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## DEDICATION.

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 meeting in London of delegates from Suffrage Societies in twenty-three countries cannot fail to give an impetus to the movement all over the world, and the more intimate knowledge which they will have gathered of the meaning of the militant campaign must lead to still greater understanding and sympathy. Some account of the various meetings will be found on p. 606. On the evening of the first day Mrs. Chapman Catt, the President, said that the gains to the suffrage cause in the past five years had been greater than in any period which preceded it, that the eyes of the world were riveted upon the campaign in London, and all the world wanted to see how the Liberal party was going to wriggle out of its responsibilities. There were forces at work which no human power could stop, and woman suffrage was bound to come.

At Tuesday's meeting the President read a message of greeting from the Queen of Norway, the latest country to grant the suffrage to women. This is the first time that such a message has been received from a Queen, and is the more significant when we remember that the Queen of Norway was an English princess, the daughter of our present King.

On Thursday the delegates are attending the great meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union at the Albert Hall, where the militant methods are to be explained by the speakers (Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and Miss Annie Kenney). As the result of this explanation there is a prospect that the militant tactics which have met with such success here may be adopted in other countries where the suffrage movement has hitherto made slow progress.

## The Bye-Elections.

Both in Sheffield and Stratford-on-Avon the work of the Women's Social and Political Union has been going on vigorously. In Stratford, where Miss Keevil and others are hard at work, a dozen meetings are held daily, and the conditions are very favourable. The "Morning Post" correspondent pays the tribute that the Suffragettes are the only political section that seems to know its own mind. During the past week Miss Christabel Pankhurst spoke and met with an enthusiastic reception, and on May 3 Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will speak. In the Attercliffe division of Sheffield Mrs. Pankhurst has charge of the campaign. The Yorkshire men and women, with their traditional commonsense and insight, understand at once the principle of the fight with the Liberal Government. The Suffragettes, according to a Sheffield paper, are covering the division from end to end.

## The Only Remedy.

A demonstration to prove to the Government the utter futility of discussing a "Brawling Bill" or making any other defence against the embarrassing attentions of the Suffragettes, except the only just one of giving the vote, was made on Tuesday last by five members of the W.S.P.U. They succeeded, by chaining themselves to statues in St. Stephen's Hall, in remaining within the precincts for a considerable time—long enough, at any rate, to collect a curious and interested crowd of Members of Parliament, to whom they explained the motive of their visit. After a slight delay they were all allowed to return home. In view of this incident especial interest attaches to the announcement which the Speaker is expected to make on Monday next with regard to the re-opening of the galleries to the public.

## Progress in Sweden.

While the Swedish delegates are taking part in the International Congress in London, their struggle for political justice has gone one step farther. The announcement at Monday's conference that the House of Commons in Stockholm had passed a Women's Suffrage Bill by a large majority was received with loud cheers, and the further news that the Upper House had rejected it could not damp the enthusiasm. The victory cannot be long delayed.

## Enlargement of the Paper.

Our cartoon for this week illustrates the futile action of a Prime Minister in endeavouring to stem the progress of women by such expedients as the "Brawling Bill" while withholding from them the right to vote. Mr. Pethick Lawrence contributes an article dealing with the heckling of Cabinet Ministers, Miss Christabel Pankhurst writes on the demonstration in the House of Commons, and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence on "Prison." The limitations on our space have compelled us to cut down or hold over many interesting features of the paper. In order to provide room for these in future numbers it has been decided to increase the issue to thirty-two pages.

## Future Events.

As this issue comes into the hands of our readers the great Albert Hall meeting takes place, and the morning after nineteen of the brave women who formed the deputation to Mr. Asquith on March 30 and 31 are being released. Both at the breakfast this (Friday) morning and at the reception this evening they will, we are sure, have a welcome worthy of the splendid courage they showed on that occasion. One, Patricia Woodlock, remains to finish her sentence of three months.

In less than two weeks the great Exhibition will be in full swing, and, judging from the amount of loving and unselfish work put into it, a tremendous success can be safely prophesied.



## ELEMENTS OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEMAND

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

### Chapter X.—Heckling Cabinet Ministers.

Among the successful militant methods of the Women's Social and Political Union must be reckoned the heckling of Cabinet Ministers. Whether they are addressing public meetings, or making after-dinner speeches, or being entertained at quasi-public functions, Cabinet Ministers find themselves confronted by representatives of the Women's Social and Political Union, who interrogate them on the subject of Woman Suffrage, and who protest against their opposition to the enfranchisement of women.

#### Evolution of the Policy.

In a previous chapter I have described the first occasion when the militant policy was adopted, and readers will remember that the women who asked their question after the conclusion of Sir Edward Grey's speech were flung violently out into the street by the Liberal stewards because, when the question was ignored, they persisted in remaining on their feet. The same treatment was meted out to other women who protested in the same way at many subsequent meetings, until at last the women decided to adopt a different course. As their question was invariably evaded and they themselves suffered violence at the hands of the stewards, they decided not to wait till the end of the meeting, but to make their protest during the speech of the Cabinet Minister. This policy was successfully pursued during 1907 and in the earlier part of 1908. So unpleasant did it prove to Cabinet Ministers that many of them decided to hold no more open public meetings, but either to confine their audience exclusively to men, or to admit women by special tickets, with a pledge of quiet behaviour. They also facilitated the passage through Parliament of the Public Meetings Bill making the interruption of public meetings a police-court offence. Those who are acquainted with the way in which the members of the Women's Social and Political Union have unflinchingly suffered imprisonment for the cause have not been surprised that the Public Meetings Bill has been no deterrent to their action. Since its passage through Parliament women have continued, when opportunity offered, their practice of making protests at Cabinet Ministers' meetings, and the Act has been in their case a dead letter. In many cases, however, women have been refused admittance; in others they have refrained from making their protest, owing to the pledge which has been extracted from them on entrance.\* The Women's Social and Political Union, in view of this action of Cabinet Ministers, decided to follow them up at other places and at other times, and accordingly to-day Cabinet Ministers find themselves confronted by protesting women wherever they go.

#### Value of this Policy.

These protests serve a double purpose; in the first place, they are an effective means of proving to Cabinet Ministers that the course of opposition to Woman Suffrage is no longer pleasant and easy, and that it cannot be carried on with impunity. Cabinet Ministers set very great store by their appearances in public; they prepare a careful speech, with which they hope to impress not merely their hearers, but a far wider audience whom they expect to reach through the Press reports. When they find that, instead of being interested in their speeches, the public are solely concerned with the Suffragettes, and when, in addition, the whole of the Press accounts are given up to the interruptions, they are doubly mortified, and they learn that though women have no vote yet they have the power to inflict injury upon those who stand in the way of their enfranchisement. In the second place, these protests bring the question to the attention of the general public. At first, when these interruptions took place the audience who had come to listen to the speakers did not understand what was going on, and they resented the interruptions, but now they generally appreciate the position of the women, and frequently applaud their action, realising that by protesting in this way

\* It is erroneously stated by some people that the W.S.P.U. encourage women to make and break their pledges. This is untrue. It was done on one occasion by some of the members of the Union, acting on their individual responsibility, but is contrary to the policy of the leaders.

women are using one of the only means in their power of achieving their ends.

This sympathy is very much increased by the rough handling to which these women are subject at the hands of the Liberal stewards. It often happens that at a meeting a number of men interrupt on various questions, and are left quite alone, as the first woman who opens her mouth is pounced upon and violently ejected. Sometimes the Cabinet Minister from the platform eggs on the stewards to take violent action, as when Mr. Lloyd George said at Swansea, "Let them be ruthlessly flung out." In a leading article on August 18, 1908, the "Daily News" said:—

It too often happens that the moment a woman raises her voice even in the politest of questions, she is exposed to violence such as the stewards and other members of the audience would never dream of showing to a man for the same cause.

The reason why women are treated with less ceremony than men is that, since men have votes, it is thought unwise to offend them. The resentment of women, who are voteless, is regarded as less dangerous. But the people present in the hall know what it means to women to be treated in this way, and realise that women would not face it except for a cause which they believe demands any sacrifice which they can make.

#### Objections Raised Against It.

Against this policy of the Women's Social and Political Union three principal objections are taken. It is said, in the first place, that the policy strikes a blow at the Right of Free Speech, and that it is an encouragement of violence and general disorder. Those who say this do not understand the meaning of the Right of Free Speech, which has nothing to do with the question of interruption by the audience, but implies the right of the public to hold free meetings without intervention by the Authorities. With regard to the question of violence, they should compare the action of the women with that adopted by men when they were without the vote. In the days of other suffrage agitations direct violence was used towards opponents, often resulting in physical injury. In particular, public meetings were riotously broken up. Dr. Cooper, the Liberal member of Parliament for South Bermondsey, writing of these times, says:—

My political life began as a member of the Reform League. It is in my recollection that in 1867, and also in 1884, very few public speakers who were opposed to the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to men, whether members of the Cabinet or otherwise, could utter a single word at a public meeting. Meetings were broken up, platforms stormed, and their occupants had to escape the best way they could.

Such acts of physical violence do not commend themselves to women, and in their attack on Cabinet Ministers they have inflicted injury not upon their persons, but upon their political prestige, and because the Cabinet Ministers know that the women are making a just demand, and that they have moral right upon their side, they find the protests of the women damaging.

In the second place, objection is taken to the action of the women on the ground that it does not distinguish friend from foe. In the olden days it is said the attack was only made on those who opposed the extension of the franchise, while to-day it is made indiscriminately upon every member of the Liberal Cabinet, and it is pointed out that when Mr. Lloyd George came actually to defend Woman Suffrage at the Albert Hall on December 5, 1908, his meeting was, nevertheless, interfered with by the members of the Women's Social and Political Union. Those who make this objection evidently do not understand that joint Cabinet responsibility is one of the fundamentals of the British Constitution; by this doctrine, which admits of no exception, every Cabinet Minister is jointly responsible for every action of his colleagues, and while he shares the credit for every successful action which they perform, he has also to share the odium for the evil actions which they do, or for their refusal to take action in the matter of urgent reform. It is the established principle that a Cabinet Minister can only escape this responsibility by resigning his position.

I have already shown in a previous chapter that it is the Liberal Government who are standing in the way of Woman Suffrage. For this opposition every member of the Liberal Cabinet is jointly responsible, and the Women's Social and Political Union have shown their true appreciation of the principles of the British Constitution by refusing to consider any member of this hostile Cabinet as a friend to Woman Suffrage. When Mr. Lloyd George went to the Albert Hall he went there to do lip homage to Woman Suffrage; but what the Women's Social and Political Union demand of Cabinet Ministers is not sympathy or professions of support, but action, and they accordingly refused to listen to these platitudes from the mouth of a Liberal statesman who cannot or will not act in the only way that is of any value.

In the third place, it is argued against the policy of the Women's Social and Political Union that it is carried out to improper lengths. Granted, it is said, that it may be right to interrupt Cabinet Ministers at public meetings when they are defending Liberal policy in general, it is not right to heckle them when they are addressing an audience on the special subjects of peace, or free trade, or the licensing question, or some other matter of special interest. But all these are questions vitally affecting the interests of women, and women claim, with evident right on their side, that they will never be properly settled till women have a voice in deciding them. Moreover, they form part of the policy of the Liberal Government, and Ministers cannot escape their responsibility for their illiberal action with regard to women by a plea that they are engaged on other matters. The objection, however, is pressed further. It is argued that it is not right to heckle Ministers when they are speaking at semi-public functions, or when they are to be found in the ordinary course of their business. I have already shown that Cabinet Ministers brought this wider policy upon themselves by deliberately excluding women from their public meetings. Women are perfectly justified therefore in following them up at all times and in all places. This is no mock conflict which has to be played according to nice and gentle rules, but a serious encounter undertaken by women with a sense of its profound importance. Woman Suffrage is an urgent reform. For the want of it women all over the country are enduring grievous suffering. Not until it is carried will the human race go forward along its proper road. In their folly and obstinacy Cabinet Ministers are blocking the path of progress, and they have to be taught that this opposition means for themselves ruin and disaster.

### EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESS.

THE "HALIFAX GUARDIAN," April 21.  
The Suffragette Bill.

It seems pretty much as if the Suffragettes have secured another triumph. Really, there appears no end to the successes of these ladies. The great Liberal Government are unable to cope with them. Ministers suffer interference when they are on political propaganda bent. Even the proceedings at St. Stephen's, the business of the nation, has been interrupted by their misplaced ingenuity. . . . Yesterday the Cabinet, a hundred per cent. more talented than its predecessors—vide Mr. J. H. Whitley, M.P.—brought forward its Bill to deal with Mrs. Pankhurst and her followers. Its advent was awaited with interest; it is not too much to say that its burial will be attended with laughter. . . . We should imagine that in reality Mrs. Pankhurst has received no greater tribute to her exertions. Even Parliament itself has ranged itself on her side rather than subscribe to the proposals of the Government. It was well that Mr. Asquith came to the rescue of his legal adviser, and suggested the adjournment of the debate until some better means could be devised than those laid before the House by the Attorney-General. For these better suggestions we have yet to wait, and the galleries in the House of Commons will remain closed. But it is a tribute to the Pankhurst genius all the same.

"HEREFORD TIMES," April 24.  
A Panic Wave Recedes.

The Bill was only the result of the failure of members of the Government and the Opposition to redeem their election pledges in regard to Women's Suffrage. The women's case was that they were taking extreme measures only because they had appealed in vain to the pledged honour of the House of Commons in relation to their claim.

THE "KENTISH MAIL."

Imprisonment in this country has never been thought a final answer to a just and reasonable demand. The terrible and distressing scenes witnessed under the shadow of the walls of the

Mother of Parliaments on March 30 and 31 will be repeated again and again; each time we shall come a step nearer to some heartrending tragedy unless the demand of the women has its proper answer. What might have been a peaceful reform in the early stages of the agitation is rapidly becoming a revolution. Those who resist reform precipitate revolution. Mr. Asquith is precipitating the very thing he fears. What has the public to say to this?

THE "REVIEW OF REVIEWS."  
The Success of the Suffragettes.

The Suffragettes have at last succeeded in alarming the enemy. For the last forty years the opponents of woman's suffrage have regarded the demand of the Suffragettes for the rights of citizenship with indolent and amused contempt. . . . Now, however, the monopolising male is getting a bit scared, and is beginning to hit back, and last month we saw the beginning of his campaign. . . . So last month we had hostility to woman's suffrage masked by a Bill—Mr. Geoffrey Howard's Adult Suffrage Bill. . . . The credit for having thus roused the antagonists of woman's suffrage from contempt, born of a consciousness of the unassailable strength of their position, belongs entirely to the much-abused but much-enduring Suffragettes.

THE "DAILY NEWS," April 23.  
The Suffragist Week.

Next week is to be Suffragist Week. From all over the world delegates will travel to London to recount the progress of the movement in their respective countries, and to learn at first hand what is being done in England, at present the storm-centre of the agitation for the entrance of women into greater freedom and wider responsibilities. . . . It is at the meeting [arranged by the W.S.P.U. at the Albert Hall on Thursday] that the finest speeches will be heard; for the constitutional section, trained in a quieter school, and used to less emotional methods, count among their adherents no public speakers so eloquent and persuasive as Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Gladys Keevil, not to mention even better known names. . . . It may be confidently expected that next week's international gathering, the first held in England since the question of Woman's Suffrage became a burning one of present politics, will be a landmark in the history of the movement.

THE "CAMBRIAN NEWS."

