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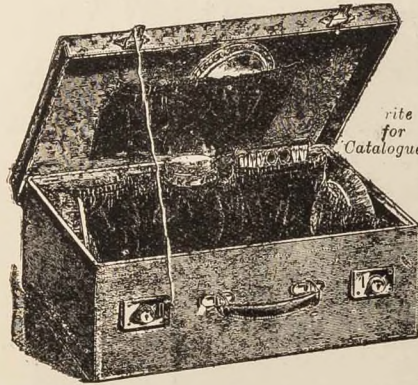
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Review of the Week.

The Great Women's Meeting—Mrs Pankhurst to Speak.

The announcement of a great women's meeting, to be held on July 16, in the Holland Park Hall, has been received with immense enthusiasm, and tickets are selling very rapidly. All who have not yet made application for their tickets are asked to apply without delay for tickets for the use of themselves and their friends. As it is desired to simplify bookkeeping, tickets should be paid for when they are ordered.

A most important feature of the meeting will, of course, be the raising of the Great Protest Fund. Our readers will, we know, concentrate during the time which remains before the meeting takes place, upon two all-important matters, namely, the collecting of money to form part of the Protest Fund, and the selling of tickets to those who as yet do not fully understand the work and aims of the W.S.P.U.

It is Mrs Pankhurst's intention to be present and to speak at the meeting.

Votes for Women NOW!

As to the case for the immediate enactment of a Votes for Women Bill, that is made complete by the Government's continuing and increasing surrender to the militants of Ulster. Since they are about to carry a Home Rule Act Amending Bill for the pacification of militant men, the Government must, for the same reasons, and on the same principles, carry a Votes for Women Act for the pacification of militant women—and they must carry it without delay.

Great Protest Fund—Another £500 Gift!

Money continues to pour in for the Great Protest Fund.

This week we are able to announce another contribution of £500, given by "a lover of peace" with the following message:—"In passionate protest against forcible feeding—that infamous, inquisitorial torture as practised by the Government on British women who are struggling for citizenship."

Another subscriber writes:—"I am afraid I cannot give more than £50. I have given £175 in the past year, and, as my income, apart from board and lodging provided by my mother, is only £270, it is as much as I can do. I have also given locally, of course. If I find I can manage more, I will send it. The thought of our gallant women in prison is quite unbearable."

On page 219 of this issue appears a Promise Form for the use of our readers. The form, filled in with the amount of money to be given, and signed with the name and address of the donor, may be handed in at Lincoln's Inn House, or may be given to the Chairman of the great meeting.

To Protest Against Forcible Feeding.

This great meeting will urgently demand the abandonment of forcible feeding, and the immediate enactment of a Bill giving votes to women on equal terms with men.

On referring to the list of Suffragist prisoners on page 228 of this issue, our readers will see that virtually all of them are being fed by force.

The Government, in the recent House of Commons debate, declared, through the mouth of Mr McKenna, that the Cat-and-Mouse Act is working to their satisfaction, but the truth is that they have recently abandoned it, altogether, save in a few exceptional cases, and forcible feeding is now the rule. Or, to state the matter more truly, forcible feeding is being used to supplement the Cat-and-Mouse Act—because a woman who is released at the point of death, after a period of forcible feeding, is not unconditionally free as she used to be before the Cat-and-Mouse Act was carried; she is, as the Home Secretary pointed out in the House of Commons the other day, subject to re-arrest as soon as she has regained a little strength.

Cat-and-Mouse Torture and Forcible Feeding Combined!

In fact the Cat-and-Mouse Act, which the Government forced through Parliament on the plea that it was an alternative to forcible feeding, is now being used as a supplement to, and as an aggravation of forcible feeding torture.

A year ago, as the result of a great campaign of protest, forcible feeding was abolished. Now that this torture has been revived, the W.S.P.U. is once more engaged in a campaign against it.

All our readers are urged to protest against forcible feeding to the utmost of their power, and to remember that a most effective blow can be struck at forcible feeding by making the Holland Park Hall meeting, on July 16, an overwhelming success as regards the size of the audience and that of the Protest Fund.

Rumoured Intention of the Government.

It is rumoured that the Government think they have found a new and effective way of dealing with Suffragist prisoners, and that forcible feeding is in future to be inflicted by Miss Selina Fox, M.D., a woman doctor, until now Superintendent of the Bermondsey Medical Mission, who has just been appointed as

Lady Superintendent and Deputy Medical Officer of the Women's Prison at Aylesbury.

This would mean that instead of forcible feeding being centred at Holloway Prison, and inflicted by men as at present, it would be centred at Aylesbury and inflicted by a woman.

We can assure the Government that this new plan of theirs will not in the least assist them in escaping from their present difficulties.

Further comment on this matter is reserved until later.

Lady Carlisle Subscribes to Militancy.

In view of the threats which the Government have made during the past few years against W.S.P.U. subscribers, it is appropriate to call attention to the sum of £300 given by Lady Carlisle to Mr John Redmond for the equipment of the Nationalist Volunteer Force, which the Lord Chancellor has pronounced to be "a gross illegality and utterly unconstitutional."

The financial support which Lady Carlisle gives to militant and lawless Home Rulers, advertises the inconsistency and hollow-ness of those denunciations of women's militancy made at the recent Conference of Liberal Door-mats, otherwise known as Liberal women, over which Lady Carlisle presided.

Votes, Not "ifs"!

The two W.S.P.U. members who, with the object of interviewing Mr Asquith, gained admission to 10 Downing Street, and were afterwards arrested, have drawn attention, in a dramatic way, to the absurd and insulting character of the Prime Minister's attempt to persuade women to accept "ifs" instead of votes. "If me no ifs, give me a vote instead!" is the Suffragette answer to the Prime Minister's latest attempt to hoodwink women.

Benefits for Boys Only.

We have before criticised and condemned the policy of those responsible for the Boy Scout movement, and this criticism and condemnation we now repeat, in view of the appeal for a sum of a quarter of a million pounds, which Sir Robert Baden Powell has now issued. This sum, as his letter of appeal makes perfectly clear, is to be spent for the benefit of boys only. The appeal, and the manner in which it is expressed, are a blatant declaration that in the opinion of those who make it, the boy is all-important to the State, and the girl and her training can be neglected.

The Manchester Guardian, in reinforcing Sir Robert Baden Powell's appeal, and in opening a special contributory fund in response to it, follows Sir Robert Baden Powell's example by making no mention whatever of girls and their needs.

We call upon women to refuse to contribute to this fund, and to devote all the money they have to give, to the winning of the Vote. When women are citizens, then girls, as the citizens of the future, will not be ignored and neglected as they are to-day.

Another Lloyd Georgism!

Mr Lloyd George has on two recent occasions—the first time when speaking to an audience of Liberal women, and the second time at the Denmark Hill Meeting, at which his friends behaved so violently—said that but for the militancy of the Suffragettes women would have had the Vote before now. He has, however, given no explanation of this surprising statement, and we do not for a moment think that he has one to offer. It is significant, however, of the manner in

which public life has been degraded during the régime of the present Government, that a member of the Cabinet should find it possible to make irresponsible statements of the kind in question.

Very characteristically the Liberal women have not asked Mr Lloyd George upon what facts he bases his statement that only the militancy of other women has prevented them from being voters.

Suffragettes More Zealous than M.P.'s

According to a recent statement by the Political Correspondent of the Daily News the Government, having announced that there would be no Autumn Session of Parliament, are now reconsidering this decision, and an Autumn Session may still be held.

The W.S.P.U. concentrates its attention upon the Session that is actually in progress, but the point is of interest, because the plan of having an Autumn Session has been so vigorously opposed by Members of the House of Commons, who certainly do not show that great public spirit, and that readiness for constant national service, that are displayed by the Suffragettes.

And yet, certain Royal Commissioners would have the world believe that women possess less willingness and capacity for sustained work than are possessed by men!

An Unsatisfactory Letter.

A letter from the Bishop of London on the subject of Forcible Feeding appeared in The Times of July 6, together with a correspondence that has taken place between the Bishop of London and the Home Secretary.

MEN'S LAW-BREAKING UNPUNISHED.

Why Harsher Treatment for the Suffragettes?

The following report of questions and answers in the House of Commons speaks for itself:—

Mr SHERWELL (Huddersfield, Min.) asked the Chief Secretary for Ireland "whether it was a fact that Lieutenant-General Sir George Richardson had issued an order to the Ulster Volunteer Force granting permission to carry arms openly, and to resist attempts to interfere with them; whether such an order was not contrary to law; and what steps, if any, the Government proposed to take in the matter (Opposition cries of "None.")

Mr BIRRELL (Bristol, N.), "I have made careful inquiry of the Commissioner of Police in Belfast, and he tells me he does not think any policeman interfered in the manner alleged in the news papers. In the present state of the controversy I do not think any action on the part of the Government would be wise." (Opposition cheers.)

Mr SHERWELL. "Is the House to understand that the Executive in Ireland propose to take no action in the matter?"

Mr BIRRELL. "Yes, Sir. I think the hon. member will understand that it is always a matter of discretion whether the Government should take a number of proceedings, even though there should be an admitted breach of the law. Plenty of cases of the kind will occur to the mind of anybody who thinks of it."

"A TERRIBLE DANGER."

The Great Scourge in West Africa.

That in all parts of the world Miss Christabel Pankhurst's book is finding readers is shown by appearance in the "Lagos Standard" of the following review of the book:—

"The above is the title of a recent work from the fertile and trenchant pen of Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., of Suffragette fame, dealing with a great social evil which is assuming most formidable proportions, and playing sad havoc with human health, happiness, and life itself. Miss Pankhurst does not hesitate to call a spade a spade, believing that the time has come when plain and outspoken language should be employed in describing and denouncing the evil; and no matter what opinions may be held about Miss Pankhurst's political views, it must be admitted that in the present instance she has fully made out a case for the careful consideration for every thoughtful and unprejudiced mind. In the Introduction the authoress tells why the book was written—namely, with the intention that what is commonly described as the Hidden Scourge shall be hidden no longer, for if it were to remain hidden, then there would be no hope of abolishing it. The real cure of the great plague, says Miss Pankhurst, is twofold—Votes for Women, which will give to women more self-reliance and a stronger economic position; and chastity for men, or, in other words, their observance of the same moral standard as is observed by women. With the former of these remedies we out here are not concerned, it will be time enough to think of votes for women when we get votes for men, but the latter is a virtue that can and must be practised, if we would escape the consequences of the Hidden Scourge. But some may ask, why should we take up so much time and give so much prominence to a matter that relates to England and other foreign countries? We answer, It is because the Hidden Scourge has made its appearance in our midst; and it is only by pointing out to our youths the risks they run, the danger to their physical, mental, and moral welfare that we can hope to save them. Venereal disease, thanks to the domestic life of the native, was practically unknown in West Africa. Contact with civilisation introduced the scourge, which was comparatively limited in its scope—and was confined to gonorrhoeal cases. Syphilis was quite unknown, the native had no name for the disease, and the isolated cases that made their appearance from imported sources were given a name which described the foreign origin of the disease—ogodo oyinbo. To-day physicians tell us that syphilis is quite common now, and cases appear to be on the increase. This terrible danger is sufficient excuse, if any were needed, for dealing at length with the subject. Honi soit qui mal y pense."

£250,000 FUND.

Contributions, Mar. 28 to Apr. 18, 1914.

Table listing contributions to the £250,000 fund from Mar. 28 to Apr. 18, 1914. Includes names like Miss M. H. Beck, Miss Mary Bartlett Dixon, The Misses E. H. and M. A. Entwistle, etc., with amounts.

Note.—In issue of June 26th Mrs Skipwith £1 ls. should have been noted as given for a Special Legal Defence Fund and not for the General Funds.

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MILITANTS IN THE COURTS.

DEFIANT SCENES AT NOTTINGHAM, CARNARVON, AND EDINBURGH.

Forcibly Fed Prisoners in the Dock.

"WHERE IS SIR EDWARD CARSON?"

"NO SURRENDER!"

Miss Casey again Remanded.

FORCIBLY FED ON REMAND.

When Miss Eileen Casey, who was arrested in Nottingham on the day of the Royal visit, was brought up on remand at the Nottingham Police Court, on July 2, there was a repetition of the sensational scene which was enacted at the first hearing.

Miss Casey had spent the period of her first remand in Holloway Gaol, and she was conveyed from London to Nottingham that morning. Miss Casey was met at the station by sympathisers, and also by a large detachment of police in case of any disturbance.

Miss Casey, who was escorted by two uniformed wardresses from Holloway, was conveyed to the Guildhall in a closed motor car. Crowds of people were waiting in Burton Street, but very few persons caught a glimpse of her as she was taken into the charge office.

The magistrates on the bench were Major J. Ashworth and Ald. E. L. Manning, and Miss Casey was again charged with loitering in the Market Place with intent to commit a felony. On the sheet was another charge of breaking six panes of glass, but this was not read out.

The court was crowded; a number of Suffragettes being present.

"I won't be Tried."

A police officer repeated the evidence he gave as to the arrest last week, but his voice was scarcely audible above Miss Casey's protests. "I won't be tried!" she shouted. "Arrest Sir Edward Carson, he has done far more harm than I have. He has done more harm than I have ever done!"

"Will you be quiet?" asked the chairman. "No," she answered, "I want justice. Sir Edward Carson is far more dangerous to the country than I am."

The officer again told the Court what was found in Miss Casey's possession. The articles include two bundles of fire-lighters, two pocket electric flash lamps, two boxes of matches, a small bottle of benzene, a glass cutter, a pair of pliers, a half-inch chisel, a gardener's trowel, a road map of Derbyshire, a motor cycle road book of the British Isles, a street map of Nottingham, with the Market place marked out in pencil, a book of views of Derbyshire churches, including the one recently burned down at Breadsall, a book on Southwell Cathedral containing notes on the fly-leaf showing the positions of the doors, and a quantity of Suffragist literature.

