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WOMEN VERSUS THE GOVERNMENT.



Australia sends advice to the Prime Minister.

(The Australian Senate recently cabled to Mr. Asquith pointing out to him the desirability of conferring the franchise upon women.)

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

THE OUTLOOK.

The new Parliament meets for the first time on Tuesday, January 31, but the whole of the first week will be devoted to the swearing in of members and other formal business. The real business of the Session will begin on the following Monday, February 6, when the King's Speech will be read and the intentions of Ministers for the Session will be made known.

Business of the Session.

It is generally assumed that the Government will push forward the Parliament Bill with all speed, and it

is stated that they intend that it shall be carried through all its stages in the House of Commons before Easter, and through its discussion in the House of Lords a few weeks later, so that the crisis will be reached, and, it is hoped, concluded, before the Coronation of the King on June 22. But though the Government are expected to devote special attention to the Parliament Bill, it is already known that they intend also to push through other measures. These include a Bill for the Payment of Members, a Bill for Invalidity Insurance, and probably also a Bill for Unemployment Insurance.

Votes for Women First.

In the view of the Women's Social and Political Union all these questions are secondary to the fundamental question of the right of women to the Parliamentary vote. The constitutional crisis itself between the Commons and the Lords only assumes importance in so far as it is a conflict between a House which is representative and a House which is not representative of the people of the country: but so far as women are concerned both Houses are equally unrepresentative, and the demand for the enfranchisement of women is therefore a claim precedent to that made by the House of Commons. Again, the payment of Members of the House of Commons would be a crying injustice if it were carried while women were voteless, for it would mean that those who had no voice in selecting the representatives would nevertheless be called upon to maintain them. Mr.

Osborne has recently won a judgment in the Courts because, as a member of a minority, he objected to paying for the upkeep of Members of Parliament of whom he did not approve, but the position of women would be very much worse, because, while Mr. Osborne is not obliged to remain a member of his trade union, women cannot escape their obligations as members of the State.

The Proposals for Unemployment Insurance.

As to the proposed measures of Insurance, there are signs already that the Government intend to differentiate in favour of men, whom alone they represent. According to a forecast of the Unemployment Bill the following trades only will be dealt with: Housebuilding, Engineering, Machine and Tool-making, Shipbuilding, Vehicles, Sawyers. All these, it will be seen, are trades in which men only are concerned, and if it is intended that the State should contribute a subvention towards the insurance of men in these trades, the Government will be deliberately taking money out of the pockets of women, the poorer part of the community, and handing it over to men who form the richer part.

A Welcome to Mr. Franklin and Mr. Hawkins.

An enthusiastic meeting was held on Monday last by the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement in the Caxton Hall, when a tremendous welcome was accorded to Mr. Franklin who had been released on the previous Monday from Pentonville prison, and to Mr. Hawkins who has just left hospital after the setting of his broken knee.

which he received at the hands of the Liberal stewards on the occasion of Mr. Churchill's meeting at Bradford.

Release of Prisoners To-morrow.

It is with the very greatest pleasure that members of the Union are looking forward to welcoming the 16 women who will be released from Holloway Gaol to-morrow (Saturday).

The Campaign.

After an interval of five weeks the regular weekly meetings will recommence in Lor Ion, Monday afternoon next with a meeting in the Queen's Hall, and on Thursday evening next with a meeting in the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square, W.

Meeting in Paris.

Our readers will be interested to know also that Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence are holding a special meeting in Paris to-night at the Salle de Societe des Savants, 8, Rue d'Anton, where a large number of French Suffragists are expected to be present.

Madame Curie.

The question of the eligibility of women to the academies in France is still not settled. After a long discussion on Monday afternoon of the entire Academy of Sciences, the section of Physical Sciences, by a majority, decided to nominate Madame Curie as the first rank as candidate for the present vacancy.

University Women Teachers and the Vote.

The following resolution was carried, with only one dissent, at the meeting of the Association of University Women Teachers, held last Friday in London:—

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Harrow Division, and so successfully did it perform its work that the Liberal majority of 186 was converted into a minority of 3,136." Inclusive of subscriptions and donations, sale of tickets and special gifts, the Union has raised a sum of £222 during the year for local purposes, while the shop sales have amounted to a further £276.

Election Policy.

