoln, Derbyshire, Wiltshire, Bedford, Essex, each one.

The above bird's-eye view has we hope emphasized first that in the little group of women now adopted as Parliamentary candidates we have those who almost without exception have good and remarkably varied, and in some cases brilliant, qualifications for a Parliamentary career ; secondly, that though perhaps London has an undue proportion, they are fairly well scattered throughout the country. This is as it should be ; so long as there are so few women in Parliament, it is highly desirable that they should be representative not only of widely different interests and sections of the community, but that they should be drawn from all parts of the country.

There is still time—the last ten days of the contest lie before us. If the women of the country are determined to send women to Parliament and are prepared to make personal sacrifices, it can be done. Let them show their sense of proportion, and put aside anything that can legitimately be put aside in these critical times, and throw their whole weight into the contest of these coming days. NOVEMBER 3, 1922.

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Visibility is still low in the political region, nevertheless shapes, more or less solid, begin to be discernible. Easily the most definite, so far, is the programme of the Labour Party. suspects, indeed, that its outlines might have been less bold had its authors any serious intention of shouldering the burden of Government. However that may be, they can hardly suppose that increased taxation and increased public expenditure, their chief remedies for our impoverished country, will attract any large mass of voters. Nor is business likely to be consoled for its certain injury under these two heads by the sop of abolished import duties. As to nationalization of railways, mines, or anything else, the general public's experience during the war has ot given it a great appetite for further adventures in this line. If Mr. Henderson has any doubt upon the matter, let him change his vocabulary, substitute "State management" for that blessed word "nationalization" and mark the result upon the working man's mind. Meanwhile, his unlucky attack upon private enterprise" has, of course, proved an invaluable logan to the enemies of Labour.

If the Labour Party's social programme seems wanting in actuality, the same cannot be said of their attitude towards foreign affairs. It is to their lasting credit that from the first they have realized the vital importance of the League of Nations, and have consistently made it the corner-stone of their foreign policy, in this point being well ahead of the older parties.

When one looks for equal vision in domestic policy, it is disappointing to find only an inverted kind of "capitalism". The Labour Party, as if hypnotized into imitation by its hatred of the profiteer, seems to concentrate all its thoughts and aspirations upon a mere transference of money from one pocket to another. There is nothing new in this, and nothing fruitful;

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**COUNCILLOR MRS. ALDERTON, J.P.,** 24 Cambridge Road, Colchester. Independent Liberal. Constituency: South Edinburgh. Education: Milton Mount College. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Councillor and Magistrate of Borough of Colchester; Honorary Secretary Women's National Liberal Federation. Sitting Member and Party: Right Hon. C. D. Murray, Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election: 2,999. Opposing Candidate: Right Hon. C. D. Murray, Coalition Unionist. Voluntary workers welcomed. Agent and Committee Rooms: Apply c/o Miss Bury, 40 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh.

Apply C/O MISS Bury, 40 Shahtweek Flace, Editoringh. **COMMANDANT MARY S. ALLEN, O.B.E.**, 7 Rochester Row, S.W. Independent Liberal. Constituency: St. George's, Westminster. Occupation: Commandant Women's Auxiliary Service. Education: Privately and at Princess Helena College. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Women's Suffrage Worker; Organizer of Women Police Service founded by Miss Damer Dawson, whom she succeeded as Commandant; Lectures on Women Police. Sitting Member and Party: J. M. M. Erskine, Esq., Independent. Majority at last Election: 1,808. Opposing Candidate: J. M. M. Erskine, Esq., Independent. Voluntary workers welcomed. Agent: Mrs. Madge. Committee Rooms: 26 Moreton Street, S.W. I. MRS CORRECT ASHEV 22 Utyper Richmond Road. Putner.

**MORE** 1972 Wolfelon Street, S.W. 1. **MRS. CORBETT ASHBY**, 33 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, S.W. 15. Independent Liberal. Constituency: Richmond, Surrey. Education: Home and Newnham College, Cambridge; Classical Tripos Honours, B.A. Dublin. Record of Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Vice-Chairman N.U.S.E.C.; Executive Committee Women's Liberal Federation; Executive Committee Home Counties Liberal Federation; Recording and League of Nations; Hon. Secretary International Women's Suffrage Alliance; on Committee Wandsworth Welfare Centres; nine years Poor Law Guardian; two years Vice-Chairman of Board; political speaker since leaving College; lectures on feminist questions in France and Holland, as well as in Great Britain; Manager and Organizer Vacation School; spoke on Women's Deputation before President Wilson on League of Nations Commission. Sitting Member and Parky: Clifford Edgar, Esq., Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election : 4,749. Opposing Candidate : Clifford Edgar, Esq., Coalition Unionist. Voluntary workers welcomed. Committee Rooms : 3 Bridge Street, Richmond. VISCOUNTESS ASTOR, M.P., Clivedon, Taplow, Bucks. Unionist.

VISCOUNTESS ASTOR, M.P., Clivedon, Taplow, Bucks. Unionist. Constituency : Sutton, Plymouth. Occupation : Member of Parlia-\*Extracts from the pamphlet published by the N.U.S.E.C., price 2d.

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# NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER.

#### By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

it remains an ugly, barren proposition whether in the mouth of rich or poor. Ideas do not need to be violent, or even very striking, in order

to work great changes. The League of Nations, for instance, has started a revolution which may change the character of the world, simply by applying old and commonplace remedies in a new direction. Can Labour do nothing for us on the same lines at home? What about applying the principle of publicity to industrial management, and to its profits and losses; to industrial combines, contracts, and contests? The serious and peaceable application of that principle would do more to change the industrial climate, and the status of the worker than a united House of Commons breathing threats against private enterprise.