Detonator Discovered.

Witness stated that amongst the explosives in Miss Casey's possession were a detonator and a quantity of cheddite. There were also 20 feet of fuse, and a box of fuses.

"I refuse to listen to the evidence," protested Miss Casey, "it has nothing to do with the case at all!"

The Chief Constable applied for a remand, mentioning that he was in communication with London about the case. "I am bound to prefer a further charge against her under the Explosives Act," he said.

The remand was ordered for a week, whereupon Miss Casey cried, "I refuse to listen, I consider it a perfect farce!"

Forcibly fed three times daily.

She clung determinedly to the dock rail, and it required the combined efforts of the wardresses, two dock officers, and the detective to loosen her grasp.

"They are forcibly feeding us in Holloway three times a day," she cried. As she was taken down the dock steps, she shouted at the top of her voice, "No surrender, women, no surrender!"

Miss Casey was conveyed to the Midlands Station in a motor car and taken back to London.

CRICCIETH WINDOW-BREAKERS SENTENCED.

Forcibly Fed before Conviction.

A BRAVE FIGHT.

At the Carnarvonshire Quarter Sessions on July 2, Miss Georgina Lloyd and Miss Phyllis North were tried on a charge of having done wilful damage at Criccieth on June 2, when a deputation of Bristol Liberals were received by Mr Lloyd George. They were both sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Women were excluded from the Court except those having special tickets of admission. Both defendants made a brave fight and protested throughout, though they were very weak. Both of them swooned during the hearing of the case, but the proceedings were not stopped on that account.

Attempt to Leap from the Dock.

The grand jury brought in a true bill against Miss Georgina Lloyd on three indictments.

When her name was called she came quietly to the front of the dock, and when the five warders were off their guard she suddenly sprang upon the front rail, crying, "I will not be tried." The movable top rail was thrown out of position, and the attempt to leap out of the dock was almost successful.

Several police officers went to the assistance of those in the dock, and after a great struggle Miss Lloyd was held down by force, while the Clerk of the Court read the indictments.

"Women will know the Truth."

Miss Lloyd was kicking, meanwhile, at the panels of the dock, and endeavouring to overpower those who held her, exclaiming, "You can go on talking till you are blue in the face." When the Chairman called for silence, she replied,

"I shall not keep silence. I shall not be tried. Women will soon know the truth."

The defendant was charged with breaking windows with a chopper, doing damage to the extent of £44, 16s.

Evidence having been given by a number of witnesses, the jury found Miss Lloyd guilty, and she was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Although evidently very exhausted, she continued to struggle until she was carried below.

M'Kenna's Statement in the House.

Miss Phyllis North was the one brought in, charged with having broken windows, the damage amounting to £29. She began to struggle at once, and also nearly succeeded in getting out of the dock. Her boots were removed before she was brought in, as Miss Lloyd had made such a disturbance.

When the Clerk of the Peace read out the charge, the defendant said: "I will make it as difficult for the trial to go on as I possibly can. I have been forcibly fed. M'Kenna made a statement in the House of Commons that women would not be forcibly fed for breaking windows, but he was a liar, for we are only charged with breaking windows."

The Clerk of the Peace asked her whether she was guilty or not guilty. She replied: "I take no interest in these proceedings at all."

"The trial is a farce."

The Chairman having made a remark, Miss North interrupted to say: "You ought to have the Ulster militants here, not the militant women. You have one law for men and the other for women. This has not had any effect on the suffragists as yet. The trial is a farce. If Mr Lloyd George had not gone down to Criccieth we would not have been there at all."

In the course of further interruptions the Clerk of Court called out the names of the jurors who had been cited to appear. Miss Edwards meanwhile continued to speak to the Sheriff.

"One day we shall sit in judgment on you. This is nothing but a Star Chamber. What about Arabella Scott? Why is she being forcibly fed? I am going to talk all day, and it will do you good."

Evidence Inaudible.

The jury having been sworn the first witness was called, but the evidence was rendered completely inaudible owing to Miss Edwards' protests, and the witnesses had to give their evidence standing close beside the jury.

The evidence for the prosecution having been taken, Miss Edwards was asked if she had any witness for the defence. She replied that she had none, and that she was sufficient witness in herself.

The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of guilty, and the Sheriff-Principal Maconochie passed sentence of three months' imprisonment. As she left the dock Miss Edwards cried that neither three months nor fifty years' sentence would make any difference to her.

Even after she had left the Court her protests were still audible.

Taken to Perth.

After being sentenced Miss Edwards was taken to Calton Gaol, where pickets were already stationed; within three hours, however, she was removed to Perth Prison.

STORMY SCENES AT EDINBURGH TRIAL.

Determined Protest by Miss Edwards.

"THIS IS NOTHING BUT A STAR CHAMBER."

Stormy scenes were witnessed in Edinburgh Sheriff Court last Friday when Miss Maude Edwards, who was charged with slashing the King's picture in the Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, came up for trial. Sheriff-Principal Maconochie was on the Bench.

Miss Edwards immediately on being put into the dock commenced a running fire of commentary on the Court procedure, which she kept up during the course of the trial, which lasted for twenty minutes.

Over a score of police were on duty in various parts of the Court, while a similar number of plain-clothes constables were also prepared for eventualities.

When Miss Edwards entered the Court loud applause from a large number of women greeted her, and cheers were raised on her name being called.

When asked to answer the indictment, Miss Edwards replied, "I will not be tried. I am not going to listen to you or anyone whatever."

The Sheriff—"I take this as a plea of not guilty."

The Court Cleared.

Women in the Court again applauded and the Sheriff ordered the Court to be cleared.

A number of the women sternly resisted the efforts of the policemen, and had to be forcibly ejected. As they left they raised a rousing cheer.

At that stage the Sheriff addressed a question to the Clerk of Court which Miss Edwards promptly answered. "I am not talking to you," said the Sheriff. "But I am speaking to you," replied Miss Edwards, "and that makes all the difference."

It was with considerable difficulty that the Clerk of Court called out the names of the jurors who had been cited to appear. Miss Edwards meanwhile continued to speak to the Sheriff.

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THE INQUISITION IN ENGLAND.

MISS BERTHA RYLAND'S EXPERIENCES IN PRISON.

Torturing a Sick Woman.

"Utter Agony and Misery."

MISS HALY DRAGGED FROM BED TO PRISON.

PRISONER WITH DISEASED KIDNEY FORCIBLY FED.

Operation Necessary.

MISS BERTHA RYLAND'S STATEMENT ON OATH.

The following statement has been received from Miss Bertha Ryland, who was released on bail from Winslow Green Prison, Birmingham, on June 16th. Miss Ryland was forcibly fed during her imprisonment in spite of the fact that her medical adviser had written to the prison doctor certifying that she suffered from a diseased kidney, and was a totally unfit subject for forcible feeding.

"I, Bertha Ryland, 19 Hermitage Road, in the City of Birmingham, spinner, hereby solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

"Before my imprisonment in 1912, I was leading an active life, and was not aware of any internal trouble, though I have since learnt that my left kidney had been displaced for some years.

"In June 1912, I was forcibly fed nine times in Winslow Green Prison. I resisted, and was seized round the waist by wardresses, and once tied round the waist in the operating chair. This mauling of the unprotected kidney, together with the retching and choking, strained and twisted the kidney and caused chronic inflammation. I consulted Dr Billington on September 20th of that year, and he told me that it was necessary to have the kidney stitched into place. I decided instead on a course of massage.

"Since the forcible feeding in 1912, I have had inflammation in the left kidney, and pain almost continuously. I have been unable to walk even a mile without increased pain and great exhaustion. I have slept badly; had to lie down a good part of every day, and have only been able to do a very few hours' work daily. Not only has forcible feeding had a disastrous effect on the kidney, but it has also wrecked the nervous system.

Forcibly Searched.

"On Tuesday, 9th June 1914, at 1.30 I was arrested for damaging a Romney picture in the Birmingham Art Gallery with a chopper. I was taken to the police station and charged. I was then ordered to be searched by force, if necessary, and was taken to a room where I was partly stripped and searched against my will by the police matron. I was then put into a cell until the following morning.

He then went into the passage, but to my horror the wardresses still held me down, and in about a minute he returned, and went through the process all over again. On Sunday, Dr Ahern tried the big tube again, first down one nostril, then the other; it could not go down, so he had to fetch the smaller one again.

"I was fed three times with the feeding cup while bail was under consideration.

Shooting Pain in my Left Kidney.

"After forcible feeding had been practised on me, I had a shooting pain in my left kidney in front, and also a throbbing in the back, something like a heart beat.

"I lay in bed practically all the time, during the days forcible feeding was going on, feeling too ill and exhausted to do anything. In addition to this feeling of exhaustion there came long periods of mental depression. During these times, the slightest exertion became an intolerable burden, and it required a great effort of will to do even the simplest things, such as brushing my hair or washing. Besides an unaccountable feeling of misery and depression, my memory seemed to be going, and it was a great effort to think clearly, or fix my attention on anything.

"On Sunday evening, about 9 o'clock, I felt a severe pain in and around my left kidney. It grew worse and worse, and, after a few hours' sleep, still continued.

"The mental anguish caused by forcible feeding is, of course quite indescribable.

"On Monday I was released on bail.

Continuous Pain.

"I have had pain in and around my left kidney almost continuously ever since, very severely at times. Also that part of my body is so tender from the straining and retching caused by forcible feeding that I cannot bear the slightest touch, and even the most careful painting with a camel hair brush is almost unbearable. The acute tenderness, of course, renders any examination impossible. I have been advised by my doctor to stay in bed all the time, and have in fact been unable to get up. The least exertion, such as walking into another room, brings on increased pain.

"A trained nurse is in charge, and many of the nights, since my release I have been disturbed with feelings of indescribable horror. An operation is now inevitable, and will be performed when my strength allows.

"And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously, believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act, 1835.

"(Signed) BERTHA RYLAND."

Declared at the City of Birmingham this 29th day of June 1914.

Before me,

(Signed) CHAS. PARKHOUSE,
A Commissioner for Oaths.

LETTER TO PRISON DOCTOR.

The following letter was sent to the prison doctor by Miss Ryland's medical adviser:—

"I certify that Miss Bertha Ryland is suffering from bilateral nephropathy with adhesions about the left kidney, and is a totally unsuitable subject for forcible feeding.

(Signed) BEATRICE WEBB, M.D.
June 9th, 1914.

6 Islington Row, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

LED THOUGH THE STREETS BY POLICE.

Miss Ella Stevenson's Fifth Hunger-Strike.

Miss Ella Stevenson, who was released from Holloway, on June 27, for the fifth time under the Cat-and-Mouse Act, after four days' hunger-and-thirst strike, gives the following account of her arrest:—

"I was arrested in Richmond very early on Tuesday morning, June 23. I attempted to strike the man who arrested me, but my hands were instantly seized by two or three other men who had come up from the back, and I was taken to Richmond Police Station, where I was kept until 2 o'clock, and then taken through the streets of Richmond, firmly grasped by two men in uniform. Finding the procession was to be of this very public nature, I decided to make the most of the opportunity to get the people to understand, if possible, what was happening. I resisted the whole way telling people that I was resisting an iniquitous Act on principle. I gave them as much information as I could get in in the time, and at the railway station and afterwards in the carriage, when several people got in with us, I was able to appeal to them, and reason with them without interruption.

"I was very touched when one woman, who I thought had hardened her heart (she was looking so tense) turned round, and evidently taking her courage in both hands, said very quietly and timidly over her shoulder as she stepped out of the carriage, 'I wish you every success.'"

"I refused food or water and remained in bed; and this time, owing to certain reports I had heard, that there was only our word for it that we were carrying out a thirst strike, I refused to allow them to bring a drop of water into the cell for washing, or otherwise."

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RE-ARREST OF MISS MARGARET HALY.

So Weak She Could Hardly Stand.

Miss Margaret Haly, who was released from Winslow Green Prison, Birmingham, on June 22, after a hunger-and-thirst strike of ten days, was rearrested at her house on June 30.

Two police-officers called about 1 o'clock, and said they had come to rearrest her. Miss Haly was in bed, but the prison matron went upstairs and waited while she dressed. She was then put into a taxi and taken to the prison.

The day before was the first day that she had been able to get out. She was exceedingly weak, and could hardly stand alone.

On her arrest she at once resumed the hunger strike.

MISS LILIAS MITCHELL'S WHEREABOUTS.

On the same day that Miss Haly was rearrested, detectives went to the house where Miss Lilius Mitchell had been staying, with a search warrant. They insisted on searching the house thoroughly but they did not succeed in finding Miss Mitchell.

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To-Morrow Never Comes!