In its issue of Saturday last the Westminster Gazette quotes with special approval an article in the Saturday Review, in which it is stated that individual votes at an election "will be decided by the personality of the candidates, the efficiency of their campaigns, and in the last resort by the attitude of the party leaders on important political issues."

Items of Interest.

American Suffragists are raising the sum of £30,000 to commemorate Miss Susan B. Anthony. This will be used as a campaign fund for Woman Suffrage.

THE PRISONERS' WELCOME.

Next Saturday's welcome ceremony to the released prisoners will be especially memorable in the annals of the Union. We are then to hear, for the first time, a Marching Song, composed and dedicated to the Women's Social and Political Union by one of the most famous of modern composers.

Miss Ethel Smyth, in obedience to the spiritual force which is attracting the great women of the time to the cause of women's enfranchisement, has allied herself with this movement. She shares with the rest of us a proud faith in womanhood and its destiny, and the desire to see its bonds broken.

"Qu'est que c'est que cette espèce de Carmagnole religieuse?" asked a musician friend who listened to Dr. Smyth playing her Marching Song. Its spirit is wonderfully well described by these words "espèce de Carmagnole religieuse." The fiery spirit of revolution united with religious solemnity, the all-conquering union of faith and rebellion which makes the strength of the militant movement, is expressed by Dr. Smyth's Marching Song. It is at once a hymn and a call to battle.

Another interesting feature of the evening will be the recitation by Miss Nellie Sergeant, the well known entertainer, who has kindly offered to recite for us a selection from Olive Schreiner's "Dreams in the Desert." Mrs. Pankhurst will be in the chair, and the programme will be as follows:—

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- 2. Mrs. PANKHURST responds on behalf of the Union.

- 3. The MARCHING SONG is played by Miss ETHEL SMYTH and sung by the Choir.

The welcome will be held in the Suffolk Street Galleries, Pall Mall, S.W., at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow, Saturday. Tickets including light refreshments, price 2s. each, can be obtained from Miss Cooke, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn. As the accommodation is limited friends are particularly requested to take tickets in advance, as otherwise they may find themselves excluded by limitation of space.

GETTING NEW READERS.

Once again there is a splendid total to chronicle of new subscriptions sent in to the paper during the week, bringing the figure up to 559 since the beginning of the Christmas Holidays.

In addition to the list which we publish below, several friends write to say that they are taking other means to increase the circulation. One reader now orders two copies instead of one each week, and passes them both on to acquaintances.

All these ways are equally valuable with that of obtaining direct postage subscribers, but the latter is often the easiest to arrange. Friends are reminded that they should write to the Circulation Manager, Votes for Women, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., giving the name and address of the friends to whom the paper is to be sent, and also their own name and address.

Fifth List.—Jan. 9 to Jan. 14.

Table listing names and amounts of contributions to the Fifth List, including names like Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Pankhurst, and various other donors.

WOMAN'S BATTLE-CRY!

We are fighting for the freedom of the children yet unborn— We are fighting with the courage of a cause that was forlorn! With our hearts and with our bodies—for our souls we fight and pray.

When the French were crushed and beaten, 'twas a woman won the day— Joan led the troops to battle, when their generals ran away: One mighty army burned her, while another looked away— But God, who is our Arbitrer, will remember it one day.

When our Saviour walked to Calvary His disciples turned and fled, But Veronica in pity wiped His bleeding Face and Head; Two women followed fearless, at the Cross to stand and pray! And God, who is our Arbitrer, will remember it one day.

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NEXT WEEK

We shall publish the first of a series of articles by Mr. Joseph Clayton, author of "Leaders of the People," entitled "Militant Methods in History."

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

London Free Meetings.

Big audiences are anticipated at the two London Free Meetings next week (the first after the holidays), at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W., Monday, January 23, at 3 p.m., when Mrs. Pankhurst will be in the chair and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., will also speak; and on Thursday evening, January 28, at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square, at 8 p.m.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C. Members and friends will be glad to know that Mr. Joseph Clayton's new book, "Leaders of the People," is on sale at the Woman's Press, price, 12s. 6d. net.

Welcome to Prisoners.

Full details of the Reception to be held to-morrow evening will be found on the previous page.

Where to hear the Leaders.

