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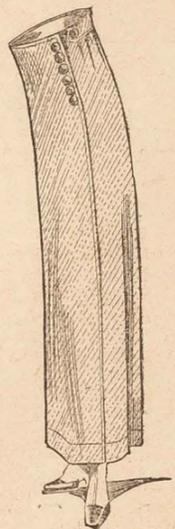
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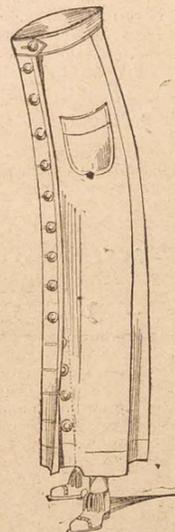
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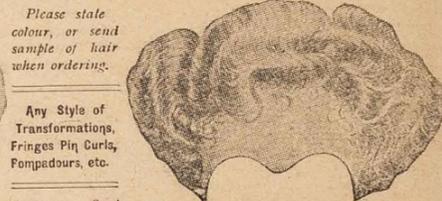
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#### A Review of the Week.

##### The Great Women's Demonstration.

Arrangements for the great meeting to be held on Mrs. Pankhurst's return are now complete. The meeting will be held in the Empress Theatre, Earl's Court Exhibition, on Sunday, December 7, at 8 p.m. This is one of the very largest places of public assembly in London. It will be crowded with thousands of women who will come together: to welcome Mrs. Pankhurst on her return to England after her tour in America; to protest against the Government's barbarous policy of woman torture; to condemn the shameful treachery whereby the Government are year after year robbing women of their just right to vote. Tickets for this great Women's Demonstration are now ready, and women who wish to be present are asked to apply without delay to the Ticket Secretary, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, London.

##### A Warning to the Government.

We are able to report that the Great Collection to be taken on Mrs. Pankhurst's return, is mounting up more rapidly than ever. The wonderful generosity which is being shown by the W.S.P.U. subscribers, old and new, is a most eloquent sign of the vitality of the Union and of the whole-hearted support and confidence which women all over the country are according to it. Every pound, every penny, given to this Collection will make it more effective as a demonstration of financial strength and as a warning to the Government not to continue the torture of Mrs. Pankhurst and her fellow-prisoners. This Collection will be one more step, and a very important one, towards making coercion impossible. When the Government finds that the way of coercion is no longer open to them, they will have to seek another and a better way of preventing militancy. In this issue we print a promise form which readers are asked to fill in with the largest amount it may be possible for them to give.

##### To Resist Woman Torture.

Mrs. Pankhurst will soon be back in England. Will she be arrested and again subjected to torture under the "Cat-and-Mouse Act"? Are her fellow-prisoners to be treated in the same atrocious manner? Not if women know it! Women have waited long enough for enfranchised men to put an end to torture, and now they realise that in this as in all else, they must as women work out their own salvation. It is indeed many

months since women first sought to protect the victims of the "Cat-and-Mouse Act" from being arrested and dragged back to prison. It was on Monday, July 14, when Miss Annie Kenney was rearrested under the "Cat-and-Mouse Act" that for the first time in the militant Suffrage Movement a really vigorous and organised attack was made by women upon the police. It is felt more and more strongly every day that it is an unwomanly thing to stand quietly by watching another human being dragged back to torture. In order to rescue prisoners from rearrest and torture, organisation is in the future to be made more effective and under the presidency of General Flora Drummond a number of women are banding themselves together and preparing themselves for police duty and other service.

##### The Trial of Miss Rachel Peace.

Miss Rachel Peace has had imposed upon her the monstrous sentence of eighteen months' hard labour. If she were a man who had beaten his wife or seduced a young girl, she might have expected far lighter punishment than that! What makes the injustice of this vindictive punishment all the greater is that Miss Peace had already served six weeks' imprisonment as a prisoner on remand, and during that six weeks had been tortured by forcible feeding. As she herself said to the judge, "Where is the justice of the law which allows an untried prisoner to suffer this?" Though Miss Peace pleaded not guilty, she was, as she explained to the judge, physically unfit to offer any statement in her defence. The judge summed up strongly against her and actually said to the jury before they gave their verdict that he himself was unable to discover any doubt that she had committed the offence charged against her. This is an illustration of a growing judicial scandal. Our judges are no longer impartial and issue orders to juries to convict.

##### "We Cannot Deal With Motive."

When Miss Peace urged the purity of her motive, the judge said, "We cannot deal with motives, we have got to deal with facts." As a statement of the law, the judge's words are a lie, and to establish our contention, we have only to cite the case of the youth, who lately upon meeting an escaped convict shot him dead and was not convicted; and the further case of Mr. John Bethell, M.P., who has admitted to shooting a departing burglar and has not been arrested. In these two cases the law in taking account of motive, has inflicted no punishment.

##### A Scene In Court.

After sentence was passed upon her, Miss Peace, in addressing the judge said "If I go to prison to-day, I shall resume the hunger strike and if I am forcibly fed it will mean my death or what is worse, it will drive me mad." Filled with anguish at the thought of what their comrade had suffered and was yet to suffer, women in the court made a vigorous protest which should give the authorities food for reflection. A hammer was thrown at the glass screen surrounding the dock. The egregious Mr. Bodkin was assaulted in a manner most appropriate to his case. Consternation prevailed so far as judge, jury and the officers of the court were concerned. The jury who had apparently been unmoved by the sight and story of Miss Peace's suffering and by the thought of the further suffering that awaited her were quick to feel solicitous on their own account. "Cannot these women be searched for weapons," cried one jurymen, "we are not safe, any of us." Four arrests were made and on Monday three of those arrested were sentenced to one and two months hard labour. One of the defendants said:—

"I did this as a protest against the forcible feeding of a woman before trial. We want a better and purer Government; it is the only thing we can do to protest, we have not got the vote like you men."

##### A Terrible Case.

The prisoner who stood in the dock immediately before Miss Peace was a woman charged with injuring a man by vitriol throwing. The facts revealed in this case were very terrible. The story told on behalf of the girl was this: Up to May she was a perfectly respectable girl, but when she took employment in a restaurant, the prosecutor, who was the chef, made advances to her and she resisted him, until one day when, she alleged, she was drugged. The man afterwards told her that he was going to America and when she asked him what would become of her child he answered that on his return he would "buy an organ and use the baby for a monkey." The judge said that the prisoner had great provocation but this did not excuse her conduct. What the judge perhaps forgot is that the law offers a woman so placed no real redress and that an unmarried mother besides having to submit to insult by the man who has victimised her, cannot at the best claim more than a few shillings from this man who is the father of her child that claim furthermore being well nigh impossible to enforce. When women have the vote they will be able to see what can be done to avert such tragic situations.

##### Tyranny Claims Another Victim.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Mr. William Edward Bethell, and to his family we tender on behalf of ourselves and our readers' sympathy and condolence. Mr. Bethell lost his life as the result of injuries inflicted upon him by supporters of the Government. In striving to protect his brother, a member of the Men's Political Union, who was questioning Dr. Macnamara on the subject of votes for women, Mr. Bethell was savagely attacked. He sustained serious injuries and heart failure supervened. The loss of this brave young fighter for liberty is a grief to all Suffragists, both men and women. How nobly his courage and his sacrifice stand out in contrast to the cruelty of the men who form the Liberal Government. We have here a sign, that among some at any rate of the younger generation of men, there is a new and better spirit. How different are the men who risk their life in order to raise at Liberal meetings the cry of justice to women, from those men who resist women's claim to citizenship, or if they do not resist it, simply give it the careless and unpractical service of mere words. William Bethell has left behind him a great example and he has set a standard of service to the cause of womanhood which is indeed a high one. What will other men do to make the Government answer for his death?

##### More Government Cheating.

The release of Mr. Larkin gives a new proof of the efficacy of militant methods whether pursued at by-elections or in any other manner which creates a situation for the Government. The release of Mr. Larkin is due to pressure and nothing else. Though we believe that to imprison Mr. Larkin while leaving Sir Edward Carson at large was a disgraceful proceeding, we are bound to say that we think the release of one prisoner a very inadequate result for the Linlithgow and Reading Elections. The Government have "got off very cheaply" as the saying goes, and the Suffragettes who worked so hard to turn votes at the elections have been defrauded of their reward. If the result of the elections had been the settlement of the tragic Dublin dispute, the Suffragettes would have made less complaint. But as it is they take the view that the Government have cheated women and have cheated all concerned by simply releasing Mr. Larkin and doing nothing more. The Government are well aware of what the W.S.P.U. achieved at the by-elections, but rather than admit this they pretend that the elections turned wholly upon the Larkin case. Otherwise they must renounce woman torture which is so dear to their hearts.

Medical Whitewash.

The Government are evidently feeling nervous as to the political price that they may have to pay for reviving forcible feeding torture. They have therefore induced Sir Thomas Barlow, President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, to write a letter to the "Times" whitewashing them and incidentally himself and his profession. To this letter, Mr. Mansell Moulin, a consistent opponent of forcible feeding, has replied. So far, the letter has not been inserted by the "Times."

Sir Thomas Barlow's method, which does him no credit, is, as it were, to countersign a letter expressing the Home Office view which has been prepared for him by Sir Edward Troup, permanent under-secretary to the Home Office. Sir Edward Troup's contention is that forcible feeding has never been resorted to as "a punitive or disciplinary" measure.

Torture Deliberate and Undisguised.

That forcible feeding has been resorted to for "punitive and disciplinary" purposes, for purposes, that is to say, of torture, can be proved by reference to the statements of forcibly fed prisoners and by reference to the public admissions of Mr. McKenna himself. Miss Lenton, a tortured prisoner, reports that

"Two Home Office doctors appeared determined to avoid the necessity of releasing me somehow. Therefore they tried the nasal tube again. It was soon obvious that they could not forcibly feed me that way, so they amused themselves first by trying one tube, then another, over and over again, pushing tubes obviously far too thick as far down as they could make them go, then with excellent logic trying bigger ones. Half way through these proceedings one of the Home Office doctors asked if it was not unpleasant and would I not like to take some food. After having received the reply 'Of course not' they went on with their game. Finally finding it impossible to make me give in, which was their undisguised intention, they tried again with the stomach tube with the same result as before."

Turning to Mr. McKenna's own account of the matter, we find that he said in introducing the "Cat-and-Mouse Bill": "It is undeniably true that forcible feeding, whether for those who suffer it or those who administer it, is a most objectionable practice."

Beware of the Liberals.

A proposal has been made to enrol in each constituency a body of men electors who will put Woman Suffrage first. Everything obviously depends on what is meant by the expression "putting Woman Suffrage first." The Executive Committee of the Men's League for Woman's Suffrage is reported to have carried the following resolution:

"The Men's League for Women's Suffrage shall concentrate its energies towards the establishment in every constituency of a nucleus of men supporters of woman's suffrage, who will undertake to put woman's suffrage first, and each group so formed shall be left to carry out its policy in the manner deemed by it to suit best its local conditions."

This statement that each group shall act in the manner which it deems best to suit its local conditions, is highly unsatisfactory, because it implies that there is to be no national policy and no anti-Government policy, but that reliance is to be placed upon the worthless pledges of individual candidates. What is likely to happen according to this scheme is that the men's groups will be captured by the Liberals—those past-masters of political intrigue. We understand that others who favour the plan of forming groups of Suffragist electors, do not propose to rely upon the promises of individual candidates.

Men Reaping the Harvest of Their Folly.

Loud complaints are now being made in the men's labour world of the brutal conduct of the police acting under Government orders. Arbitrary arrest, savage attack causing physical injury, these are the matters that have given rise to protest. What the working man must remember is that the Suffragettes gave him warning long ago that if he permitted Black Friday tactics and tampering with justice at women's expense, the day would come when he also would have to suffer in the same way. By condoning the Russian methods of the Government and the police when women only were the victims, the Labour and Trade Union movement sowed seed of which they themselves and Suffragists, too, are now reaping the bitter harvest.

Complaint is made that men are prosecuted for medieval offences. Then why did those who thus complain allow women to be prosecuted under obsolete Statutes centuries old? The Government have by this time formed bad habits, and the men are suffering in consequence.

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THE WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW.

By CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

There has been a lively controversy in the columns of the "Times" between Mr. Bernard Shaw and the Bishop of Kensington and that controversy has turned partly on the question of what is, or is not, objectionable in stage performances, and partly upon the question of whether there shall be a censorship of stage performances, and if so, by whom it shall be exercised.

Now these are questions whose real answer is not to be found in the heads of men. Women only can give them their real answer. And this is for the double reason that when a performance is, or is not alleged to be objectionable, the point at issue is always the way in which women are represented and the way in which the sex relationship is dealt with.

"One Extreme or the Other."

Now when men consider what is, or is not, indecent and objectionable, in a performance they are apt to go to one extreme or to the other. Some find evil in all art and beauty in which women are concerned. They would banish women absolutely from the public stage. Or they would allow them to do no more than sing "Home, Sweet Home," at a penny reading. Other men, on the contrary, claim the right to see women's bodies exploited, no matter how grossly, on the public stage.

Women take this view. What it is honourable for women to do and for others to see them do on the stage, depends upon whether the performance in question is a matter of art or a matter of the sheer exploitation of their sex.

"Brings Women Into Contempt."

It may be difficult for men to decide into which of these two categories a given performance comes. Evidently they find it difficult or they pretend they do. Mr. Bernard Shaw seems to think that he and men in general can have but the vaguest ideas upon the subject. Women, however, are ready with their definition of what is objectionable in stage performances. It is anything which brings women into contempt, or brings the sex relationship into contempt. It will be found that among women of independent mind, there will be a remarkably unanimous view as to whether any particular performance offends against the principles here laid down. As women become more free in mind and more economically independent, they will exercise a very effective censorship by applying the strictest boycott to any performance, which, if we may repeat the definition given above, tends to bring women into contempt or to bring the sex relationship into contempt.

"The eternal priestess of humanity," Lecky calls the prostitute. There he is so hideously wrong, for the prostitute woman is one misused and dragged down from women's high estate.

"The Priestess of Humanity."

But woman free and strong is veritably the priestess of humanity. She is the guardian of her own honour and she is the guardian of the sanctity of the sex relationship. If women had never been in subjection, we should not have had as in this man-made world we have, the monstrous regimen of vice nor evil sniggering and leering at things of sex.

In one of his letters to the "Times" Mr. Bernard Shaw says that the education of sexual emotion is one of the main uses and glories of the theatre. Very true, but unhappily, as he no doubt in his calmer moments will agree, the theatre is not unfrequently made a school for the perversion and corruption of the sensual emotions—a school where men are taught to divide sexuality from spirituality, where they are educated not in love but lust.

It is a question of those plays, sketches, and other entertainments which make a mock of woman and womanhood, and put women on the stage as dehumanised dolls, dressing or undressing, posturing and grimacing, not in the name of service or art, but in the name and service of something very different and less lovely.

It is indeed only because women are still in subjection that certain stage exhibitions are tolerated.

"The Taste and Opinions of Women."

Dramatic art has nothing to fear from the emancipation of women and the force of women's public opinion. The music hall stage has profited enormously from the point of view of art and from the point of view of profit, by the increasing consideration which it gives to the taste and opinions of women. If there is at this time any reaction towards an older and grosser habit, the music hall proprietors are destined to find that in the long run, their enterprises will suffer.

Wit and humour, gaiety and laughter, women appreciate as much as men and life offers many occasions for their exercise. But when, and so long as women have their say in the matter, they will insist upon a certain reverence being paid to the three great mysteries—to the mystery of sex as well as to the mysteries of birth and death.

The exploitation on the stage of women's bodies as distinct from women's art and the encouragement given in some theatrical

"schools of emotion" to the abuse of the sex function—all this has had its share in fostering the Social Evil and the resulting disease.

An artificial glamour is thrown over the abuse of the sex organs and such abuse is regarded with indulgence by those who would feel unmitigated contempt for the abuse of any other organs of the body.

There was a practice, known to antiquity, of feasting full of appetising food and then taking an emetic in order that it might be possible to begin feasting all over again. One who should adopt that practice at the present day would be held in scorn by the very people who say that we must think not too badly of the analogous sexual vice.

"Revolt the General Conscience."

The drug fiend, too—what is he but one who abuses the body and misuses its functions for the purpose of deriving, what he thinks is pleasure? But although these two vices might be thought matter proper for dramatic treatment by a Brieux or an Ibsen, it would revolt the general conscience to find them made the subject of light and jovial entertainment on a music hall stage. Even the drunkard would seem to be disappearing from the boards of the music hall and drunkenness is coming to be thought less a joke than a disease. It is only sexual vice that is still thought a subject of merriment.

There is not one single department of life in which the unnatural plan of holding women in subjection has not had disastrous effect. The subjection of women disorganises our economic system. It has diminished the stock of human knowledge and achievement. It is the supreme cause of sexual immorality and it is thus the cause of the greater part of the suffering and degeneracy, to which the human race is heir.

"Both Are False."

It is not to be supposed, then, that the stage, and the stage alone, should have escaped the contaminating effect of the subjection of women, and though playwrights, actors, managers, and audiences are loth to admit the fact, it is at the bottom of all the ferment and disputations, which have for long raged, and still rage, in the theatre world. Not the wisest of men, but women, and only women, can and will reconcile the conflict between Puritanism and licentiousness. Both are false, but there is something standing in the third place which is true. In this, as in so many other cases, the truth that men have sought in vain and about which they have fought each other, will be revealed to them by women.

# AN EIGHT HOURS' DAY FOR NURSES.

By GERTRUDE TOWNEND.

In making the following suggestions for an Eight Hours Bill for Nurses, I would point out that first of all it must be clearly understood that nurses are young women who choose this profession as a means of livelihood, and that the ordinary sentimental idea that these women nurse the sick for the love of the work alone is false. There are, of course, in this profession women of all classes, and some few with private incomes are able to take up nursing as a hobby, and not as a means of livelihood.

I do not in any way suggest that nurses do not love their work. Personally—and I speak from many years' experience amongst nurses—I say that it is impossible for a real nurse not to love her work, else why did she choose this profession, and how could she do all that is demanded of her?

People are apt to forget that a nurse is a human being, and subject to the faults and weaknesses of humanity. Because she has gone through a course of training in a hospital, she is often expected to be the idealised ministering angel, requiring neither sleep, rest, nor recreation. Yet of how many men or women in any other profession is such sacrifice of time, pleasure, and health demanded? During the three or four years training in hospital, the probationer is almost entirely cut off from the outside world. She has little time to see her friends, and when she has, she is often too tired and overworked to benefit by it.

At present there is no law to protect a nurse from being put on night duty when she has already worked in the day, and this is no uncommon occurrence in many of our hospitals, both large and small. The public are not aware of the numbers of young women who are unable to complete their training as a result of broken health, and there is no compensation for a nurse who has been permanently injured as the result of nursing others.

A nurse should not be kept on duty for longer than eight hours, and in order to make this possible, there must be three shifts, as with the miners. In hospitals, this is quite possible, and, in fact, does exist in a few cases. The reason why this system is not more widely adopted is a financial one, as a considerably larger staff is necessary.