Justice delayed is justice denied.
The delay of Votes for Women is opposition
to Votes for Women, and opposition in its
most dangerous form.Mr Asquith's reply to the East End Suffra-
gists' deputation may be taken to mean that
he has now found untenable the position of
direct opposition to Votes for Women, and
that he has assumed what seems to him
to be the stronger position of delay, of dang-
ling before women's eyes a hope that he will
never willingly fulfil.
For the Government to oppose a cause
helps its advocates far more than to postpone
it.The Chancellor of the Exchequer has
always seen—and now the Prime Minister
evidently sees it too, that to offer definite
and open opposition to women's enfranchise-
ment is to play into the hands of Suffragists,
and has the effect of rousing even the mildest
among them to indignation. The more subtle
policy of saying "No votes to-day, but
perhaps votes to-morrow" has the effect of
lulling to calm patience the more guileless
and more self-indulgent members of the
Suffragist forces.Just as the policy of delay, when adopted
by the Government, is more dangerous to the
unwary than the policy of flat denial, so those
professing Suffragists who acquiesce in delayare, from the practical point of view, the
greatest obstacles to our success. The Anti-
Suffragists are harmless, indeed, compared to
those Suffragists who, when the Government
say, "Pin your faith upon to-morrow, next
Session, next Parliament," complacently agree
to do this.The Government have said—and said it
without rhyme or reason—that it is impossible
that they shall do anything to enfranchise
women in this Parliament. To the indignation
of the W.S.P.U., some Suffragists have tacitly
endorsed this contention. The anti-militants,
we notice, are directing their attention to next
Parliament. Yet, as the W.S.P.U. points out,
in every Parliament elected since the present
Government took office, women have been told
to look to the next Parliament for enfranchise-
ment, and "next Parliament" has never come.
It never will!Lord Lytton is another who has said that
Suffragists can expect nothing of the Govern-
ment in this present Parliament. Why not?
The Ulster men were told they could not have
Exclusion. The Government are ready to
give it to them to-day!How often, in the history of this Govern-
ment and of its predecessors, have Ministers
eaten their own words, and discovered the
impossible to be the possible, and indeed, the
imperative!But certain Suffragists of meek and mild
type will, it would seem, never turn and
say to the Government: "Enough of this
foolery. Enough of this delay. You say
'next Parliament.' We say, this Parliament,
this Session,—*now*."The Suffragists who tolerate the Govern-
ment's hostile and unreasonable delays
are prolonging the suffering of tortured
prisoners, and they are preventing the
triumph of the Suffrage cause.For do they suppose, that so long as Suffra-
gists will permit delay, this Government
or any government will act! Unless and until
the advocates of Votes for Women, in suffi-
cient number, and with sufficient determina-
tion, say, by deeds as well as words, to the
Government, "Give us justice *now*, and not
one minute later," it is as plain as plain can
be that the Government will point them
to that to-morrow which never comes.

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

BE CONSISTENT!

By CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

Be consistent! That is the message of the
W.S.P.U. to all its critics.Take first the Archbishop of Canterbury,
who, though he admits the "splendid energy
and self-devotion" of it, and admits it to be
a protest against the "moral viciousness"
that is in the world, yet says that militancy
is "hostile to the foundation principles of
Christian citizenship."Why does the Archbishop in these terms
condemn the militancy of women, when he
has no such condemnation to offer of the
militancy of Ulster men? Why does he
denounce militancy when used in the cause
of Votes for Women, seeing that when the
Government and the men of the nation were
using violence to get votes for men in South
Africa, he gave that violence the blessing of
the Church, and prayed to God that it might
be successful!The Foundation of Women's
Militancy.When has any men's warfare, whether
international or civil, ever had so great a
cause, so great a motive, as the cause and
motive which the Archbishop declares are
at the foundation of women's present mili-
tancy? If the men of Ulster are justified in
being militant in opposition to Home Rule, if
the Nation was justified in being militant for
the purpose of claiming votes for men in
South Africa before, instead of after, they
had fulfilled a five years' qualification, or
if the Nation would be justified in being
militant in defence of some property or some
commercial or territorial interest—then how
much more ought the Archbishop of Canter-
bury to approve the militancy of women!For, as he says, the militancy of women is
due to "the realization of existing facts about
some forms of the moral vice which casts
so shameful a stain upon the Christian com-
munity, and chiefly on its manhood."If the Archbishop of Canterbury wants an
effective attack to be made upon moral
viciousness and the other evils by which the
state is afflicted; if he wants the Govern-
ment's torture of women to cease—though
certainly he takes that torture very calmly;
if he wants peace instead of unrest to prevail
amongst women; then let him, in his double
capacity as citizen and minister of Christ,
intercede and fight for Votes for Women!

Strange Inconsistency.

To the newspapers also, the W.S.P.U. says,
"Be consistent!" For we find that while
the Unionist Press applauds the militant
policy of Ulster (encouraging and publishing
photographs even of Militant Ulster women),
and the Liberal Press applauds the militant
policy recently adopted by the Home Rulers,
yet the Liberal and Unionist Press are at
one in the inconsistency of condemning the
militancy of women!"Be consistent!" is the answer of the
W.S.P.U. to the anti-militants, led by
Mrs Fawcett. The anti-militants say that
the enfranchisement of women ought to come
from men "under a moral not a physical
compulsion"; that men "must act under a
conviction that justice demands this action,
and not because they are worried or coerced
into surrender." Certainly men ought tohave enfranchised women in such manner,
and for such reasons, but in spite of the long
years of women's agitation for the vote,
things have not happened thus. Perhaps
it is as well for women, because some of
them at least have had a moral and spiritual
discipline which otherwise they would have
missed.But the point to be noticed here is that
Mrs Fawcett was a supporter of the South
African War waged for the purpose of
winning Votes for Men. What a strange
inconsistency! This woman who believed in
militancy as a means of getting votes for
men who were too impatient to earn their
right to vote by waiting five years, maintains
that none save peaceful methods must be
used for the winning of Votes for Women.Mrs Fawcett supports the South
African War.Why did not Mrs Fawcett, in the days
when the South African War was raging
oppose that war on the ground that the
would-be men voters, and the Nation as a
whole, must appeal only to the reason of
President Kruger, and that votes must be
won from him "under a moral and not a
physical compulsion?" Why did Mrs
Fawcett not protest that her countrymen
in South Africa must be prepared to dispense
with votes until President Kruger was pre-
pared to give them "under a conviction that
justice demanded this action, and not because
he was worried or coerced into surrender?"Mrs Fawcett did not give a merely passive
sanction to the South African War. She
rendered the British Government of the day
considerable support in waging the war. For
she accepted the Presidency of a Committee
of Ladies who went out to South Africa to
report on the Concentration Camps.Criticism of these camps, made by Miss
Emily Hobhouse and other opponents of the
War, had proved a great embarrassment to
the British Government. Therefore Mrs
Fawcett rendered the Government a signal
service, when, at their request, she undertook
her South African mission.The Report on Concentration
Camps.Mrs Fawcett, who condemns the militancy
of British Women, was under no illusion as
to the meaning and result of the violence
done by British men in connection with the
South African War. In the Report on the
Concentration Camps which Mrs Fawcett
signed, occur certain important and significant
passages.Dealing with the causes of the high death-
rate in the Concentration Camps, Mrs Fawcett
spoke of them as three, the first being the
"insanitary conditions of the country produced
by the War." Under this head, she reported:"It is a truism to say that pestilence follows in
the track of war. The whole country in which
fighting has taken place is poisoned. Horses,
mules, and oxen are killed during battles or die
of overwork and exhaustion, and their carcases are
left to rot, poisoning earth, air, and water.
Thousands of other animals are infected; rinder-
pest, horse sickness, and every kind of disease
claim their victims; the sick beasts crawl to the
nearest stream and die on its brink, and the water
supplies of a whole country become tainted, orthey die in the open country, the dust returns
to the earth, and the dust storms, for which South
Africa is famous, scatter disease-laden particles
over the length and breadth of the land."

Then Mrs Fawcett proceeds:—

"The insanitary condition of every country in
which war is carried on is so clearly recognised
that we believe it is a well-known fact that in
every war at least two men die of disease for one
who dies as the result of wounds. If strong men
in the prime of life are struck down by exposure
to these conditions, it is to be expected that women,
and more especially children, should fall victims
to the contamination of earth, air, and water,
which is the inevitable accompaniment of war.

And again Mrs Fawcett says:—

"But this is not the only way in which war
swells the death-rate among non-combatants.
Ordinary industries, such as the production of
food-stuffs, and the rearing of cattle, are brought
to a standstill all over the theatre of war, with the
consequence that in some districts no fresh meat,
no fresh milk, and no fruit or vegetables are
obtainable for love or money. . . . Fresh milk
was so scarce that the whole supply had to be
commandeered for the hospitals, and sometimes
there was none even for the hospitals. Wherever
a community of little children is found who have
to be fed without fresh milk, fresh vegetables, or
eggs, and sometimes without fresh meat, then a
high death-rate will follow as certainly as night
will follow day."

The Price Paid for War.

Defending the British Government's policy
of gathering women and children together
in Concentration Camps—this policy being
the outcome of the British Army's burning
of homesteads, Mrs Fawcett maintained that
the heavy death-rate in the camps of children
under five, was "not because they are in camp,
but because the war has exposed them to
poisonous conditions of water and atmo-
sphere, and has deprived them of the food
suitable to their tender age." And as though
to impress more strongly on the public mind
the heaviness of the price which she was so
willing should be paid for Votes for Men,
Mrs Fawcett continued:—"Disease is part of the price paid for war. The
high death-rate is in a very large degree caused
by economic and physical conditions produced by
war."Mrs Fawcett also tells in the Report, how
the inmates of the Concentration Camps,
rendered homeless by the destruction of the
farmhouses and other dwellings, and the
devastation of their holdings, numbered
something like 100,000 souls, and how in a
single camp would be concentrated the
enormous number of five or six thousand
persons.The Sufferings of Women and
Children."Soldiers in war-time," she explains in her
Report, "are constantly moving from place to
place. A Concentration Camp, when once
planted down on a particular site, will prob-
ably remain there for months or even
years." As a result, the ground, of course,
became thoroughly fouled, and in this and
other ways, the women and children were
living under less favourable conditions than
the combatants in the War.

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"A PHENOMENON ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT PRECEDENT."

—Mr McKenna in the House of Commons June 11th.

MRS DACRE FOX ARRESTED.

Appeals to the Bishop in vain for Sanctuary.

£20,000 BLAZE IN BELFAST.

THREE FIRES IN NOTTINGHAM.

Doorstep Scene in Downing Street.

RE-ARREST OF MRS DACRE FOX.

Her Appeal to the Bishop of London.

There was a dramatic scene at Westminster Abbey last Sunday afternoon as a sequel to which Mrs Dacre Fox was re-arrested.

When the Bishop of London was preaching in the Abbey at the 3 o'clock Service, the building being crowded to the doors, the Congregation was startled by a woman stepping out from the nave and addressing the Bishop. "My Lord," she cried, "In the name of God, stop forcible feeding. I myself am a prisoner under the Cat-and-Mouse-Act, and will be arrested on leaving the Abbey."

For a minute or so there was silence, and then she was led out of the building.

Outside the gates leading to the Abbey grounds, the woman was approached by a detective who recognised her as Mrs Dacre Fox. She was at once re-arrested under the Cat-and-Mouse-Act, and taken to Holloway

"I PUBLICLY CLAIM SANCTUARY."

The day before her arrest, Mrs Dacre Fox had sent the following letter to the Bishop of London:—

MY LORD, I am informed that you will be present to-morrow afternoon in Westminster Abbey, and I shall therefore take the opportunity as a prisoner under the Cat-and-Mouse Act of attending the service to publicly claim sanctuary from you.

As you are no doubt aware, I was sentenced recently to one month's imprisonment for no more serious offence than that of making certain speeches in support of that cause which I conscientiously believe to be right, while Sir Edward Carson, Lord Lansdowne, and every Unionist militant, who have over and over again urged their hearers to destroy human life if necessary, are immune from any interference. I was released after five days' hunger and thirst strike, practically a physical wreck. As you yourself have compared the militant women to militant Ulster, I am sure you will be the first to protest against the scandalous injustice of such a state of affairs. I shall, therefore, give you the opportunity of registering a protest in a practical manner, and shall appeal to you publicly to-morrow in God's House to protect me from a recurrence of such infamous treatment.

I feel confident that I shall not look to you in vain.—I am, Yours faithfully,
NORAH DACRE FOX.

BALLYMENOCH HOUSE GUTTED.

Beautiful Mansion near Belfast.

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT £20,000.

Suffragette Literature Found.

Belfast Newsletter, July 4.

Ballymenoch House, one of the largest and most stately mansions in Ulster, was totally gutted by fire yesterday. The house, which occupies a magnificent site in the centre of an extensive demesne on the Bangor Road, a short distance out of Holywood, was formerly occupied by the late Right Honourable Sir Daniel Dixon, Bart., M.P., who was six times Lord Mayor of Belfast, and since his death it has been in the occupation of his widow, the Dowager Lady Dixon.

Between five and six o'clock yesterday morning, it was discovered that the building was on fire.

Alarming Progress of Flames

A motor engine, with a detachment of men, under the direction of Engineer Banbury, soon afterwards left the Central Fire Station in Chichester Street, and journeyed with all speed to Ballymenoch. By that time the flames, which had apparently originated about the centre of the structure, had eaten their way through the roof, and were making alarming progress.

In consequence of the somewhat prolonged drought which has been experienced, the town supply was not available, but a small pond was found at a distance of 300 or 400 yards away.

The brigade worked with tremendous energy in their efforts to combat the flames, but just as they appeared to be getting them under control the water supply at the pond gave out, and thereafter the firemen were almost impotent. They got a small supply from the scullery inside the house, but with a fire on so large a scale as this one, that was not of much avail. The result was that they had eventually to abandon their efforts and to allow the fire to take its own course—to burn itself out, as the saying goes. With nothing to check their progress, the flames began to extend again, until at last the whole building was enveloped and presented the appearance of a huge furnace.

Huge Sheets of Flames.

Although the brigade remained on the scene until half-past three yesterday afternoon, they were unable to do any effective work after the water supply failed, and when they left the whole of the roof collapsed, and the mansion was completely gutted from one end to the other. A conservatory adjoining one of

the gables was intact, but the plants with which it had been stocked were removed as a precaution. About four o'clock, when the fire seemed to have spent itself, huge sheets of flame commenced to shoot up from the cellars, and burnt fiercely until everything of a combustible nature had been destroyed. Portions of the strongly-built walls gave way, and owing to the danger thus created the police had to warn spectators against approaching too near the ruined fabric. The fine sculptured portico at the main entrance suffered badly from the flames, and the hall which was famous for its carved oak decorations, was altogether demolished. Had there been an adequate supply of water the brigade would in all probability have succeeded in saving the greater part of the building, but under the circumstances they were powerless.

Suffrage Literature.