In addition to the London meetings, the following are some of this month's important events.—Mrs. Pankhurst will speak at the Athenaeum, High Road, Kilburn, on Monday, January 30, at 8 p.m. To-day (Friday) an interesting meeting will be held in the Salle de Societe des Savants, 8, Rue d'Anton, Paris, at 8.45 p.m., at which Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will speak at York to-day (Friday) at 3.30 and 8 p.m.; Leicester on Thursday, January 26; Nottingham, on Friday, January 27; at St. Nicholas Hall, Scarborough, on Saturday, January 28, at 8 p.m.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND. January 9 to January 14.

Table listing names and amounts of contributions to the £100,000 Fund, including names like Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Pankhurst, and various other donors.

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Hammersmith. Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road. Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.

CHELSEA, KENSAL TOWN, AND BATTERSEA. Shop and Office—208, King's Road. Hon. Sec.—Miss Haig and Miss Barry.

It is hoped all members and many friends will be present at the annual meeting to be held today.

CHISWICK. Office—146, High Road. Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. A. Coombes.

There was a good attendance at the members' meeting on Friday last, when it was decided to have a meeting in the town hall...

WIMBLEDON. Shop and Office—145, Church Street, Kennington, W. Tel. 2116 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Bates, Hammersmith-Swan and Miss Lewis Hall.

CROYDON. Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 439 Croydon (N.E.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Hammersmith-Swan and Miss Lewis Hall.

Members are asked to put on one side any old clothing or household goods in preparation for the Jumble Sale which will take place on the 24th of April...

Table with columns: Date, Location, Name, Time. Includes entries for Fulham and Putney, London meetings for the forthcoming week, and Lewisham.

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North Islington. Hon. Sec.—Miss Constance Bryer, 49, Tufnell Park, N. Last Thursday's debate at the Crouch End High School was most successful and entertaining...

WALTHAMSTOW. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Margaret Milne, 23, Cleveland Park Avenue, Walthamstow. Members are reminded of the meeting which is being held at the Pioneer Cafe, Grosvenor Gardens...

WIMBLEDON. Shop—6, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Laminarie Yates. The past week has been one of intense activity...

Home Counties. Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Wait, 13, Stratford Road. A large attendance of members and friends is hoped for at all meetings...

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BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT. Office—8, North Street, Quadrant, Tel. 4233 Nat. Organiser (pro tem.)—Mrs. McKewen.

Bournemouth. Office—31, Old Christchurch Road. Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss Bessie Berry. Friday, Jan. 20—St. Peter's Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.B., 8 p.m.

DANTRIDGE AND EAST KENT. Office—2, York Terrace, Ramsgate. Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay. It was a great pleasure to see Miss Branman, the New York Suffragist...

to the organiser, who will gladly accept their help. A very useful little meeting was held last week...

North Kent. Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth, 23, Stuart Road, Gillingham, Kent. The campaign in Gillingham was opened with a meeting at which there were many volunteers...

Oxford. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. F. Richards, 209, Woodstock Road. Thursday afternoon and evening At Home has been arranged at Mrs. Cutts' residence...

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campaign in this district. The collection amounted to 21. Many thanks to Miss Maud Moscopy for her generous donation of 15s.

North-Eastern Counties. Bradford and District. Office—68, Minningham Lane. Organiser—Mrs. Mary Phillips. The fortnightly At Home, which has recommenced will be held in future in the Church Institute, North Parade...

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT. Office—107, Market Street. Organiser—Miss A. Williams. The organiser is very grateful to those members who so conscientiously looked after the shop, and who kept the flag flying during her absence...

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT. Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst. Hon. Sec.—Miss Balfour, 23, Barwick Street. Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, York.

The work during this week has been undertaken by Miss Mackenzie. The street sales of Votes for Women have been very good. An open-air meeting was held in Rotherham on Saturday last...

North-Western Counties. Bolton, Bury, and District. Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington. Office—118, Dorset Street, Haugh, Bolton. A members' meeting will be held on 17th, Dorset Street, Bolton, on Monday, Jan. 23, at 7.30 p.m.

Manchester and District. Central Office—17, St. Ann's Square, Manchester. Tel. 1193 Central. Organisers—Miss Georgina Brakeburn and Mrs. Rana Robinson. Arrangements are going ahead for the meeting to be held on Tuesday next (see below)...

PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT. Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 41, Glover's Court, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hyder, Lytham. Members are asked to invite their friends to the At Home to be held on Wednesday next...

Scotland. Dundee. Office—61, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane. At the weekly meeting of January 11th Miss Underwood of Glasgow gave a most interesting and original account of her experiences as a paper-seller...

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