In nursing homes and small institutions, this question is more complex, and the arrangement would only be possible when there are upwards of ten beds. For district nursing, it would be quite workable, but again it is a question of money.

The real problem is that of the private nurse. Many people already complain of the cost of private nurses, and often these women are expected to do the work of two people, because the patient cannot afford two nurses, and will not be moved to a hospital or private nursing home.

If an Act were passed, limiting the nurse's hours to eight, it would mean that the patient, in his own home, would have to have three nurses; that is, unless some members of the family undertook to look after him for a certain number of hours. Of course, a real remedy lies in the fact that it is much less expensive to be nursed in a private home or a hospital.

It is often said that it is bad for the patient to change the nurse, but I ask this question: is it essential that in order to save the patient's life, another's life must be jeopardised? I do not believe that it is essential to have only one or two nurses, provided they are good and efficient nurses; I affirm that, on the contrary, the patient would be better off with the change of nurses. A nurse who works only eight hours is far more able to give of her best than the nurse who does twelve or eighteen hours' duty on a bad case.

I am able, from personal experience, to state this as fact, having conducted a nursing-home for the last thirteen years. The difference in the nurses' work since I adopted the eight-hours' system is very marked. One also feels entitled to demand of the nurses their very best work without considering that they may be tired or overdone. With eight hours on duty and sixteen hours off a nurse has time to refresh herself, to see her friends, and to enlarge her sphere of knowledge and education. And the patient

benefits by the attention given by a happier and more healthy individual.

Since I started this system, I have never once had a complaint from any patient about the three changes; indeed, I have often been asked by patients how it is that the nurses are always so cheerful and happy.

I have touched very lightly on the question of cost. Of course, it does cost more, but so it should. Why should these young women have their health ruined because the hospital wishes to save, or even make money out of its nursing staff? And if the public cannot afford three private nurses, there is always the other remedy I have mentioned.

For years we nurses have been struggling to obtain State registration, in order to keep up a decent standard of wages, a fixed number of hours, and to prevent incompetent and untrained persons from imposing on the public and securing employment for which they are not qualified.

With regard to actual nurses' work as it now stands, the risks to health, the long hours, and the infinite amount of patience required, I would inquire what men would continue working at the rate of eighty-eight hours a week, and that a seven-days week, there being no difference made on Sunday? There is not even an interval for meals where the night nurse is concerned. She has to prepare and cook her own food, snatching a mouthful when she can, whilst attending to the patients.

I remember that when Miss Christabel Pankhurst was speaking one Sunday afternoon in Hyde Park, one of my nurses was at the back of a large crowd. A young man, who was constantly interrupting, asked her this question: "When you get votes how will you like to sit on coroners' juries?" She replied that women were ready to take the unpleasant as well as the pleasant, whereupon he remarked with a sneer, "That'd soon turn you women up!" The nurse, who was standing beside him, asked him, "If, on your way home this afternoon, you were to get run over or smashed up in a serious accident, who do you think would perform the last offices on your mangled remains, a man or a woman? Exit the man!"

"The nursing of the sick is attended by constant and serious dangers. A young woman who enters upon her training as a nurse must be prepared to risk her life, but is that a reason why nurses as a body should not have the power that working men have to claim for themselves protection from the State? There has been a demand for State registration of nurses for the past 26 years, but it seems that this reform, like many other reforms concerning woman's work, will have to wait until women win the vote."

### Special Notice.

Members are asked to note that the meeting on Thursday, November 20, at 8 p.m., will be held at the Elysee Galleries, Queen's Road, Bayswater, instead of at the Queen's Hall, South Kensington.

### STOP PRESS

As we go to press we hear that Miss Rachel Peace has been forcibly fed twice daily since Monday. Every temptation has been offered her to induce her to give in, and she was told that if she would give an undertaking she could be released on licence, but she refused.

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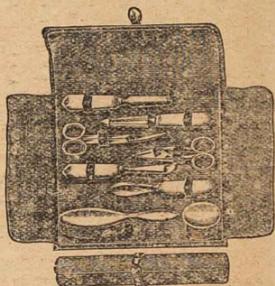
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Another reads: "I send 10s. It is money I have earned but would rather give it to the W.S.P.U. than spend it on myself."

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# MRS. PANKHURST IN AMERICA.

## CHICAGO'S WONDERFUL WELCOME.

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## ENTHUSIASM OF AMERICAN PRESS.

### GREAT WELCOME IN CHICAGO.

("Chicago Examiner," November 3.) Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst spoke before an audience of more than three thousand persons in the Auditorium yesterday.

It was an audience apparently in full sympathy with the speaker and her aids. Her address frequently was interrupted by applause for some of her striking utterances, and as a climax to her address she leaned over the platform railing for forty minutes and hurled at the crowd short, snappy answers to questions concerning her methods which had been sent up from the audience.

Mrs. Pankhurst was escorted to the platform by Mrs. Treadwell and Lieutenant Governor Barratt O'Hara. Mrs. Treadwell briefly lauded Mrs. Pankhurst and her work and introduced Mr. O'Hara.

In his address Mr. O'Hara declared that the State of Illinois welcomed Mrs. Pankhurst without any question as to her methods.

### "A Great General of Humanity."

"Because we live in an age of revolution, when decency is in conflict with indecency, when humanity fight inhumanity, and when equality battles with inequality to the last ditch, we welcome to Chicago a great general of humanity," he said.

As Mrs. Pankhurst rose to her feet and faced the audience that crowded the Auditorium Theatre from the stage, where nearly 300 men and women were seated, to the topmost gallery, a ripple of applause broke from the lower tier of boxes. It swelled into a wave of hand-clapping, and as she stood waiting for it to subside some impulsive auditor rose to her feet and waved her handkerchief in the Chautauqua salute.

### "Men and Women Leaped to their Feet."

All over the house men and women leaped to their feet and waved handkerchiefs and programmes towards the speaker. Mrs. Pankhurst motioned them down and broke at once into her speech. In her opening sentences she declared that the most potent cause of the fight being waged by English women was the wrongs inflicted on women and children under the English laws. She made particular reference to the inadequacy of the British Statutes against the White Slave traffic.

### MRS. PANKHURST REPLIES

("Chicago Examiner," November 3.) Some of the questions put to Mrs. Pankhurst after she had finished her speech and her answers to them follow.

#### No Real Generals and All Take an Equal Risk.

Q.—Admitting that it shows pluck, is it not bad generalship for you to expose yourself in the front of the battle?

A.—In our fight we have no real generals. We are fighting for a common cause, all as common soldiers. We all take our share of the risks, and I will take my share with the rest.

#### Will Defy Government Moment She Boards Ship.

Q.—When you return to England,

will you continue the work you have started?

A.—My passage is booked for November 26 on the White Star steamer Majestic. When I board the steamer I shall be on British soil, and I shall defy the Government to put me back in gaol or take whatever measures they think proper with me. If I am not put in gaol I shall take up the fight right where I left off.

#### Ridicules Question on Degradation in Violence.

Q.—Do you not think violence is degrading?

A.—What a question to ask in America. Some of you women are proud to be members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Do you think your forefathers, or your foremothers, were degraded?

#### Factory Girl to Benefit as Much as Factory Man.

Q.—Will the factory girl be any better off with the ballot?

A.—Is the factory man any better off with the ballot? Of course he is, if he uses it, and some of us are going to see that the factory girl uses it when she gets it.

#### Evil Never Justified by Plea of Doing Good.

Q.—Is it ever right to do evil to accomplish good?

A.—No. We are not doing evil. We simply are seeking the ballot by the same methods men used in England before they got the ballot. The men burned half of Bristol in one night and they got the vote. We worked patiently and gently for fifty years and didn't get anything. Now we are using methods that get us somewhere, if it is only into gaol.

#### Nothing to Say in Behalf of Any Political Party.

Q.—What have you to say of the Socialist Party, which was the first to advocate Votes for Women?

A.—If they did I congratulate them on having done their duty toward women first. I have nothing to say in behalf of any political Party. I advise women not to join any political Party, but to stick to themselves. If they don't go into any Parties they can't be made to do any of the dirty work of politics. If they do go with the men, the men will try to boss them, just as they always have done.

### MRS. PANKHURST AT THE IRISH FELLOWSHIP CLUB.

#### "A BLOODLESS REVOLUTION."

("Chicago Examiner," November 2.)

After the reception, before attending the Political Equality Club luncheon, Mrs. Pankhurst delivered a short address before the Irish Fellowship Club.

Mrs. Pankhurst said: "I am speaking to men who understand the meaning of rebellion. Men who have no difficulty in understanding men's rebellion. But they cannot understand women's rebellion."

"In Great Britain women are fighting for political rights as men have fought for political rights, with this difference: Men have valued liberty so much they have been willing to sacrifice others' lives. We sacrifice only our own lives. We stand for a bloodless revolution.

"This is the situation in England: A majority is not enough. We must force the Cabinet to introduce a Cabinet bill. Parnell did it; Redmond did it; we are doing it. All our work, all our sacrifice, all our militancy has been to force Mr. Asquith to withdraw his anti-suffrage policy. The Nationalist party and the Labour party support Mr. Asquith. It is a little hard for women."

"Write to the Nationalist Leaders" asking them, "When you speak of 'home rule,' when you speak of liberty for Ireland, do you mean liberty for women as well as men?" "The fruit of the victory for 'home rule' will be bitter fruit when you do injustice to women."

"The Greatest Emancipation Worker the World has Ever Known." Mrs. Pankhurst went from the Irish Fellowship address to the Political Equality Club luncheon. Some 200 women sat around the table of the board of directors. At the conclusion of the luncheon Mrs. Trout introduced Mrs. Pankhurst as "Our sister from across the ocean—the greatest emancipation worker the world has ever known."

As Mrs. Pankhurst arose every woman and even the men, in the place stood at attention, and an ovation lasting two minutes prevented the English leader from talking.

Mrs. Pankhurst will remain in Chicago until Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. She will address the big mass meeting at the Auditorium Hotel to-day, and on Tuesday evening will talk to a negro audience in the Institutional Church, East Thirty-third Street and Rhodes Avenue. Hundreds of requests for an address have poured in upon Mrs. Pankhurst and additional lectures will probably be arranged for Monday.

### ADDRESSES NEGRO WOMEN.

("Philadelphia Record," November 5.) CHICAGO, November 4.—Mrs. Pankhurst had a busy day, the finish of which was a speech to some 2,000 negro women and men at the Institutional Church in the Black Belt, on South Dearborn Street. She aroused the volatile emotions of the coloured women by picturing the good they could accomplish for their race by working for the reforms their white sisters advocated.

### CROWDED MEETING AT NASHVILLE.

("Nashville Tennessean," October 31.) Before nearly 4,000 people Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the militant Suffragette forces in England, spoke at Ryman Auditorium Thursday night. The crowd was very attentive and courteous, and the clear, concise, and convincing statements made by the little "Votes for Women" exponent seemed to have a great effect on many in the audience. Her address consisted wholly of a recital of the reasons which led to the English militant fight and a detailed account of this contest. She made a splendid impression upon her hearers, and at the conclusion of her address was given an ovation, many prominent local residents rushing on stage to congratulate her.

### REMARKABLE RECEPTION IN CLEVELAND.

("Cleveland," October 26.) Undoubtedly the greatest demonstration ever accorded a speaker in Cleveland was the five-minute ovation to Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, militant, last evening when she addressed

an audience which packed Grays' Armory. Every seat was occupied, scores stood and others filled the stairways leading to the gallery. For an hour before she was scheduled to speak, crowds surged in the lobby and on the steps into the street.

After the lecture, the aisles were congested with those who sought a closer view of the woman who had made them weep, who had pleaded with them to think.

With flashes of wit and sarcasm in alternation with serious argument, Mrs. Pankhurst reviewed the charges of conspiracy against her and her followers and the petty offences resulting in imprisonment, the raiding by the London police of the suffrage headquarters, the penal servitude facing her on her return to England and the remedy for the present situation.

### MRS. PANKHURST'S CABLE FROM BOSTON.

Mrs. Pankhurst has sent the following cable from Boston:

"Livelist sympathy in Boston with women's revolution. Packed meeting."

### MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S INACCURATE STATEMENT.

MRS. PANKHURST CABLES A DENIAL.

We have received the following cable from Mrs. Pankhurst:

"Contradict Lloyd George's statement. Entrance America, absolutely unconditional."

The statement referred to was made by Mr. Lloyd George to the Suffrage deputation which waited on him recently at Swindon. He said: "It is very significant that Mrs. Pankhurst has had to give a pledge that there would be no militancy there, not even preached."

# VOTES FOR WOMEN

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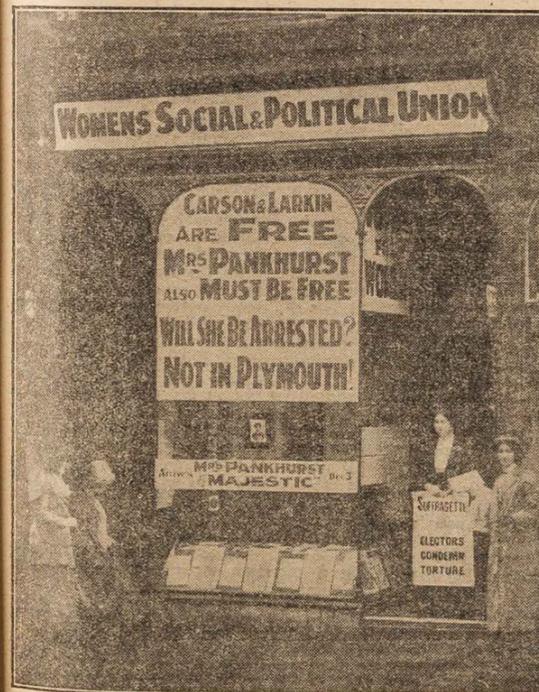
It is for us to give her the one adequate welcome. It is for us to show not only to her, but to all these women who have suffered so nobly in these last months, that no sacrifice has been wrought which has not made us stronger and more determined.

The Great Meeting is the opportunity for us all.

But our work begins before the meeting. No success is obtained by waiting for it, and it is the business of each member to see that it comes not as a matter of chance, but of absolute certainty. Everyone can help! Not only by swelling the Great Collection, but by selling tickets, bringing new friends, and making the meeting widely known. The time is short, but if each member does her best we can look forward to one of the greatest gatherings the Union has known.

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**Militancy Wins.**

No more nonsense, no mere cant, surely,  
we shall hear on the subject of militant  
methods. Militancy to-day rules supreme  
all over the field of politics.

To begin with, there is the release of Mr.  
James Larkin. This was due wholly and  
solely to compulsion. The Government who  
ordered Mr. Larkin's arrest, pronounced him

a wicked and dangerous criminal and se-  
cured his conviction of what the daughter  
of an anti-Suffragist Minister now describes,  
as the mediæval offence of sedition, have  
been induced by the potent argument of  
lost votes to set their enemy free.

Everybody knows that but for this over-  
mastering pressure, this electoral militancy,  
the Government would have left Mr. James  
Larkin to rot for seven long months in gaol.

It is no answer to the charge that the  
Government have so acted because of their  
fear, and not from any sense of justice  
or repentance to say, as some do say, that  
Mr. Larkin though he may have broken the  
law has only broken it with his mouth.  
There is neither in law nor in morals any  
difference between breaking the law with  
one's mouth and breaking it with a hammer.

The Suffragettes are the first to recog-  
nise that principle and therefore it is that  
Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Annie Kenny,  
though it has never been alleged against  
them that they have put their own hand to  
certain deeds of militancy, regard them-  
selves as being in the same case precisely  
as Rachel Peace who is now serving  
eighteen months' hard labour on the charge  
of arson.

Many who like to be on both sides of the  
fence and support Mr. Larkin because they  
have formed the idea that he is a potent  
person are striving to draw a moral dis-  
tinction between his militancy and the  
militancy of the Suffragettes.

If there is any distinction, it is to Mr.  
Larkin's disadvantage. His strike policy  
involves more human suffering and a greater  
property loss than has been involved so far  
by the methods of the Suffragettes. Stated  
in terms of money or terms of suffering,  
strikes are more expensive than the Suff-  
ragist methods as have yet turned out to be.

Therefore, those who can find justifica-  
tion for the organisers of a strike can even  
more readily find justification for women  
who attack property for the sake of human  
freedom.

Militancy, is by everyone's admission the  
dominant factor in the Irish situation.  
Every speech on the Irish question turns to-  
day not upon the rights or wrongs, the  
merits or demerits of Home Rule, but upon  
the question of whether Ulster will fight  
and if so, whether Ulster fighting is more  
dangerous to the Government than Na-  
tionalist voting.

There is not a speech by a Unionist,  
Nationalist, or Liberal leader which does  
not take these considerations as its basis.

Mr. John Redmond in his Newcastle  
speech after mocking the women he has  
betrayed by saying that in the House of  
Commons he has supported by voice and  
vote every measure designed for the benefit  
of the masses of the Irish people, by saying,  
"We are willing and always have been  
willing to safeguard against every possible  
danger to civil and religious liberty of every  
section of our people no matter how small";  
after declaring that "We do not desire the  
exclusion of any Irishman from British  
citizenship" then stated the Nationalist  
right to Home Rule as follows: "I think  
the English people see that a country that  
is capable of making these sacrifices for an  
ideal must contain a race of fighting men  
who deserve their liberty."

The power and will to fight, confer, so  
men think, a title to liberty. And yet,  
these same men will tell us that women who  
fight for their liberty are thereby disquali-  
fied from having it.

Yes, and Mr. Redmond feels that fear  
which publicly he disclaims and is, he says  
now ready within certain limits to consider  
any demand "no matter how extravagant  
or unreasonable it may appear to me," which  
may secure Militant Ulster's consent to the  
Home Rule Bill.

Sir Edward Carson has long since taken

militancy as his favourite and foremost  
argument. His answer to every plea for  
Home Rule is this—"Ulster will fight."  
And the entire Unionist party is also com-  
mitted to the policy, not of mere attacks  
on property, but of bloodshed.

Mr. Bonar Law has declared this in the  
following terms:—"I have said on be-  
half of the party and with the approval  
of the party that if the Government attempt  
to coerce Ulster before they have received  
the sanction of the people, we shall support  
Ulster in her resistance."

As for the Government, they cringe  
before threats of the militancy of  
men. It is nothing but fear of Na-  
tionalist hostility which prevents them  
from throwing themselves into the  
arms of militant Ulster. Ministerial  
spokesmen are talking now of Nationalist  
Ireland receiving her freedom and her own  
self-government and of Protestant Ulster  
being "somehow or other satisfied and  
comforted."

This is a language and this is a policy  
very different from that so firmly held  
before the Ulster preparations for rebellion  
were so far advanced.

It is very clear that the men politicians  
of the day, have by their own deeds and  
words, deprived themselves of any right  
to condemn the militancy of women. Yet,  
still they do it on the unworthy ground that  
women cannot be militant enough—that  
women cannot use force so forcibly as men  
can use it.

That is all dust in women's eyes. The  
real weakness in women's militancy is some-  
thing quite different. It is this—that men,  
though they are quite ready to beat and  
torture women, will shrink from beating and  
torturing men. When the late Emily  
Wilding Davison was assaulted in prison,  
the fireman who turned the hose upon her  
as she sat in her cell was asked in court  
"Would you have done this to a man  
prisoner?" He answered "No!"