It would be absurd in the face of all the facts to contend for a moment that the tactics are not keeping the subject prominently, however unpleasantly, before the public. Funds are being obtained, and much money is needed; the paper VOTES FOR WOMEN has been enlarged, and is far away ahead of any publication that women have ever issued in this country to uphold their cause; the militant organisation is growing and developing all over the country and is threatening to become a disquieting and even a dangerous element in the nation in ways that men up to the present time refuse to recognise. There are millions of women who have not yet allied themselves with the emancipation movement, but the militant force is being strengthened every week, and, as we have tried to point out many times, once the movement becomes popular there is no force in the country that will be able to control it. There are eleven or twelve millions of women interested in this movement whether they know it or not, and indications are not wanting that the whole upheaval may at any moment pass out of the hands of the leaders and place the civil and other authorities of the country in a position which will leave them utterly helpless. All that is needed is a popular outbreak. The organisation is ready.

"PUNCH," April 14.

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## AT THE PRINCE'S SKATING RINK.

What to look out for at the Woman's Exhibition, May 13 to 26.

The Women's Exhibition will afford an opportunity for the imagination of the public to be reached on many points by direct appeal to the eye.

Probably very few persons, for instance, realise exactly the differences between the treatment respectively of what are called "political offenders" and of the woman suffragists who are sent into the second division owing to the refusal of the Home Office to have them treated as political offenders. At the Exhibition it will be possible for everyone to realise exactly the extent of these differences and the effect of the distinction made against these women.

### The Prison Cells Exhibit.

The visitor will see two prison cells. The larger cell will be occupied by a political offender, who might, for instance, have been an Irish member of Parliament, imprisoned as the result of some agrarian agitation, such as that against the letting of farms or cottages from which others have been evicted; or such an offender as Dr. Jameson and the others who were accused of raiding a peaceful neighbouring country.

The cell of this political offender is twice the size of the ordinary cell, and is furnished as he pleases. He pays some one to clean it and to wait on him. He orders what food he chooses and is able to wear his own clothes.

Perhaps the most valuable of his privileges are those of receiving daily visitors, having the newspapers, magazines, reviews, and new books, being able to communicate by writing with the outside world, and to carry on any literary work that he wishes. In a word, he is denied almost no modern convenience excepting the use of the telephone, which limitation he probably regards as rather a happy relief.

The furniture of this cell has been very kindly provided by Miss Atherton and Miss Thornbury, of the Society of Artists, Bond Street, who have themselves made all the necessary arrangements in the cell.

The smaller cell will be that of a "second division" prisoner, every detail being represented with the greatest accuracy. The Government declined to lend any articles such as are used in the cells, but the committee have been able to reproduce both cell and furniture with absolute fidelity, even down to the number of panes in the window, the nails in the door, and the cocoa-nut fibre with which the pillow is stuffed.

Three times in each day—viz., at 3.30, at 5, and at 8—the prisoner—represented by an actual ex-prisoner—will be seen in the cell performing the ordinary daily duties allotted to her. She will scrub her floor—supposed to be concrete—scour her pans, make her bed, and then sit down to make mail bags, sew shirts, or knit stockings. In prison, with rare exceptions, such tasks are performed in solitude and silence, without the prospect—unless she be in prison for over one month—of receiving any newspaper, letters, or visitors, or, in fact, of hearing a sound from the outside world, except perhaps when a Suffragette band or choir plays outside the prison walls.

Her only escape from her cell is to chapel and to exercise. Exercise lasts for one hour each day. Prisoners are placed with an interval of about six feet between them, and then parade round the prison yard in silence, the breaking of the silence regulation being punished by total confinement to the cell. The release for chapel implies another twenty-five or thirty minutes' escape from the immuring walls of the cell. Some prisoners occasionally may enjoy the rare favour of associated labour, but save for this very uncertain benefit they are practically cut off, it will be seen, from any human intercourse, and are almost sure of spending at any rate twenty-two and a-half hours in their cells. Even this period may be increased by the fact that the clumsy boots so gall the feet as to make the prisoner unable to exercise. In that case the whole day is spent in the cell.

Samples of the diet provided for second division prisoners will be shown in contrast with the fare of the political prisoner.

There will also be a representation of the baths which prisoners have the privilege of enjoying once a week in Holloway Gaol. These are placed in a cold and draughty passage. They are divided from one another by partitions, but both the upper and lower portions of the doors are cut away. To this exposure heavy colds and illnesses are often attributed.

### A Striking Pictorial Record.

The Y.H.B. is fortunate in being able to present a remarkable pictorial record of the work of the Women's Social and Political Union for the past three or four years in the shape of a unique collection of photographs belonging to one of its members. The whole of these photographs, numbering probably some 800 or over, are

mounted on brown paper, and 70 ft. will be given up to their display.

One of the earliest of the photographs will show the first procession of the Union to the House of Commons, which took place in February, 1906, on the opening of Parliament. The women are seen marching towards the House escorted by police. There are photographs of most of the processions since that time and of the various dramatic incidents of the raids that have taken place in the neighbourhood of the House. Other views are of the releases of prisoners, showing them emerging from the gates of Holloway, and being escorted in triumphal procession through streets lined with sightseers. There are also interesting views of the breakfasts, of public meetings at the Albert Hall and Queen's Hall, and of many open-air scenes, such as women distributing bills from the tops of coaches, the great open-air demonstrations in the provinces, selling the paper in the streets, distributing bills, advertising meetings, and other street work by Suffragettes. There are, of course, many views of the bye-elections, not only of the meetings, but also of the detail work, such as women canvassing, standing outside the booths, etc. Many of these bye-election photos give very amusing scenes.

One of the earliest police court scenes is that of Miss Sylvia Pankhurst being ejected from Rochester Row Police Court in October, 1906, for her protest against the suppression of speeches and evidence by the magistrate. There are several splendid views of Mrs. Pankhurst, Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., and others speaking from the plinth of Nelson's statue in Trafalgar Square. One group of photographs gives scenes of the great gathering convened by the famous handbill which led to the trial of three leaders. Mrs. and Miss Pankhurst are shown sitting quietly in the roof garden whilst Scotland Yard is endeavouring to effect their arrest. The arrest in Clements Inn is shown, also scenes both in and outside of the Bow Street Police Court, and the welcome of Mrs. and Miss Pankhurst on their release.

One of the best provincial views is that of Mrs. Baines addressing the great gathering outside the Leeds Coliseum in October last. Other photographs show Mr. Pethick Lawrence in his wig and gown going down to defend Mrs. Baines in the Leeds sessions, and the trial scenes in the sessions court. A very amusing picture is that of Miss Gawthorpe button-holing the Bishop of Manchester. Manchester Suffragettes are shown advertising the meeting of Miss Christabel Pankhurst; walking in line, each one carries a sandwich board with one letter only of the words which make up the advertisement.

This list barely gives an idea of the interest of this collection, which is brought right up to date with scenes of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's procession on Saturday week, 17th inst. There are some specially good views of Joan of Arc mounted on her white steed.

There are no duplicates of the greater part of this collection. Of the few duplicates that there are some will be on sale.

### Cartoons in Model.

A completely novel idea is that of cartoons represented by models. The figures will vary in size from two or three inches in height to as much as two feet or more, according to the nature of the subject.

A number of the subjects will be reproduced from cartoons which have appeared in VOTES FOR WOMEN. One of them, for instance, will show the cartoon of last week, namely, the little Suffragette girl knocking down the toy soldiers of the boy Asquith. Another, "The Deputation Refused," which appeared on April 2, shows serried ranks of police outside the House and an inspector waving back the deputation of women, whilst Mr. Asquith and other Ministers are seen peeping from behind the door and saying "Do you think we have got enough police to keep them out?" There will also be that of Mr. Asquith in the dock, being tried by Public Opinion, with Mrs. Pethick Lawrence giving evidence against him, and the clever cartoon of February 26, showing Messrs. Asquith, Lloyd George, and Gladstone as three schoolboys running away in terror to seek shelter in the House from advancing Suffragettes, whilst a large fatherly policeman interposes his bulk between them and the terrifying spectacle of the deputation, and says, "Never mind, my little men, I'll protect you."

Several other subjects have been selected for these cartoons in model, including Mr. Asquith as a rabbit hiding in an underground passage of the House, with Suffragettes entering above; the Suffragette Yacht sailing round the winning post; and King John Asquith being compelled by Suffragette Barons to sign the Women's Magna Charta. One of the largest models shows Womanhood held down by net and pegs whilst Suffragette mice bite through the cords.

### The Bands.

Three bands have generously offered their services during the Exhibition. These are the Eilan Vamin Quartet, under the direc-

tion of Miss Mona Hunt; the Ladies Mascot Band, under the direction of Miss C. Isabel Green; and the Æolian Ladies' Orchestra, under the direction of Miss Rosabel Watson.

### The Pictures.

There will be an interesting display of pictures and statuettes by over forty artists. This will include statuettes of Annie Kenney and Christabel Pankhurst, and of a "Suffragette" in cap and gown. There will be four portraits of Christabel Pankhurst, including a miniature and a pastel.

The other exhibits will include water-colour sketches, etchings, silhouettes, woodcuts, illuminated writing in the colours, black-and-white drawings, and prints, also some beautiful frames and framed mirrors. Several artists have very kindly undertaken to do "quick portrait sketches" from day to day.

### Entertainments.

The Actresses' Franchise League have arranged a series of splendid entertainments each day of the Exhibition. There will be five performances, viz., at 3.15, 4.30, 5.45, 8, and 9.15. The programme will include recitals by Miss Tita Brand, Miss Cicely Hamilton's Wax Works, duologues by Miss Eva Moore and Mr. Henry Ainley, and Miss Mary Neal's Children's Dances and Morris Dances. Mrs. Madeline Lucette Ryley is writing a sketch for Madame Alice Esty specially for the occasion. Miss Eva Moore and Mr. H. V. Esmond will also take part in a little play which has just been written specially by Mr. H. V. Esmond. There will also be other sketches, viz.: "The Philosopher in the Apple Orchard," by Anthony Hope; "A Woman's Influence," by Gertrude Jennings; "Colonel and Mrs. Henderson," by Rosina Filippi; "Kiddy," by Cyril Twyford; and "Meringues," by Mrs. St. Claire.

Among other artists who have very kindly undertaken parts are:—Mr. Henry Ainley, Mr. Arthur Applin, Miss Lilian Braithwaite, Madame Marie Brema, Miss Margaret Busse, Miss Compton (Mrs. R. C. Carton), Miss Alice Crawford, Mlle. Dolli, Madame Donald, Miss Rosina Filippi, Mrs. George Giddens, Miss Maud Hoffman, Miss Grainger Kerr, Miss Gertrude Kingston, Miss Auriol Lee, Madame Liza Lehmann, Miss Florence Lloyd, Madame Bertha Moore, Miss Lillah McCarthy, Miss Decima Moore, Miss Edyth Olive, Miss Esther Palliser, Miss Nancy Price, Mrs. Raleigh, Miss Beatrice Forbes Robertson, Miss Susanne Sheldon, Miss Janette Steer, Miss May Whitty, Mr. Ben Webster, and many other well-known artists.

### The Soda-fountain Bar.

One of the most attractive and novel features of the Exhibition will be the Soda-fountain Bar, where Mrs. Baillie Guthrie and her daughters are to dispense American iced beverages at moderate prices. These will include a large variety of refreshing iced fruit syrup drinks, cherry and orange phosphates, delicious ice cream sodas of all the favourite flavours, and the American sundoes or college ices. The "Consol" British Soda Fountain and most of the accessories have been generously lent by the British Automatic Aetators, Limited, of Paul Street, E.C., and Mrs. Baillie Guthrie has to thank the assistant general manager, Mr. Doherty, for kind assistance and advice, which have been invaluable.

### Preliminary Exhibitions.

Some of the workers in various localities have hit upon the excellent idea of holding an exhibition of their work before sending it up to London. This has had the effect of greatly extending the interest and bringing in new workers for the stalls. Visitors are invited, whether working for the stall or not, with the result that new workers are obtained, and the circle of interest in the Exhibition is considerably widened.

### Farm Produce and Flower Stall.

Miss I. Seymour and Mrs. E. K. Marshall, Hon. Secs., gratefully acknowledge subscriptions:—

Miss Abbey, 10s., and Miss Goodlife, 10s., towards prizes, and Anon. (per Mrs. Littlejohn), 10s. Miss C. I. Green promises cream. Mrs. White sends 10s.; Mrs. Newsome, £2.

They are still anxious for promises of flowers, plants, etc. To know on what day to expect donations would be a great convenience to them, as fresh supplies must be received daily, and unless they hear in good time from contributors it is difficult to arrange matters.

They will be very glad of the loan of specimen glasses, plain glass vases of all sizes, and green earthenware glasses for the flower stall. Owner's name and address should, of course, be attached to the bottom.

The judges for the competitions are:—On May 13 and 22, Miss McConnell, N.D.D., B.D.F.A., County Council Laboratories, Chelmsford; and on May 18 and 25, Miss C. M. Dixon, F.R.H.S., Elmcroft Nurseries, Westergate, Chichester.

### Refreshment Stall.

Mrs. Frederick Edwards, 65, Lancaster Gate, W., and Miss Una Dugdale, 13, Stanhope Place, W., Hon. Secs. of the Refreshment Stall, appeal for chickens, hams, tongues, cakes, sweets, straw-

berries and cream, tins of apricots, pears, peaches, and pineapples, bread, butter, tea and coffee, sugar and milk.

### The Bookstall.

Miss Bessie Hatton, Hon. Secretary, Women Writers' Suffrage League, 15, Sandringham Court, Maida Vale, W., appeals for books or donations of money for the bookstall.

### The Millinery Stall.

The Hon. Secretary appeals for hats, veils, scarves, hair ornaments, etc., and points out that models should be sent to her, care of Mrs. Corbould, 8, Victoria Road, Kensington, W., and not to Church Street.

### Dresses.

Mrs. Morris, Hon. Sec., Marylebone Stall, wishes to draw attention to the fact that the Marylebone stall will be exclusively devoted to summer dresses, and to appeal to members of the Union and their friends to abstain from buying elsewhere until they have seen what it can produce. There will be a varied selection to suit all requirements, and Mrs. Morris will be pleased to answer inquiries as to detail.

### SUGGESTIONS WANTED.

Last week a full account was given of the novel idea of a daily poll by ballot upon questions of the moment.

Each day a new question will be voted upon, so that altogether a poll will be taken on twelve different subjects while the Exhibition is open. It is here that the readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN can be of special assistance, for we want these twelve subjects to be the most interesting and attractive which can be found. For obvious reasons it has been decided that no question which enters into party politics will be selected. A further necessary condition is that the voter should be able to express his view by placing a cross against one of two or three names, or against one of two or three alternative views on a certain subject. One suggestion which will probably find favour is that of a ballot on the Daylight Saving Bill, which has been lately attracting so much attention.

### MRS. DRUMMOND'S APPEAL.

Mrs. Drummond will be glad to receive the names of volunteer workers. Many are needed, especially in the daytime, as stewards, sellers of literature and the colours, and for other work. Mrs. Drummond hopes to receive promises for the whole time or for whole days, the latter specified whenever possible. Of course, those who have already promised need not repeat.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STALL SECRETARIES.

Parcels must not be sent to Clements Inn. Every Stall Secretary has been asked to write to her contributors requesting them to send parcels to her only after a certain date—say, May 1. The Stall Secretaries themselves will collect and keep all contributions until Thursday, May 6, and after which date they can be forwarded in large parcels to the Prince's Skating Rink.