No explanation can be given for the origin of the fire, but two copies of the "Suffragette," the organ of the militant women, were found in the grounds, and on the windows of the conservatory, which are painted white, the words "Votes for women" had been written. The police, however, do not attach much importance to these discoveries, although it may ultimately transpire that they have a certain amount of significance. A pane of glass in the scullery window was broken, and it is suggested that this damage was committed by the incendiaries for the purpose of enabling them to lift the latch and so gain admission to the house itself. That, however, is merely a matter of conjecture. The two gardeners who had acted as caretakers had not been in the habit of lighting fires in the grates during the past few weeks, and the outbreak could not therefore have originated from that source.

The mansion had been in the occupation of the Dixon family for a period of thirty-five years. The damage done is estimated at about £20,000, and it is covered by insurance.

NOTTINGHAM FIRE MYSTERY.

Suffragettes Suspected.

Nottingham Express, June 29.

There is a considerable element of mystery attached to the cause of the fire in Castle Boulevard, which attracted such a large crowd of eleven o'clock home-goers on Saturday night. The outbreak occurred on the premises occupied by Messrs W. Cooke & Co., Ltd., dyers, bleachers, and engineers, but, thanks to the attention of the City Fire Brigade, what might have been a very disastrous conflagration was subdued with but slight damage done.

It was found that a large quantity of loose timber, which had been spread or thrown over some engine ashes in the yard which were still hot was the immediate cause, and a jet extinguished the flames in a comparatively short space of time.

The circumstances point to incendiarism. At six o'clock everything was safe, and the timber which was later placed over the ashes was in a different part of the yard. A man and a woman, whose identity is unknown, were seen to leave the premises during the evening, but a vigilant search failed to find any Suffragette literature. The full significance of the occurrence will be understood when it is stated that the fire occurred near to the buildings of the Acetylene Welding Company, where carbide of calcium is used. If water from a hose had penetrated the storage—as it would have been almost certain to do had the flames caught well hold—the consequences might easily have been disastrous.

PAINT STORE ABLAZE.

Alarming Outbreak of Fire in Nottingham.

Nottingham Guardian, June 27.

Nottingham's long immunity from serious fires was broken last evening by an alarming outbreak in one of the most congested parts of the city.

Just after half-past eight a cloud of smoke was seen to rise from amongst the closely-packed buildings at the corner of Bridlesmith Gate and Bottle Lane, and it was found that a large paint store behind the premises of Messrs Alderson, Woodbridge & Co. was burning fiercely.

Completely Gutted.

The burning building was full of highly inflammable materials, such as paints, oils, and turpentine, and the heat was terrific, several of the back windows of the furniture warehouse being cracked, while the paint was licked off the woodwork.

The paint store was completely gutted, but, as already indicated, the adjoining premises suffered no serious damage by fire. Messrs Smart & Brown's stock was damaged to a considerable degree by water, which percolated in places through each floor in the building. The total damage is roughly estimated at between £1,000 and £2,000.

The paint store was last seen safe at about seven o'clock, and the cause of the fire is a mystery.

Nottingham Guardian, June 29.

The editor of the Guardian yesterday received an anonymous post-card claiming that the suffragettes were responsible for the serious outbreak of fire at the paint stores of Messrs Alderson, Woodbridge & Co., in Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham, on Friday night.

ATTEMPT ON A SCOTTISH CHURCH.

Times, July 4.

An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday to set fire to the Church of Carmichael, Lanark. Two labels were left in the graveyard, one bearing the words, "Let His Majesty's visit to Scotland be heralded by the cessation of torture," and the other, "A protest against the treatment of Scottish Suffragettes in Perth Prison."

ON MR ASQUITH'S DOORSTEP.

"Not If—But When."

The household at No. 10 Downing Street was much perturbed on Tuesday morning, June 5, at 9 o'clock, when they discovered that two Suffragettes had forced an entrance into Mr Asquith's house and refused to go away until they had seen the Prime Minister. When told that Mr Asquith was still in bed, they replied that they would wait till he got up, and that their business was most important. The servants, being unable to remove the women, or to persuade them to leave, sent for outside help, and with great difficulty the two ladies were put outside the front door. Then it was that they spoke to the servants about their business. "Tell Mr Asquith," one of them said "that we don't want any nonsense about if women get votes; of course, women are going to get votes, and we want to know *When?*" Meanwhile the other woman began to chain herself to the railings, declaring that she would remain on the doorstep till Mr Asquith would speak to her about "*when* women will have votes." However, the police had been summoned, and the women were arrested and taken to Cannon Row Police Station.

HOME TRUTHS FOR THE MAGISTRATE.

Later in the day the two women, one of whom gave her name as Mrs Bertha Watson, were charged before Mr Hopkins at Bow Street, with obstructing the police.

The woman who refused to give her name was carried into Court by three police officers. She resisted violently, and continued to struggle during the whole time the case lasted.

Mrs Watson—We can only get "ifs" from Mr Asquith. We want votes, not "ifs."

The Magistrate—Really, you talk like children.

The unknown defendant—And you talk like a fool.

Mrs Watson—I have had several children; I have paid income tax for years, and have done as great service to the State as any man, but I am not allowed to have a vote.

The unknown defendant was still struggling, and the Magistrate said he was compelled to think there was something very wrong with her. He would like to know from what part of the country she came.

The unknown defendant—It is nothing to do with you where I come from.

The Magistrate—I was wondering what I could do to help you.

The unknown defendant—If you want to help us give us the vote.

The defendants were each ordered to pay a fine of 40s., or go to prison for seven days. They elected to go to prison.

BATH VILLA ALIGHT.

Discovery of Suffragette Literature.

Bath Herald June 27.

A deliberate attempt to destroy by fire a partially built house in the Englishcombe road last evening, was happily averted by the timely discovery of the fire by two aldermen of the city of Bath, and the very prompt measures they took to deal with it. There was a good blaze



Ballymenoch House in the early stages of the Fire.

when they found it, and in a few minutes the whole house would have been involved, but they were in time not only to extinguish the outbreak but to find numerous traces of the deliberate character of the cause. No other explanation is possible than that it was the work of suffragists, for the methods adopted were those unfortunately only too familiar in connection with Suffragist outrages, but there was the further strong evidence that a copy of the SUFFRAGETTE of yesterday's date was found in the grounds, with the following message written on the cover in pencil: "For damages apply to the Women-Torturing Coalition Government."

Blazing Fiercely.

The attempt was a very determined one, for on the floor of the hall, blazing fiercely, were found 3 lbs. of resin, a tin containing paraffin, some melted tar, cotton wool, brown paper soaked in paraffin, and a box of matches also smeared with paraffin. Further, two photographers' dark room lanterns were found near, and it is surmised that the intruders used them just to see that the inflammable materials were placed in a position and then left with a small portion of candle burning in the middle of the heap, so that as soon as the candle burnt down the heap would be set alight. With only a little red glass in the lamp the light could not be seen from outside, and the intruders had a chance to get away safely.

£2000 DAMAGE AT ALBERT HALL.

Organ Completely Useless.

DEVASTATING LONDON FIRES.

Attributed to Suffragettes.

Two devastating fires within a radius of about 200 yards, broke out within three quarters-of-an-hour in the Old Kent Road, London, late on June 29. The Daily Mail of the following day states:—

The Furies are suspected, and the police drew a cordon round the whole fire zone.

There was a great burst of flame

from the works of Messrs J. Liversidge & Sons, motor body builders, also in the Old Kent Road. The firemen immediately got to work again. The premises, where a large number of motor-car bodies were stored, were burned to the ground.

Many Thousands of Pounds Damage.

Almost at the same time a fire was reported at Mr Sharp's scenery factory in St. James' Road. These premises also were practically burned out. Crowds, estimated at 100,000, were attracted by the brilliant glare in the sky. The damage is estimated at many thousands of pounds.

Colonel Fox, Chief of the London Salvage Corps, said to a representative of The Daily Mail: "Never in the history of London fires have I known two such big fires raging at the same time within such a short distance." About 1 a.m. the firemen were trying to keep the flames at Messrs Liversidge's from a large petrol tank and adjacent buildings, including a large paint and varnish works, a cabinetmaker's, a rag factory, and a leather-dressing works.

ANOTHER OUTBREAK IN NOTTINGHAM.

FIRE AT EDINBURGH TIMBER YARD.

Edinburgh Evening Dispatch, July 6.

About two o'clock on Sunday morning the Edinburgh Fire Brigade received a call to a fire in the woodyard belonging to Messrs F. Walkingshaw & Company, Timber Merchants.

A curious feature of the fire was that while the firemen were at work a strong smell of paraffin oil pervaded the atmosphere, and on examination, two or three bottles which had contained paraffin oil were discovered, while among the timber a clock, saturated with paraffin oil was also found. Quite close to this there was a small handbag filled with saturated cloths. A copy of the SUFFRAGETTE was also found.

It has since been learned that damage to the extent of £2000 has been caused by some person or persons causing the

THE VOICE OF TRUTH.

Liberal Members Taught Liberalism.

STRIKING THEATRE PROTESTS.

Prayers at Synagogues and Churches.

THE PUBLIC AND FORCIBLE FEEDING.

Scenes at His Majesty's.

There was a crowded house at His Majesty's on Friday night, and for a time it was a peaceful one. Then, suddenly, from the upper circle, a woman's voice rang out, and showers of leaflets filled the theatre.

In the middle of the fourth and fifth acts the same thing happened. Each time the play was completely stopped, and it was some time before the excited audience could settle down to the acting, even after the woman had been ejected.

Audience in Sympathy.

"It must take some pluck to sit through a play knowing you are going to be treated like that," remarked a lady in the Dress Circle to her companion, as an interrupter was dragged by.

The audience showed by such remarks as this, and by their applause that they were entirely in sympathy with the women. The stewards were repeatedly called upon to behave gently, but notwithstanding this, they used great brutality on certain occasions while ejecting the protesters.

"Come to the Big Meeting!"

The women for the most part protested against forcible feeding, especially against forcibly feeding unconvicted persons; they called upon the audience to do something to prevent this, saying that they had no right to sit there and enjoy themselves while such horrors were going on. One woman said, "If you want to be sure of being able to come and see a play in peace, we must have Votes for Women; the Suffragettes are more alive than ever; come to the big meeting!" and she threw down handfuls of bills advertising the big meeting in the Holland Park Hall."

"BRAVO, YOU ENGLISH WOMEN."

Effective Protest at His Majesty's.

A very effective protest against forcible feeding was made at His Majesty's Theatre on Wednesday night (July 1), during the performance of "Pygmalion." Women in the Upper Circle and in the Gallery stood up in the intervals and also during the performance itself, and called upon the audience to go to the trial of Grace Roe at the Old Bailey, to see to what a condition the Government allows an unconvicted prisoner to be reduced.

Protests followed in quick succession, and hand-bills were thrown all over the house. The attendants made great haste to eject each protester, but only on one occasion was brutality used, and this outside the Theatre. The audience were entirely in sympathy with the protesters; there were cries of "Bravo" and applause as each woman stood up to speak. All the hissing that occurred came from little groups of young men. Some ladies in the Dress Circle, evidently foreigners, called out: "Bravo, you English women" as each woman made her protest, and there were cries of "Shame" when forcible feeding was mentioned.

ANOTHER LIBERAL GARDEN PARTY.

Sir John Simon called to Account.

Sir John Simon was heckled with much vigour and point at a garden party at Woodford Green on Saturday. For a long time before the speeches began the guests were agog to know whether the Suffragettes were present.

Sir John dwelt at great length on the democratic impulse which is being felt all over the country, and the desire amongst men and women to put the Government on a better and surer basis.

Immediately a woman's voice was heard pointing out that it was hypocrisy to talk in this way whilst women were being tortured for demanding their share in the democracy.

Immediately there was tumult. Sir John was obliged to sit down for some minutes until partial quiet was restored. After that his tone of calm assurance entirely forsook him, speech actually failing him at times. Then another woman rose as he was speaking of future beneficial legislation for women.

"The vote is what women want," she said. "Your Government shows its interest in women by throwing them into prison." Again there was uproar, which did not die down until the meeting was over. The two women and others who heckled were ejected, the Liberal stewards displaying the customary brutality.

WOMEN'S CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT!

Meeting in Uproar.

Mr Edgar Jones attempted, on Saturday, at Kingswood, to speak to a resolution of confidence in the Government, and found that the only possible way to do so was to eject all the women present, except three who sat on the platform.

Again and again as he attempted to speak, women rose and protested, and were flung out amidst uproar. So strong was the feeling at one stage against the way in which the women were being treated, that, in answer to the vigorous denunciation of the stewards' brutality by a man in the audience, the chairman found it necessary to apologise and explain.

A number of women who had been refused admittance in case they might be Suffragettes burst into the Hall and got in some home truths before they were ejected.

SCOTTISH LIBERAL CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

Men and Women Ejected.

The new member for Linlithgow who took Mr Ian Macpherson's place on Friday in the Vestry Hall, found himself called to account again and again by members of the audience, on account of his connection with the Liberal Government, and it was only after various

women and men had been thrown out that he was able to get a hearing for what time remained. The stewards and other Liberal partisans were very brutal, striking the women on the head, and using disgraceful language. One woman who had not spoken or intended to speak was dragged out with great violence, and sworn at—with the result that she has written to the local Liberal agent, declaring her intention to seek the first opportunity upon the visit of a Liberal M.P. to Bristol to follow the example of the women who prevented Mr Pratt from speaking.

EXCITEMENT AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

"Go to the Old Bailey."

Great astonishment was caused at the Mansion House, on Friday afternoon, on the occasion of the Distribution of Prizes to the students of the London Chamber of Commerce, by the Marquis of Crewe. The Lord Mayor presided, and was very much surprised when, during his address, a woman stood up and said: "My lord and ladies and gentlemen, I implore you to go to the Old Bailey next week, to the trial of Grace Roe. While you are here, that woman is being forcibly fed, although she is not yet found guilty."