Sooner or later, if we are to live in peace, we must establish publicity and co-operation over the whole field. It will be found impossible to have a League of Nations with its appeal to open treaties and the tribunal of public opinion, functioning side by side with the great industries and trusts, more and more international in their character, conditioned by the methods of the old diplomacy—secret agreements, secret gain, secret combination, and secret and sudden attack.

Is it not time that the Labour leaders left off repeating their worn out, easy formulas, and took to the hard work of thinking out for themselves the problems of their own day? When this comes about we may see Labour leading a crusade not against private, that is individual enterprise, but against the hidden hand of industry.

[The views expressed in this column are those of our Parliamentary correspondent, and are not our editorial opinion. Like so many other things in this paper they are expressly controversial, and comment upon them will be welcomed.—ED.]

ment. Education: Private. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Always interested in Social Welfare work in Plymouth and elsewhere, including maternity homes, boys' and girls' clubs, housing, playing fields, etc. Sitting Member and Party: Viscountess Astor, Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election: 5,203. Opposing Candidate: Wansey Bayly, Esq., Independent Conservative. Offers of voluntary help should be sent to the Agent, C. S. Briggs, Esq., at the Committee Rooms, 17 Lockyer Street, Plymouth.

HONOURABLE LADY BARLOW, Torkington Lodge, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. Independent Liberal. Constituency: High Peak Division, Derbyshire. Education: Private. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Helped husband, who was Member of Parliament for Frome for 26 years; President Lancashire and Cheshire Band of Hope Union; on Free Trade Committee. Sitting Member and Party: Sir Samuel Hill-Wood, Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election: 3,614. Opposing Candidates: Frank Anderson, Esq., Labour; Sir Samuel Hill-Wood, Coalition Unionist. Voluntary helpers welcomed. Agent: J. Learoyd, Esq. Committee Rooms: Liberal Offices, Glossop. MRS. BARTON, J.P., 46 Stannington Road, Malin Bridge, Sheffield.

Inks. BARTON, J.P., 46 Stannington Road, Malin Bridge, Sheffield. Co-operative and Labour. Constituency: King's Norton, Birmingham. Occupation: Assistant Secretary, Women's Co-operative Guild. Education: Elementary school and many years' experience of social and administrative work. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Three years Sheffield City Council, Co-operative and Labour member; member of Women's Housing Committee under Ministry of Reconstruction; Member of Committee of Inquiry into living on Canal Boats; Member of Committee of Inquiry into Drinking amongst Women. Sitting Member and Party: Sir Herbert Austin, Coalition Conservative. Majority at last Election: 3, Soz. Opposing Candidates: Sir Herbert Austin, Coalition Conservative; — Meakin, Esq., Independent Liberal. Local voluntary help welcomed. Agent: T. Handforth, Esq., Boot Repairing Shop, Co-operative Society, Understede Road, Stirchley, Birmingham. DB EHTEL DENTILATION.

DR. ETHEL BENTHAM, J.P., 61 Lansdowne Road, W. 11. Labour. DR. ETHEL BENTHAM, J.P., 61 Lansdowne Road, W. 11. Labour. Constituency: East Islington. Occupation: Medical Practitioner. Education: In Dublin; Medical Education London; post-graduate study abroad. Distinctions: M.D., J.P. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Labour Party for many years; first woman to stand for Town Council; member of Borough Council for ten years; past member of Insurance Committee, and Executive Committee of Fabian Society; Justice of the Peace; National Executive of the Labour Party for four years; original member of Executive Committee of Women's League all through till its

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absorption by the Labour Party on reorganization; Executive Committee of National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. Sitting Member and Party: A. Baldwin Raper, Esq., Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election : 3,384. Opposing Candidates : A. Baldwin Raper, Esq., Coalition Unionist; Sir Godfrey Baring,

MISS MARGARET BONDFIELD, J.P., Dilke House, Malet Street, W.C. Labour. Constituency : Northampton. Education : Board School. Record of Political, Local Government, or Social Trade Union Official; Secretary of Women's Section of National Union of General Workers; has worked in connection National Union of General workers; has worked in connection with National Union of Shop Assistants and given much time in-interests of wage earners, particularly women; closely connected with Independent Labour Party. Sitting Member and Party: Right Hon. C. A. McCurdy, Coalition Liberal. Majority at last Election: 3,371. Opposing Candidates: Right Hon. C. A. McCurdy, Coalition Liberal. Voluments. Coalition Liberal; —. Vivien, Esq., Independent Liberal. Voluntary workers (Labour) welcomed. *Agent*: Arthur L. Caines, Esq. *Committee Rooms*: 66 Abingdon Street, Northampton.

LADY COOPER, 6 Carlton Gardens, S.W. 1. Unionist. Constituency : Walsall, Staffs. Occupation : Director of Messrs. William Cooper & Nephews, Ltd. Education : Private till 12 years old, then Derby High School. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work : Always a Conservative, then joined Unionist Party; worked on Unionist and various political organizations; also on Ivory Cross during the war. Sitting Member and Party : Sir Richard Cooper, Unionist. Majority at last Election : 6,155. Opposing Candidate : R. Dennison, Esq., Labour. Agent : J. T. Lord, Esq. Committee Rooms : Unionist Club, Bradford Street,