It is very essential that they should be most clearly addressed to the stall for which they are intended, otherwise confusion and disappointments must inevitably arise.

Those responsible for the decoration of stalls will be allowed in the Rink after 12 o'clock on Tuesday, May 11, when they will find the stalls prepared for them. These consist of tables measuring 6 ft. by 3 ft., with a space of 3 ft. between each table. They run in double rows, and there is a clear space of 3 ft. between the stalls and the partition, 7 ft. 6 ins. high, which divides the two rows from one another. Both the stall and partition will be covered with biscuit-coloured canvas, but everything else in the way of decoration will be left to the stall-holders. It is hoped that as far as possible all the stalls will be finished by midday Wednesday, as there will be a Press view of the Exhibition on Wednesday afternoon.

### NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

The Exhibition catalogue, of which a circulation of not less than 20,000 copies is guaranteed, is now in preparation. Advertising spaces are rapidly being allotted, and applications for the remaining spaces should be made at once to the Advertisement Manager, Exhibition Catalogue, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. In addition to the usual matter the catalogue will contain special articles by well-known writers, biographies and portraits of the leaders of the movement, and other readable matter. Being both a guide and programme to the Exhibition, and a souvenir of one of the most notable events of 1909, the catalogue will undoubtedly prove a valuable advertising medium.

### WOMEN MUSICIANS.

Mr. Henry Mills, through the influence of Mr. Lyell Taylor, both of the Sunday League, has engaged a complete orchestra of women, and they will be at Queen's Hall on Sunday night, May 2, in a concert performance of "Faust." This is a very great step in the profession, and, as such, is warmly welcomed by the women musicians.



# THE BYE-ELECTIONS.

## SHEFFIELD (ATTERCLIFFE).

Conservative . . . . . Mr. King Farlow.  
 Liberal . . . . . Mr. R. C. Lambert.  
 Independent Unionist . . . . . Mr. Muir Wilson.  
 Socialist . . . . . Mr. J. Pointer.

The figures at the General Election were:—Mr. Batty Langley (R.), 6,533; Mr. A. Muir Wilson (U.), 5,736. Radical majority, 787.

Committee Rooms: 26, Broad Street, and 42, Attercliffe Common, Sheffield.  
 Polling Day, May 4.

The men and women of the Attercliffe Division of Sheffield have received the Suffragettes with enthusiastic cordiality. Without their presence the bye-election would indeed be a dull business. From morning till evening the Votes for Women Committee Rooms are surrounded by curious and friendly crowds, and inquirers and purchasers keep those in charge constantly busy.

This is not to be wondered at, for the Suffragettes' quarters are bright landmarks in grimy Attercliffe. Flags fly gaily from upper windows. Contents bills of VOTES FOR WOMEN and notices of meetings written in purple, white, and green by our special poster writer, Miss Naylor, with badges and ties, make the shop windows attractive to passers-by.

We have two of these Suffrage centres, one in the Park district (dreadful misnomer, for it is the most crowded part of the division and the poorest), the other in Attercliffe proper,



A Street Meeting at Attercliffe.

[From the Yorkshire Telegraph.]

the very heart of the division. To and fro between these Committee-rooms runs the motor-car, decorated with the colours, taking speakers to their meetings and workers to their districts, where they canvass and advertise the meetings. Already more than thirty meetings have been held, all of them large and enthusiastic.

### An Object Lesson for Politicians.

The dwellers in the Attercliffe division are almost entirely of the working class, who both work and live in the constituency. From the first day the midday meetings at the works' gates have been excellent, as indeed have all the meetings both indoor and out. The first women's meeting in the large Vestry Hall on Friday afternoon was very remarkable. The speakers were listened to with deep attention by the women, who crowded the hall, and who cheered lustily when they were told that they would have an opportunity of taking part in a procession before the close of the election. They will all come, there is no doubt as to that. The meeting was an object-lesson for those who think women cannot understand politics. Although for many of the women it was their first Suffrage meeting, they at once understood the need for the vote and the reason for our opposition to the Liberal candidate. If only Cabinet Ministers had to face these sturdy, sensible Yorkshire women!

On Saturday night the same hall—the principal hall in the constituency, which we have secured for daily meetings until the end of the contest—was crowded in every part with men and women, and we found it necessary to hold a large open-air meeting outside for the people who were unable to gain admission. The previous evening the Liberal candidate had a meeting in the same hall, but

on that occasion it was the Suffragettes who held the outdoor overflow meeting, and Mrs. Baines, who was the chief speaker, took the opportunity to convince many of her hearers that it was their duty to vote against the Government.

At this meeting alone nine dozen copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were eagerly bought by the crowd. We have indeed this week sold every copy of the paper sent to us from London, and need fresh supplies. The paper is of immense service in our campaign. Every where one sees men and women with it, and at street corners one hears people discussing its contents. The report of the Government Brawling Bill causes great interest and amusement, and there is no doubt that the men of Sheffield think the women have got the better of their enemies in that conflict. In fact, they appear to have a very good opinion of the Militant Suffragists.

"Eh, but you can talk," said one man to one of our speakers at the end of a meeting.

"Well, you see, our hard fight has taught us how to do that," said she, in reply.

"You're right, lass; it has that," he replied, with a shake of the head of friendly sympathy.

"Well, I wish you all success; you deserve to win," is what one hears on all sides. Men and women come to our committee rooms asking that meetings may be arranged at other works or in the districts where they live, and it is quite usual for a man to stop us in the street to know where the next meeting is, as he wants to bring his wife.

Already the people are interested in the Albert Hall meeting, and when we who have been in prison leave Sheffield on Thursday morning to be present on the platform there will be many friends to see us off and also to welcome us back again when we return to our work of "keeping the Liberal out." All the political signs promise a great success for votes for women.

Emmeline Pankhurst.

## PRESS COMMENTS.

### "SHEFFIELD DAILY TELEGRAPH."

Mrs. Pankhurst at Heeley.

Mrs. Pankhurst has arrived. . . . There was plenty of good humour evident; no rowdiness, no untoward excitement; but, more than anything else, curiosity to see the founder of the Militant Suffrage movement. For an hour and a-half Mrs. Pankhurst held the attention of her mixed audience, notwithstanding the discomforts they were enduring by standing, kneeling, and sitting on the edges of school desks, in draughty doorways, or on window-sills. . . . To her unfortunate interrupter Mrs. Pankhurst said: "You ought to come and help us to fight. But, after all, it takes a lot of courage to do it. I wonder if you would have the pluck to do it?" (Laughter and loud cheers.) The poor man was squelched, and the meeting was thrown into a state of uproar by agitated people calling for his obliteration. It looked as if the audience would get out of hand, but before the clear voice of Mrs. Pankhurst had spoken another half-dozen words there was perfect quietness, so remarkably did the speaker dominate the meeting. There was that

in the temper of her auditors that boded ill for disturbers, but there was always a merry twinkle in the eyes of the woman on the table that disarmed in advance.

### THE "YORKSHIRE TELEGRAPH," April 21. The Suffragettes.

In and around Gleadless Road and Well Road, Heeley, there was great excitement last night over the coming of the Suffragettes—those of the Pankhurst school of thought and action.

### THE "SHEFFIELD DAILY TELEGRAPH," April 23.

The Suffragette heroines seem to be pouring into Sheffield from all quarters. There are more Suffragette Committee Rooms in the division than Committee Rooms of all the parties immediately concerned in the election. They are covering the division from end to end, and are holding more meetings than Conservatives, Liberals, and Labourites together.

## STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Conservative . . . . . Mr. P. S. Foster.  
 Liberal . . . . . Mr. Joseph Martin, K.C.  
 Independent . . . . . Cpt. Kincaid Smith.

The figures at the last election were:—Captain Kincaid Smith (Lab.), 4,321; Mr. P. S. Foster (Con.), 4,173. Liberal majority, 148.

Committee Rooms, 21, Wood Street.

Polling Day, May 4.

Meetings Arranged.

Fri. 30	Stratford, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss Keevil, Miss Brackenbury, and others	
	Salford Priors, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss Higgins, Miss Hewitt, Miss Lapworth, 2 meetings . . . . .	L. Ainsworth, Miss Birkett
	Rowington, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss M. Brackenbury, Miss Spong	
	Stourton . . . . .	Mrs. Clarke, Miss Billing	
May			
Sat. 1	Stratford, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss Keevil, Miss Brackenbury, and others	
	Temple Grafton, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss Higgins, Miss Hewitt, Miss Redditch, 2 meetings . . . . .	L. Ainsworth, Miss Birkett
	Tamworth, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss M. Brackenbury, Miss Spong	
	Great Wolford, 2 meetings . . . . .	Mrs. Clarke, Miss Billing	
Mon. 3	Stratford . . . . .	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Keevil	8 p.m.
	Stratford, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss Keevil, Miss Brackenbury, and others	
	Wellesbourne . . . . .	Miss Keevil, Miss Higgins, Miss L. Ainsworth, Miss Birkett, Miss Hewitt	
	Henley-in-Arden, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss M. Brackenbury, Miss Spong	
	Lapworth, 2 meetings . . . . .	Mrs. Clarke, Miss Billing	
	Hutton . . . . .	Miss Keevil, Miss Brackenbury, and others	
	Lower Brailes, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss Keevil, Miss Brackenbury, and others	
Tue. 4	Stratford . . . . .	Miss Keevil, Miss Brackenbury, and others	
	Bidford . . . . .	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Higgins, Miss Hewitt, Miss L. Ainsworth, Miss Birkett	8 p.m.
	Studley (hall) . . . . .	Miss M. Brackenbury, Miss Spong	
	Ipsley, 2 meetings . . . . .	Mrs. Clarke, Miss Billing	
	Salter Street, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss Brackenbury, Miss Ayrton, and others	
	Imington, 2 meetings . . . . .	Miss Higgins, Miss Hewitt, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss L. Ainsworth	8 p.m.
Wed. 5	Stratford . . . . .	Miss Keevil, Miss M. Brackenbury, Miss Spong	
	Snitterfield . . . . .	Mrs. Clarke, Miss Billing	
	Alcester . . . . .	Miss Keevil, Miss M. Brackenbury, Miss Spong	
	Ipsley (hall) . . . . .	Mrs. Clarke, Miss Billing	
	Claverton . . . . .		
	Stretton . . . . .		

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Among the many conflicting views expressed on all sides, upon one subject there is unanimity: all agree that the women Suffragists who are here in such large numbers have an absolutely logical case. A clergyman's wife in one place told me that the whole village had become Suffragettes since a meeting had been held there. In one day Mrs. Pankhurst addressed two large gatherings in the Corn Exchange, in addition to an overflow meeting which continued until 10.30 p.m. "Ay, but she is a grand speaker," commented several bystanders.

Even on Friday, when Stratford celebrated the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday with decorated streets and a cessation of political work, the most conspicuous figures in the picturesque procession were undoubtedly the band of Suffragettes, recognised on all sides by the purple, white, and green. They carried bouquets in the colours, and when, in the Shakespearean address, Mr. Whitelaw Reid quoted Milton, "We must be free or die," I saw that it was with difficulty the women restrained themselves from cheering.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst came down from London, and, to the delight of the Stratfordians, spoke at a large open-air demonstration in the Rother Market and in the Corn Exchange. "You'll get it!" many people exclaimed, and, indeed, it seems to be the general feeling that the women will get the vote soon.

The villages have received a large share of attention, and the popularity of the speakers is undeniable. At a meeting addressed by Miss Keevil at Bidford several men said, "Well, you know, miss, we all agree that the women ought to have a vote, and we have been wanting to know what it is we can do to help you." They were told that the way to help the women was to vote against the Government nominee. I have little doubt that the voters of Bidford will help the women in this way. Several men have told me that although they are lifelong Liberals they cannot conscientiously support the Government candidate after hearing how the women have been treated.

In the north-west of the constituency lies the industrial district; the votes here are said to be chiefly Liberal. This fact has been recognised by the Suffragettes, and I found on arriving at Studley that they had formed a sub-centre there in charge of Miss Ainsworth, and were holding numerous meetings all round. Miss Keevil had addressed one crowded meeting there, and later Miss Christabel Pankhurst spoke to an enormous audience, many of whom had come from a great distance to hear her. "They have quite won the people's hearts," a leading man informed me, "and I believe the people are going to back them up."

At Wellesbourne I came across a large crowd gathered together under a great-branched chestnut tree, the very one by which Joseph Arch had roused the agricultural labourers of Warwickshire to demand their vote in 1884. I heard Miss Keevil pleading that on such a spot as that it would be indeed little less than sacrilege if the voters did not back up the women in their fight for freedom. "Hear, hear," came from all sides. The villagers there are intensely proud of their historic tree, and I believe they will respond royally to the stirring appeals of the voteless women.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be speaking in the Corn Exchange on Monday, May 3, and the recently released prisoners will be taken round the constituency by Miss Keevil, finishing up at Alcester, where a large meeting will be held. The courage and spirit of these women have won admiration from all. "If only we men had got your pluck, miss, we would be able to get the things we want," I heard one man say.

## PRESS COMMENTS.

### THE "BIRMINGHAM GAZETTE," April 9.

The first sight of electioneering activity that greeted the visitor to Stratford-on-Avon to-day on his way from the railway station to the town was the legend chalked on the pavement in a characteristically feminine handwriting, "Women's Suffrage; Rother Market, To-night at 7." Curiously enough the only unsolicited remark on the election campaign that I picked up in the course of some hours of peregrination was a remark by a man of the labouring class whom I overheard observing to his companion, "Miss Pankhurst ain't 'ere; it's them two as was at Croydon."

### THE "MORNING POST," April 26.

Really the only political section that seems to know its own mind is the "Votes for Women" people. On Saturday afternoon the ladies held large meetings by the Fountain in Rother Street, Stratford-on-Avon. The name suggests disorderly interruptions, but all passed off quietly enough. Four wagons, decorated with the colours of the various ladies' societies—mild and bitter—were stationed at intervals of twenty yards, and from half-past two to half-past four were used as platforms. Miss Christabel Pankhurst spoke at three of them in turn and put her case with cogency and good temper. Interruptions usually furnished her with fresh capital. In all she must have spoken for nearly two hours, but she was as fresh and pleasant at the end as at the beginning. She drew a very large crowd. So did Miss Gladice Keevil, another excellent speaker. The ladies came somewhat in their methods, but all seem agreed in their conclusions. They are all "agin' the Government," and consequently "agin' Mr. Martin.

All parties in the Division were very busy yesterday. The "Suffragettes" held several meetings, and generally received a quiet and attentive hearing.

Preaching at Stratford during the Shakespeare Commemoration week, the Dean of St. Albans instituted a comparison between the quiet, modest womanly woman of Shakespeare and some of the more strenuous women of to-day. This was generally construed as a hit at the "Suffragettes," who appear to be getting more attention here than is anyone else, yesterday's crowd at the Fountain numbering something like 1,500 men, women, and babies; but, as was remarked by Miss Helen Haye, Miss Christabel Pankhurst has not a little in common with Portia, and again on the charge of unwomanliness Miss Margaret Halstan observed that Shakespeare's heroines seemed to enjoy getting into boy's clothes.

### THE "WARWICKSHIRE TIMES," April 24.

It is not to be denied that the Suffragettes have made great progress locally in the cause of female suffrage alike amongst the ladies of the community and the town folk generally.