She was not able to say more, as police were summoned, and she was ejected. The audience were dumb with astonishment, and when another woman stood up a moment later, a great sensation was caused. It was soon evident that Suffragettes were present in large numbers, and the proceedings were considerably disturbed by women standing up and protesting against forcible feeding, and calling upon people to go to the trial. They were ejected one after the other.

PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED WOMEN.

At St Mark's Church, North Audley Street, last Sunday, when the clergyman had given out the first lesson, there rang through the building the voices of women praying for Mrs Pankhurst and the brave prisoners. There was a tense silence for a minute while the protesters quietly resumed their seats, and then the service was continued without disturbance.

During the second lesson a passage was read describing the persecutions of the Early Christians, and immediately a clear voice cried: "That is what the Government of to-day are doing to the Suffragettes." This time several vergers went up into the gallery, whence the protests had come, and requested two or three of the women to leave. One cried aloud: "I protest against being turned out of the House of God."

"YE VISITED ME NOT."

A Suffragette interrupted the service at St Agnes' Church, Moseley, on Sunday morning, June 28. The preacher was the Bishop of Birmingham, who, in the course of his sermon, observed: "I am not at all sure that our statesmen are not helped by criticism." Immediately a well-dressed lady rose in the body of the church, and remarked, "Perhaps the Bishop might be helped by criticism." A side man went up to the woman, and conducted her towards the door, the interrupter, the while, declaring, "I protest against the attitude of the Church towards the treatment of women. I have been in prison, and ye visited me not."

"SINCE THY MINISTERS ARE BLIND."

Impressive Protests at Hampstead Synagogue.

During the reading of the law at the Hampstead Synagogue on the morning of 4th July, the congregation were tremendously surprised to see a group of women stand up and make an appeal to them in the following words:—"We appeal to your members of a persecuted race, to protest against the persecution and torture of women who are fighting in the cause of God and humanity."

The incident was most impressive, and the women's voices rang out clearly, and every one in the building seemed completely taken by surprise. The minister, Mr A. Green, stopped to listen, and with the exception of one man who called "Turn them out" there was no disturbance and no attempt made to eject the women. Soon after a woman's voice called, "Mr Green, we beg you to pray for the women in prison who are suffering persecution for conscience sake; to pray that the women's question may be soon settled, and that these women may be free women in a free country."

Greatest Interest Aroused.

No response was made from the pulpit, so it was not surprising that the Suffragettes decided to pray themselves, aloud, for their cause and their persecuted sisters. Towards the end of the service a woman prayed, "O merciful God, who went with our fathers of old when they suffered persecution in Egypt, be with the women fighting in prison to-day; let thy spirit be ever with them, and may they win the cause for which they are giving their lives."

Every word was heard distinctly all over the Synagogue, and at last another prayer was read to drown that of the Suffragette. At the end of the service women chanted another prayer: "God of our Fathers! Since Thy ministers are blind, we ourselves will pray to Thee. May their blindness and that of Thy people be removed, and may Thy spirit rest with the women for ever. Amen." The choir struck up to drown the women's voices.

The protest aroused the greatest interest.

PROTEST IN CHURCH.

All Saints', Highgate.

A prayer was chanted in All Saints' Church, Highgate, last Sunday. The organ struck up before the sentences were finished. The women were requested to leave the Church, but no hands were laid upon them. Leaflets were afterwards distributed to the congregation.

FIRES IN BELFAST.

£9700 Damages.

RATEPAYERS TO PAY.

On Friday, June 30th, at the County Court-house, Crumlin Road, Belfast, Judge Craig awarded damages of £9700, for injury to property caused by recent fires in the district, attributed to Suffragettes. The damages awarded were as follows:—Bellevue Tea House, £1050; Abbeylands (a mansion belonging to General Sir Hugh McCallmont of the Ulster Volunteers), £4000; Ormonds (a mansion near Belfast), £3000; Annandale Hall, £170; Cavehill Bowling Green, £80, 10s.

The amounts are to be raised by rates levied on the County Borough of Belfast and on the County of Antrim.

COME TO THE GREAT MEETING.

Votes for Women Now!

MAKE ALL LONDON RING WITH IT.

Write for Tickets at once.

On Thursday, July 16, will take place another of the great demonstrations which form landmarks in the history of the W.S.P.U. On that day, at 8.30, women will assemble in thousands in the Holland Park Hall, to voice once more the demand for political justice and to give practical proof of their determination to win it.

Mrs Pankhurst will speak at the meeting. The key-note of the evening will be Votes for Women NOW. The speakers and the audience will be at one in that demand, and in their resolution that nothing shall be left undone on their part to bring about its fulfilment.

The great assembly of women will send out a mandate that forcible feeding shall cease, and that those brave prisoners of conscience, now suffering untold agony under the torture applied to them by the agents of the Government, shall be immediately released. At this meeting there will be announced the total of the Great Protest Fund, which has been raised by the W.S.P.U. in this year's Self Denial Week, and which will be a practical and effective reply to the Government's latest effort to destroy the Union, and with it women's hope of getting the Vote.

Swell the Great Protest Fund.

Send in your Contributions. Already week by week large

sums have been announced as contributions to this fund, and the total reached is already very large. Let every member of the Union send in her own self-denial subscription, and those she has collected from her friends, so that she may take her part in the great protest against the Government's methods of coercion, and show her determination to get Votes for Women Now.

Sell Tickets to Your Friends.

Tickets are selling rapidly; already a very large number of seats have been disposed of, but the meeting must be made widely known, so that women who are yet outside the Union may come and realise the strength and the power of the great movement which so deeply concerns them. There is only one week before July 16, and all members are asked to concentrate on making the great meeting known among their friends. Every member should make herself responsible for at least 12 tickets.

Canvassing Schemes wherever Women Meet.

Every place where women meet must be canvassed. Volunteers are wanted to take handbills and tickets round to all the women's clubs in London, to all institutions for women, and to

libraries. At this time of the year, London is crowded with tourists and sightseers from America and the Continent. These women should be given the opportunity of taking part in one of the great occasions of the greatest movement in the world to-day. All the hotels in London should be visited, and tickets and bills of the meeting should be left there. At all public functions there must be members of the W.S.P.U. giving out handbills, selling tickets, advertising the meeting.

Hundreds of Volunteers Wanted.

What Will You Do?

Hundreds of volunteers are wanted to carry out these schemes in real efficient W.S.P.U. fashion. Every member should give some time each day to advertising the meeting, so that the great "Votes for Women Now" meeting will be the topic of all London.

Poster Parades Morning and Evening.

Poster Parades to advertise the meeting will leave Lincoln's Inn House at 11 o'clock on Thursday, 9th July; Saturday, 11th July; Monday, 13th July; Tuesday, 14th July; Wednesday, 15th July.

For those who are unable to join in these parades, there are Special Evening Parades on Saturday, 11th July and again on Wednesday, 15th July. The parades will leave Lincoln's Inn House at 7.30. For what the Union can do in Poster Parades, we would refer members to the pictures in the SUFFRAGETTE of the parades in Suffragette week.

HOW'S THIS FOR MILITANCY?



ARMED AMAZONS OF ULSTER.

Corps of Women Volunteers, organised by Canon Scott, undergoing drill and firing exercises at Brookfield, near Omagh.

The above photograph and the wording underneath appeared in a Unionist Newspaper.

These parades, advertising the meeting, must be quite as long and imposing, and they will be if every member does her part. Volunteers should send in their names to Miss Kennedy, Lincoln's Inn House.

How to get to the Hall.

Holland Park Hall is in Holland Park Avenue, three minutes from Shepherd's Bush Station, ten minutes from Holland Park Tube Station. Buses from the city and the West End pass the door.

Secure a Good Seat.

PRICE OF TICKETS.

Tickets—Reserved, 5/-, 2/6, 2/-; Unreserved, 1/- and 6d., may be obtained from Lincoln's Inn House, from the Kensington shop, and all W.S.P.U. centres.

To be certain of getting a good seat, tickets should be ordered at once, as "first come first served."

No tickets are issued without payment, and, where possible, members are asked to come and fetch their tickets themselves.

GOOD NEWS FOR SUFFRAGETTES.

Militant Woman Composer's Triumph.

Two operas by Dr Ethel Smyth are to be performed early in 1915, in Germany. In February "The Wreckers" will be performed at the Munich Hof Oper, now the leading Opera House in Germany.

The "Boatswain's Mate," is to have its first production at Frankfurt, in the Civic Opera House, at which the most advanced composers of the new school aim at getting their new works produced. This is a comic opera, which Dr Smyth wrote during the past winter in Egypt. The libretto, as well as the music, is by Dr Smyth, and is founded on the well-known story of W. W. Jacobs'. The translation is now being made by Dr R. S. Hoffmann, who has already translated some of Dr Smyth's songs.

Herr Bruno Walter will be associated with the production of "The Wreckers" at the Munich Hof Oper. One of the important features of this production will be the magnificent treatment of the sea as chief factor in the story. In the last scene, when the tide flows into the cavern, an extraordinary new process will be applied, invented by the same mechanical genius who achieved the water effects in "The Ring," familiar to all who have visited the Festspiel at Munich. In the London performance of "The Wreckers," the sea was supposed to be adequately represented by a few handfuls of rice and a few yards of jagged cardboard!

It is strange indeed that these two English Operas should have to be produced in Germany. But there is a further point to notice, and it is that to have a former opera revived, regardless of expense, at a leading Court theatre, and a brand new opera, which has not even been orchestrated yet produced at another, in one season, is an honour to which hardly a living German composer could aspire. That Dr Ethel Smyth has won this honour is a new proof of the advance of women, a new evidence of their capacity for great achievement in art.

It is, we believe, more than accidental that the person to gain this artistic triumph is a Suffragette.

MILITANCY AND FORCIBLE FEEDING.

The Bishop of London's Views.

Letter to "The Times."

The following letter from the Bishop of London appeared in the *Times* of July 6:—

Sir,—As I find that the idea has got abroad that I in some way condone militancy I ask you to allow me to repeat statements made by me in your columns on the subject during the last nine months.

I find that I called it "the devil's work" in St. Paul's Cathedral, surely strong language enough; and, on February 8, in a letter (which you printed) addressed to one of the leaders, I said:—"Of your methods, as I have told you personally and plainly from the beginning, I strongly disapprove": and again in the same letter:—"I cannot conclude without telling you again that you are, in my opinion, pursuing the wrong policy if you wish to win educated and thinking men and women to your cause. You are, in our opinion, doing evil that good may come. You will forgive my reminding you that God's will can only be done in G.'s way."

So far from withdrawing what I have said subsequent events have only made me feel this even more strongly; the madness and insolence of placing a bomb in Westminster Abbey, burning down two beautiful churches, and endeavouring to injure other churches and private houses only intensify my feeling that God's will can never be fulfilled by such methods, and that there would be no blessing on the vote obtained in this manner for women, even if it could be so obtained. *Non tali auxiliis* even the keenest Suffragist must feel, still more a late convert to the limited franchise for which alone I pleaded in the House of Lords. It is impossible, therefore, to imagine a stronger "anti-militant" than I am myself, and if sympathy crept into my voice when I was speaking at Queen's College, Harley-street, it was not sympathy with the methods, but with a poor girl lying between life and death whom I had been visiting in a nursing home on my way to the college, and the memory of whom made me feel "the pity of it," and what Lord Lytton described in the House of Lords as the waste of the noble qualities of courage and self-sacrifice.

And it is just because I am so strong an anti-militant that I am anxious our own weapons shall not be tainted, and I feel bound to renew the protest which I made privately to the Home Secretary on the subject of forcible feeding. I am convinced, as I stated in my letter after visiting Holloway, that it is carried out as humanely as it is possible to carry it out by the doctors and nurses, but as I represented to the Home Secretary in the letter I now ask you to publish, I believe the thing is wrong in itself.

I feel I should not be honest, while I am writing on the subject, if I did not protest against this particular method of putting down militancy as well as against militancy itself. I believe it should cease, and the reasons I have given in my letter to the Home Secretary. If you have space, I would add one more word; our sympathy should go out to that great and law-abiding army of women who for years have endeavoured to obtain the vote by constitutional means. They may expect more from it than they will obtain, but I endeavoured to express their hopes and

aspirations in the House of Lords, and who shall say that their hope to better the condition of women and children of the future is not a noble one?

I have every intention of continuing to support their cause to the extent to which I have at present committed myself to it, and am grateful to you, Sir, for allowing me to "clear the air" of any misconceptions as to the spirit in which I am doing so.

Yours faithfully,

A. F. LONDON.

Fulham Palace, S.W., July 6.

"WE ARE NOT JUSTIFIED."

Following the letter is a correspondence between the Bishop and Mr McKenna. The Bishop sets forth his opinion of forcible feeding as formed by recent interviews with Miss Mary Richardson and Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, and by statements from Dr Flora Murray and Dr Ede. The Bishop states, "I have been convinced that we are not justified in treating delicate women in this way."

Mr McKenna in his reply states that forcible feeding is carried on with the utmost humanity, and that no alternative to forcible feeding can be devised to deal with the present situation.

"LES SUFFRAGETTES VOUS ACCUEILLENT."

The following letter has been received:—

"In reference to your letter asking about the treatment received by members in this district.

"On Monday, June 23rd, 4 members went to greet the French and Belgian journalists on their arrival at Norwich, and to sell 'Suffragettes.' One had a poster bearing the words 'Les Suffragettes vous accueillent.' The Belgian and French acknowledged their delight by bows and smiles, and gladly stretched out their hands for copies of the paper, which the police tried to prevent our giving them.

"After they had driven past, the crowd closed round and pelted us with mud and stones. A number of small boys and a few low-class men mobbed us when we reached the Cathedral Close, and two policemen stood and smiled at them while they seized our sunshades and posters and tore them to pieces.