LADY CURRIE, Upham House, Aldbourne, Wilts. Independent Liberal. Constituency : Devizes. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work : Prior to 1913 most of life spent in Italy; closely identified with training of nurses there; decorated y Queen of Italy for services in that connection ; since coming to live in Wiltshire has done much local work, nursing, welfare of the blind, etc.; member of the Executive Committee of Women's blind, etc.; infember of the Executive Confinite of Wonter's National Liberal Committee; at present Treasurer. Sitting Member and Party : Lieut.-Col. W. C. H. Bell, Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election : 3,689. Opposing Candidate : Lieut.-Col. W. C. H. Bell, Coalition Unionist. Agent : W. Hayward, Esq., 59 Northgate

MISS HELEN FRASER, 191 Cromwell Road, S.W. 5. Liberal. Constituency : Govan, Glasgow. Occupation : Executive Committee National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, Common Interests Committee of English-Speaking Union, Re-Union of British War Missions in U.S.A., Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations, Member of British Institute of International Affairs. Education : Glasgow. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work : Lecturer on Women's Suffrage; on Government, or Social Work. Lecture on Wohlen's Sinnage, and British War Mission to U.S.A., 1917–18; Commissioner, National Savings Movement. Silting Member and Party: — Neil Maclean, Esq., Labour. Majority at last Election : 875. Opposing Candidate : Neil Maclean, Esq., Labour. Voluntary workers welcomed. Agent : J. Muir Wilson, Esq. Committee Rooms : Cardell Rooms,

MRS. AYRTON GOULD, 54 St. Mary's Mansions, Paddington, W. 2. Labour. Constituency : North Lambeth. Occupation : Organizing Secretary National Council for Lunacy Reform. Education : Notting Hill High School and University College. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work : Late Organizer Women's Social and Political Union; Hon. Secretary and Founder of United Suffragists; Hon. Secretary Women's Advisory Council; Joint Hon. Secretary, Parliamentary Committee of Members of Parliament and Suffragists; L.C.C. School Manager; Hon. Secretary Women's International League. Sitting Member and Party : Frank Briant, Esq., Independent Liberal. Majority at last Election : 2,885. Opposing Candidates : Roy Bird, Esq., Coalition Unionist ; Frank Briant, Esq., Independent Liberal. Voluntary workers welcomed, even if only for a few hours. Agent : F. P. Conigan, 263 Kennington Road, S.E. 11. Committee Rooms : North Lambeth Labour Hall,

MISS MARY P. GRANT, 2 Hillary Place, Leeds. National Liberal. Constituency : S.E. Leeds. Occupation : Public Lecturer on Politics, Social Problems, etc. Education : High School, Dundee. Nordansques, France. Record of previous Political, Local Govern-ment, or Social Work : Missionary (Educational) in India, 1905–11; Suffrage Work in Dundee, Scotland, 1911–14; V.A.D., 1914–16; Suffing Member and Party : James O'Grady, Esq., Labour. Majority at last Election : Uncontested since 1906. Opposing Candidate : James O'Grady, Esq., Labour. Voluntary workers welcomed. *Agent*: Mr. Major, 2 Hillary Place, Leeds.

PROFESSOR DAME HELEN GWYNNE-VAUGHAN, 93 Bedford Court Mansions, W.C. I. Unionist. Constituency : North Camber-well. Occupation : University Professor. Education : Cheltenham Ladies' College; King's College, University of London. Distinctions: D.B.E. (Military Division), Hon. LL.D. (Glasgow), D.Sc. (London). Record of Previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Working Girls' Clubs in Camberwell and elsewhere, 1898 onwards ;

Hon. Secretary, Infant Welfare Centre, Nottingham, 1908–9: Member of Council West Islington Infant Welfare; member of the Home Office Committee on Employment of Women with the Police (1920); member of Executive, R.A.F. Memorial Fund; member of British Legion, etc.; served as Chief Controller, Queen Mary's Auxiliary Army Corps, British Armies in France, and Commandant Women's Royal Air Force during the war; stood for L.C .C., North Camber well, 1922, not elected. Sitting Member and Party : C. G. Ammon, Esq., Labour. Majority : 1,135. Opposing Candidate : C. G. Ammon, Esq., Labour. Voluntary workers welcomed. Agent : Ashley J. Wright, Esq. Committee Rooms : 554 Old Kent

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LADY LAWSON, 51 de Parys Avenue, Bedford (temporary). Indebendent Liberal. Constituency : Bedford. Education : Home. Record of Political, Local Government, or Social Work : For many years helped father-in-law, late Sir Wilfred Lawson, M.P., in North of England has done much work for temperance reform and is member B.W.T.A. Sitting Member and Party : Right Hon. F. G. Kellaway, Coalition Liberal. Majority at last Election : 4,666 Opposing Candidate : Right Hon. F. G. Kellaway, Coalition Liberal. Voluntary workers welcomed. Agent : — Brittain, Esq. Committee Rooms : 51 de Parys Avenue, Bedford.