That man felt and acted as other men feel  
and act. The prospect of injuring other men  
is far more hideous to a man than is the  
prospect of injuring women. That is why  
the path the militant women have to tread  
is thornier than the path that is and may  
be trodden by militant Ulster men.

A word now in answer to what some  
women say against the militancy of their  
own sex. Surely, the history of the present  
day is enough to make militants of the most  
anti-militant women. As a sequel to the  
By-elections the Government released James  
Larkin. Women took their share in turning  
votes against the Government, but for them  
the Government do nothing. The Labour  
politicians, with few exceptions, are so busy  
rejoicing over the concession, for what it  
is worth, that the Government have made  
to the demands of Labour that they hardly  
remember what the women's share in winning  
their victory has been.

Besides, the anti-militant Suffragist  
women are all in favour of militancy—for  
men. They believed in the South African  
Revolution; they believed in the Turkish  
Revolution; they believed in the Balkan War.  
It is only to their own sex that they preach  
a slave morality of submission to injustice.

The militant women believe that for  
women as for men, rebellion against tyrants  
is obedience to God.

The anti-militant women believe that for  
men rebellion is in accordance with the  
Divine Will and that for women rebellion  
is meeting "evil by evil."

What is this but a double standard of  
morality?

The militant women believe that mili-  
tancy for women is not only the secret of  
political success but that it brings with it  
strength and purification.

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

**WHY WE ARE MILITANT.**

A Speech Delivered by Mrs. PANKHURST in New York, October 21, 1913.

(The first part of this speech appeared in our last issue.)

Well, you may say the laws may be inadequate,  
the laws may be bad, but human nature, after  
all, is not much influenced by laws, and upon  
the whole people live fairly happy lives. Well,  
for those who are fortunate it is very comfortable  
to have that idea, but if you will really look  
at life as we find it in our centralised civilisa-  
tion in Europe, you will find that after all the  
law is a great educator, and if men are brought  
up to think the law allows them to behave  
badly to those who should be nearest and dearest  
to them, the worst kind of man is very apt to  
take full advantage of all the laxity of the law.

What have we been hearing of so much during  
the last few years? It is a very remarkable  
thing, ladies and gentlemen, that along with  
this woman's movement, along with this woman's  
revolt, you are having a great uncovering of  
social sores. We are having light let into dark  
places, whether it is in the United States or  
whether it is in the old countries of Europe,  
you find the social ills from which humanity  
suffers are very much the same. Every civilised  
country has been discussing how to deal with  
that most awful slavery, the white slave traffic.

When I was a very tiny child the great  
American people were divided into hostile sec-  
tions on the question of whether it was right  
that one set of human beings of one colour  
should buy and sell human beings of another  
colour, and you have had a bloody war to settle  
that question. I tell you that throughout the  
civilised world to-day there is a slavery more  
awful than negro slavery in its worst form ever  
was. It is called the white slave traffic, but in  
that awful traffic there are slaves of every shade  
of colour, and they are all of one sex.

Well, in my country we have been having  
legislation to deal with it. We have had a White  
Slave Act, and under that Act of Parliament,  
in that Act of Parliament, they have put clauses  
that are called flogging clauses. Certain men are  
to be flogged if they are convicted and found  
guilty under that Act of Parliament, and the  
British House of Commons, composed of men of  
all shades of mottled colour, waxed highly eloquent  
on the need of flogging these so-called tigers of  
the human race, men engaged in the white slave  
traffic.

Well, we women looked on and we read their  
speeches, but in our hearts we said, "Why don't  
they decide to go to the people for whom the  
white slave traffic exists? What is the use of  
dealing with the emissaries, with the slave  
hunters, with the purveyors? Why don't they  
go to the very seat of the evil; why don't they  
attack the customers? If there was no demand  
there would be no traffic, because business does  
not exist if there is no demand for it?" And  
so we women said, "It's no use, gentlemen, trying  
to put us off with sentimental legislation on the  
white slave traffic. We don't trust you to settle  
it, we want to have a hand in settling it our-  
selves, because we think we know how." And  
we have a right to distrust that legislation. They  
passed the Act very, very quickly; they put it  
on the statute books, and we have seen it in  
operation, and we know that the time of Par-  
liament and the time of the nation was wasted  
on a piece of legislation which I fear was never  
intended to be taken very seriously; something  
to keep the women quiet, something to lull us  
into a sense of security, something to make us  
believe that now, at least, the Government were  
really grappling with the situation.

Well, and so we attacked this great evil. We  
said, "How can we expect real legislation to  
deal with the white slave traffic on a small  
scale when the Government of the country is the  
biggest white slave trading firm that we have got?"  
And it is true, because you know, although we  
have suppressed such regulation of vice in Eng-  
land, we have got it in full swing in the great  
dependencies that we own all over the world,  
and we have only to turn to India and look to  
every place where our Army is stationed to find  
the Government, which is in no way responsible  
to women, dealing, taking part in that awful  
trade, in absolute cold bloodedness where native  
women are concerned, all, forsooth, in the name  
of the health of the men of our forces.

Well, we have been speaking out, ladies and  
gentlemen; we have been saying to our nation  
and the rulers of our nation, "We will not have  
the health of one-half of the community, their  
pretended health, maintained at the expense of  
the degradation and sorrow and misery of the  
other half."

I want to ask you whether, in all the revolu-  
tions of the past, in your own revolt against  
British rule, you had deeper or greater reasons  
for revolt than women have to-day?

Take the industrial side of the question: have  
men's wages for a hard day's work ever been  
so low and inadequate as are women's wages  
to-day? Have men ever had to suffer from the  
laws more injustice than women suffer? Is there  
a single reason which men have had for liberty  
that does not also apply to women?

Why, if you were talking to the men of any  
other nation you would not hesitate to reply in  
the affirmative. There is not a man in this  
meeting who has not felt sympathy with the  
uprising of the men of other lands when suffering  
from intolerable tyranny, when deprived of all  
representative rights. You are full of sympathy  
with men in Russia. You are full of sympathy  
with nations that rise against the domination  
of the Turk. You are full of sympathy with all  
struggling people striving for independence.  
How is it, then, that you have nothing but  
ridicule and contempt and reprobation for women  
who are fighting for exactly the same thing?

All my life I have tried to understand why it  
was that men who valued their citizenship as  
their dearest possession seemed to think citizenship  
ridiculous when it was to be applied to the  
women of their race. And I found an explana-  
tion, and it is the only one I can think of. It  
came to me when I was in a prison cell, remem-  
bering how I had seen men laugh at the idea  
of women going to prison. Why they would  
confess they could not bear a cell door to be  
shut upon themselves for a single hour without  
asking to be let out. A thought came to me  
in my prison cell, and it was this: that to men  
women are not human beings like themselves.  
Some men think we are superhuman; they put  
us on pedestals; they revere us; they think we  
are too fine and too delicate to come down into  
the hurly-burly of life. Other men think us sub-  
human; they think we are a strange species  
unfortunately having to exist for the perpetuation  
of the race. They think that we are fit for  
drudgery, but that in some strange way our minds  
are not like theirs, our love for great things is not  
like theirs, and so we are a sort of sub-human  
species.

We are neither superhuman nor are we sub-  
human. We are just human beings like yourselves.  
Our hearts burn within us when we read the  
great mottoes which celebrate the liberty of your  
country; when we go to France and we read the  
words, liberty, fraternity and equality, don't you  
think that we appreciate the meaning of those  
words? And then when we wake to the knowl-  
edge that these things are not for us, they are  
only for our brothers, then there comes a sense  
of bitterness into the hearts of some women,  
and they say to themselves, "Will men never  
understand?" But so far as we in England are  
concerned, we have come to the conclusion that  
we are not going to leave men any illusions upon  
the question.

When we were patient, when we believed in  
argument and persuasion, they said, "You don't  
really want it because, if you did, you would do  
something unmistakable to show you were deter-  
mined to have it." And then when we did  
something unmistakable they said, "You are  
behaving so badly you show you are not fit for it."  
Now, gentlemen, in your heart of hearts you do  
not believe that. You know perfectly well that  
there never was a thing worth having that was  
not worth fighting for. You know perfectly well  
that if the situation were reversed, if you had  
no constitutional rights and we had all of them,  
if you had the duty of paying and obeying and  
trying to look as pleasant as possible, and we  
were the proud citizens who could decide our  
fate and yours, because we knew what was good  
for you better than you knew for yourselves, you  
know perfectly well that you wouldn't stand it  
for a single day, and you would be perfectly  
justified in rebelling against such intolerable  
conditions.

Well, in Great Britain we have tried persuasion,  
we have tried the plan of showing (by going upon  
public bodies, where they allowed us to do work  
they hadn't much time to do themselves) that we  
were rather capable people. We did it in the  
hope that we should convince them and persuade  
them to do the right and proper thing. But we  
had all our labour for our pains, and now we are  
fighting for our rights, and we are growing

stronger and better women in the process. We  
are getting more fit to use our rights because  
we have such difficulty in getting them.

And now may I say a word in answer to the  
people who criticise my coming to America.

Always when human beings have been  
struggling for freedom they have looked to  
happier parts of the world for support and  
sympathy. In your hour of trouble you went to  
other peoples and asked them for help. It seems  
to me, looking into the past, into my recollections  
of history, that a great man named Benjamin  
Franklin went to France to ask the French people  
to help in the struggle for American independence.  
You didn't apologise for sending him, and I am  
sure he didn't apologise for going. There may  
have been people in France who said, "Why does  
this pestilent, rebellious fellow come over trying  
to stir up people here in our peaceful country?"  
But, in the main, the people of France welcomed  
him. Their hearts thrilled at the idea of a brave  
and courageous struggle, and they sent money and  
they sent men to help to fight and win the  
independence of the American Republic.

Those who have been struggling for freedom  
in other lands have come to you, and I can't  
help remembering that right through the struggle  
of the Irish people they sent law breakers to plead  
with you for help for law breakers in Ireland.

Yes, and like all political law breaking done  
by men the form their violence has taken has  
not been merely to break some shop windows or  
to set on fire the house of some rich plutocrat,  
but it has found its expression in the taking of  
human life, in the injury even of poor, dumb  
animals who could have no part in the matter.  
And yet you looked at that agitation in a large  
way. You said, "In times of revolution and  
revolt you cannot curb the human spirit, you  
cannot bind men and women down to narrow  
rules of conduct which are proper and right in  
times of peace," and you sent your money and  
you sent help to cheer the Irish people in their  
struggle for greater freedom.

Why, then, should not I come to ask for help  
for British women? Whatever helps them is going  
to help women all over the world. It will be the  
hastening of your victory. It has not been  
necessary in the United States for women to be  
militant in the sense that we are, and perhaps  
one of the reasons why it is not necessary and  
why it may never be necessary is that we are  
doing the militant work for you. And we are  
glad to do that work. We are proud to do that  
work. If there are any men who are fighters in  
this hall, any men who have taken part in war-  
fare, I tell you, gentlemen, that amongst the other  
good things that you, consciously or unconsciously,  
have kept from women, you have kept the joy of  
battle.

We know the joy of battle. When we have  
come out of the gates of Holloway at the point  
of death, battered, starved, forcibly fed as some  
of our women have been—their mouths forced  
open by iron gags—their bodies bruised, they  
have felt when the prison bars were broken and  
the doors have opened, even at the point of death,  
they have felt the joy of battle and the exultation  
of victory.

People have said that women could never vote,  
never share in the government, because govern-  
ment rests upon force. We have proved that  
is not true. Government rests not upon force;  
government rests upon the consent of the  
governed; and the weakest woman, the very  
poorest woman, if she witholds her consent  
cannot be governed.

They sent me to prison, to penal servitude for  
three years. I came out of prison at the end of  
nine days. I broke my prison bars. Four times  
they took me back again; four times I burst the  
prison door open again. And I left England  
openly to come and visit America, with only  
three or four weeks of the three years' sentence of  
penal servitude served. Have we not proved, then,  
that they cannot govern human beings who  
withold their consent?

And so we are glad that we have had the  
fighting experience, we are glad to do all the  
fighting for all the women all over the world; and  
all that we ask of you is to back us up. We  
ask you to show that although, perhaps, you do  
not mean to fight as we do, that you under-  
stand the meaning of our fight; that you realise  
that we are women fighting for a great idea; that  
we wish the betterment of the human race, and  
that we believe that betterment is coming through  
the emancipation and uplifting of women.

# THE WOMEN'S GREAT REVOLUTION.

## MANSION IN RUINS AT BRISTOL. Pavilion and Clubhouse Burnt Out. LIVERPOOL HOUSE ABLAZE. Bomb in Palm House. £12,000 PLANTS IN DANGER. Railway Station in Flames. Miss Rachel Peace's Defiant Speech.

A number of serious fires which have been attributed to Suffragettes, have occurred this week. At Bristol, a fine old mansion, valued at several thousands of pounds, was completely gutted.

At Catford a valuable club house and pavilion were burnt to the ground, while a house in Liverpool has suffered greatly from fire. In Liverpool also a large bomb was discovered near the well-known Palm House, the building and plants endangered being valued at £12,000.

Last Monday a railway station at Birmingham was discovered in flames, and attacks continue to be made on pillar-boxes in various parts of the country.

Miss Rachel Peace, who has undergone such cruel treatment in prison, was brought up at the Old Bailey last Saturday and given the vindictive sentence of eighteen months' hard labour. The splendid speech which she made from the dock will be found on this page.

### DEVASTATING FIRE AT BRISTOL.

FINE OLD MANSION GUTTED.  
"A BLAZING FURNACE."

A beautiful old country mansion known as Begbrook, situated in its own well-wooded grounds, practically on the border of Frenchay and Bristol, was destroyed in the early morning of Tuesday, November 11, by an outbreak of fire which is attributed to Suffragettes.

The fire was discovered at about seven o'clock in the morning by the head gardener. He saw the house safe the night before, and was going towards it in the morning when he noticed that smoke was being emitted from the chimneys and windows.

Making a cursory examination, he realised the imminent danger of the building, and had the Mangotsfield Fire Brigade summoned. The brigade arrived about nine o'clock, when the fire had a good grip on the building.

"Flames Blazed Furiously."

Little impression could be made on the fire, and the flames, fanned by the breeze, blazed furiously, and within a short time practically every room was gutted.

The flames leaped to a tremendous height, and great volumes of smoke belched from the roof and windows. Part of the roof collapsed in a very short time.

The firemen's efforts to quench the flames were rendered ineffective through inability to obtain an ade-

quate supply of water. The only available supply was from a tank at the rear of the building.

The fire had a practically uninterrupted course, and at one o'clock was still burning fiercely, the firemen having left it to burn itself out.

By 10.30, practically all that remained of the main building were the blackened outer walls.

"Collapsed with a Crash."

Blowing through the honeycombed walls the wind sent the flames to the basement of the tower, which formed the cornerpiece between the main building and the eastern wing, and gradually it made its way through the several floors until it reached the roof, which collapsed with a crash.

When the plaster came away from the walls it became evident that the flames had found fresh fuel in the timber encased therein, and as these were burned through, the masonry crashed to the ground. The freestone columns, which formed an imposing frontage, were cracked by the



RUINS OF THE CATFORD PAVILION.

intense heat, and fell in fragments on to the terrace leading to the main doorway.

"Completely Gutted."

Heavy falls were frequent, and one tremendous crash left a gaping breach in the western wall. It was in the early hours of the afternoon that the billiard-room, situated on the ground floor of the eastern wing, became involved, and in a short time the roof collapsed.

The mansion was completely gutted, and until late at night the ruins were still smouldering.

Begbrook, which comprised some twenty odd rooms, was a fine old house, and the staircases, doors, and fireplaces were specimens of beautiful woodwork.

The damage has not yet been estimated, but it is certain to run into thousands. A rough estimate puts it at £3,000.

Suffragette Messages.

A brown-paper parcel found on a pedestal in front of the house contained a copy of the *Suffragette*, on the frontispiece of which was printed in bold characters: "Birrell is coming. Rachel Peace is still being tortured." It was apparent that the building had been attacked at various points, for tongues of flame were seen creeping through the upper rooms overlooking the front door, and the main building quickly presented the appearance of a blazing furnace.

It is assumed that access was gained to the house through a window at the back of the premises, which was found broken.

### BOMB FOUND AT LIVERPOOL.

£12,000 BUILDING ENDANGERED.

The Palm House, Sefton Park, Liverpool, was the scene of a startling discovery last Saturday morning.

Soon after midnight some Suffragette literature was found in the immediate vicinity of the palm-house, and following upon a further investigation, a formidable-looking object, which turned out to be a

bomb, was discovered in one of the porches on the east side of the structure.

A fuse which was attached to it was partly burnt, and it was evident that a very serious attempt had been made to wreck the place.

It is surmised that the rain had put out the fuse, for although the brown paper in which the bomb was wrapped had been partially burnt away, the machine had failed to explode.

The Bomb

The bomb was about 12in. long and 5in. or 6in. in diameter, and in appearance resembled a large tubular jar. It was sealed up with the bit of unburnt fuse projecting from the narrow end. Close to the bomb, when it was found, was a small lamp something like a photographer's "dark lamp."

In view of the discovery of the bomb it has been decided to increase the staff of parkkeepers and other officials, whose duty is more directly concerned with the safeguarding of the Palm House and other structures in the park.

The bomb has been removed to the police-station, for subsequent examination by experts.

The Palm House, which is well known to all residents in the south of Liverpool, stands in a prominent position in the park, and is a large, handsome structure of glass, containing an exhibition of rare tropical plants and flowers. The value of the building together with the plants is estimated approximately at £12,000.

### PAVILION AND CLUB HOUSE DESTROYED.

£1,500 FIRE AT CATFORD.

FLAMES 60 FEET HIGH.

The large club house and pavilion of the Bellingham Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club was completely destroyed by fire early on Tuesday morning last week.

The club is situated at the highest point in Bellingham Road, Catford, and possesses what are regarded as the best bowling greens in London. It has been the scene of English and other notable bowling championships.

The pavilion, which stood on a brick base, was about 70ft. long by 40ft. broad. It was principally constructed of wood, and roofed with corrugated iron. It was erected at a cost of over £1,500.

"Flames Shooting into the Air."

The fire was discovered at four o'clock in the morning by the groundsman, who immediately ran to give the alarm. The destruction of the club telephone in the fire rendered a direct call impossible, and he was obliged to go some distance.

As the sections of the fire brigade approached from the various stations the burning building looked like a hill-top bonfire. Flames 60 feet high were shooting into the air and illuminating the sky.

Some difficulty, owing to the unmade roads, was experienced by the firemen in approaching the building, but little time elapsed before they got to work with hydrants, engines, and other appliances. For an hour the place burned furiously.

"A Heap of Ruins."

By that time hardly anything but a heap of ruins remained. A portion of the southern side of the pavilion, with great gaps in it, was standing. The rest was represented by twisted iron and charred woodwork. The fact that the flooring had gone from the brick foundation at many points was

indicative of the fierceness of the flames. A cash register, much damaged, and the bent and blackened ironwork of a bedstead were observed in the debris.