"We have received several threatening letters with regard to our 'market-spouters,' but so far our meetings have been peaceful."—Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY JEWSON,

52, London Street, Norwich

A NEW VOCATION.

The following advertisement appears in the *Birmingham Daily Post* of June 26:—

NIGHT Watchman for mansions, clubs, etc., against militant suffragettes.—Address, M 122, Daily Post.

THE PRIMATE AND THE WOMAN'S PROBLEM.

"Distorted Energy and Devotion."

In his address at the opening meeting of the Canterbury Diocesan Conference, held at Lambeth Palace, on June 30th, the Archbishop of Canterbury, dealing with the Woman's question, said:—

"Or again, look at the problem of the right position and the appropriate activities of womanhood in the public life of this country. To my own mind, the outstanding feature of the controversy is the deep pathos of seeing splendid energy and self-devotion distorted and misapplied by a little group in a manner so mischievous that it results inevitably in harming the very cause which it is meant to further.

"And the pathos or 'pity of it' is deepened to us all by knowing that some at least of those who have become unhinged and violent owe their hysterical condition to the shock which came to them in the sudden realisation of existing facts about some form of the moral vice which casts so shameful a stain upon the Christian community, and chiefly on its manhood. We who have long had these frightful problems of moral viciousness before us have perhaps never realised what it may mean to a sensitive and unbalanced temperament to have a sudden revelation of these horrors flashed in upon it.

"Do not suppose me to imply that that affords an explanation, far less an excuse, for these violent outbreaks of folly and wrong-doing. It is not so. They are unmitigatedly evil. They are hostile to the foundation-principles of Christian citizenship. But the special point which I have mentioned is a factor in the present imbroglio, a factor which ought not to be forgotten, least of all by us who are men.

"You may hold this view or that about what ought to be ultimately decided, but be sure that at this wide question—which has bearings far beyond the mere possession or non-possession of a Parliamentary vote—is one which does and will require for the public good the application of the calmest and most thoughtful statesmanship, central and local, civil and ecclesiastical."

EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTIONS AT CATHEDRAL SERVICE.

Guarantee required from Women Worshippers.

The High Court Judges attended morning service in Newcastle Cathedral on Sunday. The precautions taken against Suffragettes were of a most rigid nature. The congregation were only admitted through one door, women worshippers being required to give their names and addresses and a guarantee before being allowed to enter. The number of police required to protect the Judges on the way to the Cathedral was so large that ordinary onlookers, realising all these precautions were against Suffragettes, were considerably amused.

SPECIAL SERVICES OF INTERCESSION.

The first of a monthly series of Services of prayer and intercession in connection with the Suffrage question will be held in St. George's Church, Bloomsbury, on Wednesday, July 22nd, at 8 p.m. The Bishop of London has given his cordial approval, and writes: "I fully realise the importance of the question. The more quietly these Services are carried out, the more they will impress people with the sincerity of the cause for which they are held."

An address will be given by Canon Todd.

THE FIRST DUTY OF A CHRISTIAN BISHOP.

Scene in Bristol Cathedral.

At the enthronement of the Bishop of Bristol in the Cathedral, on July 1, a Suffragette appealed to him to stop the forcible feeding and torture of women in prison.

"My Lord, it is your first duty as a Christian Bishop to stop the torture of women." She was immediately ejected, by churchwardens or other officials, who exclaimed, while still in the Cathedral, "Duck her under the pump." "You ought to be given in charge for this."

The appeal came appropriately after the Bishop's promise to defend the rights of the Church.

At Llandaff Cathedral.

At the afternoon Service at Llandaff Cathedral on Sunday, June 28, a body of about fifteen women chanted a prayer just before the Sermon. One sentence which was clearly heard by members of the Congregation was, "I was in prison and ye visited me not." Two sidesmen at once came forward, and the women rose and walked quietly out of the Cathedral. The Bishop of Llandaff, who, though professing sympathy, refuses to take any part in the movement, was present in the Cathedral.

A considerable number of people walked out after the prayer, and a collection amounting to 6s. 6d. was taken for the funds of the W.S.P.U.

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN IN LIVERPOOL.

Rousing Meetings outside Prison.

A vigorous campaign has been held in Liverpool in connection with the forcible feeding of Miss Georgina Lloyd and Miss Phyllis North. Meetings have been held twice daily, one being held every evening outside the prison gates. Great crowds flock to these meetings night after night, and have shown themselves very interested and very responsive. Three ringing cheers have been raised for the prisoners inside at the close of every meeting.

Messages have been shouted to the prisoners through a megaphone, and the first time this was done an answer came back from them that they were being forcibly fed.

Poster parades, protesting against the forcible feeding of the women in Walton Gaol, have been out daily through the main streets of Liverpool. Many people have shown sympathy, and in no case have the parades been interfered with.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN CONDEMN FORCIBLE FEEDING.

The following resolution was passed by a Conference of Women's Societies, political and otherwise of West Australia, which is held annually at Perth, and which represents every shade of opinion.

"This Conference of women belonging to the Empire places on record the abhorrence felt of such cruel methods of repression as the Cat and Mouse Act and forcible feeding, which are being used against their fellow women in England struggling for the franchise. As women of the Empire we ask the Imperial Government to end the agitation by granting the franchise to women on the same terms as British men have it, or may have it in the future."

A cablegram containing the resolution was taken in person to Mr McKenna by a member of the Australian and New Zealand Women Voters Association.

A PRISONER'S SPEECH.

By Mrs DACRE FOX.

Passages from an Address delivered at the Knightsbridge Hall, after her release under the "Cat and Mouse" Act.

It almost seemed to me as I lay in prison, and during this week when I lay in bed, after my release, that speeches, whether inciting or not, should now be done away with. I was so far in agreement with the Government who have imprisoned General Drummond and myself for making speeches, because it seemed to me that we required no more words, and that deeds are the jewels in our crown.

It is the Government who incite.

Now, I would say a word or two about incitement. You know that the charge upon which the General and I were tried was incitement. But it is not we who incite, it is the Government. It always has been the Government, and it always will be the Government. Look back upon the career of this Union. See the little deeds to which women were incited growing more and more, until to-day two thousand police are bidden out to stop a handful of women presenting a petition to the King. I speak in ironical terms when I say "handful." That is what some of the newspapers say. The whole point is the irony of the thing. If we are a handful, think of the power there is in that handful. I never remember such a scene outside the monarch's palace in this country. Most of us have lived in the reigns of three monarchs, and nothing of this kind has ever happened.

I heard an official at Scotland Yard, holding a high position there, speaking to a friend the other day, and comparing our movement to the Fenian movement. But I can tell him wherein it is more powerful than the Fenian movement. Those men never brought the law into disrepute. They would go into the courts and listen to the rubbish talked by the prejudiced judge; listen to the verdict given by the packed jury, and then serve their sentences.

Praise of Miss Grace Roe.

I am not in the least disparaging these men. I only want to point out to the Government spies, who may be present this afternoon, that there has never been anything like this Movement, and that the Government cannot crush it. To those of you present in this hall to-day, who are the spies of the Government, I say to you, go tell your masters what you have heard.

I want also to couple my praises for my colleague, Miss Grace Roe, with those of the

Chairman. I have been in close touch with her since the last raid, and I want to pay my tribute to her. If one is to be picked out of the galaxy of gems in this wonderful Union, I think, during the last year, the name of Grace Roe stands very prominent.

I could tell you things which perhaps none of you know, because I, being constantly with her, have seen it, how perhaps for some days she would have no food at all, working till two and three in the morning, and many times all night; going about her duties always with a light heart, always with her eyes fixed on the one thing, inspiring us who were fortunate enough to work under her. I wish I could convey to you what this great woman has been to us during that time.

I want to say that her trial and her fight is in keeping with all that she has shown us in the last year. I remember her saying to me, "I am not going to rely upon speaking when I go into the dock. I am no speaker, but I shall take other ways." And yet you see she was given a voice and words, eloquent words, to make her fight, and to bring that Court into disrepute and ridicule.

Now, I want to tell you a little of my prison experiences. They are amusing and were interesting to me. I adopted the course of refusing to undress, or wash, or eat, or drink, or do anything except that which I wished to do; and I lay upon my bed in my clothes from the moment I was taken there.

Then I had a visit from the chaplain. I had not seen him before. He said "Good morning, Mrs Fox!" I said, "You hypocrite! and you torturer! You disgrace the Master you represent. Get out of my cell." I never saw him again. And then I saw two doctors, and every time they came in I told them the same thing, that they were torturers and ruffians, and if they did not get out of my cell I would get up and strike them.

"They took my finger-prints."

When they took my fingerprints I smashed every window in my cell with that useful implement—the heel of my boot. Everything smashable was smashed. Then the Governor came in, and he said, "Norah Dacre Fox, you are reported for doing this, that, and the other, and you will now be sentenced to seven days' close confinement and bread and water diet." As I was already in close confinement and was eating nothing at all, this was preposterous.

That was the last I saw of the Governor until I was going away. These were my

tactics in prison, and you know that I was eventually released.

I had gone into prison for the first time, knowing nothing of it. I shall never forget the atmosphere of the place. For us Suffragettes, what does it matter? Wherever we are our surroundings touch us not at all; but it was the other women; the ordinary prisoners; it was the way those women are spoken to. It was the look in the eyes of the prisoner who came to wait in my cell—that frightened, hunted look!

The Prison Atmosphere.

Here in the 20th century men can still conceive that this is civilisation and they are prepared to go on with the present system, which no words can describe. Whoever gets into that prison, perhaps people not all bad, are likely to be turned out dangerous criminals.

So far as I am concerned, I remember the words of Ernest Jones the Chartist. He said, "I went into prison a Chartist. I came out a revolutionary." I went into prison a Militant Suffragette. I came out fifty militants rolled into one.

I learnt a verse out of the Bible when I was in prison, which I am going to repeat to you this afternoon. St Paul says to the Romans: "I am persuaded that neither life nor death, neither angels nor powers, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, can separate us from that which we believe to be right."

"BE CONSISTENT!"

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"We have observed," said Mrs Fawcett in the Report, "that in some quarters suggestions have been made for the disbanding of the camps." She objected that no one could make such a suggestion who knew the conditions existing in South Africa at that time as a result of the War. "The great area of the Transvaal, the Orange River Colony, and parts of Cape Colony," she declared, "are stripped bare of all means of supporting life."

In the opinion of the W.S.P.U., a woman ready to endorse the payment for Votes for Men of the appalling price described in the quotations we have given, has no right to say one word against the methods of other women Suffragists.

"Be consistent!"—a message this from the W.S.P.U. to the Government. To torture and disfranchise women, while making concessions to men who break the law and threaten bloodshed—this is a criminal inconsistency on the Government's part. Suffragettes will say what they think of it at the great Meeting in the Holland Park Hall, next Thursday evening, July 16.

PRISON NEWS.

Miss Eileen Casey brought a message of "No surrender!" from the prisoners in Holloway. They are being forcibly fed three times every day.

Miss Nellie Hall, who was visited by her father in Holloway, on July 2, is reported to be very ill indeed. Miss Grace Roe has also been visited by her father, who said that he was amazed at her courage and determination. Though very weak she has announced her intention of defending herself.

No news has been received of Miss Gertrude Ansell, who has now been forcibly fed for two months. Grave anxiety is felt concerning her as she is known to have a very weak heart, the result of previous forcible feeding.

A visitor who was admitted to Perth Prison on June 30, reports that Miss Arabella Scott looked very weak and listless, and is being forcibly fed twice daily.

Miss Frances Gordon was released on Friday, July 3rd, and taken to a nursing home seriously ill.

Miss Eileen Casey, who was arrested at Nottingham on June 26, and afterwards taken to Holloway, was again brought up at Nottingham on July 2, and remanded for a further eight days. She was then taken back to Holloway.

Mrs Shaw Brown has been very much reduced by her imprisonment. For some days after her release, she was in a state of fever, and she is now weak and nervously shocked. It will be some weeks before she is well again.

Miss Freda Graham is slowly recovering her strength, but she has not yet been able to leave her bed. Her speech has become practically normal again, and the gain in weight is satisfactory.

Miss Georgina Lloyd and Miss Phyllis North, who were arrested for breaking windows during Mr Lloyd George's visit to Crickieth, were brought up at Carnarvonshire Sessions on July 2, and sentenced to three months'imprisonment.

Miss Maude Edwards was brought up at Edinburgh on July 3, charged with having damaged the King's portrait in the Scottish Academy. She was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and has been taken to Perth.

Mrs Bertha Watson and a woman who refused her name, were, on July 1, sentenced to seven days imprisonment in lieu of a fine for obstruction, having refused to leave Mr Asquith's doorstep until he had seen them.

NO MEN PROTESTERS.

The W.S.P.U.'S Disclaimer.

The following statement has been sent by the W.S.P.U. to the newspapers:-

"The W.S.P.U. as a national policy, has nothing to do with protests made by men. Men's protests are made on the responsibility of the individual, or else in connection with one of the Men's organisations for Woman's Suffrage.

PRISONERS

NAME.	Date when sentenced.	Length of Sentence.	Place of Imprisonment.
Miss Gertrude Ansell, forcibly fed	May 10	Six months	Holloway
Miss Ivy Bonn, forcibly fed	June 10	Six months	Holloway
Miss Hilda Burkitt, forcibly fed	May 29	Two years	Holloway
Miss Eileen Casey, forcibly fed	Oct. 3, 1913	3 months and On Remand	Holloway
Miss Maude Edwards, forcibly fed	July 3	Three months	Perth
Miss Nellie Hall, forcibly fed	...	Awaiting sentence	Holloway
Miss Georgina Lloyd, forcibly fed	July 2	Three months	Carnarvon
Miss Phyllis North, forcibly fed	July 2	Three months	Carnarvon
Miss Rachel Peace, forcibly fed	Nov. 15	18 months' hard labour	Holloway
Miss Mary Richardson, forcibly fed	Mar. 12	Six months	Holloway
Miss Grace Roe, forcibly fed	...	Committed for Trial	Holloway
Miss Arabella Scott, forcibly fed	May 19,	Nine months	Perth
Miss Mary Spencer, forcibly fed	May 26	Six months	Holloway
Miss Florence Tunks, forcibly fed	May 29	Nine months	Holloway
Miss Wheeler, forcibly fed	May 23	Two months	Holloway

EVENTS OF THE COMING WEEK.