MISS SUSAN LAWRENCE, Dilke House, Malet Street, W.C. 2. Labour. Constituency: East Ham (North). Occupation: Member of Executive of National Labour Party; member of London County Council ; Alderman of Poplar Borough Council ; represents Women' Section General Workers' Union on five Trade Boards. *Education* Newnham College. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work : Left Conservative Party in 1911 and resigned seat as Moderate on L.C.C.; joined Labour Party 1912, and has represented Poplar on L.C.C. since 1913 ; Trade Board and organising work for National Federation of Women Workers (now amalgamated with General Workers); member of special Arbitration Tribunal on Women's Wages; opposed Dr. Macnamara at Camberwell By election, a three-cornered fight, and gained second place. Sitting Member and Party : Sir John Bethell, Liberal. Majority at last Memoer and Party: Sir John Bethell, Liberal. Majority at last Election: 2,688. Opposing Candidates: C. W. Crook, Esq., Unionist; J. N. Emery, Esq., Liberal; Alderman Edwards, National Liberal; W. Mann, Esq., National Liberal; — Osborne, Esq., Independent. Voluntary workers welcomed; cars, etc., would be of great use. Agent: — Rainbird, Esq., Labour Hall, Katherine Road East Ham

MRS. PEASE, J.P., The Pendicle, Limpsfield, Surrey. Labour. Constituency : East Surrey. Education : Edinburgh and Chelten-ham. Distinctions : Trained Teachers, Cambridge. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work : J.P. for Surrey : Poor Law Guardian and Rural District Councillor ; Chair-man Beard of Management Marke man Board of Managers, Merle Common County School; member of Agricultural Committee of Surrey County Council, appointed by Board of Agriculture. Sitting Member and Party: Sir Stuart Board of Agriculture. Sitting Member and Party : Sir Stuart Coats, Unionist. Majority at last Election : 6,965. Opposing Candidates : — Galbraith, Esq., K.C., Conservative. Voluntary

MISS EDITH PICTON-TURBERVILL, O.B.E., 14 Gayfere Street, Westminster. Labour. Constituency : North Islington. Occupation : Vice-President World's Y.W.C.A.; Executive Committee National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship; Executive Committee National Council of Women ; Chairman Criminal Law Amendment Bill Committee; author of several books. Education : Private. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work : Widely travelled; years in India establishing the Y.W.C.A. over the Empire; two lecturing tours in America. Sitting Member and Brig.-Gen. Sir Newton Moore, Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election : 10,000. Opposing Candidates : Norman Sargent, Esq., Liberal; Brig-Gen. Sir Newton Moore, Coalition Unionist; Payty. Voluntary workers welcomed. Agent : Ben Wilson, Esq. Committee Rooms : 403 Hornsey Road, N. 19.

MISS ELEANOR RATHBONE, J.P., C.C., Oakfield, Penny Lane, Liverpool. Independent. Constituency : East Toxteth Division of Liverpool. Education : Somerville College, Oxford. Record of Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Hon. Secretary, Liverpool Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association; President and Founder, Liverpool Women's Citizen's Association; member of Liverpool City Council; President, National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship; visitor for Charity Organization Society for 15 years; Hon. Secretary, Liverpool Women's Industrial Council Hon, Secretary, Victoria Women's Settlement; member of Council of Liverpool University; member of Liverpool Insurance Committee; ecturer at School of Social Studies, Liverpool University Chairman of Juvenile Employment Exchange (Ministry of Labour) Justice of the Peace for Lancashire. Sitting Member and Party Capt. J. S. Rankin, Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election Opposing Candidate: Capt. J. S. Rankin, Coalition Voluntary workers welcomed. 6 Lord Street, Liverpool. Unopposed. MRS. SCOTT-GATTY, Huntingdon. Independent Liberal. Constituency: Huntingdonshire. Record of Political, Local Govern-ment, or Social Work: Member of Hunts County Council; on Hospital Boards and School Managers Committees; holds Order of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium. Sitting Member and Party : Col. O. Locker-Lampson, Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election :

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4,500. Opposing Candidates : - Murchison, Esq., Coalition Conservative; Major Freyer, Labour. Agent : Robert W. Claxton-Skoyles, Esq. Committee Rooms : 19 High Street, Huntingdon. MRS. BURNETT SMITH (ANNIE S. SWAN), The North Hous Hertford, Herts. Independent Liberal. Constituency : Maryhill, Glasgow. Occupation : Novelist. Education : Ladies' College, Queen Street, Edinburgh, and privately. *Record of previous Politica Local Government, or Social Work*: Any amount of social work held no office anywhere. Sitting Member and Party : Sir W. Mitchell Thomson, Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election : 11,000. Opposing Candidates : Sir W. Mitchell Thomson, Coalition Unionist ;

W Muir, Esg., Labou MRS. EGERTON STEWART-BROWN, 16 Ullet Road, Liverbool Independent Liberal. Constituency : Waterloo, Lancs. Occupation : President, Liverpool National Council of Women ; Chairman, Liverpool Women's International League; Vice-Chairman, Counci of Women Citizens; President, Waterloo Women's Liberal Associa tion ; Chairman, Liverpool Liberal Women's Council. Education Cheltenham Ladies' College, Liverpool University, Paris, and Leipzig. Record of previous Political, Local Government, or Social Work: Member, Women's Liberal Federation Executive Committee since 1892; City Councillor of Liverpool 1919–21; retired to contest seat for Parliament; formerly Chairman, Liverpool Women's Suffrage Society, Sitting Member and Party : Lieut-Col. Buckley D'S O. Coalition Conservative. Majority at last Election : 10,636. Opposing Candidate : Lieut.-Col. Buckley, D.S.O., Coalition Conservative Voluntary workers welcomed. *Ägent and Committee Rooms*: Apply c/o Miss F. Rolls, Waterloo W.C.A., The Park, Waterloo, Liverpool. MRS. OLIVER STRACHEY, 42 Gordon Square, W.C. I. Independent. Constituency : Brentford and Chiswick. Occupation : Editor of 'Woman's Leader.'' Education : High School, Cam-bridge, Bryn Mawr College, U.S.A. Distinctions : Equivalent of Honours Degree Mathematical Tripos, Cambridge. Record of previous Polifical, Local Government, or Social Work : Parliamentary Secretary National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, 1915–19