## EVERY WOMAN SHOULD READ "THE COSMIC PROCESSION."

The Feminine Principle in Evolution.  
 By FRANCIS SWINEY, Author of "The Awakening of Women," "Women among the Nations," etc. Price 3s. 6d. net; postage 3d.  
 "In this remarkable book we have the most advanced views on the Woman Question, uttered with no uncertain sound. It is full of interesting matter and of deep knowledge."—Westminster Review.  
 London: ERNEST BELL, York House, Portugal St., W.C.



## DEMONSTRATION AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Last week the Government threw down a challenge to the militant Suffragists in the shape of an ill-advised "Brawling Bill," which, however, was no sooner thrown than it was hastily taken up again. The militant Suffragists were, however, not slow to pursue the advantage gained, and as a further means of protest against women's exclusion from citizenship, they made an effective demonstration on Tuesday afternoon in the House of Commons.

Just before four o'clock Miss Marjory Hume, Mrs. Russell, Miss Joan Guest, Miss Theresa Garnet, and Miss Bertha Quinn entered St. Stephen's Hall with one or two companions and chained themselves to the statues of Walpole, Lord Somers, Selden, and Lord Falkland, at the same time taking the opportunity of explaining their motives to the crowd which quickly collected. Meanwhile, Mrs. Russell attempted to enter the central lobby and was wedged in the large doors; from this precarious position she asked why the Liberal members did not put their principles into practice, and when she was released she asked the same question personally of various members. Miss Hume, who was chained to the statue of Lord Falkland, was surrounded by a curious and interested crowd of members of Parliament, who came rushing from all parts of the House, and she made an effective speech, explaining that this was a protest against women's exclusion from their just rights, and that militant action would continue until they were granted. Women could not respect the dignity of the House until Liberal principles were put into practice.

By this time the police were on the spot and succeeded in breaking the chains with strong pincers. The women were then taken to a small room and detained until the arrival of the Serjeant-at-Arms, using the interval usefully in explaining their motives to those present, and carefully pointing out that the very statues concerned were those of men who had fought for their liberties just as the women were now doing.

After a short time four of the demonstrators were released, Miss Hume being detained on account of "wilful damage to the property of the Crown," because in the cutting of the chain Lord Falkland's spur had been broken. She was, however, released a few moments later. A large number of M.P.'s waited in the hall to see the Suffragettes depart.

### PRESS COMMENTS.

St. Stephen's Hall is built upon the site of the old Parliament, its dimensions in length and width are the same, its memories enshrine the great Parliamentary tradition, it is the place where the liberties of the people have been won. This is the place which was chosen yesterday by woman Suffragists for a degrading exhibition of disorder. On either side of the hall are two rows of wonderful statues, like white ghosts of the old Parliament. To the legs of four of these statues as many women yesterday afternoon fastened themselves, after their practice, with chains, and remained there, a centre of disturbance, until an end was put to their mimic slavery by the police. The statues were those of Selden, Walpole, Somers, and Falkland; and it is matter for great regret that Falkland's statue, in its pathetic grace the most charming of them all, has been wantonly injured by this rough usage. The statue of Falkland, the man who, albeit a fighter, was "for ever ingeminating peace," looks upon the very spot where Speaker Lenthall knelt and made his famous reply when Charles I. demanded whether any of the five members were in the House—"I have neither eyes to see nor tongue to speak in this place, but as the House is pleased to direct me, whose servant I am here." The angry cries of "Privilege" thereupon raised by the members were the presage of civil war. Members who cherish the traditions of the past are ill-pleased that this place should be riotously used, and the feeling of resentment against the tactics of woman Suffragists is growing stronger. Though the women do but offer mock violence, it is not, perhaps, too fanciful a thought that the cry of "Privilege," echoed by members to-day, is again the presage of a war—a political duel between the sexes. It is regarded as inevitable that when the Ladies' Gallery is reopened fresh disorders will occur there, however great the care that may be exercised by members. There is little likelihood of the Houses of Parliament Bill being again presented to the House, but by some few it is felt that full justice was not recently done to its proposals. It is pointed out, for instance, that an abuse of the subpoena was improbable, in view of the recent decision which the Attorney-General obtained at the Leeds Assizes. Nor, so far as disorder in the Ladies' Gallery is concerned, could the Speaker ever be a witness, since the gallery is at the back of the chair.

—Times.

It is not yet known whether any action will be taken to inflict punishment in this case. A question will probably be put in the House on the subject to-morrow. By practically refusing to pass the Houses of Parliament Bill members have thrown the authorities back on antiquated and cumbrous machinery which nobody cares to bring into operation. But the line will have to be drawn somewhere, and there are some who think that, even at the cost of giving an iconoclastic Suffragist the cheap martyrdom she desires, the power of arrest and imprisonment possessed by the House ought in this instance to be exercised.

—Morning Post.

As a challenge to the Government on the withdrawal of the "Brawling Bill," the Suffragists created a scene within the precincts of the House yesterday afternoon, and they were allowed to go scot-free.

—Morning Advertiser.

Many well-known members, including Mr. John Burns, Mr. Birrell, and Mr. Will Crooks, came into the Lobby to see what had happened. The women were taken to the police-room, but were not detained, and no proceedings will be taken against them.

—Daily Mail.

An amusing feature of the affair concerns a statement sent out with a news agency account of the demonstration that the names of the five women "are withheld by the authorities on the ground that advertisement is undesirable."

—Daily Chronicle.

### AN ECHO OF THE BOAT RACE.

On boat-race day, April 3, it will be remembered, the W.S.P.U. chartered a launch, which, with its purple, white, and green flag, was, next to the rival boats, the great centre of attraction. On the launch members went up and down the course selling VOTES FOR WOMEN and advertising forthcoming events in the campaign. An interesting outcome of this was a summons by the Thames Conservancy authorities against Captain Cordery for permitting an advertising notice to be exhibited upon the "Lottie" at the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. Bunting, while Mr. Frost defended. The facts were practically undisputed, i.e., that the W.S.P.U. did charter the launch, and use it for displaying notices of various kinds. The W.S.P.U. was, in fact, quite ready to take the whole responsibility of its action. However, Mr. Frost contended that the ladies insisted upon displaying their banners notwithstanding Captain Cordery's warning, and argued that while the Chief Commissioner of Police and the guardians of the House of Commons themselves had proved unable to suppress the activities of the Suffragettes at the House of Commons, it was unfair to expect greater restraining powers from Captain Cordery. He also pointed out that the W.S.P.U. had understood that so long as the banners were held aloft and not fixed to the launch no law was being broken, and suggested that on such a day as the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race some licence should be allowed.

The Bench decided to inflict a fine upon Captain Cordery of £5 and £2 2s. costs.

### QUESTIONING CABINET MINISTERS.

The Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet had an engagement at the Imperial Defence Committee on Wednesday morning and this fact being discovered by members of the W.S.P.U., two of them proceeded to Whitehall, and while walking towards Downing Street held a conversation with Mr. Asquith, Lord Morley, and Sir Edward Grey, the interview lasting a considerable time. The topics of conversation were naturally the attitude of the Government towards the women Suffragists, and more especially the Government's action in imprisoning women political offenders as ordinary criminals. At the conclusion of their talk Miss Fergus and Mrs. Corbett impressed upon the Prime Minister the fact that a deputation would again seek an interview with him on June 29, and pointed out that it would be advisable that he should receive it. Mr. Asquith, however, would make no promise. An amusing feature of the incident was that a number of police followed at a respectful distance while the interview lasted; they did not, however, attempt to interfere in any way.

### Earl Carrington and the Suffragettes.

It had been announced for many weeks that Earl Carrington would open a new Salvation Army shelter at High Wycombe on Saturday. Several members of the W.S.P.U. were accordingly in attendance at the hour specified, prepared with questions as to the intention of the Government on the question of Votes for Women. At the appointed hour a carriage, in which were three ladies and a gentleman, drove along the crowded street. The gentleman, however, was not Earl Carrington, but Colonel Eadie, of the Salvation Army, and the ladies were Lady Carrington and her two daughters. A message arrived that Earl Carrington was at the last moment indisposed, and unable to attend the ceremony. The remark, however, of the bystanders in the crowd was, "Indisposed? Not a bit of it. It's the Suffragettes; they follow him everywhere!"

In an account of the arrest of a W.S.P.U. member at Wolverhampton, in connection with a protest at Mr. Runciman's meeting, the member's name should have been given as Miss Burkitt.

## HONOUR TO OUR PRISONERS.

To-day (Friday) is one of our red-letter days. This morning, at 8 a.m., we welcome at the prison gates nineteen of our brave comrades who have just completed the month's imprisonment inflicted upon them for their courageous action in going to the House of Commons and attempting to interview the Prime Minister on March 30 and 31. We shall escort them with colour-bearer, two bands, banners, horsewomen, and a walking procession to the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, where at 9.15 breakfast will be served and short speeches will be made. Mrs. Pankhurst will occupy the chair. The route the procession will take will be via Camden Road, High Street Camden Town, Hampstead Road, Tottenham Court Road, Oxford Circus, and Regent Street. The nearest tube station to Holloway Prison is Caledonian Road. This evening from 8.30 to 10.30 there will be a special reception in their honour at the rooms of the Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall. As owing to the date of their release they are debarred from the presentation at the Albert Hall to ex-prisoners, they will be presented this evening with illuminated addresses and Holloway brooches. The rooms will be decorated in the purple, white, and green, and we hope that all members will, as far as possible, dress in the colours. Tickets of admission, price 1s., including refreshments, may be obtained from the Ticket Secretary, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

A special invitation to be present has been sent to the International Delegates, and those of them who wish to assemble at the prison gates should meet Mrs. Frederick Edwards at Piccadilly Circus Station on the Piccadilly and Brompton Railway, at 7 a.m.

## THE PRESENTATION TO THE TREASURER.

Amidst all the many distractions of the week, we hope our friends will not forget the Motor Car Fund. This must necessarily close before very long, and it is not too much to hope that the sum now required—about £50—to complete the £400 which the car will cost, may be raised between this and the next issue of the paper. Will those who value our Treasurer's splendid and devoted work for the Union, and who wish to take this opportunity of recognising it, send their contributions to me at 4, Clements Inn? May I also remind those who have filled in promise cards for this fund that we hope they will redeem their promises as quickly as possible, so that the matter may be completed without delay?

Mabel Tuke.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### At Homes at the Scala Theatre.

At next Monday afternoon's At Home, which will be held at the Scala Theatre, Charlotte Street, Tottenham Court Road, Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be in the chair, and members will be interested to hear that two of the delegates to the International Suffrage Congress, Dr. Anita Augspurg and Fraulein Heymann, will speak. Will readers please notice that during the month of May all the Monday afternoon At Homes will be transferred to the Scala Theatre, reverting to the Queen's Hall for June and July?

### Procession on May 8.

In order to advertise the Exhibition at the Prince's Skating Rink a procession will take place on Saturday, May 8, forming up in Kingsway at 10.30 a.m., and going through the principal streets of the West End. There will be a Colour Bearer, Banner, and Horsewomen, followed by a walking procession and W.S.P.U. members. It is hoped that as many members and friends as possible will take part in this valuable form of advertising the Exhibition. Further particulars will be found on page 610.

### The Exhibition.

All the plans for the great Exhibition are now practically complete, the programme is being prepared, and the work of the various helpers allotted. Stewards and helpers should send in their names at once to Mrs. Drummond, 4, Clements Inn, letting her know how much time they can place at her disposal. As a great deal of help of this sort will be required during the whole fortnight the Exhibition is open, offers of help should be sent in without delay.

### The Woman's Press.

In response to a widespread request, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's speech at the Aldwych Theatre on April 17 is being reprinted, and will be issued as a pamphlet under the title, "The Faith that is in us," price 1d. A generous correspondent, Mr. Edwin Gray, of York, sends us a cheque to defray part of the cost of reprinting the speech, which he considers "the most effective contribution to the literature on the subject that has ever appeared."

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

April	Release of Prisoners and Procession, Holloway Gates	8 a.m.
Fri. 30	Public Breakfast, Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly	9.15 a.m.
	Reception to Prisoners at Royal Society of Artists' Galleries, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall	8.30 p.m.
	Admission, including refreshments, 1s.	

## Programme—continued.

	Birmingham, Open-air Meeting, Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath Street	Mrs. Bessie Smith	1.30 p.m.
	Bristol, Victoria Rooms	Miss Conolan, Mrs. Craig	8 p.m.
	Manchester, At Home, Onward Buildings, Deansgate	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton	
May	Manchester, Prisoners' Welcome Procession, meet London Road Station	Miss Mary Gawthorpe	12.30 p.m.
Sat. 1	Southport, At Home, Assembly Rooms, Bainbridge Hall	..	3 p.m.
	Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath Street	Miss Conolan	3 p.m.
	Birmingham, Open-air Meeting, Moseley	Miss Flatman	6 p.m.
	West Kensington Station	Miss Ethel Mills	7 p.m.
	Manchester, Reception, Memorial Hall	Miss Mary Gawthorpe and prisoners	7.10 p.m.
	Parsons Green, Open-air Meeting	Mrs. Mayer	8 p.m.
	Released Prisoners at Sheffield	..	
	Released Prisoners at Stratford-on-Avon	..	
Sun. 2	Hampstead Heath	Mrs. Mosen, Miss Maguire	11.30 a.m.
	Brookwell Park	Miss Ogston	3 p.m.
	Blackheath	Miss Barrett	3 p.m.
	Clapham Common	Mrs. Bartlett	3 p.m.
	Peckham Rye	Mrs. Mayer	3 p.m.
	Battersea Park	Miss Mills	6 p.m.
Mon. 3	Birmingham, Open-air Meeting, Salfley	Miss Flatman, Mrs. Bessie Smith	1.30 p.m.
	Stratford-on-Avon Corn Exchange	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	3 p.m.
	London, At Home, Scala Theatre, Charlotte Street	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Dr. Anita Augspurg, Fraulein Heymann	3.5 p.m. 3.30 p.m.
	Bristol, At Home, Victoria Rooms, Clifton	..	4.40 p.m.
	Liverpool, Welcome to Prisoners, Central Station, Procession through Liverpool	..	
	Liverpool, Public Reception, Assembly Rooms, Harlman Street	Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Mary Phillips, and prisoners	7.30 p.m.
	Chelsea, Speaker's Class, 4, Trafalgar Studios	Miss Mayo	8.45 p.m.
	Plymouth, Members' Meeting	..	
Tue. 4	Manchester, At Home, Memorial Hall	Miss Vera Wentworth	3 p.m.
	Putney, 26, St. John's Road	Exhibition articles on view	3.5 p.m.
	Wood Green, Unity Hall	Bowes Park W.S.P.U.	3.15 p.m.
	Birmingham, Midland Hotel	Mrs. Massy, Miss Flatman	3.30 p.m.
	Coventry, Priory Rooms	Miss Flatman, Mrs. Massy	7.30 p.m.
	Altrincham, Prisoners' Welcome, Technical Institute	Miss Mary Gawthorpe and prisoners	8 p.m.
Wed. 5	Birmingham, Dinner Hour Meeting	Miss Flatman, Mrs. Bessie Smith	
	13, Stanhope Place, W., Drawing-room Meeting	Lady Constance Lytton	3 p.m.
	Newcastle-on-Tyne, At Home, Northumberland Street	Miss Conolan, Miss New	3.5 and 8.10 p.m.
	Kensington, Town Hall	Miss Evelyn Sharp, Mrs. Eates, and others	3.30 p.m.
	Putney Heath, Open-air Meeting	..	7 p.m.
	Manchester, 164, Oxford Road	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.
	Coventry, Drawing-room Meeting	Mrs. Massy	8 p.m.
	Wolverhampton, St. Peter's Institute	Miss Flatman	8 p.m.
	Chelsea, 33, Oakley Street	Chelsea W.S.P.U.	8.30 p.m.
	Released Prisoners at Sheffield	..	
Thu. 6	16, Warwick Square, W., Drawing-room Meeting	Lady Constance Lytton	3 p.m.
	Edinburgh, At Home, Society of Arts Hall, 117, George Street	Miss Macaulay	3.30 p.m.
	Marble Arch	Mrs. Mosen, Miss Barrett	5.30 p.m.
	Kensal Rise, Harvist Road	Mrs. Eates, Miss Hannah Lightman, Chair: Mrs. Penn Gaskell	8 p.m.
	School, a welcome to Mrs. Eates	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	8 p.m.
	London, At Home, St. James' Hall	Miss Macaulay	8 p.m.
	Edinburgh, At Home, Marshall Street Hall	..	
	Birmingham, Drawing-room meeting, Salfley	Miss Gladice Keevil	
Fri. 7	Plymouth, At Home, Royal Hotel	Miss Vera Wentworth	3.30 p.m.
	Kensington, Drawing-room Meeting	Mrs. Pankhurst	4 p.m.
	Hammersmith, Open-air Mtg.	Miss Bonwick	7 p.m.
	Brixton, Raleigh Hall, Salfley	Miss Ogston	7.30 p.m.
	Fulham Cross, Open-air Mtg.	..	8 p.m.
	Putney, Drawing-room Meeting, 3, Oxford Road	..	8 p.m.
	Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath Street	Miss Conolan	8 p.m.
	Manchester, At Home, Onward Buildings	Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Mrs. Rose Yates	8.10 p.m.
	Crouch End, "Ye China Cup," Park Road	Hornsey W.S.P.U.	
	Birmingham, Town Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Gladice Keevil	8 p.m.
Sat. 8	Putney, 26, St. John's Road	Exhibition articles on view	10-1
	Procession from Aldwych, through West End, form up 10.30 a.m.	..	
	Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath Street	Miss Conolan	3 p.m.