Club members, on visiting the scene, ruefully eyed a number of damaged bowls. The contents of the members' lockers were entirely demolished. Practically the only thing rescued from the general wreck was the club piano, and that was damaged.

Suffragette Literature Found.

Investigations indicated that the grounds had been visited during the night, a door and window being found open at the west end of the building, where the outbreak is believed to have originated. The door had been forced and a ladder placed against the window.

Suffragette literature was afterwards found in the grounds. A few months ago, in view of the fires that were occurring, precautions were taken to safeguard the building, and for many nights a watch was kept.

### RAILWAY STATION ABLAZE.

FLAMES ISSUING FROM WAITING ROOM.

Early on Monday morning the driver of a North-Western train passing Newton Road Station, Birmingham, noticed flames issuing from one of the buildings of the station. He informed the signaller, and an investigation resulted in the discovery that the waiting-room on the up side from Birmingham was on fire. The damage was not, however, very serious, and the flames were soon extinguished.

Near the spot were found a number of postcards, one addressed to Mr. McKenna, stating, "We could not let your visit to Birmingham go unnoticed." Another to the Home Secretary, "Release Rachel Peace!" Another was addressed to the public, and bore the words, "Votes for Women," while there was another notice stating "No Home Rule until we get Votes for Women." Near the spot where the fire occurred was found an oil can, half full of paraffin oil.

### MANSION IN FLAMES.

GREAT DAMAGE TO LIVERPOOL HOUSE.

Shortly before three o'clock last Sunday morning a policeman on duty in Rathbone Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, saw smoke issuing from a detached residence, known as "The Priory," in Sandown Park, and immediately telephoned to the Fire Station.

The building stands by itself in the park, and is surrounded by railings several feet high. For some five years "The Priory," which is a large, old-fashioned house, has not been occupied. In order to reach the place entrance would have to be gained through a high iron gate, which has always been securely padlocked.

"Three Floors and Roof Involved."

On arriving at the place the fire brigade found that the flames had got a hold of the rear portion of the house, which is away from the main road, and it was evident that the outbreak had started in one of the lower rooms. Within a very short time the fire spread to the upper portions, and although a large quantity of water was poured into the

building, three of the floors and the roof were quickly involved. For nearly three hours the brigade worked hard in order to save the building, and succeeded in saving a portion of it.

"Strong Wind Blowing."

At the time a strong wind was blowing, which added to the difficulties of extinguishing the flames, and there was a fear that the sparks, which were thrown out to a great height, would be carried to another house a short distance away.

When the fire was finally extinguished, the whole of three floors and the roof had been destroyed. On search being made the police found that a lower window in the pantry had been broken, and it is believed that it was there that the outbreak originated. In an outhouse close beside the fire was found a quantity of Suffragette literature, so that it is believed that the fire was the work of Suffragettes.

### MISS RACHEL PEACE IN THE DOCK.

HER WONDERFUL SPEECH.

Miss Rachel Peace, who was brought up at the Old Bailey last Saturday morning, addressed the court as follows:

"You are probably aware that I have spent the last five weeks in prison. This circumstance in itself has utterly unfitted me to prepare my defence.

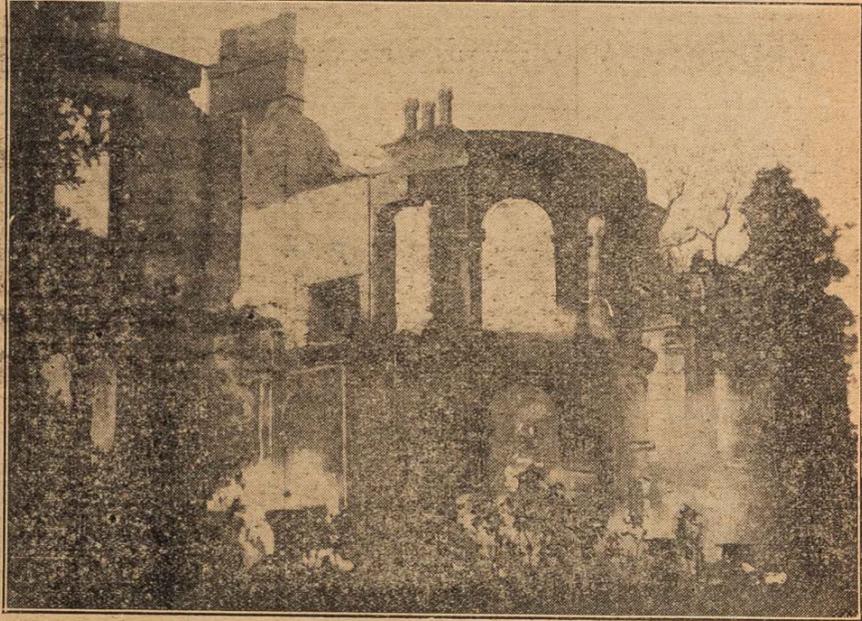
"The conditions of prison, the whole atmosphere of the place, lowers one's vitality to such a degree that one's very power to think becomes paralysed. In addition to this, for the greater part of the time I have had to endure the horrible torture of forcible feeding and the mental anguish and almost unbearable nervous strain, which this outrage produces.

unanimous protest of the feeling of the country against the practice of forcible feeding, stand for so little that Mr. McKenna is free to commit such an unpardonable injustice? Is it not his duty to investigate the cases that come before him?

"We know that the Home Secretary reserved to himself the right to resort again to forcible feeding, but he expressly stated that only in extreme cases should he do so. And does he consider a woman with a record such as mine an instance in which he is justified in so doing? Does he want to make me an extreme case, that he can act with so little consideration?

I Defy the Law.

"Let me tell you this: I defy Mr. McKenna, and I defy the law, and any power on earth, to compel me to serve another long term of imprisonment. I am wholly disgusted, and am made defiant by such an un-



BRISTOL MANSION TOTALLY DESTROYED.

### CHEMICALS IN BRISTOL LETTER-BOXES.

At the time of Mr. Birrell's arrival at Bristol, last Thursday, the police reported that ink and odiferous chemicals had been found in a number of Post Office pillar-boxes in the centre of the city.

### LETTERS DESTROYED AT WIGAN.

Last Wednesday a black fluid was found to have been poured into the letter-box of the Central Post Office at Wigan, many being destroyed. A printed newspaper extract was found which read as follows:

"Miss Mary Richardson, after being tortured to the last extremity, was released from prison last Saturday in a most terrible condition."

"Where is the Justice of the Law?"

"I consider this trial then, the very greatest injustice.

"Where is the justice of the law that allows an untried prisoner to be so treated?"

"I want to know why it is I have been subjected to such gross injustice; why, having offered to give the required undertaking to abstain from militancy pending my trial, I should have been refused bail; and why, being a prisoner on remand, I should have had to undergo the brutality of forcible feeding.

"At my previous trials I have never failed to surrender to bail. I am not, and never have been a prisoner released on licence. Each of my previous sentences I have served to a day, and as you may learn from the prison authorities—in a perfect exemplary manner.

Unanimous Protest Against Forcible Feeding.

"Does the 'Cat-and-Mouse Act,' which one is led to suppose voices the

pardonable miscarriage of justice. I care not how long my sentence may be.

"When I am taken back to prison to-day I shall resume the hunger strike. If I am forcibly fed again it may soon cause my death, or what is worse and more likely—drive me mad.

"The Home Office is already acquainted with the disastrous effect this outrageous practice is likely to produce in me, and it is for the country now to take such steps as shall make this barbaric form of torture altogether impossible. To demand that it be put a stop to now and for all time.

A Monument of Injustice and Tyranny.

Surrender I never will to the law as it now stands—a monument of injustice and tyranny in all affairs concerning and relating to women.

"I consider it the highest duty of my life to work in this cause, to give to it all my time, all my energy—my life, if need be."

## IS IT NOTHING TO YOU WHO PASS BY?

### MAYOR'S SUNDAY.

#### PROTESTS IN THE CHURCHES.

##### Clergyman Prays in Bexhill Church.

##### INTERCESSIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

##### AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, BAYSWATER.

Many women, impelled by sympathy and indignation, were present on Sunday last at the morning service in St. Matthew's Church. At the end of a prayer their voices broke in upon the momentary silence, and these words were clearly and beautifully chanted: "God save the women who are suffering for conscience' sake. Spare Rachel Peace, who is being tortured in prison. Spare her, O Lord!"

The congregation was startled and impressed. No attempt was made to turn the women out, and when their prayer was finished they went quietly away, leaving in the pews copies of Miss Pankhurst's article, "The Appeal to God."

##### AT A MISSION CHURCH.

During the evening service at Whitfield's Central Mission Church the same incident was repeated. The church was crowded, and the effect upon the congregation was very great. This time the women stood up and spoke the words all together in loud, clear tones. Here, also, they were allowed to finish without any interference, and afterwards they distributed copies of "The Appeal to God" to the congregation as they came out.

Many comments were overheard, and all were of sympathy and approval.

##### CLERGYMAN PRAYS FOR PRISONERS.

##### PETITION IN BEXHILL CHURCH.

The Rev. R. G. Douglas, M.A., "Priest in Charge" of St. Andrew's, one of the most important churches at Bexhill, prayed for the Suffragist prisoners last Sunday at the 8 a.m. celebration before a crowded congregation.

He prayed by name for Annie Kenney, Sylvia Pankhurst, Mary Richardson, Rachel Peace, Verity Gates, Donald McEwen, Dulcie West, "and for all others in prison or seriously ill for conscience' sake," and that they might have success and be comforted. He further prayed for the woman's movement, and a solution of the difficulties which surround it.

##### PETITION AT EDINBURGH.

##### "TRIED THEY WERE, AND FIRM THEY STOOD."

On Sunday last, during the morning service at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, the attention of the congregation was suddenly arrested by a very sincere prayer, chanted by a body of Suffragettes. Clear and reverent rose the voices of the women: "God save Annie Kenney, Sylvia Pankhurst, and Rachel Peace, who are being persecuted for conscience' sake. Spare her, O Lord!"

How different this to the prayer which had just preceded the startling addition to the service. Gathering in power the voices continued to be heard, until the door was closed

haughtily by a number of irate gentlemen.

The day chosen for the protest was singularly appropriate. It brought a smile to many a face when the officiating clergyman said that the 16th day of November was the Festival of Margaret of Scotland, and then proceeded to enlarge upon the saintliness and good works of the well-known Scottish Queen.

The service concluded—oh! irony of Fate—with the hymn: "Hark the sound of holy voices. Tried they were, and firm they stood. Mocked, imprisoned, stoned, tormented."

##### PROTEST IN ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM.

##### SERVICE INTERRUPTED.

Last Sunday, for the first time, a protest was made in St. Mary's Church, Nottingham. Immediately before the sermon four women seated together raised their voices in the following prayer:

"Oh! God, save Annie Kenney, Sylvia Pankhurst, and all the women who are persecuted and suffer for conscience' sake. Amen."

The chanting was in unison and the noise arose, kept observation upon the party. They, however, allowed the interrupters to remain until the end of the service, when they passed out with the rest of the congregation.

The wardens, sidemen, and church officials, noticing from where the noise arose, kept observation upon the party. They, however, allowed the interrupters to remain until the end of the service, when they passed out with the rest of the congregation.

##### PRAYERS AT BULWELL CHURCH.

##### WOMEN EJECTED.

Suffragettes were present at the evening service at Bulwell Parish Church, Nottingham, last Sunday. Immediately after the collect for peace the big congregation was astonished to hear women's voices chanting:

"Oh! God, save Annie Kenney, Sylvia Pankhurst, and all the women who are persecuted and suffer in prison for conscience' sake. Amen."

The working men, women, and children who constitute the congregation at Bulwell could scarcely believe their ears. They had read of such happenings in London, but then London is a long way off, and such things had not happened before in Nottingham. They were much interested and impressed.

The conduct of the service was temporarily suspended, and the churchwarden present and a number of sidemen proceeded to the spot from which the interjections came to eject the women.

##### SUFFRAGETTES AT OXFORD CHURCHES.

##### UNUSUAL PROTESTS.

On Sunday last two women stood outside St. Mary's Church holding banners which bore the following in-

scriptions: "Women are being tortured for conscience' sake" and "Is it nothing to you, all ye who pass by?" Two other women distributed leaflets—"The Appeal to God."

##### At the City Church.

Later on in the morning the women went to St. Martin's Church, and whilst waiting there for the procession of Mayor and aldermen, the police endeavoured to make them go away, saying that they were breaking one of the town by-laws. On being asked which by-law, the constable was unable to reply. Whereupon one of the party suggested that if she was breaking the law the constable had better arrest her, but if she was not breaking the law he had better leave her alone and go away. This he did, but thanks to his interference a large and interested crowd had collected.

##### SUFFRAGETTES PRAY AT PRESTON CHURCH.

Last Sunday the new Mayor of Preston attended the morning service at the Parish Church. A number of Suffragettes also attended, and during the general petition by the vicar the women chanted aloud: "O, God, save all women who are being tortured for conscience' sake, and make Thy Church to see that justice shall prevail."

##### SUFFRAGETTES IN LEEDS CHURCH.

##### AN APPEAL TO GOD.

Last Sunday, at the morning service at Leeds Parish Church, a protest was made by two women. At the end of the Litany, while the congregation remained kneeling and in silent prayer the women rose, and in reverent tones said: "O, God, save and defend Rachel Peace, Annie Kenney, Sylvia Pankhurst, and all those who are being persecuted for conscience' sake. Open the eyes of Thy Church that it may protest against this torture. Amen."

The leaflets, the "Appeal to God," were given out after the service, and most of the people took them with a look of understanding and sympathy.

##### SUFFRAGETTES PRAY AT SCARBOROUGH.

##### MAYOR'S SU DAY.

Last Sunday was Mayor's Sunday at Scarborough, and the new Mayor and Corporation were present at the morning service at St. Mary's Parish Church.

The curate had just concluded the collect of the day, and was proceeding with the next prayer, when the voices of a number of women were raised, chanting a prayer, invoking the aid of God for those suffering and in prison. A woman also prayed "God bless Mrs. Pankhurst." Later the Suffragettes repeated their prayer. It created a great stir amongst the large congregation. No attempt was made by the church officials to interfere with the women.

##### PRAYERS OF WOMEN AT LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL.

At the evening service, immediately after the Psalms, a number of women rose and chanted a prayer for "Rachel Peace and for all who are being tortured for conscience' sake." The prayers seemed to come from all parts of the building, and there was no attempt made to interfere with the women.

Archdeacon Buckley, who was subsequently interviewed by a Press representative, is reported to have remarked on the moral courage of the women who delivered their message

so bravely. He added that there had been no unseemly disturbance, and that he had no complaint to make.

##### SUFFRAGETTES AT A BIRMINGHAM CHURCH.

A special service, at which all the town dignitaries were present, was held last Sunday at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham.

Whilst the minister was saying the Collect for Peace, a band of women rose and chanted the following prayer: "God save our Suffrage prisoners. Endue them with Thy strength, and give them courage. Spare them, O Lord, and deliver them and lead them in the way of justice. Hear us, O Lord."

The vergers seized the women who were praying and knocked and pushed them out of church, not only using unnecessary violence, but most strong language and unchristian expressions.

##### SUFFRAGIST PRAYERS IN LIVERPOOL CHURCH.

Last Sunday during Divine Service at St. Peter's Parish Church, Liverpool, where the Lord Mayor and Corporation were in official attendance, several women were heard to pray aloud for those who were suffering persecution for conscience' sake.

The interruption was made during the Litany, and was plainly audible all over the church; but as no action was taken by the authorities there was also no disturbance.

##### MAYOR'S SUNDAY IN CAMBRIDGE.

##### PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED WOMEN

A number of Suffragists of both sexes attended the service at St. Andrew's Street Baptist Church, at Cambridge, last Sunday, when the Mayor and Corporation were officially present. After the first hymn they remained standing and chanted in a clear, reverent manner the following petition: "God save Rachel Peace and all those women who are being persecuted for conscience' sake. Open the eyes of the Church to protest against this torture."

The congregation in the body of the church turned towards the gallery from whence this unexpected voice of prayer was heard, but no one interfered with the interceders.

##### CHURCH PROTEST AT BRIGHTON.

##### THE WOMEN'S PETITION.

Last Sunday the Mayor and Corporation attended Divine Service at St. Peter's in their official capacity, and during the service a number of Suffragettes took the opportunity of protesting against the present treatment of women and the Church's apathy. In the prayer "for all sorts and conditions of men," and in the pause which follows "all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed," the women prayed alone: "God save Rachel Peace and all who are persecuted for conscience' sake."

##### INTERCESSION AT NEWPORT CHURCH.

During the evening service at St. Martin's Church, Newport, a small body of women in the front part of the building chanted immediately after the psalms, "God save Rachel Peace; save all who suffer for conscience' sake; open the eyes of Thy Church that she may protest against this torture."

No attempt was made to interfere with the women, who remained till the close of the service.

## Miss Annie Spong's Original Dances.

This generation has seen, perhaps, one of the greatest revivals of dancing since the days when the Greeks raised the art of motion into a fine art; and, like all revivals, it has brought with it much that is grotesque, perverted and absurd. We have with us to-day a modern form of hysteria, which expresses itself in graceless motion and a defiance of all natural rhythm. We have also—and for this we owe a debt of gratitude to our own sex—a new school which realises that the poetry of motion is closely, if mysteriously, connected with the poetry of the mind. A child that responds naturally to a natural rhythm is a normal, healthy child; a child that is taught to respond becomes normal and healthy. In this new school acrobatics are put aside. It is the dance in its first simplicity, the joyous, instinctive response of a balanced body and mind to the appeal of pure music. And of the wonderful work of this school Miss Annie Spong has given us an admirable example.

From the rich and varied programme, which was offered to a large audience on Monday night, it is difficult to pick out the special items. Each dance, in its own particular way, captivated the eye, by reason of its complete accord with the music which it illustrated. There was nothing posed or artificial. So interwoven were motion and sound that for the moment it was difficult to remember that the music had ever stood alone. The very dancers, with their beautiful and appropriate dresses, seemed created for their part. And it was all so gay, so refreshing. One could not but believe that the children danced from sheer joy of it, and that the way they danced was the frank expression of their happy, healthy selves.

It is, as has been said, hard to differentiate, but special mention must be made of a certain small person, Miss Dot Witter, who danced her way straight into her audience's heart, and then, among the elder dancers, of Miss Marjorie Prince and Miss Greta Thornley. In the various dances which Miss Prince and Miss Thornley presented, the full development and purpose of Miss Spong's teaching could be appreciated. There was not a motion of the graceful, perfectly balanced bodies which was not natural and not beautiful, and their effortless ease seemed to expel the very idea of fatigue.