# Chairman, Employment Committee, London Society for Women's

# MANIFESTO BY THE N.U.S.E.C. TO THE WOMEN VOTERS.

"The N.U.S.E.C. desires to call the attention of women voters to the need for certain reforms which should appeal to all women—to those of all political parties and to those who belong to no political party. Our Union is pledged to promote a real equality of liberties, status, and opportunities between men and women, and to work for all reforms opportunities between men and women, and to work for all reforms necessary to secure such an equality. The coming General Election, the second in which women have taken part since their political enfranchise-ment, offers an unexampled opportunity for making that enfranchise-ment more complete. We ask you, one and all, to make use of that

ider first what has been done in the past : In December, 1918, the Coalition Government, in soliciting the votes of women, pledged itself to remove all existing inequalities in the law between men and women. This pledge has been very imperfectly redeemed. By the Sex Dis-qualification (Removal) Act, 1919, all legal barriers to the full participation of women in the administration of justice were removed, and with certain important exceptions and qualifications, women were made eligible for any public function or civil office. Through the hard work of our and other

any public function or civil office. Through the hard work of our and other women's organizations, certain other minor improvements in the position of women have been made. But much still remains to be done. *Equal Franchise*.—First, the present law, by insisting on an occupational qualification and a higher age limit for women, in effect disqualifies the great majority of women in industry and in the professions, as well as many married women and many of those widowed by the war. We demand, therefore, legislation to promote equal franchise between men and women, so as to give adult women the responsibilities of citizenship and the protection of the vote. Equal Pay and Opportunities.—Secondly, in order that the country may

use to the full the productive capacity of all its citizens, there should be equal opportunities for women and men in education, in industry, and the professions. But to prevent the disastrous undercutting of men's standard of life by women, and in justice to both sexes, there should be equal pay or equal work, i.e. that men and women should be paid at the same rate, whether this is to be commuted by time or by piece, in the same occupation or grade. Provision for women as well as for men should be made in any scheme for the training or relief of the unemployed. Parliamentary action should be taken to enable women to obtain full degrees and membership of Cambridge University. of Cambridge University. Equal Moral Standard.—Thirdly, so far as the law and the administration

Equal Moral Standard.—Thirdly, so far as the law and the administration of the law can achieve it, the moral standard for men and women should be equal. There should be an adequate number of women police, trained and armed with the same authority as men police. The Status of Wives and Mothers.—Fourthly, there should be equality of status between husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. The

We have talked a great deal lately about Booksellers, and now we want to change our tune and talk about Papersellers. Will our readers make a special effort to sell the WOMAN'S LEADER somewhere on Polling Day? Or cause someone else to sell it? In many towns there are, at any rate, a few people who can give a little time to selling literature and we are most anxious to make use of this wonderful opportunity for publicity. If only a dozen new people were to read the WOMAN'S LEADER in every town in the British Isles on polling day, we might gain half that number of regular readers. Who knows? Isn't it worth trying? Will you order some copies and arrange to have them sold? We shall publish a further list of donations next week. We should be glad if subscribers would state whether we should address them as Miss or Mrs. or by any other title, to avoid

confusion. Notification of change of address for the current week must be received not later than Tuesday morning. Please notice that in future all orders for the paper, whether for individual subscribers (6s. 6d. a year, including postage) or for parcels for societies (1s. for 12 copies, postage extra), or for any trade distributors, should be addressed to the Manager, WOMAN'S LEADER, 62 Oxford Street, London, W. 1.

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Service, 1915–22; President, Society of Women Welders, 1916–18; Ex-Committee National Council of Women, 1917–22; Ex-Committee British Institute International Affairs, 1920–22; Ex-Committee League of Nations Union and Vice-chairman of Women's Committee; Honorary Political Secretary to Lady Astor, M.P., for six months after her election; stood, unsuccessfully, as Independent candidate for Chiswick and Brentford in 1918. Sitting Member and Party : Colonel Grant-Morden, Coalition Unionist. Majority at last Election : 1,200. Opposing Candidates : Colonel Grant-Morden, Coalition Unionist. Agent : — Weston, Esq., Committee Rooms :

MRS. COOMBE-TENNANT, J.P., Cadoxton Lodge, Vale of Neath, Glamorgan. National Liberal. Constituency : Forest of Dean. Occupation : Social Work, Prison Work, Political Work; first oman Delegate for Great Britain to Assembly of League of Nations. Education : England (Private School), France, and Italy. Record of previous Political, Local Government, and Social Work : Executive Committee of National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies : Chairman of Local War Pensions Committee : Vice Chairman Glamorgan War Agriculture Committee (Women's) Vice-President Welsh National Liberal Council Sitting Member and Party : James Wignall, Esq., Labour. Majority at last Election : 4,000. Opposing Candidate : James Wignall, Esq., Labour. Agent : Capt. John Wood. Committee Rooms : High Street, Cinderford, Glos. MRS. WINTRINGHAM, M.P., Little Grimsby Hall, Louth. Independent Liberal. Constituency : Louth. Occupation : Member of 'Parliament. Record of Political, Local Government, or Social Work : Teacher before marriage ; many years work for reforms in interests of women and children ; President of Women's Citizens Association ; helped late husband, who was Member of Parliament. Sitting Member and Party : Mrs. Wintringham, Independent Liberal. Majority at last Election : 791. Opposing Candidate : Sir Alan Hutchings, Conservative. Voluntary workers welcomed.

[This list has been compiled from information supplied by the women candidates before the resignation of the Government. It has therefore been thought advisable to retain the original party designations.]