## IMPORTANT FUTURE EVENTS.

May	Prince's Skating Rink	Exhibition and Sale of Work
13-26	Edinburgh	Mrs. Pankhurst
27	..	..
June	London	Deputation to the Prime Minister
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FOR SPECIAL BYE-ELECTION MEETINGS  
see page 601.



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The Women's Social and Political Union are NOT asking for a vote for every woman, but simply that sex shall cease to be a disqualification for the franchise.

At present men who pay rates and taxes, who are owners occupiers, lodgers, or have the service or university franchise possess the Parliamentary vote. The Women's Social and Political Union claim that women who fulfil the same conditions shall also enjoy the franchise.

It is estimated that when this claim has been conceded, about a million and a quarter women will possess the vote, in addition to the seven and a half million men who are at present enfranchised.

The Women's Social and Political Union claim that a simple measure, giving the vote to women on these terms, shall be passed immediately.

### Constitution.

OBJECTS.—To secure for women the Parliamentary vote as it is or may be granted to men; to use the power thus obtained to establish equality of rights and opportunities between the sexes, and to promote the social and industrial well-being of the community.

METHODS.—The objects of the Union shall be promoted by—

1. Action entirely independent of all political parties.
2. Opposition to whatever Government is in power until such time as the franchise is granted.
3. Participation in Parliamentary Elections in opposition to the Government candidate, and independently of all other candidates.
4. Vigorous agitation upon lines justified by the position of outlawry to which women are at present condemned.
5. The organising of women all over the country to enable them to give adequate expression to their desire for political freedom.
6. Education of public opinion by all the usual methods, such as public meetings, demonstrations, debates, distribution of literature, newspaper correspondence, and deputations to public representatives.

MEMBERSHIP.—Women of all shades of political opinion who approve the objects and methods of the Union, and who are prepared to act independently of party, are eligible for membership. It must be clearly understood that no member of the Union shall support the candidate of any political party in Parliamentary elections until women have obtained the parliamentary vote. The entrance fee is 1s.

### THE DIGNITY OF PARLIAMENT.

"It was, however, more than likely—indeed, it was reasonably certain—that such conduct would be repeated because it was part of a systematic campaign, unless by the Bill the House of Commons met the mischief by some swift, sufficient, and appropriate remedy."

Thus spoke the Attorney-General in introducing the Brawling Bill, a measure designed by the Government to put an end to the protests made by militant Suffragists against the disfranchisement of women. Though he was mistaken in thinking that measures of coercion will prove to be the remedy he seeks, the Attorney-General was right in foretelling

the continuance of the militant campaign for Woman Suffrage. A week after the futile debate on the Brawling Bill another act of defiance and protest was committed by women within the House of Commons. Members of the Women's Social and Political Union chained themselves to the statues in St. Stephen's Hall, and, taking advantage of the time thus gained, they uttered a firm and dignified remonstrance against the denial of votes to qualified women.

Their action has called forth the usual denunciations, and they are charged with showing lack of respect for the House of Commons. This charge is undoubtedly true. Militant Suffragists feel not the slightest respect, they are filled with contempt for an Assembly which persistently and deliberately violates the law of our Constitution by refusing representation to women taxpayers. They are determined to drive the House of Commons—or, rather, the Government, who, owing to modern Parliamentary conditions, dictate the action of the House of Commons—to make a choice between either giving Votes to Women or suffering injury to the sham dignity which surrounds these political evil-doers. For let our critics take notice that it is the Government, not the militant Suffragists, who suffer loss of dignity in consequence of such protests as that recently made in the House of Commons. Those who move in the little world of Westminster may not realise this, but the mass of the people see it.

If we wish to realise what posterity will say upon the matter, we have only to consider what is the judgment of to-day upon those who, in their own generation, were in revolt against authority. Does not Hampden, of whom an opponent said: "I wish Mr. Hampden and others to his likeness were well whipt into their right senses," now seem to us one of the noblest figures in history? Did Selden, to whose statue a woman chained herself last Tuesday, lose dignity in our eyes because he was imprisoned for advising Parliament to repudiate King James's doctrine that their privileges were originally royal grants, and because, for subsequent protests against the unconstitutional action of the King, he was committed to the Tower?

And do we despise or revere that Speaker Lenthall, who (as the "Times" correspondent, in the course of an article condemning the action of the militant Suffragists, reminds us) knelt on the very spot on which a woman stood on Tuesday, and replied, when Charles the First demanded whether any of the five members were in the House, "I have neither eyes to see nor tongue to speak in this place but as the House is pleased to direct me, whose servant I am here"?

And, coming to modern times, did Salomons, the duly elected representative of the Greenwich constituency, being refused a place in the House of Commons because he was a Jew, win our scorn or our admiration by insisting on taking his seat at Westminster and refusing to leave until forcibly compelled to do so? Did Plimsoll disgrace himself, or was the House of Commons disgraced, when, filled with a noble indignation and a divine rage, he broke through the rules of procedure and made a scene in that House which he had found deaf to reason and to every appeal to their humanity?

These and many another public-spirited defenders of the Constitution of this country have, by their words, and by their deeds still more, shown us the duty of protest against every encroachment made by the nation's rulers upon the liberty of the subject. With them we believe that "rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God." The protests already made and hereafter to be made in the House of Commons and elsewhere by militant Suffragists are designed to show that women are in revolt against the unconstitutional system of government which denies them a share in the management of the affairs of their own country.

Christabel Pankhurst.

## PRISON.

"When the Suffragettes are not here all the sunshine seems gone out of the place." That was said to me by one of the prison officials. In Black Maria the opinion of our fellow-sinners convicted of drunkenness or various other offences was: "It ain't the same place as what it used to be before you ladies came."

And the "scrubbers" in our part of the prison would seize those very rare chances which offered of stolen hurried communication to express in their own way the fact that they knew and understood that our presence in prison was not without significance to them.

It is well to hear even in this way from the lips of the prisoners themselves that prison is not the same place that it was, otherwise we could not be sure that the hygienic ameliorations of the last two or three years which have so greatly affected the comfort and happiness of Suffragettes during their incarcerations had been universally applied, for the utmost precautions are taken to cut us off from sight and knowledge of the condition of our fellow-inmates of Holloway. Although the changes that have taken place during the two and a-half years between my first imprisonment and my last are mostly matters of detail, and do not affect the fundamental wrongs and follies of the prison system, they are nevertheless of great value.

While prison life must necessarily be one of hardship and discomfort, especially to women gently bred, it is not now as it was in the early days of this agitation a life of torture to every instinct of refinement. For the instruction and comfort of those remember the experiences of Mrs. Cobden Sanderson and others and some of the pioneers of the militant movement, I will enumerate some of the improvements since my first imprisonment in 1906. It must be understood that my experience is confined to the recently built wing of Holloway Prison. From the older part of the prison Suffragettes are now entirely excluded. The cells in this building are clean, with more than mere superficial cleanliness. To those who remember the experiences of some of the pioneers this fact is a source of great thankfulness. These new cells are also well lighted, there is twice the window space that there was in the old cells, and the glass, though befogged with grime, is not, in its natural condition, opaque, but transparent. No one who has not suffered from the twilight of the older cells can estimate how much this means to health and spirits. The ventilation system, though very far from adequate, from the normal woman's and housewife's point of view, is improved. The contention of the Prison Commissioners, to whom a complaint on this point was recently brought, was that prisoners suffer from lack of air at first, but after some weeks they get quite used to it, and they like it. It may be so—it is a merciful provision of nature that human life can accommodate itself to its environment—but I do not think anyone could have become used to the atmosphere of the old cell, where the moisture of one's breath condensed upon the walls.

### The Clothing in Holloway.

The underclothing, though patched and worn, indifferently washed, and often stained, is not foul or evil-smelling. The shoes now supplied are new. In the old days one had to pick out of a great basket two boots probably of different sizes, and so old and dirty that the very sight of them filled one with disgust. A night-dress has now been added to the list of human necessities. A new brush and comb, or at least a thoroughly cleansed one, is supplied as a matter of course, and there is also a new tooth brush for everybody.

The vegetarian dietary, though somewhat monotonous, is wholesome, not revolting, like the greasy soup and heavy suet pudding of the old régime. The scarcity of water is no longer the trouble that it was; one is allowed to fill one's little pail two or three times a day. The brown bread and the butter and milk supplied in lieu of meat or suet-pudding are good. No longer is all the food served in common tins which have to be cleaned with brick-dust.

Each cell retains its own earthenware mug and plate. The unspeakable wooden spoon is done away with. A bright metal one has taken its place. The result is that if one is hungry one can eat the food that is provided without physical revulsion. The wooden stool, which in the old days caused great weariness and discomfort to aching backs, has been replaced in every cell in the DX

building by a plain wooden chair. But passing on my way to chapel one day through another wing of the prison I saw through the open door into one of the old cells; there was the stool, so I suppose it has not been abolished.

Perhaps the greatest amelioration that has taken place is the abandonment of the old system of solitary confinement for twenty-two and a-half hours out of the twenty-four hours' day. Three hours are now spent in what is called Associated Labour. How far the principle of this so-called associated labour has become part of the general prison system it is impossible for me to say; that it is a very salutary change from the point of view of the physical and mental health of the prisoner everyone must readily admit. It is true that the rule of silence is not relaxed; each prisoner sits at a distance of some yards from the next, yet the mere sight of other human faces is a satisfaction that can hardly be understood by anybody who has not gone through the ordeal of solitary confinement. The old system which prevailed during my first imprisonment can only be justified if the professed object of prison treatment is to break down the prisoner and render him or her totally unfit to resume normal life.

### What the Suffragettes Have Done.

Of this I am sure. The influence of the long series of imprisonments that have ensued as a result of our militant agitation, and the publicity that we have been able to give as to the state of things which more befits the social development of the Middle Ages than that of the Twentieth Century, have done more to improve the prison system than all other agencies put together.

Radical reform of the prison system is not touched yet. The folly and the failure of the present régime are so glaring and obvious that we are driven to the conclusion that the treatment of moral and social derelicts is part of that domain of human life which is essentially the business of women. For if the present prison system was deliberately calculated to destroy every bit of will power, every latent sense of responsibility and self-help in its unhappy victims, it could not more effectively accomplish this achievement.

The effect of prison routine and the attitude of the officials towards the prisoners are such as to soften the whole character of the average delinquent into the resemblance of molten wax, and then when it is soft the wretched woman or man is turned out into the world to be poured into the mould of depraved association. When one remembers that a large percentage of the convicted are not essentially vicious, but weak and easily led, one sees that a prison is a sort of factory for turning out criminals.

It is not my present purpose to discuss constructive schemes of prison reform. The time for that will come when women have the political power that will give weight to their opinion.

I want to show all those who are engaged in fighting the woman's battle how much has been done quite incidentally by our movement to bring amelioration into the lives of the prisoners and captives, the most miserable, the most forlorn of all people. That we have been able to touch them and to better their conditions is wonderful. That these poor social outcasts should know it, and acknowledge it, though none have told them, is still more wonderful. There is much more to do. And our prison mission is not yet ended. For still the pursuit of our emancipation leads up through the iron gates.

As I write I think of our beloved comrades enduring the painful daily discipline, with that serenity, with that smile which makes "the sunshine of the place." On the very day that this paper is published they will be restored to us again—all but one. That one is a woman who has, with utmost courage and self-surrender, gone through the ordeal three times already. Patricia Woodlock! At an immense public meeting, held in her own city of Liverpool, she was chosen as a representative from that Lancashire city to take part in a deputation appointed to interview the Prime Minister. For the crime of persisting in her attempt to reach the House of Commons with her deputation she has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment in default of giving a pledge to abandon every form of militant agitation. She belongs to those who never turned their back, but marched breast forward. She embodies the spirit of the Women's Social and Political Union. She is one of that brave throng "who, greatly daring, through prison bars have led the way." Who follows in their train? The call has gone forth. Those who have not already given a portion of their life in service to the Woman's Movement are asked to send in their names as volunteers for active service. I would say to any who may shrink from the sacrifice:—there is no need to be afraid since so many have come triumphantly through the ordeal. What they can do, you can do. It is infinitely worth while. Emancipate yourself from yourself, and in so doing you will emancipate many from their crushing bondage.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.



### THE INTERNATIONAL SUFFRAGE CONGRESS.

England as the storm-centre of the Woman Suffrage movement has been chosen this year as the place of meeting for the International Woman Suffrage Congress, and representatives from over twenty nationalities have come together to speak of the progress of the movement in their own country and to gather heart from one another by their mutual enthusiasm.

Owing to the rules of the International Suffrage Alliance, by which only one society in each country can take a direct part in the proceedings, the Women's Social and Political Union has not been allotted a place among the delegates, but we are overjoyed at having with us in the meeting at the Albert Hall a large number of our international friends on Thursday evening. They have also received an invitation to share in the breakfast to the released prisoners on Friday morning at the Criterion Restaurant, and to take part in the reception on Friday at the British Artists', and it is anticipated that many of them will avail themselves of these opportunities of hearing something about the militant movement.