The dance which stood out conspicuous by reason of its force and originality was Miss Spong's symbolical representation of the fighting spirit of modern womanhood. For her accompaniment she had cleverly chosen Rachmaninoff's Prelude—that passionate musical description of a down-trodden but finally triumphant race—and translated it to her own purpose. During the first bars we seemed to see woman awaking from her long slumber, roused by the spectacle of suffering. We saw her armed, defiant, fearless, but almost overwhelmed. And then, as the hurrying, hunted music resolved itself into the solemn chords of victory, we saw her, too, triumphant. We saw her lay down her arms in proud thanksgiving, and then draw herself up joyously to face the new task and the new world that awaited her.

The loud and persistent applause that greeted Miss Spong at the fall of the curtain testified to the audience's appreciation and understanding. There were calls for an encore, but she wisely refused. Hers had been the one dance that, for its very inspiration, could not have been given twice.

## HOW WOMEN ARE SWEATED.

The Sweated Workers' Exhibition, held at the Caxton Hall recently under the auspices of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, is an illustration of the truth of the phrase, "Acts speak louder than words." Over and over again words are employed to describe and bring home to the public the appalling conditions of labour in this country, especially where women are concerned. But an exhibition of this kind, in concrete form, is worth a hundred speeches.

Anti-Suffragists tell us that women have no grievances, and are the protected and indulged portion of the community. A glance at the details of the following sweated trades in which women are entirely engaged is a sufficient answer.

Maker of Rounder Boots: Rate paid, 3½d. per pair. Time taken per pair, 1½ to 2 hours. Working day 12 hours or more. Weekly earnings 7s. to 9s., outlay for rivets, 6d. per dozen pairs. The rates for these boots have recently been increased. An exhibition at Bristol drew public attention to the low rates of payment.

Maker of Black Braid: Rate paid, 7d. per dozen yards. Time taken per dozen yards, 8 hours. Working day variable. Weekly earnings about 5s.

Maker of Artificial Flowers: Rate paid, violets and geraniums, 7d. per gross; buttercups, 3d. per gross; roses, 1s. 3d. to 3s. 6d. per gross. Time taken varies according to flowers. Working day, about 12 hours. Weekly earnings about 8s. Worker's outlay for sundries, 6d. weekly. A clever woman and magnificent worker. Cannot read or write. Has made artificial flowers for 50 years, and has no superior for skill and industry. For many years supported herself and her partially blind husband (now dead) without parish relief or philanthropic aid.

Maker of Shirts: Rate paid, 6½d. to 1s. 11½d. per dozen. Time varies with kind of work. Working day as many hours as work lasts. Earns about 2d. an hour. Weekly earnings (worker and husband), about 10s. or 12s. Worker's husband injured some years ago and incapable of following his own trade. Worker has to find her own machine.

Maker of Children's Coats: Rate paid, 2½d. each. Time taken, 2 hours per coat. Weekly earnings, 7s. or 8s. Worker provides cotton and hooks and eyes.

Maker of Underskirts: Rate paid, 3½d. each. Time taken, 1½ hours. Working day, 8 to 10 hours. Weekly earnings, about 7s. Worker finds own machine and cotton.

Maker of Brushes: Rate paid, 6½d. per 1,000 holes. Weekly earnings, about 6s. Worker has worked at the trade for about 60 years. Began when six years old.

Maker of Matchboxes: Old rate paid, 2½d. per gross; new Trade Board rate, 3d. per gross. Time to make one gross, 1 hour (working hard). Working day, 11 hours. Weekly earnings, formerly about 7s., now between 9s. and 10s. The prices of all matchbox making have been substantially advanced by the Paper-Box Trade Board.

Making Boys' Knickers: Old rate paid, 9d. per dozen pairs; new Trade Board rate, 1s. per dozen pairs. Working day, 10 hours. Weekly earnings, before Trade Board rates, 7s. to 8s.; weekly earnings, at present, 9s. 6d. to 11s.

Maker of Tooth Brushes: Rate paid, 3d. to 6d. per dozen. Time taken, 1 dozen cheap brushes about 2 hours. Working day depends on amount of work. Weekly earnings, 8s. or 9s. The worker's present employer pays much better than others for whom she has worked before.

Maker of Children's Knickers: Rate paid, 8d. per dozen. Time taken, 1½ dozen per day. Weekly earnings, about 5s.

Maker of Pumps: Rate paid, 10d. per dozen pairs (maching uppers). Time taken, 2 pairs in an hour. Working day depends on amount of work. Weekly earnings, about 6s.

All these sweated trades were represented at the Caxton Hall, and, passing from worker to worker, the whole fact must have been borne in upon those visiting the exhibition how women are being exploited purely because of their political impotence. Women are forced to work at starvation wages

because without the vote, that great political lever, they have no such means as men possess of forcing up those wages. They enter the labour market handicapped and fettered. They are called upon to compete with men who have already armed themselves, and the result is that women find themselves driven into all the lowest and most unremunerative forms of employment, and the sweated trades are peopled almost entirely by women.

This appalling state of affairs is a living indictment against those who withhold votes from women. It is the anti-suffrage attitude towards women which is at the bottom of all the evils of our social system, including the sweating of women, and that attitude will never completely disappear until women vote on equal terms with men.

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## FIRST LORD UNDER FIRE.

### Hysterical Liberal Stewards.

## Mr. Philip Snowden Again Silenced!

### ATTACK ON THE IRISH LEADER.

## Mr. Birrell's Cat!

### MR. CHURCHILL AT THE ALEXANDRA PALACE.

#### CONTINUOUS INTERRUPTIONS.

#### BRUTALITY OF LIBERAL STEWARDS.

Mr. Churchill had a lively experience at the Alexandra Palace last Saturday afternoon, when he addressed a big gathering of London Liberals, a large number of men protesting against the Government's treatment of women and being ejected with great violence.

Inside the hall there were the usual signs of flustered officialdom which one has come to associate with Liberal meetings. A vast host of unimposing males had been trusted with the Liberal stewards badge—the white flower of a blameless life—and seemed in breathless haste to get themselves and the audience tied up in a hopeless muddle.

Some ten thousand people crowded the hall, about five hundred being women. Their admission was restricted to those who had tickets signed by members of the various Liberal associations, and they were shepherded together in a pen remote from the platform, and surrounded on all sides by masses of the male sex.

#### Hall in an Uproar.

Mr. Churchill was given a rousing reception when he rose to speak, but he had scarcely uttered more than a few words, when he was interrupted by a man in the stalls who said, "I protest against your forcible feeding of women." As he was in a good position it took some time to eject him, amidst much uproar. The First Lord then proceeded, but was brought to a stop again by the ejection of an unfortunate person who said, "I cannot hear." Thereafter the meeting was persistently interrupted by Suffragists. One man made so vigorous a resistance that it took eight Liberals to put him out.

#### Liberal Steward Ejected.

The methods of the stewards were indeed, so thorough that they succeeded in throwing out one of their own number. Seized in mistake as the author of some interruption, he was forced towards the door, despite his protests. Impeccable Liberal sympathisers intervened, saying, "He's all right," but the stewards had warned to their job and were enjoying it too much to let anybody escape. So out he went, like the rest.

In many cases clothing was torn to pieces, while hardly one of the unnumbered interrupters escaped without injury.

### MR. CHURCHILL CHALLENGED OUTSIDE.

Mr. Churchill was not allowed to leave the Alexandra Palace without being reminded that there was a woman not far away facing torture in Holloway Prison.

As he arrived within a few paces

of his car, a woman in the front row slipped her arms from behind the elbows of two policemen, darted forward and called out, "How dare you torture women, Mr. Churchill—how dare you!"

Her arms were seized, and Mr. Churchill ducked his head and was pushed and hustled quickly by police into his car.

### ATTACK ON MR. REDMOND

#### NO PEACE FOR WOMAN TORTURERS.

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., addressed a large meeting at Newcastle last Friday, and a Suffragette had the good fortune to be a passenger in the express train which was speeding him thither.

After the train left Durham she spied him seated comfortably in a first-class compartment, and opposite him sat Mrs. Redmond: they were alone.

The woman opened the door and walked in. Mr. Redmond looked startled, and she began: "You call yourself an Irish patriot, Mr. Redmond, but what about the starving women and children in Dublin? What about forcible feeding?"—here she scattered flour on the patriot.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmond retreated into the passage and shook themselves.

#### Another Bag of Flour.

As the Irish leader passed out the Suffragette threw another bag of flour at him. Left alone in the compartment she then turned her attention to the Redmonds' luggage. The window had only a slide at the top which opened with difficulty, and she was engaged in the problem of how to squeeze two fat Redmond bags out of this narrow aperture when she was seized by an attendant and rushed out of the compartment.

Whilst a prisoner in the passage she had the satisfaction of seeing train attendants and National supporters devotedly removing the flour from the garments of their leader and polishing him up for presentation to his flock at Newcastle!

#### No Prosecution.

When the train reached Newcastle the woman was taken to the police-station and charged by the railway company with "disturbing the comfort of the passengers."

On giving her name and address she was released, it being intimated that Mr. Redmond did not propose to prosecute.

### MR. SNOWDEN, M.P., REFUSED A HEARING.

#### MEETING BROKEN UP.

A very fine protest against the attitude of the Labour Party in its support of the Government was made at Sheffield on the occasion of Mr. Snowden's visit.

The meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, which was packed, but as he arrived within a few spaces

Mr. Snowden had scarcely risen to address his audience when the interruptions started.

From that moment onwards there was a running fire of interjections and questions from all parts of the hall. It was in vain that the chairman called for order. Every time that Mr. Snowden attempted to speak the disorder broke out afresh, and the ejection of each woman provoked a free fight between the stewards and the men who came to her assistance. Finally the police were called in, but at this the Labour men in the audience protested, and their assistance was not invoked.

Mr. Snowden made one last attempt to speak, but was shouted down by an angry audience, and the meeting had to be abandoned after half an hour's pandemonium.

### DEAD CAT AND MR. BIRRELL.

#### SIGNIFICANT MISSILE.

Mr. Birrell who addressed two meetings at Bristol last week was sternly heckled by suffragists on both occasions.

On the second evening he had scarcely entered upon his speech when a man in the audience sprang up and asked "when this respectable Government was going to stop torturing women?" The stewards immediately rushed at him, but at that moment their attention was distracted by another man, who leapt to his feet, and shouting, "Torture that instead of women!" flung a dead kitten at Mr. Birrell.

The missile, which may have been a subtle reference to the helpless condition of the Government "cat," struck the Secretary for Ireland full in the chest.

Immediately the whole hall was in an uproar, the stewards encountering a fierce resistance from a large section of the audience. Even after several ejections had been made the interruptions continued.

### MR. T. P. O'CONNOR AT ABERDEEN MUSIC HALL.

#### SPLENDID PROTEST.

The outstanding feature of Mr. O'Connor's speech at Aberdeen were the interruptions. For a quarter of an hour the speaker had to witness in silence a tumultuous scene in which he was completely forgotten.

The trouble began with Mr. O'Connor's reference to the Plural Voting Bill. "Yes, but what about votes for women?" came in ringing accents from the gallery.

First one, and then two or three, and finally ten stewards hurled themselves on the woman, but she clung to the railing of the gallery with a grip of iron which nothing seemed to loosen. The spectators, sympathetic and hostile, forgot everything but the courage and strength of this slight woman, and cheered her enthusiastically, until at last, overpowered by numbers she was carried bodily from the hall.

#### Further Interruptions.

This was by no means the end. A well-known doctor rose and protested against the treatment of the woman, and he too was half dragged, half carried out. A woman who had been seated near him was the next to go, and after that Mr. O'Connor was allowed to proceed.

The one subject of discussion after the meeting was not the speech but the militants and the fight that they had put up.

One steward, disgusted with the treatment of the woman tore off his badge and left the hall.

### SCENES AT PERTH.

#### MR. T. P. O'CONNOR ROUTED.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor addressed a crowded meeting in Perth City Hall on Friday, November 14—that is to say, he addressed it between Suffragette interruptions. He had barely begun when the first interruption occurred, and his speech had to be begun over again when the uproar had subsided. Again, in the middle of his first period, a clear voice rang out: "What about Votes for Women?" and the opening impression of the meeting was ruined.

Mr. O'Connor was just getting under way again when the third interrupter threw the meeting into a state of excitement. A fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh, followed at intervals, one of the remarks: "Why is Larkin released while Annie Kenney is being murdered?" proving very telling.

The next interrupter removed a whole form with her in her exit, because she held on so tight that she could not be removed without it, and the meeting was held up for some considerable time.

### LORD HALDANE CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

#### BRUTAL CONDUCT OF EDINBURGH STUDENTS.

McEwan Hall, Edinburgh, last Friday night was the scene of a large gathering under the auspices of the Associated Societies of Edinburgh University, when Lord Haldane was the principal speaker. As there are a large number of women students in the University, tickets could not be reserved for men only, but numerous precautions were taken to intimidate any would-be interrupters.

The advertisements of the meeting had as a footnote: "Suffragettes will be smartly handled," and reports were assiduously spread that only very able-bodied men were wanted to act as stewards.

At the queues before the meeting Suffragettes were busy distributing leaflets, and on every side discussion could be heard as to whether, in view of what had appeared in the local Press, the Suffragettes would dare interrupt the proceedings.

#### "A Rush of Stewards."

After about five minutes' strained attention to the lecture, the word freedom was caught, and immediately a woman's voice rang out: "Sir, I protest against your presence here while women are being tortured!"

A rush of stewards was made, one running wildly with a bag in hand to cover the head of the interrupter, who dropped on the floor as he came up, and so evaded his purpose. She was carried out.

Lord Haldane seemed amused, and was apparently passing humorous remarks to his supporters on the platform. When quietness was restored he resumed his discourse. Again a woman's voice was heard. "Shame on you!" and another five minutes of noise and general disorder; another rough ejection, and then quietness. But the audience were no longer attentive to the speaker; all were listening eagerly for the next interruption.

#### How Lord Haldane's Smile Faded.

By the time the sixth woman had been thrown out of the meeting, the amusement had quite faded out of Lord Haldane's features, and from the abrupt and agitated way in which he sat down it is supposed his lecture was not nearly finished.

In the lobbies the stewards took advantage of their numbers to handle the women brutally, one interrupter's face being swollen, discoloured, and bruised with the blows she got while her arms were kept pinioned.

# SO SHALL HE REAP.

### MR. LIEF JONES AT HUCKNALL.

#### SEVERE HECKLING.

Mr. Lief Jones, M.P., who was speaking at the Public Hall, Hucknall, last week, had scarcely uttered a few introductory sentences on the subject of a General Election when he was pulled up by the first Suffragist question.

A woman in the body of the hall sprang up and asked: "Are you going to give women the vote and repeal the 'Cat-and-Mouse Act'?" It was in vain that Mr. Jones pleaded innocence and his own loyal support of the Cause. The interruptions poured down upon him so that a coherent speech became impossible.

#### Excited Scenes.

At this point a couple of the more ardent Liberal spirits rushed to the rescue of the speaker and endeavoured to eject the interrupters from the hall. But the women were determined, and their assailants few in number, so that a violent struggle lasting several minutes, kept the meeting in suspense.

Eventually one of the women was flung out of the hall, but immediately others took up the fight with the result that fully half an hour passed before Mr. Jones obtained a hearing. By that time his audience had become restive, and the final impression taken from the meeting was that the interrupters had had the best of it.

### MR. LIEF JONES AGAIN.

#### TROUBLE AT LAMBLEY MEET-ING.

Mr. Jones, M.P. is coming in for his share of cross-questioning on the subject of woman's franchise. At Lambley, Nottingham, where he held a meeting, he was repeatedly interrupted, not only by women in his audience but by men sympathisers.

Mr. Jones started on the perfections of Mr. Asquith and on the good he was doing for the country. "Yes, forcible feeding!" came the comment from a too intelligent member of the audience. A man wanted to know why Larkin had been released and the women kept in prison. He too was thrown out by way of answer.

There were many other interruptions, and the disturbers of the peace were violently ejected.

### MR. FALCONER INTERRUPTED.

Mr. Falconer, M.P. for Forfarshire was subjected to severe heckling at Broughty Ferry last Monday night.

In spite of the fact that great precautions were taken and four women were refused admittance, there were many interruptions, and three women were ejected.

### EXCITED MEETING AT BARKING.

#### SIR JOHN BETHELL UNDER SUFFRAGIST FIRE.

Sir John Bethell's meeting at Barking Baths was remarkable for everything except harmony. Not only was he subjected to a hot cross fire, but the support which the women received from the men in the audience made the usual Liberal methods of dealing with interrupters a matter of great delicacy.

#### Speaker's Threats.

On Sir John's assertion that Mr. Lloyd George was going to

throw all his energies into passing a Housing Reform Bill, a woman inquired if he was going to work as hard as he did for Women's Suffrage, and in that case when would the Bill be passed? At this point the speaker lost his temper and threatened first to turn the interrupter out himself, and then to prosecute them under the Public Meetings' Act.

Threats, however, were of no avail. The men sympathisers in his audience now joined in, and Sir John reminded them in despair that he had other meetings to attend, and that he could not continue to shout.

#### Chairman Leaves the Platform.

At this point Sir John announced that he would not go on until his tormentors had been removed. The chairman, therefore, hurried down into the hall, and after a struggle with the stewards one man was ejected.

The interruptions continued in spite of all efforts until the end of the meeting, when Sir John declared that he was not going to be subjected to this sort of treatment at every meeting. As it has been proved, however, the wishes and intentions of Liberal M.P.'s on this point are not always the deciding factors, and Sir John was destined to discover on later occasions that Suffragettes are not confined to Barking.

### SIR JOHN BETHELL AT SEVEN KINGS.

#### ANOTHER DISTURBED MEETING.

As Sir John Bethell rose to address a Liberal meeting at Seven Kings he was reminded of the existence of Suffragettes by a shower of leaflets from the gallery and the unfurling of a banner bearing the inscription "Votes for Women."

The audience was entirely friendly in its attitude, but Sir John insisted on the ejection of the disturbers.

A moment later, however, a woman asked a question, whereupon the speaker became very angry. "I will not stand this sort of thing," he said for the second time this week. "Turn the woman out!"

His order was promptly and very roughly obeyed, but not without protests from members of his audience.

### SIR JOHN BETHELL AT CHADWELL HEATH.

#### ANOTHER ENCOUNTER.

In spite of Sir John Bethell's determination not to stand any further interruptions at his meetings he was met again on Thursday evening by some very persistent questioning from Suffragette quarters.

On this occasion the speaker tried other tactics, and delivered a homily to the effect that "women should be patient." "We have been patient for fifty years," was the obvious retort, whereupon Sir John left that point and assured his audience that he had always voted for women's measures—"Including the 'Cat-and-Mouse Act,'" came the prompt interjection.

#### Some Liberal Reasoning.

The stewards now made a rush for the interrupter, but Sir John intervened, suggesting that "as the lady was young and good-looking she should be allowed to stay a little longer." This example of reason and good taste produced a spell of quiet during which the speaker explained that he had voted for the "Cat-and-Mouse Act" because he objected to forcible feeding. "Our women are being forcibly fed now," was the answer.

Sir John hastily changed his point again, and had begun to criticise

militancy when he was reminded of the methods adopted by men in the same cause. This was too much. Liberal reason succumbed to Liberal indignation. With the help of excited stewards the interrupter was violently ejected, taking with her the happy consciousness that the audience of that evening would think more about Woman's Suffrage than about anything else their member of Parliament might choose to tell them.

