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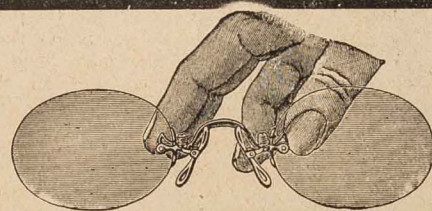
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### The Albert Hall Meeting.

The Albert Hall meeting to be organised by the National Union for February 14th, will take place immediately after the opening of Parliament, which is announced for February 10th. The increasing support given by electors to the cause of Women's Suffrage, which has been noticed so often in our columns, will, it is hoped, be brought prominently before the notice of the House of Commons by the presence of a large number of men at the great demonstration. We must also make the convincing demonstration of a large sum of money raised for the Cause—a form of argument which the most agile politician can hardly confute! The list of speakers now includes Lord Lytton, Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., Mr. Fenner Brockway (Editor of the *Labour Leader*), Mrs. Creighton, and Miss A. M. Royden. Mrs. Fawcett will take the chair. The Bishop of Kensington, whose consent was conditional on other engagements, is to our very great regret unable to be present.

### The Insurance Act and Deposit Contributors.

Mr. Sidney Webb calls attention in a letter to the *Statesman* to an anomaly in the Insurance Act as it affects deposit contributors. These unhappy persons who, in any case, are in no real sense "insured" at all, but merely compelled to the exercise of thrift, since they only receive back what they have themselves paid in, are now to be deprived of the use of their own money between October 13th, and January 12th. The Act apparently requires the Commissioners to make a deduction in January for the Government's expenses. The Commissioners have elected to make it in October, and they blandly assure Mr. Webb that what is foregone in October can be got back "in another shape, in the ensuing year." This is singularly poor comfort for those who are ill *now*, who have been compelled to insure (sic) and are refused the benefit of that insurance. Mr. Webb gives the case of a labourer who is ill, and "desperately poor." Suffragists will remember also that "deposit contributors" include married working-women who are not employed outside their own homes.

### An "Abominable" Condition of the Law.

A letter to Mr. Asquith from representatives of the great Labour organisations of women, urges the amendment of the Truck Acts, and reminds the Prime Minister that the present condition of affairs has been described by Mr. Masterman as "abominable." The Truck Acts in their application to men, as well as women, have proved in many respects unsatisfactory; but as regards fines and deductions, the men are now practically immune, while women are fined constantly and universally. In view of this fact, Suffragists will not be surprised to hear that although an Under-Secretary of State has pronounced this state of things "abominable," and the Government is "fully alive to the urgency" of the case (*vide Manchester Guardian*, December 22nd), it is not likely to be dealt with next session, and the Prime Minister's reply only records the interesting fact that "legislation has for several years been contemplated."

### Offences Against Children.

While the laws protecting children and girls from assault leave much to be desired, much may be done even now by vigorous administration. Our attention is called at intervals to reports of sentences which seem to be shamefully lenient for very serious offences; but it is exceedingly difficult to get the truth from casual newspaper reports, and we are reluctant to publish facts until careful inquiry has been made. We call on our correspondents to act on the advice given in the October *Child's Guardian*, which records an assault on a child of seven, for which the criminal was bound over for twelve months in the sum of £5. The *Guardian* goes on to say that if everyone who felt indignant at such sentences would write to the magistrate or justice responsible for it, a very strong incentive would be applied to them to enforce the law more vigorously, in the knowledge that public opinion demanded it. We earnestly advocate this course of action.

### Women and Capital Punishment.

Some surprise has been expressed at the absence of comment in our columns on the case of a woman condemned to death and reprieved in order that she may first bear her child. We believe it to be a fact that in the case of women the death sentence is now hardly ever carried out, and in this particular

case the judge did not assume the black cap when pronouncing sentence, from which the conclusion was very generally drawn that he did not wish to terrify with this ghastly ceremonial of death a woman on whom the sentence it symbolised would in fact not be carried out. But women, and, indeed, all Suffragists, must be quite clear what they really want and mean on a point like this. Do they disapprove of capital punishment on principle? or do they wish women to be treated more leniently than men? The latter position seems untenable to those whose demand is always for justice rather than chivalry. The former—which we approve and believe to be in consonance with the public conscience at this time—is not affected by considerations of sex. Certainly the circumstances made the outrage on human feeling more horrible; the fact that petitions can be, and are, immediately organised for the reprieve even of such a man as Dr. Crippen, seems to show that people generally regard the whole business of capital punishment as a barbarism unworthy of modern civilisation.

### Married Women Teachers in America.

The *Woman's Journal* reports the ruling of Mr. Justice Seabury in the case brought by Mrs. Peixotto against the Board of Education, which had dismissed her from her post as teacher on her applying for leave of absence to bear and rear a child. Mr. Seabury said:—"The policy of our law-favours marriage and the birth of children, and I know of no provision of our Statute law, or any principle of the common law, which justifies the inference that public policy, which conceded sanctions the employment of married women teachers, treats as grounds of expulsion the act of a married woman in giving birth to a child. . . . The theory that illness resulting in absence, if caused by maternity, becomes neglect of duty, is repugnant to law and good morals."

### Appointment of a Woman Bailiff.

The trained nurse who was attached to the Court of Domestic Relations in Chicago, has proved so valuable that she has been taken over by the City and made a bailiff of the Municipal Court. She is the first woman bailiff to be appointed in Chicago, and doubtless the growing sense of her "value" is due to the fact that women in Illinois now have the vote. Miss Jane Addams told the delegates at Buda-Pesth how much the Chicago Children's Court had suffered when, after having been built up by women, it was taken over by the City, and the women practically turned out. "One man especially," she said, "did a lot of harm, because he disliked having the women fussing about." This was before the women had even the municipal vote. Now they have it they are no longer accused of "fussing about," and have become "valuable assets."

### The Use and Abuses of Nurses' Uniforms.

In the case recently tried, of a disorderly house run under the guise of a massage establishment, evidence was given of the presence of a woman "dressed in the garb of a nurse to receive visitors." Mr. Paul Taylor spoke of this as "an intolerable outrage" on the "hard-working and honourable women who were making their living by the occupation of a nurse." He expressed the hope that such an abuse of a nurse's uniform might be made a criminal offence. The fact that the profession of nursing is not protected in any way on points like these, is a scandal which no body of men would have been called upon to endure, and we notice that where women have the vote, they also have demanded protection.

### A Hostel for Domestic Servants.

We have pleasure in publishing elsewhere a brief account of the Hostel for Domestic Servants which was started rather more than a year ago, in Chelsea, to facilitate a form of rescue-work, by which the mother is enabled to keep her child with her. It has always seemed to us the most extraordinary conception of "rescue" to help a woman to escape from one kind of sin by means which involved what was practically the abandonment of the child she had brought into the world. Obviously, the course taken by the founders of the new Hostel is a more difficult one, but it seems to us the only one worth trying. Some criticism has been brought against the scheme because it is admittedly adapted to one special class. It should be remembered that in no work is classification more urgently needed than in this, and it is not reasonable to complain that those who have realised this need do not attempt to take every kind of case. If they did, classification would at once become impossible.









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