The sittings of the Congress have taken place in the St. James's Hall, which is decorated with the banners of the Artists' League, while at the long tables at which the delegates sit little silk flags, placed along them at intervals, mark the different nationalities. The morning sessions are devoted strictly to business, while at the afternoon sessions the delegates are invited to tell the story of the progress in their own country. Of the 200 foreign delegates present the great majority understand the English language, and therefore very little re-translation, the bane of most international congresses, is necessary.

Mrs. Fawcett, representing England in the International Alliance, in opening the proceedings, alluded to the progress made in the movement abroad since the last Congress, and aroused enthusiasm by a reference to the news brought over on Saturday by the Swedish delegates to the effect that a unanimous vote was taken on their Bill in the Lower House of the Swedish Parliament last week. Mrs. Chapman Catt, the President of the Congress, gave an interesting picture of events, and described the vigorous suffrage campaign now being carried on in Iceland.

On Monday afternoon short speeches were delivered by fraternal delegates to the Congress. Miss Chrystal Macmillan greeted the Congress in the name of the International Council of Women. Mrs. Despard received a great ovation as one of the women who have suffered imprisonment for the cause. Lady M'Laren, on the other hand, in asking that trust should be placed in the intentions of the Liberal Government, found herself out of touch with the bulk of her audience. On Monday evening the President reviewed the progress made in the Suffrage movement since the formation of the International Alliance five years ago. She referred to the position in Russia, where the Congress of Women had been held, even with the police surrounding the doors. Members of the W.S.P.U. could have given a similar account of the action of our own Government in the case of some of the Caxton Hall gatherings. Several other interesting speeches were delivered by foreign delegates, which lack of space prevents us from reproducing here.

#### The Movement in Bohemia.

Tuesday morning was again devoted to business, but this was greatly lightened by the President's interesting account of a new departure made by the Women Suffragists of Bohemia. It appears that the law which granted universal suffrage to the men of Austria last year also swept away some of the ancient rights of the women, including an old privilege of the propertied women which allowed them to elect members of Parliament by proxy. The elder Kossuth, it seems, was originally elected by this women's proxy vote. Now, acting on the advice of certain sympathising members of the Diet, the Bohemian women are concentrating on an agitation for the restitution of these ancient rights, and are pluckily putting a woman candidate into the field.

Another interesting announcement was to the effect that Servia, having reconstituted its principal women's organisation as a Suffrage Society, is now in a position to send a fraternal delegate to the International Congress.

#### Russia.

By far the most striking speech of the afternoon was that made by Mme. Zereide Mirovitch (Russia). The Russian note was sounded at once in the words, "In misfortunes women are always the equals of men," and she had much to tell of the petty as well as the serious persecution of women in her country. "But though a Government can kill people, it cannot kill ideas," she said, in a simple, direct way that was very impressive, and she quoted the prospect of a women's University at Kiev as a sign of hope. Some of the instances she gave of reactionary administration on the part of Government officials seemed almost incredible—an order, for instance, recently issued forbidding any woman postal clerk to marry outside her own department. A woman telegraphist, that is to say, might not marry a clerk in any other part of the post-office.

The reason given for this—that State secrets might otherwise be divulged—Mme. Mirovitch declared to be only an imaginary one.

#### Greetings from the Queen of Norway.

At the conclusion of the afternoon session the President announced that greetings had been sent to the Congress by the Queen of Norway. "This is the first time in the history of the world," said Mrs. Catt, "that a queen has ever sent greetings to a Women's Suffrage Convention."

#### The Pageant.

A most effective object-lesson, showing what an enormous number of professions and trades women, though still voteless, are engaged in, was made at the meeting on Tuesday night at the Albert Hall, where the international delegates were present as the guests of the London Society for Women's Suffrage. For over half an hour contingents, carrying emblems symbolic of their work, marched round the hall, and took their places in the arena. From the women doctors, in their blazing scarlet hoods, to the pitrow women, in their shawls, every branch of women's work was represented, each section carrying also banners, with the inscriptions, "Taxation Without Representation is Tyranny" and "Wage Earners Demand the Vote."

#### At the Albert Hall on Tuesday.

Mrs. Fawcett said that if we had faith in our cause and in one another victory was certain. Mrs. Chapman Catt pointed out that the granting of the Suffrage depended not on women's arguments or their work, but on the political situation. Mr. Ramsay Macdonald showed how legislation affected women in the home and at work, and how the vote would give women the power to enforce better conditions. Mrs. Snowden made a reference to the magnificent meeting to be held in the same hall on Thursday (the W.S.P.U. meeting), where different methods for the same cause would be explained. Dr. Anna Shaw said hitherto the principle of men's legislation had been the survival of the fittest; women's ideal would be a condition where no unfit would ever be born. The movement had progressed by leaps and bounds in America the last two or three years.

### THE W.S.P.U. AT THE QUEEN'S HALL.

On Monday afternoon, at the Queen's Hall At Home, the members of the Women's Social and Political Union had the great pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy on the platform. Miss Christabel Pankhurst, in introducing the veteran leader of the Women's Suffrage movement, mentioned the work done by Mrs. Elmy during the last half-century towards the uplifting of the womanhood of this country, and tendered a very hearty welcome to her in the name of the Union.

Mrs. Elmy, in a delightful little speech, spoke of the great change that is coming over the attitude of politicians towards this question. She told an amusing tale of her experiences at a public meeting some forty years ago, when the women were not allowed to be seen in public, but were hidden behind a large sheet! She ended by urging all her hearers to join this great movement, since Women's Suffrage was at the root of all social liberty.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence spoke on the Brawling Bill, and described the recent debate in the House of Commons.

The last speaker was Miss Helen Kangley, one of the delegates from Washington to the International Congress of Women Suffragists. Miss Kangley spoke of the work in America, and described the difficulties they had to contend with there. Several questions were asked at the close of the meeting, and a large amount was subscribed towards the motor-car to be given to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

At next Monday afternoon's At Home—to be held at the Scala Theatre, Charlotte Street, Tottenham Court Road—Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be in the chair, and Dr. Anita Augspurg and Fraulein Heymann, German delegates to the International Suffrage Congress, will speak. During May the Monday At Homes are transferred to the Scala Theatre, i.e., May 3, 10, 17, and 24.

#### THE STRANGERS' GALLERY.

In the House of Commons on Thursday Mr. Menzies (Lanark, S. Min.) asked the Prime Minister whether he would consider the advisability of arranging for the opening of the Strangers' Gallery under the old rules, with the extra provision that the Member who introduced the stranger should undertake to pay a fine of £10 sterling in the event of the stranger disturbing the proceedings of the House.

Mr. Asquith: I have no power in the matter, but I will bring my hon. friend's suggestion before Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Watt (Glasgow College, Min.): Is the right hon. gentleman aware that the constituents of the hon. member for South Lanark are of a very meek and well-behaved disposition, and that he is not likely to be called upon to pay the £10?

According to later reports the Speaker will announce the arrangements for the reopening shortly of the galleries to the public, men and women, on Monday. Members will ballot for tickets. Permission to ladies to sit behind the "grille" will be granted to personal friends of members, and will probably be withdrawn from any member who is responsible for a visitor guilty of disorder.

## THE CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

### LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES.

Office: 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

No sooner is one great event over than we begin preparations for another. One of the special forms of advertising the Albert Hall meeting was a procession through the West End, in which "Queen Elizabeth" took a prominent part. This attracted a great deal of attention, as did the coach which paraded through the principal streets on Tuesday for about three hours. Flags were shown along the route at many houses of business. Miss Corson and Miss McClelland, Miss Ethel Mills and Miss Barbara Ayrtton have been busily engaged in working up the following districts:—Marylebone, Paddington, Westminster, Holborn, and Knightsbridge, with very encouraging results. Several drawing-room meetings have been held, and a large number of tickets for the meetings sold. Miss Mills has held several open-air meetings in Knightsbridge and organised "sandwich parades," and in Paddington Miss Ayrtton has come across a great many supporters, and hopes to make that district an enthusiastic and active centre. In Paddington, residents anxious to work should get into touch with Miss Ayrtton at 41, Norfolk Square, W. A special poster was prepared for Budget day, Thursday, and carrying this a number of women walked through the principal streets. This form of propaganda is a very useful one, and all willing to take part in it, are welcome at Clements Inn. In order to advertise the Albert Hall meeting, members of the W.S.P.U. hired a room on St. George's Day in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's Cathedral, where the crowds were greatest, and hung out a banner stating that Mrs. Pankhurst would address a great women's meeting at the Albert Hall on Thursday night. By means of megaphones the announcement was made doubly effective, and attracted a large amount of attention.

**Procession, May 8.**—We are now concentrating on the Exhibition. There are many special forms of advertising to be done for this, and we want helpers to come to Clements Inn every morning at 10.30 and every afternoon at 3.30 to help in these schemes. One of these is a procession, to take place on May 8, through the principal streets of the West End. Full particulars of this will be found on page 610, but here I want to appeal to all our members to come forward and take part in it, so that we may bring the great Exhibition to the notice of the public in as effective a way as possible. We shall want horsewomen to take part, and everyone, of course, will wear the colours—purple, white, and green. One reason why the procession in honour of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's release was so very effective was that everyone taking part wore the colours. We hope members will bear this in mind with a view to May 8, as well as other occasions.

**The At Homes.**—The Monday afternoon and Thursday evening At Homes are now fully resumed after the holidays. Next Monday Dr. Anita Augspurg and Fraulein Heyman will speak at the Scala Theatre. Now that the great Albert Hall meeting is over we want members to concentrate on increasing the attendance of these At Homes, and to bring all their friends to hear about the movement. Please note: During May the Monday At Homes are transferred to the Scala Theatre, Charlotte Street.

**"Votes for Women."**—Sellers are asked to come to Clements Inn at 10.30 in the morning and 2.30 in the afternoon. They will be encouraged to know that at Attercliffe bye-election nine dozen copies were sold outside the Liberal candidate's meeting within a very short time.

**Release of Prisoners.**—At eight o'clock this morning (Friday) we shall welcome at Holloway Prison gates nineteen women who took part in the deputation to the House of Commons on March 30 and 31. They will be met at Holloway at 8 a.m. and conducted by colour-bearer, bands, banners, horsewomen, and a walking procession to the Criterion Restaurant, where a breakfast in their honour will be given. London members will, of course, make a point of being present to give them a hearty cheer. To-night we hold a special reception in their honour in the rooms of the Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, when they will be presented with illuminated addresses and the Holloway brooch. The reception, to which admission is 1s. (including refreshments), will be from 8.30 to 10.30 p.m. The rooms will be decorated in the colours of the Union, and it is hoped that members will wear purple, white, or green.

**Berlin.**—Miss Seymour has been invited to visit Berlin, and to speak at a meeting of the Berlin branch of the Prussian National Association for Women's Suffrage, on May 5, to explain the Suffrage campaign, misleading and exaggerated reports of which have appeared in some of the Berlin papers. With the exception of the visit of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Annie Kenney some eighteen

months ago, this is the first occasion on which the militant tactics will have been explained in Germany, and the invitation was, therefore, gladly accepted. On May 8 Miss Seymour will also speak at Brussels.

**The Office, Clements Inn.**—Owing to the generosity of Mr. Pethick Lawrence, the synchronome electric system of clocks, ensuring absolute accuracy in time, has been installed throughout the offices. The staff has wanted this for a long time, and Mr. Lawrence's generous gift is most gratefully appreciated.

**At the House of Commons.**—An account of the demonstration made by members of the W.S.P.U. at the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon will be found on page 602. It attracted a great deal of attention among the Members, many of whom witnessed the incident and heard the women's explanation of their action.

### Flora Drummond.

#### WEST OF ENGLAND.

**Shop and Committee Rooms.**—37, Queen's Road (opposite Art Gallery), Clifton. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**At Homes.**—Bristol: Victoria Rooms, every Monday, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Bath: Beau Nash Rooms, every Saturday, 3.30 p.m.

Plymouth: Royal Hotel, every Friday, 3.30 (beginning May 7).

Torquay: Swiss Café, 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

**Important Events.**—April 30, Bristol, Victoria Rooms, 8 o'clock; speakers, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Lady C. Lytton. Tickets, 2s. 6d.—1s., 6d.

The work here is developing so rapidly that we are making changes in the organisation. Miss Vera Wentworth will be responsible for Plymouth, while Miss Elsie Howey devotes herself to Torquay and Paignton, and I myself am going to Cardiff in the beginning of May. In my absence Mrs. Dove Wilcox will devote all her time to the Bristol work, while Mrs. Baldock will accompany me to Cardiff. We have engaged our secretary, and with her help shall be able to get through a very much larger amount of work. Will correspondents kindly notice that all communications addressed to 37, Queen's Road, Clifton, will be opened by the Secretary, unless marked private? All these developments necessitate a large outlay, and I want to ask all who are in sympathy with our work to help us in the extra expense. In addition to other outgoings, there is the cost of the typewriting machine and the telephone, while the Secretary's salary has also to be raised. I am very glad to report that the Bath meeting was a great success; we had a full hall, and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Lady Constance Lytton had an enthusiastic reception. Bouquets were presented by Miss Lila Codd and Miss Stanley Moger. The Bath members have worked hard and well and deserve their success. To-night we have our great meeting in the Victoria Rooms, Bristol, addressed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Lady Constance Lytton. We are hoping it will be as successful as the Bath one, and we are working hard to make it so.

**Exhibition.**—Will members in Cardiff, Bath, and Bristol please send all Exhibition goods to Mrs. Barratt, 1, Hanbury Road, Clifton, not later than May 1. Prices should be marked on the goods, and they should be packed very carefully and labelled "West of England Stall." Will those who are helping for the Somerset, Dorset, and Devon Stall send goods in to the address we shall give in next week's issue not later than May 1? Helpers who have not yet communicated should write to Mrs. Dove Wilcox at Richmond Terrace, Clifton, and state what time they can give to the Exhibition work.

**The Next Deputation.**—Among all our other engagements we have to prepare for the deputation to the House of Commons on June 29. We want a large and representative body to go from the West of England. Names should be sent in at once.

I have sent to the Treasurer: Bath, ticket money, £10 7s.; collection, £3 6s. 8d. Bath is going ahead, and had a splendid At Home on Saturday, when Miss Canning was the speaker.

**Plymouth.**—In future At Homes will be held every Friday at the Royal Hotel at 3.30. I hope every Plymouth member will do her utmost to make these At Homes a success. The first will not be held until Friday, May 7th. This will leave us plenty of time to work them up after the Albert Hall meeting. A members' meeting has been called for Monday, May 3rd; I hope that every member will attend, as it is very necessary that we should all meet together as soon as possible to discuss our future work.—[VERA WENTWORTH.]

**Torquay.**—During my absence the local members have kept everything going splendidly. Miss Mills also held an open-air meeting at Dartmouth, and open-air meetings have also been held at Paignton and Totnes. On Wednesday we are having a meeting at Teignmouth. Now that we can have a good outdoor campaign we are only continuing the fortnightly At Homes at the Swiss Café, Torquay, which are held the second and fourth Thursdays in the month. I have also received some more promises for our stall at the Exhibition.—[ELSIE N. HOWEY.]

Annie Kenney.



## LANCASHIRE.

Headquarters.—Manchester, 164, Oxford Road.

Local Offices.—Preston, 41, Glover's Court, Rochdale, 84, Yorkshire Street.

At Homes.—Manchester: Memorial Hall, Albert Square, Tuesdays, 3-5 Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Fridays, 8-10. Liverpool: Engineers' Rooms, 48, Mount Pleasant, Tuesdays, 8-10. Preston: Glover's Court, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. Rochdale: 84, Yorkshire Street, Saturdays, 7.30 p.m. Southport: Assembly Rooms, Cambridge Hall, Saturdays, 3 p.m.