### SIR JOHN SIMON HECKLED

At a gathering held at Walthamstow, Sir John Simon was subjected to several interruptions from the Suffragettes present. After the reception, as Sir John was about to address the assembly, a woman walked up to the platform and began to question him as regards the conduct of the Government. She was thrown out, but her question was immediately taken up by other women, and it was not till five other interrupters had been ejected that Sir John was allowed to continue in peace.

### MR. LLOYD GEORGE CENSURED.

#### AN ENCOUNTER AT OLYMPIA.

A man Suffragist, who said he was a member of the M.P.U., had an encounter with Mr. Lloyd George at the Motor Show, Olympia, last Thursday evening. Seeing Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd George in the company of Sir Rufus and Lady Isaacs he told the Chancellor that, instead of spending his time at the Motor Show he ought to be doing something to end the torture of women in prison.

Mr. Lloyd George grew very pale while Sir Rufus told the man to shove it and go away. He, however, stood his ground, calling Mr. Lloyd George a hypocrite, and telling him he ought to be ashamed of himself. "Why doesn't your Government give women the vote," he concluded. "Look here," said a man who was standing near, "this is business, keep politics out." "It is the duty even of business men to prevent the torture of women," replied the other, warmly.

By this time, however, the police came up, and Mr. Lloyd George was able to withdraw.

### NO PEACE FOR LIBERAL M.P.'S.

#### INTERRUPTED EDINBURGH MEETING.

Mr. Richard McGhee, M.P. for Mid-Tyrone, delivered an address on "Current Politics" on Wednesday at Edinburgh.

Mr. McGhee had only been speaking for a few minutes when a woman sitting in the front row interrupted with the question: "Sir, how can you support a cowardly Government which tortures women and allows men to go free?" She was immediately seized by the stewards, who thrust her out of the building.

For a time there was peace, and Mr. McGhee was just warming to his subject when another determined questioner rose to her feet and the speaker was reminded that "Votes for Women" was the most important question of the day.

This time the Edinburgh audience would not allow the Suffragette to be thrown out, and she remained to ask further questions.

### MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN AT LONG FATON.

#### WILD MEETING.

Mr. Philip Snowden spent a fruitless hour at Longaton endeavouring

to get a hearing from his audience. Again and again the Suffragists compelled him to resume his seat until the chairman announced that if the interruptions continued Mr. Snowden would not speak at all.

The audience's sympathy was with the interrupters, however, and for a long time no attempt was made to touch the women. When at length they were thrown out there were angry cries of "Leave them alone!" and "Put them on the platform!"

Mr. Snowden then stated that he had found by experience that there were only two things possible under such circumstances; either for the audience to take matters in their own hands or for the meeting to be abandoned.

After this every woman who opened her mouth was promptly pounced upon by the stewards and flung out. Several resisted strenuously, and in many cases men came to the rescue and shared their fate.

One man was ejected for protesting against forcible feeding and the Labour Party's inaction.

### MR. MASTERMAN AND SWEATED WORKERS.

#### TIMELY INTERRUPTIONS.

Mr. Masterman was addressing the Sweated Workers' Conference at Sunderland House when he was reminded that Votes for Women was the one great weapon against the evil of which he spoke. Mr. Masterman referred to the action of Parliament with regard to the sweated industries, and a moment later a woman asked what the Government meant to do for the women. There was, of course, no answer save the usual Liberal one. The questioner was ejected from the meeting.

### MR. MASTERMAN TAUGHT HIS DUTY.

Mr. C. F. G. Masterman addressed a Liberal mass meeting at Newcastle last Saturday. No women were admitted without tickets, although the meeting was freely advertised as being "Admission free."

However, one Suffragette managed to get in, and when Mr. Masterman was holding forth about the absence of principles in the Tory Party, she intervened with the exclamation, "What about Liberal principles?" After some trouble she was ejected.

A number of women who had been refused admittance waylaid Mr. Masterman on his way and told him a few home truths, the large crowd which collected being entirely sympathetic to the women.

### IN MEMORIAM.

We regret to inform our readers that William Edward Bethell passed away last Sunday morning as a result of the injuries he received at a meeting addressed by Dr. Macnamara in Camberwell on November 15. He went there with his brother, a member of the M.P.U., and, in supporting him, had his nose broken and his knee put out. The shock proved too much for him, and another good fighter has "finished the course."

INTERESTING NEWS.

MR. ZANGWILL PROTESTS.

To the Editor of the SUFFRAGETTE.  
MADAM.—In to-day's SUFFRAGETTE you accuse me of "grotesque falsehoods," because in my article in the "Electrical Review," "fanatics," etc. occur, whereas the militants are, you contend, "heroic figures," etc.  
Considering that the whole purpose of this section of my article is to defend them against the "grotesque falsehoods" of the general press, and that the text even goes on to compare them with Christ, your rendering of my words from their context is not without its humorous aspects.  
The "Westminster Gazette" says of my article: "Mr. Zangwill gives us a long historical account of the militant Suffrage movement, of which it need not be said he is a supporter more enthusiastic than the women themselves. In his eyes those who have suffered in prison are at once martyrs and heroes, etc." If this is not absolutely accurate it is infinitely truer to the spirit of my article than your account, and as the article is appearing also all over America, as well as in some five or six European languages, it may not be altogether without value for our cause. I did not expect gratitude, still less did I expect to be criticised, but I think I am entitled not to be misrepresented in a Suffrage organ.  
As to your charge that in urging that women cannot terrorise enough, I am guilty of "criminal incitement," well, it to point out to a general (on my own side) that his forces are absolutely insufficient for fighting, is to incite him to give battle, then I am a criminal. If fighting could do the trick, why do I find a whole page of the SUFFRAGETTE devoted to an appeal for funds and another to forthcoming meetings? A box of matches, as I heard Mrs. Drummond say from the platform, does not cost very much. The talking side of the movement is represented without the W.S.P.U. Once Ulster really starts fighting, there will not be many speeches from Sir Edward Carson.—Yours sincerely ISRAEL ZANGWILL. Far End, East Preston, Sussex.

THE EDITOR REPLIES.

This letter leaves our views unchanged. Our correspondent declares one of the purposes of his article on the militant Suffragists to be to defend them against the "grotesque falsehoods" of the general press. But what he has actually done is to substitute for Press misrepresentation, always so crude that people of experience can read between the lines of it, another and a more dangerous misrepresentation of his own.  
Of course he testifies to the heroism of the militants, and proclaims that they have in them something of the Christ spirit. But no one in these days can profess to write seriously of militancy without making these admissions. Even the leader of the anti-militant Suffragists admits the "heroism" of the militants. Even Mr. McKenna himself speaking months ago in the House of Commons said that the militants were "actuated by the determination to make martyrs of themselves in order that their cause may receive a further stimulus by their heroic example," and he added, "It has been said that there are not many women who would die, but I think you would find that thirty, forty, or fifty would give up their lives, one after another in order to defy the law, and would consider it a triumph over the law to die from starvation. That is the temper we have to deal with."  
How, when all is said and done, does our correspondent's account or

view of the militants materially differ from that of Mr. McKenna? Of the militants, Mr. McKenna says, "they are fanatical, hysterical women, who no more fear death in fighting for what they believe to be the cause of women than natives of the Sudan feared death when fighting the battle of the Mahdi." Our correspondent refers to them as "desperate spirits" and "fanatics." Therein consists the misrepresentation of which we have accused him.  
What he calls reading the text from the context we view as extracting the kernel of his article. The article is fundamentally, and in its more important aspects, an attack upon the political policy of the W.S.P.U., and a criticism of the present-day manifestations of the militant spirit. It is an instance of that familiar method of attack which endorses what the Suffragettes used to do in order to seem better qualified to attack what the Suffragettes are doing now. "Militancy was all right up to a certain point," as the foolish and familiar saying runs, "but now you have gone too far."  
We repeat our statement that to tell women they cannot terrorise is a criminal incitement. Women can terrorise if they will. All the world knows that. Women have done it before now.  
The reference to Sir Edward Carson proves our case. If Sir Edward Carson can terrorise, so can women, for there is nothing that he and his friends propose to do that women could not also do. Women are as good shots as men, and once they start fighting they can be, as is the female sex throughout the animal kingdom, "fiercer than the male." Patience and compunction, however, are in them greater than in the male sex. Therefore, they are slower to give battle, and therefore they will try the milder means, before they proceed to means more violent.  
What our correspondent really means is, not that the women cannot terrorise, but that they will not terrorise. He and his sex as a whole are indeed trading upon women's forbearance and humanity.  
To refer again to Sir Edward Carson—Sir Edward Carson does not, as it happens, expect to carry the day by overmastering force. He knows, and he says, that the British Army is stronger than he and his armed forces. What he depends upon to supplement his inferior physical force is the moral and political indignation that will be aroused among his fellow-men all over the kingdom if his rebel army is shot down by the forces of the Crown.  
Of two things we may be sure, and they are these: When fighting begins in Ulster—if the Government ever dare to allow it to begin—in the first place, appeals for funds for the Ulster struggle will be even more urgent than the similar appeals already made; in the second place there will be held in London and other parts of the country meetings in support of the Ulster rebellion and in condemnation of any violent means the Government may take to overcome it.

THE BY-ELECTION IN SOUTH LANARKSHIRE.

Organiser: MISS UNDERWOOD, 502, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.  
Headquarters: Kirkton Street, Carlisle.  
Candidates:  
The Hon. W. Watson ... (U.)  
Mr. T. Gibb... (Lab.)  
Mr. G. Morton ... (L.)  
The W.S.P.U. has arrived first on the field. Committee-rooms have been taken in Kirkton Street, Carlisle, the largest town in the constituency, and an energetic campaign is

in full swing. Carlisle has been thoroughly canvassed, and meetings have been held almost every night at the Cross.  
A NO-RENT STRIKE.  
Speaking from a window in Ford Road, Bow, last night, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst announced that a no-rent strike amongst the working women of London would shortly be started in order to gain the franchise, and that rent strikers who might be interfered with by the authorities would receive the protection of the new people's army.  
MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST AND THE 'DAILY HERALD' LEAGUE.  
DEAR EDITOR.—In case your leading article of last week should create any misapprehension, I wish to state clearly, in so many words, that neither I nor the East London Federation of the W.S.P.U. have formed or are proposing to form any alliance with either the "Herald" League or any other men's political party.  
I went to the Albert Hall meeting to point out that "behind every poor man there stands a still poorer woman"; that the women's wages and conditions in Dublin and elsewhere are worse than the men's. Also that the women political prisoners are treated with greater harshness and cruelty than the men political prisoners, the proof of that being apparent, for I was in immediate peril of arrest, and had to come and go by strategy, whilst Mr. Lansbury, Mr. Connolly, and Mr. Scurr, though charged with precisely the same offence as I, were free men.  
As for the "Herald" paragraph, of which so much notice has been taken, it appears to me quite illogical, for the very proof of the value of the vote is that just because we have not got the vote we have had to suffer far more than any body of men have had to do, in order to obtain it.  
Faithfully yours,  
E. SYLVIA PANKHURST.  
321, Roman Road, Bow, E.

Chapter 13

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NOT IMMORAL AT ALL.

Under the above heading, the "Women's Journal," the American Suffrage paper, publishes the following:  
The senior surgeon of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, Dr. Mary A. Smith, has read Christabel Pankhurst's articles in the SUFFRAGETTE, and says that they are very able and not at all exaggerated. They give a plain statement of the dangers to which profligacy exposes the health of innocent wives and children. Some of the strongest passages are quotations from the published works of the late Dr. Prince Morrow, President of the American Society for Sanitary and Moral Prophylaxis. It has been well said, in regard to the social evil, that "men sow the wind, and women and children reap the whirlwind."  
With all respect for the good work that Anthony Comstock has done, it may be said that this is not the first time that he has allowed his zeal to outrun his discretion. Some years ago he wanted to suppress an issue of the organ of the National Purity Association, because of an article in it which he considered objectionable.  
The law against the circulation of indecent literature was never meant to apply to the serious discussion of a serious public evil. A frank presentation of the hygienic dangers of vice is about the last thing likely to promote vice or to make it attractive.

A LESSON TO THE POLICE

Judge Mackarness gave judgment yesterday in the Hastings County Court in the case of Rance and others v. The Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of Hastings. The action was brought by three members of the N.U.W.S.S., and judgment was given in their favour, with costs on the higher scale. This is a most important decision, and is a lesson to the police that in future they will be expected to provide proper protection of the public, including women Suffragists, from hooligan mobs.

IMPORTANT ITEMS.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS' SALE.

In the midst of the many activities of the Union the claims of the Christmas Sale must not be forgotten. Contributions to the various stalls will be welcomed very gladly by the Sale Secretary, and should be sent to her at Lincoln's Inn House near the day of opening, December 4.  
Mrs. Walker will be in charge of the toys, and contributions will be warmly welcomed. Will all friends who are giving toys to children or grandchildren this Christmas remember to buy them at this most attractive stall?  
Mrs. Mausel Pleydell is undertaking the sweet and cracker department. Home-made sweets are quickly and inexpensively made, and it is hoped that sweet-making members will contribute liberally to this stall. Mrs. Mausel Pleydell makes a special appeal for crackers, for which there was a great demand last year.  
Mrs. Terrero is organising the Provision Stall. She specially asks for promises of fresh vegetables, eggs, and butter, geese, turkeys, and fowls. Christmas orders for poultry can be booked now, and would be purchasers are asked to write to her, care of the Sale Secretary, at Lincoln's Inn House. In connection with this department a grocer's scale and weights will be needed. Will a member kindly offer to lend this?  
The Fancy Stall will be in charge of Miss Rebie Keller, who asks members and friends to search amongst their special treasures with a view to the successful stocking of this stall.  
Miss Connor Smith is looking after the Lucky Tub, for which many small contributions will be welcomed.  
Lady Lely and Mrs. Sudd Brown will be responsible for the Tea and Refreshment Department. They will be most grateful for gifts of money towards expenses or for offers in kind such as sugar, butter, cakes, etc. They intend making a very special feature of dainty teas, attractively served, and it is hoped that members will make up parties for tea during the time the sale is on.  
The Cards and Calendar Stall will be in the charge of Mrs. Bowker and Miss Saunders. They make a very urgent and special appeal for Christmas cards and calendars of all prices.  
Mrs. Temple Bird, Mrs. Powell, and Miss Streetfield have kindly consented to undertake the lightning sketches. If this meets the eye of any good friend who can do Silhouettes, will she write to the Sale Secretary at once saying what time she can give?  
The I.C. Company have very generously promised to give cigarettes to the sale.  
We are more than grateful to all those good friends who have promised to come and sing, recite, or play violin or piano during the afternoons and evenings whilst the sale is on. More offers of help are, however, wanted. Kindly write saying hour and day to the Sale Secretary, who is anxious to arrange an informal programme.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

London Meetings.  
The speakers on Monday next, November 24, at the Knightsbridge Hall, at 3.15 p.m., will be Mr. Frederick Whelen, Mrs. Dacre Fox, and others. It is hoped that it may be possible for Miss Annie Kenney to be present.  
The meeting on Thursday evening will be held at the Elysée Galleries, Queen's Road, Bayswater, at 8 p.m. The speakers will be Miss Katherine Margeeson and Miss Bonwick, B.A. Miss Olive Bartels will be in the chair.  
Men will not be admitted to these meetings without tickets, which may be obtained at Lincoln's Inn House. All men must be introduced by a member.  
Miss Pankhurst's Book.  
We expect Miss Christabel Pankhurst's book to be on sale shortly. Will any intending purchaser who has given a prepaid order at Lincoln's Inn House kindly write at once to Mrs. Tuke with regard to that order?  
PRISON NEWS.  
On Saturday last Miss Rachel Peace was brought up at the Old Bailey and charged with firing a bomb together with Miss Richardson. Mr. Bodkin told the court Miss Richardson was too ill to appear. Miss Peace was sentenced to 18 months with hard labour. There was a protest in court against the injustice of the trial, and four arrests were made.  
On Monday the four women were brought up at the Guildhall. Miss Ward was charged with throwing a tomato at Mr. Bodkin. She was discharged. Miss Jones was charged with throwing a hammer; she was sentenced to two months' hard labour. Mrs. Aldham and Miss Seaton were both sentenced to one month with hard labour for breaking windows in the court. All the women expressed their intention of hunger striking.  
The Stirling authorities have now dropped the charges against the four women who were arrested at Bannockburn on the occasion of Mr. Asquith's visit.  
Miss Ansell was rearrested on leaving Lincoln's Inn House on Tuesday.

THANKS.

Miss Annie Kenney wishes to thank all those friends who have so kindly sent kind messages, flowers, fruit, etc.  
MESSRS. OWEN.  
Messrs. Owen, of Westbourne Grove, are making a speciality of tango teas. Exhibitions are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays throughout November, from 3.30 to 5.30. Admission is free, and there will be special tango teas on those days.  
The tango room is in the new wing above the lace department.

PRISONERS.

NAME	Date when Sentenced.	Length of Sentence.	Place of Imprisonment
Mrs. Aldham	Nov. 17.	1 month hard labour	Holloway
Miss Ansell	Aug. 4.	1 month	"
Miss Jones	Nov. 17.	2 months' hard labour	"
Mr. Donald McEwan	May 19.	9 months	Calton Gad, Edinburgh
Miss Peace	Nov. 15.	18 months' hard labour	Holloway
Miss Seaton	Nov. 17.	1 month hard labour	"



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Campaign Throughout the Country.

We give below an account of some of the constitutional and educational work being done on behalf of the W.S.P.U. in various parts of the country.

LONDON.

Balham and Putney. Open-air meeting, Friday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Castor Road, Miss Palmer. Will be held in the present SUFFRAGETTE paper-sellers' meeting, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. More pennies still needed for propaganda and thanks to members who have contributed. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Cockeage, 12, Foxbourne Road.)

Battersea.

On Saturday, November 15, jumble sale held at Latchmere Baths. Magnificent sum of £32s. 10d. realised. Many thanks to members and friends from Folkestone, money sent through Mrs. A. Green. Gratefully acknowledged. A Friend, 10s.; L. Cutten, £1 10s.; still needed, £13. Tickets for Kingsway Hall (Tuesday, Nov. 25), debate at Chiswick Town Hall (Wednesday, Nov. 26) concert in aid of E. London W.S.P.U. at Kingsway Hall (Saturday, Nov. 29), and Women's League (profits to branch) can be had at shop. SUFFRAGETTE sellers on Mondays (8 p.m.) and Fridays (7 p.m.), and in Putney High Street (Saturday mornings) urgently needed. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. C. Furley-Smith and Miss L. Cutten; shop, 95, Fulham Road.)

Bow and Bromley.

Members are asked to attend the Monday afternoon reading aloud. An interesting new book has been started. Has any member a typewriter or desk that could be loaned to the Bow and Bromley shop? Thanks to members who bring cakes, etc., as such things find a ready sale. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. V. Lansbury, 101, St. Stephen's Road.)

Bowes Park and District.