W.S.P.U. Announcements

LONDON MEETINGS.

The Weekly Meeting at the Knightsbridge Hall, on Monday, July 13, will be addressed by the Rev. E. H. Taylor and the Lady Isabel Hampden Marjesson. The chair will be taken by Mrs Mansel at 3.15 p.m.

This meeting is for women only. There will be no meeting at the Elysee Galleries, Bayswater, on Thursday, July 16, as all energies are being concentrated on the great Protest Meeting at the Holland Park Hall, at 8.30 p.m.

PAPER SELLERS.

The Paper Organiser will be glad to receive the names of those who are willing to sell papers. This work is most important, and everyone who has even one spare hour during the week should devote it to selling the SUFFRAGETTE.

SUBSCRIBERS.

Will any subscriber who has not been receiving the SUFFRAGETTE regularly write at once to the Circulation Manager, Lincoln's Inn House.

POSTERS.

Any newsgather who are not receiving the SUFFRAGETTE posters regularly should communicate at once with the Publisher, Lincoln's Inn House.

POSTER PARADES.

It is very important that the big meeting at the Holland Park Hall should be well advertised by means of Poster Parades. Parades will leave Lincoln's Inn House at 11 o'clock, on Thursday, July 9; Saturday, July 11; Monday, July 13; Tuesday, July 14; Wednesday, July 15.

Members are asked to make a special effort to attend these Parades.

ANOTHER FLAT RAIDED.

Exhaustive Search. No Result.

Soon after 8.30 on the morning of July 3rd, Inspector Parker, accompanied by ten C.I.D. men and two uniformed policemen, visited the flat occupied by two members of the W.S.P.U. They read a warrant stating that the house was suspected of containing explosives for unlawful use. One of the occupiers of the flat conducted them into all the rooms, and insisted on their putting things back as they found them, and treating everything carefully. Their behaviour to the other occupier, who was a W.S.P.U. organiser, was very insolent.

They searched every nook and cranny of the flat and seemed very disappointed at not finding anything. They took away a private address book, a petty cash-book, the organiser's private letters and several receipts.

After about an hour Inspector Parker and some of the men went away, and left two C.I.D. men in charge of the flat, and forbade the occupants to go out. The organiser strongly objected to being left in the charge of the two detectives. For some time they had followed her everywhere she went, even into shops, and on several occasions had treated her very insolently. She would prefer to be left with two uniformed policemen. Thereupon the two policemen were brought in and remained there with the two detectives.

After about another hour Inspector Parker came back and withdrew the men, and said that he had finished.

RAID ON CROYDON OFFICES.

Sixteen Police take possession.

DISAPPOINTING HAUL.

The offices of the Croydon Local Union have been raided by the Government. A Croydon Member sends us the following account of the occurrence:-

On Tuesday morning, 30th June, at 11 a.m., the premises of the Croydon Women's Social and Political Union, at 98 High Street, were raided by messengers from Scotland Yard. Mr McKenna giving this Local Union the honour of thinking it necessary to send twelve C.I.D. men (men of the Criminal Investigation Department) and four police constables to effect this important manoeuvre.

NO WARRANT PRODUCED.

They produced no warrant to legalise their intrusion. Leaving two or three of their number to guard the office, the main body of them made a frantic rush to the downstairs kitchens. What did they find there? Merely stewpans and jars ready for making delectable strawberry jam (to be sold for the funds), usually considered such a womanly occupation.

Before the entry of the Government marauders, the whole of the premises were in apple-pie order, typical of the invariably business-like organisation of the Suffragettes. After they had left, everything was in chaos: drawers turned upside down, every receptacle searched (in vain) for something to which could be attached an incriminating motive or suggestion.

One valuable haul they did make, which is now no doubt in the hands of the Government chemical analyser. On a cane seat there were displayed a large number of mysterious looking blue envelopes, which they eagerly carried off. It is true these packets were labelled "colour stamps," the latest novelty for replacing the old-fashioned messy blue-bag for washing-day, but who knows what deadly import they may have when found in a Suffragette office?

AN EXCITING INCIDENT.

Another exciting incident was the finding in the cellars of a small closely-folded piece of brown paper, which was carried ceremoniously upstairs. A dozen stalwarts gathered round, each fighting to discover the character of this remarkable "evidence." Upon fluttering the paper out, however, it was found to contain merely the words: "Choose your Prizes." Great was the disappointment!

Beside searching the office, these Government officials unlawfully trespassed upon the private and residential flat of the tenant-occupiers of the rooms on the upper stories, where a bed was stripped, the coal-box turned out, cupboards searched, and books examined, and all without the production of any official legal warrant.

As has always been the case with the W.S.P.U., the result of this act of unwarranted persecution and interference, has been redoubled devotion and enthusiasm, money pouring in, and innumerable offers of work and help. Here is yet another proof that coercion is powerless to injure the spirit of the W.S.P.U.

A WARNING.

Our readers are warned to have no dealings with a woman who has already called at one W.S.P.U. centre, trying to obtain money under the pretence of being a relative of a prominent W.S.P.U. member.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

Below will be found some reports showing the excellent work that is being done on behalf of the W.S.P.U. in various parts of the British Isles.

LONDON

Balham and Tooting.

A most successful meeting held at Tooting Broadway on Saturday, June 27th. Thanks to Mrs Thomson, who spoke for over two hours. Tennis tea party on Thursday, June 23rd, brought many members together. Congratulations to Miss Watson: all inquiries concerning tennis club should be sent to her at 66 Tooting Bee Road. Open-air meeting next Friday night: all members are requested to attend. More SUFFRAGETTE sellers are needed. (Hon. Sec., Miss O. G. Greer, 30 Streathbourne Rd.)

Battersea.

A meeting held at Strath Terrace on Friday, 26th June: chair, Mrs Newbury. Mr H. B. Macpherson held large and interested crowd, Sunday 28th. Miss Lynch and Mr Macpherson addressed a large assembly in Battersea Park, Mrs Newbury presiding. SUFFRAGETTE singing splendidly. (Hon. Org. Sec., Mrs E. D. Duval, 37 Park Road, Wandsworth, S.W.)

Bowes Park and District.

A successful meeting held at Alderman's Hill on Saturday. Sale of SUFFRAGETTE going well, and protests outside local churches against forcible feeding have aroused much intelligent interest. Members are asked to support this urgent work so that large numbers of leaflets may be distributed each Sunday morning to worshippers. (Hon. Sec., Miss D. Palmer, 3 The Chine, Winchmore Hill.)

Chelsea.

Outdoor meetings going splendidly, thanks to speakers and supporters. Sale of SUFFRAGETTE increasing: Pitch Cap-tain reports sale of 41 dozen. Self Denial Fund reached the sum of £74, 11s. 6d. before it was handed in. Good seats for Holland Park Hall meeting on 16th July can be bought at shop. Members should apply at once. Grateful thanks to Jumble sale contributors and helpers. (Miss Vetter; shop, 308 King's Road; telephone, 2858 Kensington.)

Clapham.

All members wishing to join outing to Wimbledon Common on Wednesday, July 15th (not 16th as stated last week), must send in their names by July 10th in order that arrangements may be made. Miss M. Wright for their speeches. Gifts of cakes, tea, sugar, etc., towards price tickets for meeting at Holland Park now on sale at office. Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs Kilmer, 10s.; Misses James, 5s.; Mrs Starling, 4s. 6d. (Hon. Sec., Mrs Clara Strong; offices, 84 Elspeth Road, S.W.)

Croydon.

Jam-making season now on. Mrs Swan and another member have given jam, and Mrs Russell has given strawberries: who else will follow their splendid example? Office kitchen available any day for purpose. Raising of office by Scotland Yard on June 30th was splendid advertisement, resulting in increased donations, offers of work, and SUFFRAGETTE selling. Blouses and robes will still be on sale till to-morrow, Saturday: charming bargains. Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs Browne, 2s. 6d.; Mrs Edwards, 5d., and money box, 3s. 6d.; Penny Fund, Mrs Osman, 1s. 9d.; Miss Green, money box, 15s. 6d.; shop money box, 12s. 6d.; Mrs Swan, 11s. 2d. (Hon. Org., Mrs Cameron Swan; shop, 98 High Street; telephone, 1969 Croydon.)

Forest Hill and East Dulwich. Contributions to Self Denial Fund still coming in. Best thanks to all. Open-

air meetings (see programme) will continue during July. Members particularly asked to rally round speakers. It is hoped that some garden meetings for women will take place in August. Please note that during hot weather shop is open in afternoons, 2.30 to 4.30 (except on Wednesdays): morning hours, 11-1 as usual. (Hon. Sec., Miss A. E. Metcalfe; shop, 6 Imperial Buildings, Forest Hill.)

Fulham and Putney.

Women's meeting at shop to-night (Friday) at 7.30: speaker, Miss M. Wright. Jumble sale on Saturday, July 11th. Contributions and help at sale urgently needed. Tickets for Holland Park Hall meeting (2s., 1s., and 6d.) can be obtained at shop. Will members please hand all Self Denial subscriptions and cards personally to secretaries or treasurer? Gratefully acknowledged—Miss Cameron, 4s. 6d. (shop rent); "Nobody," 1s.; Miss Holmes, 2s. 6d.; Mrs Furley-Smith, 10s. (shop rent). Who will help to double the card before big meeting? Many thanks to Mrs Davis for picture painted by herself: proceeds to go to shop. (Hon. Secs., Mrs C. Furley-Smith and Miss L. Cutten; shop, 905 Fulham Road, S.W.)

Hampstead.

Hearty thanks to all by whose help and contributions summer fete was made such a success, especially to Mrs Durrant for so kindly lending her house and garden. It is hoped to keep shop open during August. Any members who will be in town or able to help during that month are asked to communicate with Secretary. Tickets for demonstration on July 16th can be obtained from office. Miss Nancy Lightman addressed a huge and sympathetic crowd for two hours on Hampstead Heath last Sunday. (Hon. Org. Sec., Miss D. D. Solomon; Sec., Miss G. Batson; shop, 178 Finchley Road; phone, Hampstead 4900.)

Hendon, Golders Green, and Finchley.

Many thanks to all who helped to make garden sale such a success, financially and socially. Will members now throw all their energy into helping with great meeting at the Holland Park Hall, July 16th. More SUFFRAGETTE sellers needed, and will members support speakers at out-door meetings. Speaker's class at 58 Rotherwick Road, Wednesday, 8 p.m. (Hon. Sec., Mrs Lawson Beldon; office, 26b The Parade, Golders Green.)

Hornsey.

Excellent open-air meetings held last week in Crouch End and Harringay. Heartiest thanks to Miss Guttridge and Miss M. Wright for their speeches. Garden meeting at Mrs Yeoman's, "Northlands," Bishop's Wood Road, Highgate (off Hampstead Lane), on Saturday, July 18th, 4 p.m. Speaker, Miss Barbara Wylie. For invitation tickets apply Hon. Sec. Gratefully acknowledged for Self Denial Collection—Miss Martin, £5; Miss Yeoman, £5; Mrs Middleton, 5s.; Miss Hume, £2, 16s.; Miss Newstead, £2, 10s.; Miss Pearce, £1; Miss Richmond, 12s. 3d.; Misses Cattle, £2, 2s. 5d. For local work, Miss Pearce, 4s. (Hon. Sec., Miss Bonwick, B.A., 28 Weston Park, Crouch End, N.)

Ilford.

Good meetings held. Thanks to Miss Littleford for speaking and to Miss K. Morgan for taking chair. Members, especially those not taking part in the Carnival, are asked to contribute to "Carnival Fund." June monthly subscriptions would be much appreciated. (Hon. Treas., Miss E. M. Swan, 147 Little Ilford Lane.)

Kensington.

If any member has not yet given in her Self Denial contribution, we should be glad if she could do so now. More SUFFRAGETTE sellers wanted, as some are on holiday. This is an easy and yet

most important way of helping. Two new members welcomed. Gratefully acknowledged—Lady Home, £1 for shop; Mrs Pratley, beautiful flowers for windows. Many thanks to all who have sent jumbles and who helped with Self Denial stall, which was a great success. (Hon. Sec., Miss Elsa N. Dalglish; shop and office, 104 Church Street; phone, 2116 Park.)

Kingston and District.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will take tickets for meeting at Holland Park Hall on July 16th, and bring friends. Local poster parades will be held to advertise this meeting in Kingston and neighbourhood. Members urged to take part in this work. Particulars as to times at office. During Miss R. Nuthall's absence Mrs Bessell has kindly undertaken stewarding arrangements for shop. More stewards for SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently needed as several regular ones are away on holiday. (Hon. Sec., Miss Stewart; office, 53 Eden Street, Kingston.)

North Islington.

Members are urged to come forward with definite offers of help in paper selling, speaking, etc. If each member would spare even an hour a week the work would go forward by leaps and bounds. Who will volunteer to attend each Friday at Thane Villas meeting? Will members please note that tickets for Holland Park meeting on July 16th can be obtained at office. Please apply to Hon. Sec., Miss Muriel Dalton; office, 19 St Thomas Road, Finsbury Park.

North West London.

Excellent out-door meetings held; general public most sympathetic. More speakers and SUFFRAGETTE sellers are much wanted. Garden meeting on June 30, at 12 Nicoll Road, a great success. Many entirely new to our meetings listened with greatest interest and sympathy to Miss Naylor's splendid address.