N.U.S.E.C. is working for a Bill to secure equal rights of custody and guardianship for mothers over their children, also for a Bill to improve the law, at present terribly defective, which enables a woman to obtain a separation with maintenance from a bad husband—also for a Bill to improve the position of the child born out of wedlock, and to impose a greater measure of responsibility on the father. Other reforms advocated improve the position of the child born out of wedlock, and to impose a greater measure of responsibility on the father. Other reforms advocated by the N.U.S.E.C. are that widows with dependent children should receive State assistance through pensions instead of through the Poor Law; and that a married woman should have the right to retain her nationality, if she so desires, on marriage with an alien. *Peace and the League of Nations.*—Finally, women should claim for the whole world as they claim for themselves, that authority should be based not on brute force, but on spiritual and moral force. The symbol of this moral force and the instrument of this moral authority in international

moral force and the instrument of this moral authority in international affairs is the League of Nations. Therefore women should unite in demanding that the League of Nations shall be supported by the whole authority of their country's Government. They should further demand that the clause in the covenant of the League, which opens all offices and appointments under it to women equally with men, shall be carried out in the spirit and in the letter.

The influence of women voters throughout the country should be used to secure the return of a Parliament and a Government pledged to promote the above-mentioned reforms. Further, the new Parliament should contain a group of women members, who, however divided in their Party views, can speak with one voice on those questions primarily concerning women. There are a number of such women offering themselves as candidates, and the National Union solicits help on their behalf from women all over the country. Our Union welcomes the fact that the manifesto of the Independent Liberal Party includes as one of its planks "Political and legal equality for men and women"; while that of the Labour Party includes the "removal of all disabilities affecting women as citizens, voters, and workers." We urge all women belonging to the other parties to and aucour the secure part loss existence or proceeding to the other parties to endeavour to secure not less satisfactory pronouncements from the aders of their parties.

But we cannot trust solely to any such general professions of faith from Party headquarters. The influence of women voters throughout the country should be used to secure the return of a Parliament, every member could be used to secure the return of a random, every memory candidate for election should be questioned on these reforms by the women voters, and should be made to feel that women are in earnest in demanding them, not from any selfish motive, but because they truly believe that only by setting women free from artificial disabilities will they be enabled, in a real comradeship with men, to perform their best service to the State " service to the State.

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#### THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

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We wish most emphatically to repeat our last week's appeal, and to ask every woman in the country to do something to help the causes for which we stand at this critical time. Help can be given in the following

ways :-1. Voluntary work for women candidates for Parliament: a register has been started at Headquarters and at the offices of our Societies in the constituencies where women are standing. Many names have been enrolled already. Many more are required. The chances of the success of the women candidates depend to a very great extent on the amount of work which is put in during the next fortnight.
2. By organizing meetings and deputations to put to candidates in all constituencies questions on the reforms of our programme. These answers when received should be verified (if obtained by word of mouth) by the candidate or his agent and published in the local Press and sent to Headquarters as soon as possible.

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By attending party meetings and asking our questions, thus educating at the same time the electorate and the candidates.
By organizing offices, committee rooms, stalls, for purposes of

5. By sending a donation to Headquarters to help us over a time of

Further information with regard to any of these suggestions may be had on application to Headquarters.

#### RECORDS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

Our members are reminded that full records of the action taken by nembers of Parliament on women's questions which came up in the last Parliament are filed at Headquarters and can be sent on application.

#### NEW ELECTION PUBLICATIONS.

Our Election Literature which we have been preparing for two years is now entirely up to date. A printed list of election literature may now be had. The following new publications have been added : (1) Manifesto by the N.U.S.E.C. to the Women Voters of Great Britain, price 1d.

(2) How to Conduct a non-Party Election Campaign, 1d. (3) Women Candidates for Parliament; a short description of the women candidates standing at the General Election; 2d. (4) Appeal for voluntary workers for women candidates, gratis. (5) Instructions to canvassers, gratis.
(6) The work of our Two Women Members of Parliament, 1s. per 100, 1000. per 1 000

#### NOTES OF INTEREST IN CONSTITUENCIES WHERE N.U.S.E.C. WOMEN CANDIDATES ARE STANDING.

No fewer than seven members of the Executive Committee are standing for Parliament. Of these we have this week the following information :----*Miss Eleanor Rathbone*.--Miss Eleanor Rathbone's campaign is already in full swing. Her election address was distributed to the voters in time for the loct work ending and for while wetting the information the for their last week-end's reading, and four public meetings are taking place this week

Mrs. Oliver Strachey (Independent Candidate for Chiswick and Brentford) Mrs. Onter campaign on Saturday with a crowded and enthusiastic meeting at the Brentford Baths. Speakers were: Miss Macadam (in the chair), Capt. Oswald Mosley, Capt. Besfield, and the candidate. Miss Picton-Turbervill (Labour Candidate for North Islington), with

Miss Picton-Turbervill (Labour Candidate for North Islington), with whom much sympathy is being shown, is, we are glad to say, rapidly recovering from her illness, and many meetings are being organized for her by the active Equal Citizenship Elections Committee. *Mrs. Corbett Ashby* (Independent Liberal candidate for Richmond, Surrey). Very favourable reports are coming from this constituency, and the Equal Citizenship Committee is arranging a big programme of meetings.