What drive held last Wednesday in Mr. Victor Prout's studio very successful. Prize winners, Mrs. Daniels and Mr. Goulden. Many thanks to Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Epton for giving prizes. Excellent meeting held Alderman's Hill Saturday evening. Large and interested crowd listened to Miss Frankerd's address. Large number of SUFFRAGETTE sold. Still more sellers needed. Send in your names and time you can give. (Hon. Sec., Miss Hilda Gargett, 4, Stenard Road, Palmer's Green.)

Canning Town.

Women's meeting on Monday. First of weekly indoor meetings on Wednesday well attended. Mrs. Parsons has got no less than seven new members, and both she and Mrs. Drake have also done good work in getting signatures to declaration. Miss Buchan has given splendid help at evening open-air meetings. Dinner-hour meetings at meat factory and Paragon Works (where the girls have had a fight for recognition of their trade union) most successful. Everyone busy now preparing for Miss Sylvia Parkhurst's meeting in Public Hall, (Org., Miss M. Paterson, 25, Totnes Road.)

Chelsea.

To-day (Friday) Miss Ada Moore's Speakers' Class. New members can still join course. Sale of work Chelsea Town Hall, Nov. 28 and 29. Please call at shop for bills of sale to distribute from house to house. Poster parades to advertise sale 27th and 28th, starting at 11.30. Volunteers, please send in names. All goods for sale should be sent to shop as soon as possible, prices marked. Will members with country friends ask for flowers to be sent to Town Hall on Nov. 23 by first post? Two new members welcomed. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Edwards; shop, 508, King's Road; telephone, 2838 Kensington.)

Clapham.

Jumble sale very successful. Thanks to all who sent parcels and helped. Will any member with spare time fetch materials from office to make up small articles for Christmas sale? Full particulars of next women's meeting will be sent to members as soon as possible. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Strong; office, 34, Elspeth Road.)

Croydon.

Next meeting No. 24, 8 p.m., at office. Speaker, Miss Naylor. Members, please bring friends. What drive, Dec. 1, at office, kindly given by Mrs. Hockley; tickets, 6d. each. Many thanks to Miss Evelyn Sharp for address, Nov. 14, also to Miss Gray, who gave some of her prison experiences; also many thanks to Mrs. Russell (who took Miss Green's place at short notice) for chairing. Thanks to members for goods and help at jumble sale. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Cameron-Swan; shop, 50, High Street.)

Ealing.

Members and friends invited to drawing-room meeting, Thursday, Nov. 27 (see programme). Jumble sale contents sympathisers receive their odds for same? (Hon. Sec., Mrs. F. M. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road.)

Forest Hill and East Dulwich.

Mrs. Welbrook kindly acted as hostess and presided at members' meeting on Friday evening. Report given of activities of Union since last general meeting in May. Finance of shop discussed. Several members promised to increase the subscriptions to ensure its continuance. Speakers: Mrs. Dacre Fox and Miss Grace Roe. Various plans discussed and several definite offers of help made. Will those members who were unable to be present please call at office for particulars? (Hon. Sec., Miss A. E. Metcalf; shop, 6, Imperial Buildings, Forest Hill.)

Fulham and Putney.

Treasurer needs £20 before Jan. 1. Will members and friends please help either with jumble sale (Saturday, Dec. 6) or articles for Christmas sale—e.g., Christmas puddings, mince-cakes, sweets, etc.? Gratefully acknowledged: A Friend, 10s.; L. Cutten, £1 10s.; still needed, £13. Tickets for Kingsway Hall (Tuesday, Nov. 25), debate at Chiswick Town Hall (Wednesday, Nov. 26) concert in aid of E. London W.S.P.U. at Kingsway Hall (Saturday, Nov. 29), and Women's League (profits to branch) can be had at shop. SUFFRAGETTE sellers on Mondays (8 p.m.) and Fridays (7 p.m.), and in Putney High Street (Saturday mornings) urgently needed. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. C. Furley-Smith and Miss L. Cutten; shop, 95, Fulham Road.)

Hackney.

Very successful meeting held Tuesday last, Clapton Square. Thanks to Mrs. Gibson. SUFFRAGETTE sold well. Will members kindly attend every Thursday evening for selling? Help wanted for working women's meetings. Members' meeting every Wednesday evening, 8 p.m. Members asked to attend this, as it is important that campaign be arranged. Cakes, crockery, etc., needed for office afternoon teas for members. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. E. Ives, 175, Dalston Lane.)

Hammersmith.

Meeting at shop Tuesday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m. Speakers, Mrs. Dacre Fox and Miss Grace Roe. Please send contributions towards jumble sale, Saturday, Nov. 29, as soon as possible. Members and their friends are asked to meet every Saturday evening, 8 p.m., in shop, to discuss subjects relating to woman's movement. First meeting Nov. 22. (Hon. Sec., Miss C. M. Mackay; shop, 95, The Grove.)

Hampstead.

Nearly £19 realised at jumble sale. Many thanks to Mrs. Hicks for so ably organising it and to all who helped and sent contributions. An attractive array of Christmas cards and calendars now on sale at shop. A supply of mince-cake ready shortly. Deputation will wait upon Borough Council at their next meeting regarding refusal of Town Hall to local Un. Children's Christmas Party Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20. Many attractions. Full particulars on application at office. Miss Naylor addressed a splendid meeting on Hampstead Health last Sunday. (Hon. Sec., Miss D. D. Solomon; Sec., Miss G. Batson; shop, 173, Finchley Road, N.W.; telephone, Hampstead 4900.)

Hendon, Golders Green, and Finchley.

Street-corner meetings ended for season at Golders Green on Friday and Finchley on Saturday. Many thanks to speakers; also to two pitch captives. Successful drawing-room meeting addressed last Wednesday by Mrs. Dove Wilcox at Granville Hall, Finchley. Thanks to helpers. Members are now asked to concentrate on protest meeting at St. Albans Hall, North End Road, Golders Green, Thursday, Nov. 27, 8.15 p.m. Speakers, Miss Naylor and others. Members meet Friday, Nov. 21, at 21, Rotherwick Road, Golders Green. On Saturday, Nov. 22, all are asked to meet at same place for poster parade (11 a.m.) to advertise meeting. (Hon. Sec., pro tem., Mrs. E. J. Hatfield, 47, Hale Lane, Mill Hill, N.W.)

Hornsey.

An eminently successful meeting held in Constitution Hall, Harringay, Thursday last. Good collection taken. An open-air meeting held in Crouch End; speaker, Miss Richmond. Every member asked to send as much as she can to the "Great Collec-

tion" purse to Miss Dearn, 35, Pemberton Road, Harringay, N., or to Hon. Sec. Offers of help needed in distributing slips in Highgate for debate, Dec. 11. (Hon. Sec., Miss Bonwick, B.A., 28, Weston Park, Crouch End, N.)

Hford.

Mrs. Bouvier is thanked for her most interesting speech on Wednesday at East Ham. Please remember Christmas sale, Dec. 10. Thanks for promises received; most welcome. Will members carefully study meetings list in future, as committee have decided to sometimes alter Hford meeting, Balfour Road, to Wednesday of Saturday? Meetings, open air, will be held Wednesday and Saturday as usual, only varying pitch. Committee meeting, Broadway Chambers, Friday, Nov. 28, 7.30 sharp. (Hon. Sec., Miss Haslam, 63, Cranbrook Road.)

Kensington.

Next members' meeting, Monday 24th, 8 p.m., at 3, Cambridge Studio, London Gardens, Notting Hill Gate. All are urged to attend Kensington "at home" in Victoria Room, Royal Palace Hotel; begin Thursday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Stewards and SUFFRAGETTE sellers wanted for these arrangements will be made at workers' meeting, Monday. Offers for drawing-room meetings will be gratefully received. Thanks to Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Sioase, and also to all others who helped to make sale a success. (Hon. Sec., Miss Elsa N. Dalghish; shop, 143, Church Street; telephone, 2116 Western.)

Kingston and District.

Many thanks to Mrs. Maxwell, of Molesey, for so kindly lending her drawing-room for meeting addressed by Mrs. Prefence. Good collection taken. Excellent meeting last Saturday night addressed by Miss Glidewell. Will all members concentrate on Christmas sale? Dates given later. Articles of all kinds Thursday afternoon at office in Clarence Street. Will members let Sec. know immediately what they are going to contribute to the next collection? (Hon. Sec., Miss E. Marqueti; office, 54, Clarence Street.)

Lewisham.

Thanks to Miss Townsend for speech on Sunday. Miss Wollen reports good opportunity for sale of SUFFRAGETTE at her pitch in Blackheath. Who will offer to give an hour, or even less, regularly once a week? Cakes, crockery, etc., needed for office help in money or kind needed. We are anxious to send a generous contribution as the result of sale to "Great Collection" on Mrs. Parkhurst's return. Mrs. Lewsell will take orders for home-made mince-cake, lemon-curd, and plum-cake. News, 114, Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, S.E. (Hon. Sec., Miss Caroline Townsend, 27, Murillo Road, Lee, S.E.)

North Islington.

Excellent meetings held at Thano Villas and Jones Brothers, thanks to Mrs. Duval and Miss Margaret Wright. Members please remember big meeting, Thursday, Nov. 29, Cannon Road, Athensum. We come to new member, Miss Clarke and Mrs. Shipman have promised to sell SUFFRAGETTE at Finsbury Park. Can friends offer rooms for some meetings in New Year? (Hon. Sec., Miss F. C. Tristram; office, 19, St. Thomas's Road, Finsbury Park.)

North-West London.

"Medical Woman" and Mr. Gillespie thanked for speeches Wednesday last and Mrs. Sadd Brown for speaking to women's meeting on Tuesday. Next meeting Tuesday, 25th, 8.30. Will members return all unsold tickets for Linacre Hall not later than Friday, Nov. 27? Canvasers and helpers to distribute bills gratefully needed. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Penn Gaskell; office, 310, High Road, Kilburn; telephone, 5003 Hampstead.)

Stratham.

Members are asked not to forget special meeting to-night (Friday) at shop, 8.15 p.m., when Mrs. Dacre Fox hopes to speak. Next meeting at Stratham Town Hall Monday, Dec. 1, 8.15 p.m. This must be advertised well by poster parades, which leave shop Saturday, Nov. 29, 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday 11.30 a.m. speaker, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson (Women's Tax Resistance League). Please remember sale of Christmas gifts next month. (Hon. Sec., S. Shrubbery Road.)

West Ham.

Thanks to Mrs. Walker for good Forest Gate meeting. Regular indoor meetings for working women now being arranged; helpers needed; also another Town Hall meeting. Christmas sale at shop, Dec. 17, 24; promises of any kind welcome. Can anyone sell papers Tuesday evenings out-

side West Ham Technical Institute? SUFFRAGETTE going well; more sellers at pitches welcomed by Miss Layton. (Hon. Sec., pro tem., Miss Rowe, 31, Dangan Road, Wanstead; shop, 32a, Romford Road, Stratford, E.)

Walthamstow.

Very good open-air meeting held on Friday. Many thanks to Mrs. Gladman and Miss Gwen Richard. SUFFRAGETTE sold well. More sellers needed. Volunteers, please send name to Hon. Sec., Miss L. C. Hart, 11, Sylvan Road.

Westminster and St. George's.

The committee are glad to say that they have secured Miss Cumberland's services as organiser, and they wish to make a special appeal to all members who have not yet done their utmost to come forward and say what they will do to make Westminster campaign a real success. Help of all kinds urgently needed. Money, paper sellers, canvassers, drawing-room for meetings, help at outdoor meetings, and help in the shop. Successful meeting held on Saturday. (Hon. Sec., Miss Gladys Sheddin; shop, 17, Tothill Street; Org., Miss Cumberland; telephone, 7139 Victoria.)

Wimbledon.

Work for Christmas sale in progress. Useful gifts all kinds required. Jumble sale proved great success. Miss Cox, who is temporarily undertaking paper captainship would like to hear from all sellers. Write her or call shop Friday evenings. Volunteers, especially for Thursdays, needed. Very successful meeting Friday last. Mr. Harben, Miss Canning, and Mrs. Hutt thanked for interesting speeches. Sec. list for to-night's speakers. Mrs. Davies thanked admirable speech on Common. It is proposed slightly to postpone annual meeting. Motions for agenda to be sent without delay. Members' renewal fees now due. Please note new shop hours. (Hon. Sec., pro tem., Mrs. Beattie; shop and office, 9, Victoria Crescent; telephone, 1032 Wimbledon.)

Wimbledon Park and S. Wimbledon.

Successful meeting held in Broadway Saturday afternoon. Speaker, Miss Coombs. Number of SUFFRAGETTE sold. Members can have library books on application to Miss Jackson, 5, South Park Road; terms, 1d. per volume per week. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Beatty, 5, Elm Grove, Wimbledon.)

Woolwich.

Promises of cakes, etc., for December special gathering will be gratefully received. Contributions for "Great Collection" should be sent to Miss Cox at once. Thanks to Mrs. Elliott for obtaining new subscriber to the SUFFRAGETTE. (Hon. Sec., Miss A. M. Clifford, Miss D. Gregory, 4, Heathwood Gardens, Charlton, S.E.)

HOME COUNTIES.

Bexhill.

Will members work their hardest to make jumble sale, Dec. 6, and Christmas sale, Dec. 15, a great success? Weekly "at home" Tuesdays, 4.6, at shop. (Org., Miss M. S. Allen; Sec., Miss F. C. Tristram; shop, Marina.)

Bournemouth.

Meeting at St. Peter's Hall, Thursday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Speakers, Mr. Baillie Weaver and Mrs. Bouvier; chair, Mrs. Cavendish-Bentick. Tickets now on sale at office; numbered 2s. 6d., unreserved 1s. 6d.; also a few 3d. and free seats, for women only. Will members note date and do all they can to make this meeting known by selling tickets and giving away handbills? Volunteers wanted for poster parades to advertise meeting. Working parties held at office every Thursday, 2.30. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Berry; office, 221, Old Christchurch Road.)

Brighton and Hove.

Lantern lecture addressed by Mrs. Cameron Swan great success. First of Monday "at home" Nov. 17 (which will be held in office till Christmas, except Monday, Nov. 24) opened by Miss Emma Wylie. All articles for cake and candy sale should reach office not later than Nov. 26. Cakes and candy sale at office Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28, 3.10 p.m. (Org., Miss G. Allen; office, 8, North Street Quadrant.)

Eastbourne.

Will all members do utmost to collect subscriptions towards "Great Collection" to be presented to Mrs. Parkhurst on her return? Local Christmas sale begins Thursday, Dec. 11. Speakers, Miss Evelyn Sharp. Working parties in future Thurs-

day instead of Wednesday. Will visiting members help with Rev. Hatty Baker's meeting, Nov. 24? They are asked to call at shop and give in names. (Sec., Miss Goldingham; office, 53a, Grove Road.)

Hastings.

Thanks to Mrs. Bouvier for splendid speech. Copies of SUFFRAGETTE sent to local clergy and heads of schools. More SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently wanted. Weekly meetings, Mondays, Metropole Hall (entrance by archway, Plummer Road). Jumble sale Dec. 6. Christmas sale Dec. 15. Will all remember these important events? (Org., Miss M. S. Allen; Sec., Miss F. C. Tristram; office, 8a, Claremont.)

Newbury.

Well attended meetings of "Gleaners," Oct. 26 and Nov. 14. Two members assisted at Reading by-election. Jumble sale, Wednesday, Nov. 26, Temperance Hall, Northcroft Lane. Will all members kindly communicate with Miss Wickstead as to jumble sale, and what help they can give? Parcels for Christmas bazaar should also go to her ("Wepowce," Howard Road). Next "Gleaners" Monday, Dec. 1, at the Guildhall Hotel, 3 p.m. Subject, Jus Suffragi. (Hon. Sec., Miss Daukes, Diglis, Victoria.)

Portsmouth.

Members will regret to hear of death of Mrs. A. Cunningham, after an illness of several months, on Thursday last. Mrs. Cunningham was one of the first to join the Portsmouth Union, and very keen for the cause. (Hon. Sec., Miss L. H. Peacock, 4, Pelham Road, Southsea.)

Reading.

Will friends kindly let Hon. Sec. know what they will send for Christmas sale? Useful articles of clothing, cheap toys, sweets, etc., will be most welcome. Miss Marjesson will speak Nov. 4. Details next week. Many new members made during election campaign, and it is expected that many more will join as result of interest aroused. Communications to Hon. Sec., pro tem., 49, Market Place.)

Worthing.

Will all members send their work for headquarters bazaar to office on or before Nov. 23? A purse from Worthing members will be sent up to "Great Collection." Will members and friends do their best to help swell this? Members who are attending at Miss Green's lecture, Nov. 24, should be at Literary Institute 7 p.m. sharp. Many thanks to Mrs. McFarlane for paying for two paper posters to be shown weekly on prominent street stations. SUFFRAGETTE sales still increasing. Will any other member help in this most important work? (Hon. Sec., Miss Douglas, Findon; office, 39, Upper High Street.)

THE MIDLANDS.

Birmingham.

Splendid meeting held at Stirchley. Speaker, Miss Wylie. Many thanks to Mrs. Impney for drawing-room meeting. Members are urged to secure good audience for Queen's College on Wednesday. Open-air campaign begins Nov. 28, to advertise Mrs. Parkhurst's meeting. Speakers, chairs, and bill distributors needed. Miss Reid is now going to Stoke-on-Trent, and Kidderminster members in these districts are asked to communicate with Miss Reid at 97, John Bright Street. (Org., Miss Lilian Mitchell.)

Leicester.

Everyone enjoyed Miss Wylie's stirring speech on Tuesday, and it is expected that many will welcome Miss Gladys Hazel when she revisits Leicester on Nov. 25. Arrangements are being made to hold sale in shop of cakes, sweets, pastries, jams or marmalade, and useful household things, also useful garments, etc., during ten days before Christmas. Miss West will be glad to have promises of goods as soon as possible. (Org., Miss Elizabeth Grew; shop, 14, Dowling Green Street.)

Nottingham.

Protest meeting against forcible feeding great success. Thanks to speakers and to stewards. Over £3 collection. Resolution carried unanimously. Afternoon meetings being arranged for Mrs. Finlayson Gault, who will be in Nottingham for the week of Nov. 24 in "A Scrap of the Pen." Thanks to those who have reminded M.P.'s of their duty at meetings. Contributions to "Great Collection" should be sent to Organiser. Thanks to Mr. Burns for 10s. Sale fixed for Thursday, Dec. 11, and Saturday, 13th. Contributions needed. Special feature: Stall with mince-cake, cakes, sweets, etc. Promises gratefully received. (Org., Mrs. C. A. L. Marsh; office, 31, Derby Road.)

Walsall.

Sincere thanks to Miss Annie Williams for her speech, which was greatly appreciated by all. SUFFRAGETTE sold well. Good collection taken. Will members do their best to make known to friends Mrs. Ayrton Gould's visit on Nov. 27 and come to office for bills for distribution? Christmas sale of goods in office early in Dec. Gifts are needed. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Cotterell; office, 19, Leicester Street.)

Stratford-on-Avon.