## Important Events.

Saturday, May 1.—"Welcome" to released Manchester prisoners, London Road Station, 12.30 p.m.; 7 p.m., Reception, Memorial Hall. Tickets (including refreshments, etc.), 1s. 6d.  
Monday, May 3.—"Welcome" to Liverpool released prisoners, Central Station 4.40 p.m.; Reception, Assembly Rooms, Hardman Street. Tickets (including refreshments, etc.), 1s. 3d.  
Tuesday, May 4.—At Home, Memorial Hall, 3 p.m., released prisoners.  
Friday, May 7.—At Home, Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Mrs. Rose Lamartine Yates.  
Tuesday, May 11.—Memorial Hall, 3 p.m., Miss Evelyn Sharp.

Manchester.—With released prisoners coming to us so shortly and the Exhibition so near, work has been of necessity very brisk this week. Mrs. Kenyon and Mrs. Morris arranged a most successful At Home in the Eccles Friends' Adult School on Monday, and it is hoped now to arrange regular At Homes at least monthly in this important Manchester district. On Tuesday Miss Marie Brackenbury and Mr. Lewis Casson were our guests at the Memorial Hall. A splendid propaganda meeting was held at Little Lever (near Bolton) on Wednesday, the Vicar in the chair. Literature was sold out, and many questions were asked. Friday's At Home represented a good rally after the holidays. Mrs. Ratcliffe, Miss Jessie Russell, and I were the speakers. At to-day's (Friday) At Home we have important welcome-to-prisoners arrangements to discuss; and on Friday, May 7, Mrs. Rose Lamartine Yates (Surrey), lately released from prison, will pay us a visit. The afternoon At Homes will continue on Tuesdays in May from 3 to 5. Miss Evelyn Sharp will be the guest on May 11.

Welcome Arrangements.—The Manchester ex-prisoners will be met at the London Road Station at 12.30 on Saturday, May 1, and a procession headed by a band will march via Piccadilly, Market Street, Cross Street, Albert Square, Mount Street, Oxford Road, to the neighbourhood of Whitworth Park, where it will disperse. In the evening a public reception will be held in the Memorial Hall, Albert Square, from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each inclusive, may be had from members and on application at the Office. The Manchester prisoners will speak at the Tuesday afternoon At Home, and a welcome is being arranged for them in Altrincham also. A special fund has been opened to defray the extra expenses of bands and carriages. I shall be very glad to receive contributions for the Manchester welcome at the office, 164, Oxford Road, and Miss Mary Phillips will be equally glad of donations for the Liverpool welcome at 35, Oxford Street, Liverpool. So far I have the following:—Miss Janie Whittaker, 10s.; Mrs. Ferrer, 2s. 6d.; Miss Yates, 10s.; Miss J. Russell, 2s. 6d.; Southport members, 7s.; Manchester members, 7s.; total, £1 18s. I want £10 to cover band and extra expenses, and if I get £15 I can get two bands instead of one, and then—music all the time!

The Exhibition.—From to-day (Friday) contributions may be sent in. All the secretaries are in need of more offers both in money and goods. Please write for Manchester Stall, Miss A. Hyde, 7, Addison Terrace, Victoria Park; for Liverpool Stall, Miss Stephenson, Ashbourne, Queen's Drive, Walton, Liverpool; for Southport and Preston, Miss Miller, 15, Part Street, Southport, and Mrs. Rigby, 28, Winckley Square, Preston. Will those also who can spare time in London for the fortnight required or less (it might be arranged to spend the summer holiday in this way, for instance) please let the secretaries know at once, so that a table of helpers may be prepared. At the Friday and Tuesday At Homes Manchester has some interesting things to show in connection with the Exhibition, and members should take these opportunities of bringing the movement and its objects before the notice of friends—sympathetic, hostile, or indifferent.

Liverpool.—Our next public event will be the welcome to the Liverpool ex-prisoners, Monday, May 3. We shall meet them at the Central Station at 4.40 p.m., with a decorated carriage, in which they will drive through the principal streets, headed by a colour-bearer (Miss Healiss) and a band. Brakes (tickets 1s. each) filled with members, all wearing the colours, will follow, and other members will follow on foot. Please send names for brakes at once, Miss Cornwell, 27, Clarendon Road, Egremont, as we must know before ordering for how many they are required. The procession will end at the Liverpool Assembly Rooms, Hardman Street, where a public reception will be held at 7.30 p.m. Immediate application should be made for tickets to the ticket secretary, Miss Elam, 8, Roscommon Street. (Tel. 5995 Cent.) They have been fixed at the low price of 1s. 3d. each, and a large attendance is expected. Speeches will be made by the prisoners, and by Miss Mary Gaw-

thorpe. Miss Kathleen Ratcliffe, our Manchester fellow-member, has kindly promised to play for us. We rely on everyone doing her utmost to show appreciation of the sacrifice made by our comrades by making a brilliant success of this welcome. A special fund is being opened; contributions to be sent to me at 35, Oxford Street. Mrs. Myer is organising the sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN, and will be glad of the names of volunteers, especially for selling along the route of Monday's procession.

Miss Stephenson still wants a good many promises in order to make up the required total for the Liverpool Exhibition stall. Will all who have not already sent in their promises please do so.

Miss Marie Brackenbury very kindly came last Tuesday and gave us a most interesting and inspiring address. This week we hope to have the pleasure of a visit from Miss Gawthorpe.

## MARY PHILLIPS.

Southport.—Mrs. Duncan and Miss Jessie Russell had a very successful week at Easter in Southport. At the usual At Home on April 10 Miss Miller took the chair, and Mrs. Duncan and Miss J. Russell spoke. The members were asked to make a special effort for the week, and they responded heartily. Two meetings were held on the sands, when the people were enthusiastic, and much sympathy was expressed with the prisoners. Five most successful and enthusiastic At Homes were given. The usual At Home at the Cambridge Hall was addressed by Miss Gawthorpe. The bazaar work is not yet completed, but arrangements are well in hand, and the sewing meeting had a record attendance on April 19. Miss Miller is working energetically, and will be glad of all assistance.

Financial Report.—Held over from April 15.—Moss Side Meeting.—Ticket money, £1 6s.; collection, 11s. Chorlton Meeting.—Ticket money and guarantees, 17s.; collection, £1 13s. 10½d. Rochdale Meeting (per Miss F. Clarkson).—Programmes, £1 3s. 8d.; collection, £4 13s. 11d.; ticket money, £7 15s. 9d.; door money, £7 15s. 6d.; Mrs. Carter, 1s. 6d.; Miss Walker, 3s.; Miss Clarkson, 1s. 6d. Liverpool Meeting (per Miss Elam).—Programmes, £3 16s. 6d.; collection, £14 3s. 1d.; tickets per members, £28 14s. 6½d.; tickets, shop, £23 18s.; Mr. Lyons Bleasdale, 5s. Southport "At Homes" (per Miss James).—March 6, 3s. 9½d.; 13 13s. 8½d.; 20, £5 13s. 6½d.; 27, 6s. Preston Meeting (per Miss Bamber).—Programmes, 10s.; collection, £3 6s. 10d.; tickets, £1 19s. 6d.; Street collection, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Rigby, 1s. Manchester (per Miss F. Helliwell).—Programmes, £2 15s. 3d.; collection, £14; tickets, members, £16 4s.; office, £5 6s.; shop, £12 18s. 6d.; reserved seats, Memorial Hall, March 30, £3 19s.; Miss Clarke, £2 2s.; Mrs. Bailton, 10s.; Stevenson Square collection, 7s.; Nut Food Society, 10s. Total, £172 7s. 5½d. Week ending April 24.—"Prisoners' Welcome Fund, (as above), £1 19s.; "Yorkshire Tyke," 2 dollars (S. D.); per Miss Mabel Capper, £1; Liverpool ticket money, 5s. 6d.; At Home, April 20, £1 4s. 6d.; April 23, 9s. 9d. Total, £5 6s. 9d.

## Mary E. Gawthorpe.

## MIDLANDS.

Office and Committee Rooms: 14, Ethel Street, Birmingham.

At Homes.—Birmingham: Midland Hotel, Tuesdays, 3.30; Priory Rooms, Old Square, Tuesdays, 7.30. Wolverhampton: St. Peter's Institute, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Coventry: Priory Rooms, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Important Future Event.—Birmingham Town Hall, May 7, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

Miss Gladice Keevil being at the Stratford Bye-Election, I am here to take charge of the arrangements for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's big meeting in the Town Hall, so I want to appeal to all members to come forward and help me to make this meeting worthy of our dear Treasurer, whose action in going to prison we all so greatly appreciate. I am arranging to advertise the meeting by means of three little Shetland ponies with saddle cloths of purple, white and green, and with posters on each end of the cloth. I am trying to get one white pony (which is rather difficult) to wear the white trappings and to walk in the middle. Then I shall want three ladies to lead these through the principal thoroughfares, with three younger girls giving out handbills. I think this ought to be very effective.

We have had some very splendid meetings here during the past week, the first being the usual weekly At Home at the Midland Hotel, where Mrs. Kerwood took the chair and I was the speaker. In the evening we had a good muster in the Priory Rooms, when Miss Neale took the chair and gave us an interesting account of the Morecambe Conference of Teachers at which she was present. I addressed the meeting later. On Wednesday Miss Keevil spoke at a well-attended drawing-room meeting given by Mrs. Benson at Moseley, with Lady Isabel Margesson in the chair. New members were made, and the audience was very interested.

On the same day Miss Keevil spoke at the Victoria Hall, Five Ways, at a large meeting arranged by Mrs. Hill. The chair was kindly taken by Mrs. Davis.

Northfield.—On Friday afternoon Lady Isabel Margesson and I were the speakers at a large drawing-room meeting given by the Misses Earl, when Miss Earl took the chair, and at the close put a resolution in favour of women having the vote; this was carried unanimously. New members were made, and other promises of drawing-room meetings were given.

Wolverhampton.—On Wednesday last I met some of the members of St. Peter's Institute; they were much interested in what I had to tell them of the work we were doing in other parts

of the country, and in the account of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's imprisonment and release.

Avechurch.—A meeting was held here on Friday last, arranged by Miss Margesson. Mr. Nicholson very ably took the chair for us at a few minutes' notice, and Lady Isabel Margesson, Mrs. Nicholson, and myself were the speakers. The people were much interested, and when Mr. Nicholson put the resolution in favour of women being enfranchised it was carried unanimously.

Exhibition.—Mrs. Kerwood, the Hon. Secretary for the Midland Stalls, asks me to announce that contributors are requested to send their contributions to the office, to Mrs. Edith Kerwood, 14, Ethel Street, Birmingham, any day from May 1 to May 8 inclusive, and will they be kind enough to price the goods, as this greatly facilitates the work of the packers.

Mrs. Kerwood will be in charge of Midland Stall I. at the Exhibition, and Mrs. Howey, of Malvern, will have charge of Midland Stall II. Miss Bertha Ryland, Miss Kate Kerkeley, and Miss Benson have kindly consented to help Mrs. Kerwood. Will any ladies who can be in London during the Exhibition come and help with the stalls? We shall be glad to have the names of those so able to assist as soon as possible.

There is much work to be done here before the 7th—handbill distribution, open-air meetings, etc. Will members able to help please communicate with me at the office, where tickets also can be had, 2s. 6d. and 1s. reserved, and 6d., women only, unreserved.

S. Ada Flatman.

## YORKSHIRE.

Headquarters.—Bradford: 68, Manningham Lane.

Our new quarters have now been thoroughly cleaned and decorated in the colours, and we hope to open the shop next week. We are still in need of more furniture—tables, chairs, cupboards, and a desk are wanted. We have to thank Mrs. Goodison for two chairs; Miss Newton, a door-mat; Mrs. Brook, an enamelled bowl; and Miss Hughes, an umbrella stand. We have decided to hold jumble sales in both Leeds and Bradford in order to raise money for a telephone in our new shop. At this time of the year, when spring cleaning is in full swing and wardrobes are being overhauled, we hope our friends will remember these jumble sales, and send us all they can spare—clothing, furniture, anything saleable will be acceptable. Contributions to the Leeds jumble sale should be sent to Mrs. Reynolds, Blackboy Yard, Kirkgate, Leeds, who has kindly consented to receive the goods. Contributions for the Bradford sale, articles, and subscriptions for furnishing the shop, should be sent to F. G. Roberts, 68, Manningham Lane, Bradford.

Exhibition.—The date of the Exhibition is now almost upon us, and members should work their hardest to make the Yorkshire stall a great success. Those who have not yet sent in their promises should do so without delay. Particulars as to time and place for sending articles for the Yorkshire stall will be given in next week's paper.

On Tuesday next a number of Leeds members are going to sell VOTES FOR WOMEN at Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb's lecture at the People's Hall, Leeds, by kind permission of the Secretary of the Leeds and County Fabian Society.

Miss Elizabeth Robins's lectures at Leeds and Bradford have had to be postponed. The dates will be announced in next week's paper.

C. A. L. Marsh.

## NEWCASTLE.

Headquarters.—38, Rye Hill.

At Homes.—Crosby's Café, Northumberland Street, Wednesdays, 3-5 and 8-10.

The new shop for which we are searching will be the greatest possible help in our propaganda work here. Will anyone who knows of suitable premises at a reasonable rent let me know? A great deal of work has been done during the past week for the Exhibition, and still more is needed. Chiefly we want to hear definitely from our members the exact amount of work we may expect, and also if any of them can help at the Prince's Skating Rink during the Exhibition. It is necessary that the Exhibition Secretary should know in advance, so as to apportion workers. It is proposed to have a display of Newcastle work on Wednesday, May 5, at Crosby's Café, to which the public will be invited. Therefore, please, if possible, send on that date contributions to Crosby's Café, or before the 5th to Miss New, 38, Rye Hill. We still want twenty dolls dressed, a supply of Teddy bears, and either money or toys—especially toy animals. Another want! Most of our dolls need shoes and stockings. They can be bought wholesale at a very small cost.

The At Home on Wednesday was addressed by myself, Miss Brown being in the chair, previous to her departure for the Sheffield bye-election. New members were enrolled. Next Wednesday the Hon. Mrs. Parsons will speak in the afternoon; Miss Norah Balls in the chair. In the evening Miss Robinson will speak; Miss Polard in the chair.

Newcastle is sending four ex-prisoners to the Albert Hall on April 29.

The Women's Co-operative Guild meeting was addressed by me on Thursday, the subject being "The Citizenship of Women." The audience was most courteous and interested, and at the close a unanimous vote was passed in favour of Votes for Women.

We have sent to the Treasurer 12s. 3½d. in collection and members' fees.

Edith New.

## SCOTLAND.

Glasgow.

Office: 141, Bath Street.

At Homes.—141, Bath Street, Friday, 8 p.m. 141, Bath Street, Saturday, 3 p.m.

Mr. Forbes Robertson's visit has given the work here the very impetus it needed. Long before the advertised time the Athenaeum, which holds over 1,000 people, was crowded. Extra seats had to be brought in, and then a number of people were turned away. Mrs. Ivory made an earnest appeal to those women in the audience who had not already joined us to come and work in this great movement, and Mr. Forbes Robertson, on rising, had an enthusiastic reception. Much disappointment was expressed that Miss Adela Pankhurst, who was to have been one of the speakers, had been obliged to go to the Sheffield bye-election, but we shall hope to have a visit from her in the autumn. A generous response was made to an appeal for funds to carry on the summer campaign, the proceeds of the meeting, in tickets and collection, coming to over £50. This meeting owed much of its success to the untiring efforts of the chalkers, bill distributors, and sellers, who took every opportunity of making it known, and to the large number of members who undertook the sale of tickets. Nothing testifies more splendidly to the strength of our Union than the way in which the number of its active working members has increased during the last six months.