New members enrolled. Members are asked to attend and bring friends on July 9th, 8 p.m., at the Lecture Room to hear Miss L. Tyson and the Rev. C. Isherwood. More contributions for jumble sale will be welcomed. (Hon. Sec., Mrs Elinor Penn Gaskell; offices, 310 High Road, Kilburn; telephone, 5003 Hampstead.)

Pinner.

An excellent gathering at Pinnercote on June 24th, when American Fair was held in garden. Gifts of fancy articles, home-made jam, and sweets contributed to stalls. Two excellent concerts took place indoors, when Miss Russell, Miss Guttenock, Mrs and Miss Verden, Mr Threadgold, Mr Rangor, and Master Verden assisted. Side shows well patronised. Gratefully thanks to all members and friends who assisted. Will members remember Tuesday afternoon meetings at Pinnercote, which will continue until end of July. (Hon. Sec., Mrs Verden, Pinnercote.)

West Ham.

All members thanked for contributions to picnic, which realised 16s. 6d. profit for Self Denial Fund. All collecting cards and money boxes for this fund must come in now to be ready for great meeting, July 16. Local funds now in need of help: will anyone lend a garden for garden meeting in July? (Hon. Sec., Miss W. Inidge; shop, 32b Romford Road, Stratford, E.)

HOME COUNTIES

Bexhill.

Self Denial Funds still coming in well, and the total, considerably over £100, will be announced shortly. Gratefully acknowledged—Anon., £5 for local funds. (Org., Miss F. C. Tristram; shop, Marina.)

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Bournemouth.
Will all members who have not yet sent in their Self Denial cards do so at once. Hon. Treasurer would be glad to receive annual subscriptions of all members who have not already paid them. Will any members or friends give some new books to office library, for which there is a great demand. SUFFRAGETTE seller urgently needed for Saturday mornings for next few weeks to take place of regular seller, who is on her holiday. Splendid sale of SUFFRAGETTES last week. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Berry; office, 221 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.)

Brighton.
A most successful "at home" held in Mrs Stenning's garden on Saturday, June 27th. New member joined, and good collection taken. Many thanks to Miss Canning for her fine speech, and to Mrs Stenning for her hospitality. About £54 collected for Self Denial week. Any members who have not sent in their cards are asked to do so immediately. It is hoped that a final total of £60 will be reached. It is most important that there should be more SUFFRAGETTE sellers in Brighton, especially as town is now crowded with visitors. Volunteers please come forward at once (Org., Miss E. E. Bowerman; office, 8 North Street Quadrant.)

Eastbourne.
Members visiting town are asked to call at shop, and to volunteer for SUFFRAGETTE selling if possible. Meetings every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at east bandstand. Shop rent now due, and subscriptions to meet it and other expenses in connection with the branch are urgently needed. (Org., Miss E. E. Bowerman; office, 58a Grove Road.)

Hastings.
Flags, posters, and distribution of literature from windows of a large house greeted Princess Henry of Battenberg's visit to Hastings, and SUFFRAGETTES were sold along route. Late sums for Self Denial Fund still coming in; exact total, which will be considerably over £100, to be announced shortly. Visitors kindly volunteer for SUFFRAGETTE selling. Canvassers wanted for evening meeting at Rainbow Hall, on Monday, 13th July, 8 p.m. (Org., Miss F. C. Tristram; office, 8a Claremont.)

Letchworth.
Members' meeting at Notts Cafe on Monday, 29th ult., a great success. Miss K. Gregory in chair. Many thanks to Miss Pollitt for giving tea at sewing party, held July 1st. These parties held fortnightly; will all members come and bring friends next Wednesday, 312 Norton Way, 3 p.m., July 15th. More SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently needed. (Hon. Sec., Miss Florence Hull, 312 Norton Way.)

Portsmouth.
Self Denial cards not yet returned should be sent at once to Hon. Sec. More money still wanted for annual payment for poster at town station. Please send in quickly. (Hon. Sec., Miss L. H. Peacock, 4 Pelham Road, Southsea.)

Southampton.
A very successful garden fete held at Mrs Kennedy's, 13 Lawn Road, in aid of local funds. Thanks to Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Hilsby, Mrs Harvey, Miss Warner, Mrs Montgomery, and Miss Tracey for contributions and help. Address given by Secretary on Mr M'Kenna's 11th of June speech. More SUFFRAGETTE sellers wanted. (Hon. Sec., Mrs Gertrude Shaw, Ivanhoe, Nile Road, Highfield.)

Worthing.
Many thanks to Miss Bowerman and Miss Spott for speaking on Fridays, June 26th and 3rd July. Two new members welcomed. Office hours, 3 to 6. (Hon. Sec., Miss Oliver; office, 39 Upper High Street.)

MIDLANDS

Birmingham.
Members who intend taking tickets for great meeting at Holland Park Hall on July 16 are asked to send in their names at once to Organiser as time is short. Will those members who have not yet returned their Self Denial cards please send them in now. (Org., Miss Phyllis Ayrton; offices, 97 John Bright Street.)

Nottingham.
More SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently needed: please volunteer at once. Thanks to all who helped with Self Denial week arrangements. All cards and contributions should be given to Organiser immediately. Plans are being made for a house-to-house distribution of leaflets advertising the SUFFRAGETTE and giving facts on Votes for Women and torture in prison. Helpers wanted for this. (Org., Miss C. A. Stuart; telephone, 4511; offices, 31 Derby Road.)

Stratford-on-Avon.
Will all members please make an effort to attend members' meeting on July 9th at Pear-Tree Close, Welford-on-Avon. Self Denial cards should be sent to Secretary. (Hon. Sec., Miss Wedgwood, 3 Chestnut Walk.)

WEST OF ENGLAND.

Bath.
The grounds of Bathaston Villa will be open on Wednesday, July 15th, 3.30 to 9 p.m. (please note altered date). Admission, 3d. Tea from 4 to 5.30, 6d. Speeches at 5.30 and 8 by Miss Annie Williams and others. Games, music, dancing. Please bring friends. Miss Francis addressed shop meeting on Wednesday, and has taken several open-air meetings in the Frome neighbourhood, organised by Mrs Batten Pool. Stewards wanted for garden meeting. (Hon. Secs., The Misses C. and A. Tolle-mache; shop, 12 Walcot Street.)

WALES.

Cardiff and District.
Heartly thanks to all members who sold the SUFFRAGETTE and the "Great Scourge" on Rose Day. Posters advertising latter caused much comment and attention. Meeting arranged for Miss Macaulay well attended, and her most interesting speech listened to with keenest attention and sympathy. Members spent a delightful afternoon at Lavernock on Saturday, 27th, and results were a welcome addition to Self Denial Fund. Will members bring or send their cards and contributions to Organiser as soon as possible? (Org., Miss Annie Williams; office, 109 Queen Street, Cardiff.)

Newport.
All efforts now being concentrated on garden fete and fair on Saturday, July 18th, 3 to 9 p.m., at Llanwern Park. Street flower selling for Self Denial week realised 19s. (Hon. Sec., Lady Mack-worth, Oaklands, Caerleon, Monmouth-shire.)

Pontypool and District.

Rummage sale held at Sebastopol, £1, 15s. taken, which, with £3, 17s. made at Trosman preceding week, makes a total of £5, 12s. for Self Denial Fund. Thanks to kind friends and members who helped in any way to make sales successful. SUFFRAGETTE on sale in Pontypool Street, Saturday mornings. Volunteers needed for selling. (Hon. Sec., Miss C. Butler, Pontrhydryn, Near Newport, Mon.)

NORTH-WESTERN COUNTIES.

South Manchester, Hale, Urmston, and Stockport.

SUFFRAGETTES selling well. Will members make the selling of the paper a special holiday task? (Letters: Sec., South Manchester W.S.P.U., Onward Hall, Deansgate.)

NORTH-EASTERN COUNTIES.

Aslington.
Two splendid meetings were held at Aslington on Sunday, July 28. Thousands of men and women listened to the speakers with intense interest, and at the end of the meeting bought up our stock of literature. Good collections taken at each meeting, and SUFFRAGETTES sold there. These meetings are typical of those held in the mining and industrial centres in Northumberland and Durham in preparation for the miners' galas at Morpeth on July 11, and in Durham on July 25, at which we intend to hold meetings and to sell SUFFRAGETTES.

Doncaster.

Members urged to concentrate on working up large meeting for Rev. J. F. Matthews on 15th July, 8 p.m., at Glyn Hotel. Reserved seats, 6d.; admission free. Seats may be booked at Mr Lloyd's shop, Sunnybar. Market stall successfully held in Self Denial week. Members requested to send in their collecting cards and money to Hon. Treasurer at office in order that they may be safely conveyed to headquarters. Weekly sewing meetings now held on Mondays at 7.30: coffee at 9 p.m. Please attend and bring new friends. (Org., Miss Key Jones; office, 52 Hall Gate.)

Harrogate.
Splendid open-air meeting held in Stray on Thursday last, when Mrs Webb Smithwick spoke for over an hour to a crowd of several hundreds. Will members please bring in their Self Denial Cards to office as soon as possible. (Hon. Sec., Miss M. Hughes; office, 18a King Road.)

Huddersfield.
A successful meeting for members and friends held on June 17th at St Mark's Schools, when Miss Key Jones gave an interesting address. Treasurer acknowledges with many thanks a donation of £1, 1s. from W. J. M'Williams, Esq., who wishes to have the SUFFRAGETTE sent to him in S. Africa for a year. (Hon. Sec., Miss Lowenthal, The Grange.)

Leeds.
Members asked to do all they can to make meetings on July 12th as widely known as possible. There will be a reunion of members and friends at shop from 6 to 6.30, and it is hoped that every member will make a point of being present. Volunteers to sell literature needed. "Prison and Prisoners" can be borrowed from shop; will members lend it to their friends? (Hon. Sec., Miss D. Wharton; shop, 2 St George's Road.)

Newcastle and District.

New stock of pamphlets and photograph postcards now on sale, and members are asked to replenish their supply from it and to send copies to friends. A thorough canvass of members and sympathisers in Newcastle and district is being made, and the Organiser hopes that members will give liberally to Self Denial, and volunteer for SUFFRAGETTE selling and for other work. Outdoor meetings held in outlying villages and towns, and are most successful. SUFFRAGETTE sale very good, and more are now being ordered, so that sale on Newcastle pitches will not again be restricted owing to insufficient supply. Miss Mildred Smith is in charge of arrangements for SUFFRAGETTE selling at Morpeth on July 11th, the miners' gala day: she and Organiser ask every member that can possibly arrange it to go and sell there. (Org., Miss E. Grew; office, 77 Blackett Street.)

Scarborough.

Miss Agnes Sufield, from York, spoke on West Pier on Saturday afternoon to a large and interested audience. Thanks to all who have given to Self Denial Fund. Will any member offer to help with SUFFRAGETTE selling. More papers could be sold if more members would sell in streets. Home-made sweets, jams, etc., for sale at shop will be gratefully received. (Hon. Sec., Miss N. Vickerman; shop, 33 St Nicholas Cliff.)

Sheffield.

Mrs White read extracts from "Prison and Prisoners" at last mothers' meeting; next meeting, Monday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Members who have not yet sent their contributions to Self Denial Fund to Secretary are asked to do so at once, so that money can be taken to headquarters. Will members willing to take part in parol parade send in their names at once and call and choose their parasols. It is hoped to have a week's open-air campaign. SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently needed. (Org. Sec., Miss E. M. Schuster; office, 26-28 Chapel Walk.)

SCOTLAND.

Dundee.

Members will be delighted to hear that result of Self Denial week is £77, 12s. 3d. Many thanks to all who helped to raise this sum: one donation of £30 has been received. Will members now concentrate on working for Dundee stall at Glasgow bazaar. The Convener is Mrs Penny, and goods should be sent to her at Craigherbarn. After the holidays working evenings will be started to make goods. SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently needed to sell in streets on occasion of the King's visit. Send in your names at once. (Org., Miss Olive Walton, 77 Nethergate.)

Edinburgh.

Miss M. Scott spoke to a large crowd at "Mound" on Saturday, and was listened to with most earnest attention. All will be glad to hear that Miss Naylor will speak at "Mound" on Saturday

next at 4 p.m., also at 8 p.m. Members are asked to bring friends to these meetings, and to make them widely known. A garden party is being arranged for July 18th at Mrs Grievie's house in Portobello: names of speakers, etc., to be in next week's report. Will members keep this date free? (Org., Miss M. S. Allen; office, 27 Frederick Street.)

Perth.
Protest meetings against forcible feeding of three prisoners in Perth Prison held during last fortnight. Most enthusiastic, and the SUFFRAGETTE sold very well. Many thanks to Mrs Penny, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Nixon, Miss Grant, Miss M. Scott, and Miss Clunas for speaking, and to Perth members for selling SUFFRAGETTES and other help. Will members please advertise demonstration for Friday, July 10th. Volunteers wanted for chalking. Speakers will be Miss Naylor and others: it is hoped to have four platforms. (Org., Miss Olive Walton; Hon. Sec., Miss Norwell, 4 Brompton Terrace.)

IRELAND.

Dublin.

First W.S.P.U. meeting held Kingstown, Saturday, June 26th. Speakers met with excellent reception. These meetings will be continued at 5 p.m. on Saturdays at Queen's Fountain. Will members attend to help with paper sales, etc.? SUFFRAGETTES sold out at the huge open-air demonstration held by Catholic Temperance Associations in O'Connell Street on Sunday afternoon. Further contributions to Self Denial Fund gratefully acknowledged—Anon., 10s.; Anon., per Mrs East, 3s.; Dr Kathleen L'lynn (added to former Self Denial subs.), £2. (Org., Miss Joan Wickham; office, 1 Clare Street.)

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REPORTS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES.

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