### MRS. OGILVIE GORDON.

We announce regretfully that Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon has decided not to stand for Canterbury. In withdrawing her candidature she says: "In view of the expressed desire of both Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George in their expressed desire of both Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George view of the expressed desire of both Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Loyd George in their speeches at the opening of the electoral campaign, that there should be co-operation, and not opposition, in respect of Conservative and National Liberal candidatures, it has been found impossible for Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon to continue her candidature in the Canterbury Division against Mr. Ronald McNeill, Conservative,"

# CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

#### THE TREATMENT OF COMMON PROSTITUTES.

THE TREATMENT OF COMMON PROSTITUTES. Madam,—With regard to the public morals problem referred to by your correspondent "Alison Neilans," the obvious course to be desired is to make the trade itself a legal offence, and men and women alike subject to penalty and punishment. It is alleged that this is impracticable, because the evil is always with us and always will be. Possibly so, but so are also other evils—murder, theft, fraud, libel, slander. These are nevertheless made legal offences, duly punished, and rightly so. Why then not the buying and selling of body and soul, which is an offence against the Creator of both, against humanity, against the nation, against society, against individuals, against the self? Clearly it should be an offence from an easy one) to frame, present, and work a Bill to make the whole thing illegal for men and women alike! I write from experience, being A RESCUE WORKER OF MANY YEARS STANDING.

#### STATE PURCHASE AND CARLISLE.

MADAM,—I notice in your issue of 20th October a letter from Miss Cotterell, Secretary of the Women Voters' League for Licensing Reform, in which she endeavours to prove that a condition approximating to State Purchase is the only one which will lead to constructive action

to State Purchase is the only one which will lead to construct a detail on the temperance question. May I say that this statement requires very careful examination. Miss Cotterell says, "That it was only State Purchase that made the revolutionary treatment at Carlisle possible." Many of your readers will, doubtless, dissent from this. The reconstruction of the public-house to which she refers can be achieved as well—if not better—under the to which she refers can be achieved as well—if hot better-indict muter present private ownership. Even to-day a number of houses in private hands have been improved quite as much as those under the Carlisle Scheme, in spite of the difficulties with which their owners have had to contend under the present licensing administration—difficulties which did not confront the Liquor Control Board at Carlisle. The True Temperance Association has drafted a Bill, called the Public House Improved Public House which clearly sets forth clause by clause how the Improved Public House may be brought into being under private ownership. If any of your readers are interested I shall be most pleased to let them have copies of

M. M. WHITON Secretary, True Temperance Association.

#### "P.R."

The following appeal has been made by the P.R. Society, in view of the approaching General Election :--

#### AN APPEAL TO THE BRITISH PEOPLE.

After an interval of four years you are again called upon in circumstances, external and internal, of unprecedented importance and complexity, to external and internal, of unprecedented importance and complexity, to elect a House of Commons to represent your opinions, to express your character and to enforce your will. We do not wish to discuss the issues to be decided in this election—proportional representation draws its support impartially from all parties. We wish rather to direct your attention to the faulty conditions and methods of our present electoral system, and to indicate that the remedy is to be found in proportional representation. It is indeed hardly disputed that the machinery by which you are asked to give your verdict and to take part in the management of your own and the world's affairs is inadequate for its purpose. In each constituency

many electors will be driven to vote for candidates with whom they disagree on matters of importance. The result may be a travesty of the national mind. In many constituencies candidates, unable to rely for election on the support of voters like-minded with themselves, and compelled—if they are to be successful—to seek the support of the indifferent electrs, may be tempted to make promises which they are unable to fulfil, and to make appeals to passion rather than to reason. The result may be a caricature of the national character. In each constituency contested by more than two parties, the whole of the representation will go to the largest of three or perhaps four sections, and so very often to a minority of the voters, leaving the majority without representation. The aggregate result may be a mis-representation of the national will. For these evils P.R. affords a remedy. P.R. ensures that the House of Commons shall be an accurate instrument of the national will, a true reflection of the national mind, a worthy embodiment of the national character. P.R. gives to electors a wide choice of candidates ; it introduces into elections the necessity for more thought and it diminishes the power of passion. Without it democracy is a sham ; with it, elected bodies are for the first

Time made truly representative. If the principle of representative government in this country is to survive the attacks which, in its present form, it invites and encourages, there should be no delay in applying the remedy.

GREV President

- PARMOOR, Chairman of Council. A. C. MORRISON-BELL, Chairman of Executive. ANEURIN WILLIAMS, Treasurer. The Proportional Representation Society.

#### UNITED LIBERALS.

MADAM,—Your Political Correspondent remarks: "There is no obvious reason why the two Liberal wings should not now re-unite." But there appears to be a very obvious reason, seeing that so many Coalition Liberals and National Liberals are being run by Conservative Associations. They still cling to their adjectives nevertheless, but when they drop them does it follow that they will wish to drop their Conservative associates as well A. M. L.

# THE MAGISTRATES' ASSOCIATION.

Lord Haldane, who presided at the first annual meeting of the Magistrates' Association last week, said he welcomed the appointment of women magistrates, and looked forward to great developments which of women magistrates, and looked forward to great developments which would result; already a new interest in children's courts and in probation work had been created. In the morning there was a special con-ference for women magistrates only, at which Lady Crewe presided. Manchester was represented by Miss Caroline Herford, and many other well-known women were present. The subjects discussed were the Separation and Maintenance Orders' Bill; procedure in cases of assault, etc., in which children are concerned either as principals or witnesses; the confinement with ordinary prisoners of persons under 21; and the period during which persons may be confined in police cells from four to iod during which persons may be confined in police cells from four to fourteen days.

#### WOMEN AND THE NEAR EAST.

A meeting was called by the N.C.W. last week to consider women's responsibility in the Near East problem as it affects the Armenian women

and children. A resolution was carried urging that any settlement agreed on in the Near East must include the provision of a national home for the Armenians, and the provision of adequate machinery for the protection of minorities in Thrace and Asia Minor, such machinery to be devised in collebration with the Lemma 6 New n collaboration with the League of Nations and to be placed under its direct control.