Miss Barbara Wylie spoke splendidly at meeting in Free Library. Miss Gibbs and Mrs. Haydon are thanked for hospitality. SUFFRAGETTE sales increasing. (Hon. Sec., Miss Wedgwood, 3, Chestnut Walk.)

WEST OF ENGLAND.

Bath.

Good attendance and collection at meeting Assembly Rooms on Tuesday. Many thanks to Mrs. Woodcock for taking place for meeting at very short notice, and to Miss Margesson for excellent speech. Please bring friends to shop meeting Wednesday, Nov. 26, 5 to 7. Contributions to Christmas sale should be sent to Miss S. E. Wratlisley at shop by Dec. 1. (Hon. Sec., the Misses Tollemaecher; shop, 12, Walcot Street.)

Bristol.

Miss Margesson held successful meetings at Bristol and Avonmouth on Monday last. Miss Jessie Smith's open-air meeting at Westminster Bridge large and interested. Will shopkeepers take their usual hours at office? (Hon. Sec., pro tem., 37, Queen's Road, Clifton.)

Cheltenham.

Successful jumble sale held Saturday. Nearly £6 taken. Many thanks to all helpers and contributors. Meeting in large drawing-room of Town Hall Monday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m. Speaker, Mr. Gillespie. (Hon. Sec., Miss E. L. Andrews, 2, Victoria Walk.)

Cornwall.

Excellent open-air meeting addressed by Miss Clarence, Furo Market day. SUFFRAGETTE sold out. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Pascoe, 37, Marlborough Road, Falmouth; Miss E. Williams, Glenafon, Devon.)

Ilfracombe.

Members please bring their friends to drawing-room Wednesday, Nov. 26, 3.15 p.m., at Miss L. Ball's, 2, Larkstone Villa, Speaker, Mrs. Montague, of Crediton. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. De Sautoy Newby, 14, Broad Park Avenue.)

WALES.

Cardiff and District.

Meetings arranged for Organiser at Maesteg very successful. Mrs. Davies has promised to increase sale of SUFFRAGETTE by canvassing for regular readers. At Monday's meeting she succeeded in getting names of 15. Many thanks to Miss Hicks and Miss Nancy Lightman for splendid speeches. Miss Clara Butler's recitations gave very great pleasure. Organiser is arranging a meeting for Mrs. Kington Parkes at Carlton Cafe Wednesday, Nov. 26. Miss Lettice Floyd will be away for some weeks. Who will take her place as SUFFRAGETTE seller? Volunteers also wanted to take charge of office on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. (Org., Miss Annie Williams; office, 109, Queen Street.)

Newport.

Many thanks to Mr. Lawton for giving successful afternoon "at home" last week at which Miss Hicks spoke. Mrs. Hicks spoke to a good audience at evening meeting. Mrs. Croson kindly taking chair. Members wanted to help advertise Miss Wylie's meetings in Tredegar, Usk, and Wylie's meetings by chalking, etc., also stewards for meetings. Please volunteer. Offices now changed to 1, Western Mail Chambers. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Humphrey Mackworth, Oaklands, Caerleon, Monmouthshire.)

EASTERN COUNTIES.

Cambridge and District.

Many thanks to members and friends who helped so effectively on Sunday, also to those who are giving extra time for selling SUFFRAGETTE. Many members showing large Joan of Arc posters on two boardings. The secretary is "at home" to any members from Newnham College Friday afternoon. Gratefully acknowledged: A. W. L. and E. L. Sec., Miss Taylor, 2a; Mrs. and Miss Piper, 2a;



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Programme of the Week.

LONDON.

Friday, November 21.

Bellman, Caistor Road. Miss Palmer. Chair: Miss Greer ... 8 p.m.
Bayswater, Queen's Road, Westbourne Grove. Miss Emma Wylie. Chair: Mrs. Thomson ... 12 noon.

Saturday, November 22.

Battersea, Strath Terrace. Mrs. E. Duval ... 8 p.m.
Bayswater, Queen's Road, Westbourne Grove. Miss P. Rickards. Chair: Mrs. Thomson ... 12 noon.

Sunday, November 23.

Clapham Common. Miss Rickard. Chair: Miss Dorothy Smith ... 3 p.m.
Hampstead Heath, Flagstaff. Miss Agnes Kelly ... 11.30 a.m.

Monday, November 24.

Bow, Obelisk, Devons Road. Miss Ada Wright ... 8 p.m.
Bow, Out and Out Mission Hall, Tredegar Road. Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo ... 7.45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25.

Battersea, Princes Head. Mr. D. Duval ... 8 p.m.
Bow, Out and Out Mission Hall, Tredegar Road. Miss Billingham ... 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26.

Battersea Park Road, Latchmere Baths. Mrs. Mason ... 2.30 p.m.
Bayswater, Monmouth Road, Westbourne Grove. Miss A. Jacobs. Chair: Miss Dorothy Smith ... 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 27.

Acton Hill, 48, Teyford Avenue, W. Drawing Room Meeting. Miss Evelyn Sharp, Mrs. Tidswell. Hostess: Mrs. Thomson ... 7.30 p.m.
Bayswater, Elysee Galleries, Queen's Road. Miss Katherine Margesson, Miss Bonwick, B.A. Chair: Miss Olive Bartels ... 8 p.m.

Friday, November 21.

Canning Town, Beckton Road ... 8 p.m.
Croydon, Katherine Street. Mrs. Russell ... 8 p.m.
Fulham, Munster Road. Miss G. Richard ... 7 p.m.

COUNTRY.

Friday, November 21.

Dundee, Panmure Street. Miss Grant ... 8 p.m.
Edinburgh, West End ... 8 p.m.
Leeds, Town Hall Square. Miss Garrett ... 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, November 22.

Birkenhead, Haymarket. Miss Woodcock ... 7 p.m.
Dunfermline, Greenmarket. Miss Grant ... 3.30 p.m.
Edinburgh, Leith ... 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 23.

Leeds, Woodhouse Moor. Miss Garrett ... 3 p.m.
Leeds, Town Hall Square. Miss Garrett ... 7.30 p.m.

Monday, November 24.

Eastbourne, Langney Road, Central Wesleyan Hall. Rev. Harry Baker ... 8.15 p.m.
Glasgow, Lanark, Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Crawford ... 3 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25.

Brixhill, Marina. At Home. Rev. Harry Baker ... 4-6 p.m.
Cardiff, 109, Queen Street. Miss Annie Williams and others ... 5 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26.

Bath, 12, Walcot Street. Mrs. B. Everett. Tea ... 5-7 p.m.
Birmingham, Queen's College. Mrs. Ayrton Gould ... 8 p.m.
Dunfermline, Small Gillian Hall. Mrs. Armstrong ... 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 27.

Cork, 112, Patrick Street. Miss Dorothy Evans ... 8 p.m.
Edinburgh, New Café, St. Andrew's Square. Mrs. Armstrong ... 8 p.m.

Friday, November 28.

Aberdeen, Round Room, Music Hall. Mrs. Armstrong ... 8 p.m.
Cardiff, Drill Hall. Miss Barbara Wylie ... 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. Johnson, Is.; extra on SUFFRAGETTE, 12s. 6d.; Miss A. Weeks, 2s.; Miss Strickland (entrance subs.), 1s.; cake stall secretary know as soon as possible if they would like some W.S.P.U. Christmas cards ordered from Lincoln's Inn House? Gratefully acknowledged: For Poster Fund, Ipswich and part Norwich, £5 1s.; Mrs. Levett, 1s.; collected from March meetings, 4s.; Two South Africans, 6s.; A Friend, 2s.; Anon., 2s.; Four Working Women, 1s.; Mrs. Lawton, 3s. For Poster Fund in March: Mrs. Norman, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Rue, 1s. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Lummis, 45, Fulbrook Road.)

Ipswich and District.

Will members do their utmost to collect subscriptions towards the great collection to be presented to Mrs. Pankhurst on her return? Subscriptions wanted to pay for showing poster for another year at Ipswich Station. (Hon. Sec., Miss King; shop, Tower Street.)

Norwich and District.

Miss Rogers addressed very successful meeting on eve of Conservative Annual Conference in Market Place. Working party held at offices each Monday, 7.10. Will those who have not yet replied to recent circular letter kindly do so as soon as possible? Members reminded of jumble sale, Hells Lane Mission Room, Monday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m. Will all who possibly can send parcels to office during week previous to sale? (Org., Miss Margaret West; office, 52, London Street, Norwich.)

NORTH-WESTERN COUNTIES.

Bolton.

Promises towards refreshments at what drive: Some cakes, Miss Hutchinson; 1lb.

Liverpool.

"At home." Clarion Café, every Tuesday, 8 p.m. Many thanks to Miss Cousins for her speech last week. Next Tuesday what drive to raise funds. Tickets 2s. Splendid meetings held by Miss Woodcock. Miss Woodcock and Miss Scholefield are selling 50 SUFFRAGETTES weekly in street. Will others do same? New seller welcomed. Miss Dobbing. Help of all kinds needed to make Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, Sun Hall, Dec. 15, a success. Office Fund now due. More subscribers wanted. (Org., Miss H. Jollie; office, 3A, Lord Street.)

Manchester.

Christmas sale, Dec. 13. Stalls: Home products stall, including dairy produce, home-made jam, cakes, sweets, etc. Will members who can contribute to this stall send immediately to Miss Duncan or Miss Allen? Household stall: Linen and fancy articles of any description urgently asked for. Please send to Mrs. Gochman and Mrs. Wood. Toy and Christmas present stall: Miss B. Pepper and Miss Eva Wilson will be glad of toys, dolls, dressed or undressed, books, etc. Miss Manesta is

arranging a Swedish stall. Entertainment being arranged by Miss Drummond, including recitals arranged by Miss Johnson, Secretary of Clarion Players, music, morris dancing, and palmistry. Will members let their friends know about sale at once? (Hon. sec., Miss Hilda Russell, 32, King Street West.)

South Manchester, Ha'e, Urmston, and Stockport.

Most successful whist drive held at Onward Buildings Friday last. Mrs. Ratcliffe read list of donations, amounting to £18. Miss Fargus (of London) made an eloquent appeal to members, and a purse of money was promised. All contributors to this whist to be sent to Mrs. Ratcliffe, 70, Heald Grove, Rusholme, by Dec. 1. On Dec. 5 a Shakespearean and humorous recital will be given by Mr. D. E. Oliver at Onward Buildings in aid of funds, commencing at 8 p.m. Tickets 1s. and 6d. each. (Hon. Sec., Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Manchester.)

NORTH-EASTERN COUNTIES.

Doncaster.

Excellent meeting Nov. 12 for Miss Cannon. Weekly meeting, Nov. 10. (Lectured locally to Mrs. Conliffe's splendid speech. Dance Nov. 13 most successful. Whist drive being arranged. Subscriptions urgently needed, also more jumble contributions and articles for Christmas sale. Members, please make it your work to fill weekly meetings. All every-thing urgently needed. (Org., Miss Key Jones, 1, Hallgate Chambers.)

Leeds.

Members meeting Tuesday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Theosophical Hall, 26, Charlotte Street. Business, to make final arrangements for public meeting, Dec. 9, Albion Road. Herbert Davy. Subject, "The White Slave Traffic." Will members willing to act as stewards and SUFFRAGETTE sellers kindly send in their names to secretary? Members urged to contribute to advertising meeting in their districts. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Trail, 105, Coltman Street.)

Leeds.

Many thanks to members who worked to make dance a success. "At Home" start at new shop, Wednesday, Nov. 19. To be held every Wednesday until further notice, at 3 p.m. All members please send in cash for tickets as soon as possible to Miss Cohen, 7, Warwick Place. Open-air meetings will be held in Tower Hill Square, and on Sanderson on road, weather permitting. (Org., Miss Olive Garrett; shop, 2, St. George's Road.)

Newcastle and District.

Office meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 25, will take form of special business meeting, and members are asked to make an effort to attend. Plans in connection with Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting in their districts. Will any member in district who can give a drawing-room meeting during first week in December kindly communicate with organizer at once? Mrs. Brindley's office tea, Nov. 22. (Org., Mrs. Margaret West; shop, 77, Blackett Street, Newcastle.)

Preston.

Jumble sale definitely fixed for third Friday in January. Please send all funds to address below. Thanks to all donors who helped at last meeting. (Mrs. E. Hemondhalgh, 22, Adelphi Street.)

Sheffield.

Sale of work begins Dec. 1, 3 p.m., and will continue till everything is sold. Contribution of any kind will be gratefully received. Jumble sale, Saturday, Dec. 13. Will members and friends who have not yet sent parcels to secretary as soon as possible? Who will offer to mind shop during dinner-hour? More SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently needed. (Hon. Sec., Miss E. M. Schuster; shop, 52, Chapel Walk.)

Wallasey.

Used monthly meeting held at 1, Main Road, Monday evening; speaker, Mrs. Cousins. All members are asked to concentrate on Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting on Sun Hall, Dec. 10. Please apply to Mrs. Criddle for tickets. Also, will any members who have not yet sent a donation

to the fund for Mrs. Pankhurst on her arrival in England please send at once to Mrs. Anderson. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Griddle, 21, Martin's Lane, Liscard.)

York.

Committee met on Friday. Mrs. Conliffe presented most satisfactory balance sheet. Sewing meeting tea took place on Wednesday. Members should concentrate on success of these and sale in December. Congratulations to Miss Appleby for splendid jumble sale. Thanks to Mrs. Misses Milner and others for help to Mrs. Conliffe for office cartons. Please keep Dec. 6 free for next meeting. (Org., Miss Key Jones, Colby Chambers, Coppergate.)

Scotland.

Aberdeen.

Members will be pleased to hear that Miss Walton is to be in the town as secretary. All must now come forward, so that work can progress quickly. Members are asked to put aside goods at once for jumble sale in December. Bills advertising Mrs. Armstrong's meeting are in shop for distribution, and members are asked to call for them. (Org., Miss M. S. Allen; sec. Mrs. O. Walton; shop, 7, Bon Accord Street.)

Edinburgh.

Members meeting Tuesday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Theosophical Hall, 26, Charlotte Street. Business, to make final arrangements for public meeting, Dec. 9, Albion Road. Herbert Davy. Subject, "The White Slave Traffic." Will members willing to act as stewards and SUFFRAGETTE sellers kindly send in their names to secretary? Members urged to contribute to advertising meeting in their districts. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Trail, 105, Coltman Street.)

Glasgow.

Mrs. Crawford spoke last Tuesday for Literary Society at Pailinton. Same evening Miss Helen McLean spoke in Suffrage debate against Mrs. Gladstone's Motion for Deferring Society at Bridge of Weir. On Wednesday Mrs. John gave Suffrage address at Unionist Rooms, Coatbridge; and on Thursday Mrs. John spoke at H.L.P. Hall, Milngavie. Good number of SUFFRAGETTES sold, and collection for W.S.P.U. taken. At Mrs. Naylor's meeting, Friday, Nov. 19, collection, £1 12s. A number of promises of money for by-election received. Owing to work entailed by by-election, sale of work at office suspended by Mrs. Naylor on Saturday, Dec. 13. Members, please note opportunity for buying Christmas presents. (Org., Miss Underwood; office, 52, Sauchiehall Street.)

Ireland.

Belfast.

Organiser addressed splendid muster of employees at W. H. Jenkins and Co.'s works in dinner-hour, Tuesday, 11th, arranged at special request of women employees, and by kind permission of Mr. Jenkins, who was present with his manager. It is hoped that other employers and their employees will offer the same courtesy and opportunity. Hearty thanks to all SUFFRAGETTE sellers. On Thursday, 13th, a most enjoyable and useful Arts and Crafts Class instituted in Lecture Room. Christmas sale starts Dec. 1, and ends on Saturday, 6th, with a special fête from 1 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., Ground floor. Tea served. Admission to fête, 6d., including a plain tea (fancy cakes extra). First floor, Room 2, sale of Christmas presents and novelties of all kinds. First floor, Room 3, concerts at 5 and 8 p.m. Second floor, Rooms 4 and 5, and third floor, Rooms 6, 7, and 8, progressive games and competitions. Prizes given for highest score of the day for each game, and a grand prize for the highest total of scores. Will members and friends volunteer at once as helpers? Besides all kinds of suitable Christmas presents, dairy produce, provisions, flowers, cakes, and sweets are required. Goods can be put on hand here any day, from now on, but organiser would be glad to

know on which day of sale she may expect perishable goods. Many thanks to Miss Montgomery for excellently arranged meeting at Ballyholme House, Friday, 14th. Number of members enrolled. (Org., Miss Dorothy Evans; Lister offices, 5, College Square East, Belfast; telephone, 3232.)

Work.

Miss Edwards' meeting tremendous success; hall packed, many turned away. Students who arrived to create disturbance remained to invite a speaker to address one of their own meetings. Collection cleared expenses. The SUFFRAGETTE sold well, and new members thanked for their help. Office now open. Members and friends invited to pay it a visit. Miss Lennox will address Irish Transport Workers' Union to-night (Friday), at 8 p.m. (Org., Miss Lennox; office, 15, Cook Street.)

Tublin.

Many kind thanks to those who have helped to work up meeting at Abbey Theatre to-day (Friday), 4 p.m. Also to those who have formed guarantee fund for office rent. More SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently needed and more volunteers to work up meeting next week, Nov. 23, when Rev. Davis (of Hereford) will speak. (Org., Miss M. Edwards, 1, Clare Street.)

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Instructor, Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Hon. Sec., Miss L. Blundell, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.

Much interest was aroused last Friday by a member's account of the splendid reception accorded to her and her fellow-speakers at the recent Reading election. The great victory achieved at Reading must be followed up by other elections where the electors are likewise persuaded to translate their sympathy into deeds. This can only be done by the W.S.P.U. having a large band of speakers who are capable of presenting their case both in halls and at street corners in an able and competent way. A course of training taken at the above class will therefore render members of infinite value to the Union. All communications regarding this should be made to Miss L. Blundell. Miss Leo's private classes (for members of the W.S.P.U. only) take place every Saturday, at 41, Norfolk Square, W., by kind permission of Mrs. Avron, at 4 p.m. Full particulars of these classes can be obtained from Miss Leo.

BAYSWATER CAMPAIGN.

Members living in the district are asked to support the regular out-door meetings which are held every week on Thursdays and Saturdays, at 12 noon, and on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. (For further particulars see announcements, p. 138.)

A special scheme for bill-distribution is being organised. Will anyone who can help with this work get in touch with the organiser? Contributions to the campaign fund, and offers of help should be sent in at once to Miss Dorothy Smith, Lincoln's Inn House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Best Christmas Present. Now that readers are turning their attention to the coming season of Christmas they should remember that the best and most useful present they can make to their friends is a subscription to the SUFFRAGETTE. They should also bear in mind that time is getting short, and that for the first number to reach friends abroad by Christmas subscription should be taken at once.

Mrs. Pankhurst's Provincial Engagements. A provincial tour is now being arranged for Mrs. Pankhurst on her return from the United States. Mass meetings will be held in Birmingham, Tuesday, December 9; Liverpool, Wednesday, December 10; Newcastle, Thursday, December 11; Nottingham, Wednesday, December 17; Leicester, Thursday, December 18.

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