#### CHILD ASSAULT PROTEST COMMITTEE.

A most successful meeting organized by the Child Assault Protest Committee in Edinburgh was held in the Lauriston Halls, the speakers being Captain Wedgwood Benn and Mrs. Hamilton More-Nisbett, the chairman Ex-Baille Rose, an old Suffrage supporter, and the first to get a Suffrage Resoluton carried in the Town Council. The subject was The Protection of Children and the Need for Women Police. Cantain Wedgwood Benn gray an account of the first to ge in a

The subject was The Protection of Children and the Need for Women Police. Captain Wedgwood Benn gave an account of the fight put up in the House of Commons for the retention of the Women Police Patrols, and said that though their aboliton was advocated on the score of economy it was really a question of opposition to equal citizenship. Mrs. More-Nisbett spoke of the work they had been able to do as members of the Women's Auxiliary Service. Though not going forward with her candidature for this election, she meant to continue work in West Edinburgh in prepara-tion for the next election, in the hope that she might be able to support the case for Women Police, and legislation making indecent assaults on little children as great an offence as criminal assault.

#### ERRATA.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES. We wish to point out that things for Miss F. M. Hartley's sales can be sent to the adresses given until the end of November. We hope that, in spite of the work involved in the Election, our readers will not disappoint her.

## NO WOMEN PREACHERS.

It should have been stated that the Methodist General Conference which we reported on 20th October had voted against women preachers was held in Toronto.

#### COMING EVENTS.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY and British Dominions Women Citizens Reception. NOV. 8. Bedford College. 5 p.m. To meet Miss A. L. P. Dorman, of Woman's Outlook Africa

#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FRANCHISE CLUB.

cital ; "Herod" (Stephen Phillips). DV. S. 8.15 p.m. "What are women doing with their vote?" Speaker: Mrs. Mansell. r: Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

#### WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

d Gold Fair at the Central Hall, Westminster. To be hondda; Chair: Dr. Octavia Lewin; on Saturday by r Mrs. Schofield Coates, J.P. WOMENS' ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

NOV. 9, 26 George Street, Hanover Square, W. 6.15 p.m. "Research." Speaker A. P. M. Fleming, Esq., C.B.E., M.Sc., M.I.E.E., etc. Chair: Hon. Lady Parsons, J.P. EDINBURGH W.C.A.

# **DNBORGH W.C.A.** JOUTH DUVISION BRANCH. NOV. 10. Christ Church Hall (Morningside). 2.45 p.m. iome Aspects of Indian Unrest." Speaker : Mr. J. Ewing, M.C., M.A. NOV. 6. Vifth lecture on "The Principles and Duties of Citizenship." Edinburgh

#### WOMEN CANDIDATES' MEETINGS.

*CD AND CHISWICK* (Mrs. O. Stracney). Mrs. Belmont School, Turnham Green. Chair : Mrt. Michael's Parish Rooms, Bedford Park. 8 p.m. Strachey). NOV. 3. Meeting for Women en. Chair : Mrs. Hubback,

Meeting at St. Michael's Farish Rooms, Bedford Park, 8 p.m.
Meeting at St. James' Parish Rooms, Gunnersbury, 8 p.m.
NOV. 6. Chiswick Parish Hall. The Vicar in the chair, 3 p.m.
8 p.m. Chiswick Town Hall. Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Cecil, K.C., M.P., Mrs. Oliver Strachey.
hair: R. M. Bourne, Esg., J.P.
NQV. 7. 8 p.m. Meeting arranged by Federation of Women Civil Servants at Chiswick

Hall, V. 9, 8 p.m. Speaker: Professor Gilbert Murray, Ealing Road Schools. Baptist h Hall, Chiswick. *HMOND* (Mrs. Corbett Ashby). *NOV.* 3, 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Corbett Ashby,

- inces' Hall, Richmond. NOV. 4. 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Barnes Green Girls' School, Barnes. NOV. 6. 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Council Schools, Sally Road, Castelnau,
- 7. 3 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Railway Mission Hall, Sheen Road,
- nd. 9. 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Westfield Boy's School, Archway Street,

rrnes. NORTH ISLINGTON (Miss Picton-Turburvill). NOV. 8. 8 p.m. "Women in Parlia-mt." At Upper Hornsey Road School, Infants' Hall, Hornsey Road, N. Speakers: Miss aude Royden, Miss Picton-Turbervill, O.B. E.; chair: Mrs. F. W. Hubback.

**KENSINGTON S.E.C.** *NOV.* 7. Public meeting at The Venture, 138 Portolello Road. 8 p.m. The Parliamenta Candidates for the Division will speak on questions specially affecting women. Mr. Percy Gate C., Dr. Charles W. Hayward, Lib., Councillor W. J. Jarrett, Lab.; chair : Miss Evelyn Deak

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# ANNUAL MEETING

# CHANGE OF DATE

THE Committee feel that members of the Society will be too much occupied during the next few weeks with work for the General Election to attend to the Society's business on 16th November. They have therefore decided to postpone the Annual Meeting to

# TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

The place of meeting is changed to

# CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER.

Business, 5 p.m. Tea, 4.30 p.m.

The Agenda, with list of nominations for the Executive Committee, will be published in The Woman's Leader of 17th November.

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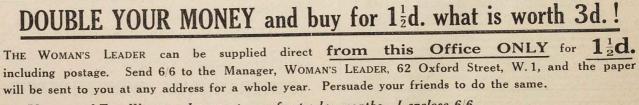
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