The Exhibition.—Members will by now have received a circular relating to the stall. Contributions can be received at the office any time after May 1, but should not be sent sooner unless for some special reason. All goods should be sent in by May 5, in order to allow time for packing. Perishable articles (sweets, cakes, etc.) will be received at a later date, and a special notice will be sent within the next few days to friends who have promised these. Letters and parcels should be addressed to the Exhibition Secretary.

G. M. Conolan.

## Edinburgh.

Shop: 100, Hanover Street (removing shortly to 8, Melville Place).

At Homes.—Society of Arts Hall, 117, George Street, Thursdays, 3.30 p.m. Marshall Street Hall, Thursdays, 8 p.m.

Important Event.—Synod Hall, Thursday, May 27, 8 p.m., Mrs. Pankhurst.

After the Easter lull we feel we must set to work again with renewed activity. Will all our members and friends remember especially the following:—(a) Our weekly At Homes. It is very important that fresh people should be brought on each occasion, and this can be ensured if everyone makes a point of being accompanied each afternoon by a newcomer. (b) The Edinburgh stall at the Exhibition. The Secretary, Mrs. Maxtone Graham, is very anxious to receive fresh contributions, and the time is now very short. (c) Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting in the Synod Hall. Tickets for this are now ready. Will everyone do her best to sell as many as she possibly can? (d) The removal to 8, Melville Place. (e) The VOTES FOR WOMEN corps, which Miss Fairfield, 24, Buccleugh Place, is kindly superintending.

Florence E. M. Macaulay.

## Aberdeen.

Office: 41½, Union Street.

At Homes.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, every Wednesday, 8 p.m.

I have returned from the bye-election, and am glad to be able to report good progress here. Beginning on Wednesday, May 5, there will be an At Home in the Y.M.C.A. Hall at eight o'clock each Wednesday evening, and we hope that all our friends will try to attend regularly and bring others with them. The Aberdeen members have arranged a concert for June 2; it will be held in the Union Hall, and the tickets will be 1s. each. Two At Homes were held on Monday, April 26, addressed, in the absence of Miss Gawthorpe, by myself.

During the week ending April 24 Miss Constance Ogston, Miss Heriot, and Mrs. Bell, assisted by other members, held several successful open-air meetings.

Financial Report.—£7 13s. 5d. was sent to the Treasurer last week; this sum represents both contributions and collection.

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## PROCESSION ON MAY 8.

One of the special forms of advertising the Exhibition at Prince's Skating Rink is being organised to take place on Saturday, May 8, the last Saturday before the Exhibition opens. A procession will form up in Kingsway at 10.30 a.m., starting at 11 o'clock, and the route will be via Kingsway, New Oxford Street, Oxford Street, Regent Street, Piccadilly, Knightsbridge, Sloane Street, Eaton Square, Grosvenor Place, Victoria Street, Whitehall, Charing Cross, and the Strand to Kingsway. The order of procession will be as follows:—Colour Bearer, Banner, Horsewomen, Walking Procession, N.W.S.P.U. Members.

It is hoped that as many W.S.P.U. members and friends as possible will take part in this procession, which will be a very valuable form of advertising the great Exhibition, on which we are concentrating all our efforts during the next few weeks. An article on the Exhibition and its many attractions will be found on pages 598-9.

## CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

The Kensington Committee held a most successful meeting on the 21st at Nidderly Lodge, by kind permission of Miss Holland. The room was crowded, and among the audience were a fair number of anti-suffragists. The chair was taken by Lady Willoughby de Eresby. Excellent speeches were given by Mrs. Nevinson, Mrs. Cameron Grant, Miss Eva Gore Booth, and others, and all dealt principally with the economic aspect of the question. The chief point of interest centred in the presence of several of the delegates who had come over to attend the International Suffrage Congress. Chief among them were Dr. Anita Augspurg, LL.D., from Germany, and Miss Anna Kleman from Sweden, whose names are so well known in their own countries in connection with every movement for improving the position of women. They both kindly consented to say a few words on the Suffrage in their own lands. Dr. Anita Augspurg spoke of the deep sympathy of German women for their English sisters, who were, like themselves, fighting for political freedom, and Miss Kleman described the great advances that had recently been made in Sweden. The first Suffrage Society was started seven years ago, and now there were 140 local societies, and, in 1907, a membership of 11,065, embracing women of all classes and shades of political and religious opinion. The following resolution was passed *nem. com.* :—

That this meeting of Conservative and Unionist women respectfully urges that the time is fully ripe for the extension of the Parliamentary franchise to duly qualified women.

A copy was forwarded to the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., with a request that he would consider the subject with a view to legislation at the earliest possible moment.

It is satisfactory to record that the number of members in Kensington is increasing every week. It has been decided to hold monthly meetings, and the Committee has already had the offer of several excellent rooms, while helpers in all branches of Suffrage work are coming forward. We shall be glad if readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN, who have friends in North, South, or West Kensington, to whom the Association would be likely to appeal, would ask them to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Miss Myra Luxmoor, 57, Bedford Gardens, Kensington.

## THE WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 4, at 4 o'clock, in the Grand Reception Room of the Waldorf Hotel, the Women Writers' Suffrage League will give an At Home. Miss Elizabeth Robins, the President, will take the chair. Mr. Israel Zangwill, Mr. Pett Ridge, Mr. Henry W. Nevinson, and Mrs. Philip Snowden are the speakers. Madame Sarah Grand, Mrs. Herbert Cohen, and Miss Beatrice Harraden will receive the guests. Admission is by invitation only.

The League has just published an interesting pamphlet, entitled "The Suffrage Question," by Madeleine Lucette Ryley, the well-known playwright. The price is 1d., and copies can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary, 15, Sandringham Court, Maida Vale, W.

## THE ACTRESSES FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

At our meeting on May 7, in the Grand Hall of the Criterion, kindly given by Miss Gertrude Elliott, Miss Maxine Elliott will be the hostess, and Mrs. Kendal will take the chair. The speakers include Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett and Mrs. Marion Holmes. Members are reminded that tea will be served in the West Room, and tea tickets for 1s. can be had now from the Hon. Sec. or from the stewards at the meeting.

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Miss Russell	0	2	6
Southport Members	0	7	0
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Miss M. Capper	1	0	0
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Anon.	0	2	7
Miss Akel	1	10	0
Mrs. Taylor	0	1	0
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For Bye-Election Fund—	0	2	0
Miss Chrystabel Miller (for Election Meetings)	1	1	0
For Exhibition Fund—	0	6	0
Miss Amy Cousins	1	1	0
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Collections, etc.	1	8	7
Total	£34,136	6	0

## QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

## Suffragettes (Miss Patricia Woodlock).

In the House of Commons on Monday, Mr. MacNeill asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he was aware that Miss Patricia Woodlock, a member of a women's suffrage deputation appointed by the National Women's Social and Political Union, was arrested and charged with assaulting the police, and sentenced on March 31, at Bow Street, to three months' imprisonment in the second division, in default of finding securities; and whether, having regard to the fact that Miss Woodlock earns the remission to which good conduct entitles her, she must, under the terms of the sentence, remain in prison until June 16, he will consider the advisability of taking steps for the shortening of this term of imprisonment inflicted on a political offender and accompanied with incidents of personal indignity to which public opinion is adverse?

Mr. Gladstone: This lady, who had three times previously been committed for the same class of offence, and who intimated that if released she would straightway do the same thing, was only required to give securities for good behaviour, and can therefore come out of prison at any time on complying with the order of the court. I see no reason for interference on my part.

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## LOCAL NOTES.

**Battersea and Clapham W.S.P.U.**—Will Battersea and Clapham friends who have goods for our Exhibition Stall please send them to Miss Ethel Mills, 188, Bedford Hill, Balham, S.W., before May 5? ETHEL MILLS.

**Brighton and Hove W.S.P.U.**—Mrs. Drummond, who has been making a short stay here, spoke for us on the front on Saturday, 24th. Friday, 30th, we hold our usual evening meeting at 8 p.m., and on Saturday, May 1, meeting on the front at 2.45 p.m. Work party for Exhibition on Monday, May 3, at 8 p.m., 8, North Street, Quadrant. In future all meetings will be notified to our members through the medium of our paper. I wish to remind workers that all work for the Exhibition must be sent in on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 4, 5, and 6, to Miss E. Davis, Hon. Sec., Work Exhibition, 8, North Street, Quadrant. Work not sent in on these dates cannot be guaranteed place on stall at Exhibition. We have sufficient helpers for the first week at Exhibition, but if any members could give us some days in second week, from May 20, we should be glad. I. G. MCKEOWN.

**Forest Gate W.S.P.U.**—An open-air meeting will be held at the corner of Sebert Road on Friday, 30th, at 8. We hope as many members as possible will come to help with distribution of bills and sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN. Please keep May 10 open. Mrs. Bouvier is coming to Earlham Hall to speak for us then. M. E. SLEIGHT.

**Hammersmith W.S.P.U.**—Outdoor meetings are now beginning, on Fridays at 7, in or near Down Place, King Street; on Saturdays at 7, by West Kensington Station. Members are asked to help by their presence and by selling VOTES FOR WOMEN! The sale out of doors has been encouraging, both at meetings and in the streets near the stations. I want names of those who can give morning or evening time to this. Members are also recommended to provide themselves with literature, on "sale or return" terms, to sell amongst their friends. Contributions for the Woman's Exhibition should be sent in at once, either money or goods, to Mrs. Maund, 8, Edith Road, West Kensington. (Mrs.) E. ROWE.

**Hendon W.S.P.U.**—Saturday, May 1, is the date fixed for our Rummage Sale at Lyndhurst, Brent Street. Friday morning will not be too late to receive goods. We hope to clear a respectable sum for our Exhibition Fund. On Wednesday, May 5, Mrs. Wyatt and the Committee will be at Home at Derby House from 3 to 6 to show goods ready for the Exhibition and to receive contributions from members and friends. It is very necessary that the Committee should know by that date what stock they can rely on to make up their promised quarter-stall. FRANCES V. CREATON.

**Hornsey W.S.P.U.**—Many members of our Union have been coming forward and offering themselves for hard work. Miss F. Spong and Miss M. Bidwell have been away engaged in bye-election work. On three days of last week a Liberal bazaar was attended afternoon and evening by members, who gave out leaflets specially written for Liberal women, sold our paper, and advertised the Albert Hall meeting. On Friday evening Miss Jackson, Miss Humby, Mrs. Williams, and myself gave short speeches, and succeeded in inspiring many of the audience to give in their names as regular helpers in connection with our open-air meetings—some as chalkers, others as sellers of our papers, collectors, and bill distributors. We decided to concentrate our efforts on this kind of work during the summer, and to replace the meetings at "Ye China Cup" with workers' meetings held on alternate Fridays (or according to special notice in VOTES FOR WOMEN) at 28, Weston Park, Crouch End. The first of these workers' gatherings will be to-night, April 30, at 8.30, and all members are earnestly requested to come and take their share in our local campaign. Work for our Exhibition Stall is now coming in. All goods should be sent to the address given above not later than May 4, ready priced. We have received an order for a nightgown for a little girl of three and a-half years. Who will undertake to make it for the Hornsey and Bowes Park Stall? Particulars will be given on application to me. Our first open-air meeting will be in Finsbury Park at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 1. Will those members who cannot be present at our Friday meeting, but are willing to help in advertising, etc., kindly write to me? THEODORA BONWICK.

**Iford W.S.P.U.**—We held our first open-air meeting on Saturday, April 24, and had a good audience. After Mrs. Sleight's speech many listeners promised to come to our public meeting on Monday. Handbills were distributed and copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN sold. DOROTHY HARVEY.

**Kensington W.S.P.U.**—Will all members please remember that their contributions to our two Exhibition stalls must be sent in on or before May 6. Hats, veils, or scarves suitable for the millinery stall must be sent to Mrs. Reginald Pott, 8, Victoria Road, Kensington; and all contributions to the general stall to Mrs. Harry Silver, care of Laurence Housman, Esq., 1, Pembroke Cottages, Edwards Square, W. It is hoped that Kensington will show its appreciation of Mrs. Eates by going in numbers to welcome her and other prisoners at the Suffolk Street Galleries to-night (Friday), and also by coming to the At Home in the Kensington Town Hall next Wednesday, May 5, at 3.30. Mrs. Hartley Withers is kindly holding a drawing-room meeting on Friday afternoon, May 7, at which Mrs. Pankhurst has promised to speak. A few invitations are available, preferably for unconverted friends or "wobblers." A purple, white, and green awning is much wanted for our shop; who will provide the necessary money? All offers, inquiries, etc., may, as usual, be sent to Secretary, VOTES FOR WOMEN Shop, 143, Church Street, Kensington. EVELYN MORRISON (Hon. Sec., pro tem.).

**Lewisham W.S.P.U.**—Our new venture, a VOTES FOR WOMEN social meeting, has proved a complete success. Many of the people would not have attended a public meeting, but did not mind coming to a social gathering. Miss Bonwick and Mrs. Mayer both made capital speeches. Our Union is much indebted to all members and friends who by singing and reciting contributed to the success of the evening. "Votes for Women" brooches and colours were sold. On Sunday Miss Mills spoke to a large and appreciative audience. Next Sunday Miss Barrett will be our speaker on Blackheath at 3 p.m. Will members and friends who can volunteer as helpers for selling at our Exhibition Stall please send in their names to Mrs. Bouvier, 32, Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham, without delay, with an exact statement of how much time they can devote to this work. T. A. BOUVIER.

**London City W.S.P.U.**—Contributors to the London City Stall at the Exhibition are requested to send all goods as soon as possible to Miss Goodliffe, 62, High Street, Hampsstead, N.W.

**Nottingham W.S.P.U.**—The financial report of the meeting on March 26 shows a balance of £15-11s. 4d., of which £8 has been sent to headquarters and £5 transferred to the Exhibition Fund for purchase of materials. The

next members' meeting is at Morley's on May 3, 7 p.m., when Mrs. Gill has promised to speak. We are much in need of more help in finishing the work for the Exhibition. Will all who are working for the Stall please send in their contributions to Mrs. Evans, 48, Ebers Road, by April 30, if possible; and if not by May 4, in time for the Exhibition which Mrs. Simon is holding at her house at 26, Zulla Road on May 6, from 2.30-8 p.m. Admission 1d. Tea from 4-5.30, at a charge of 3d. The next sewing meeting is on May 1, and is arranged by Miss Cooke, 45, Burns Street. More volunteers are badly needed. Special contributions for Exhibition:—Dr. Helen Fraser, £1 1s.; Miss Wilcox, £1; Miss Fitzpatrick, Northampton, 10s.; Miss Tustain, Barmouth, 12s. 6d.

**Putney and Fulham W.S.P.U.**—The whist drive was a great success. Miss Thompson and Miss Townsend spoke in the interval and made a decided impression on "waverers." The prizes (presented by Miss Townsend), refreshments, etc., were contributed by members and sympathisers, so the financial result (to be announced next week) promises to be very satisfactory. At the open-air meeting at Walham Green on Friday Mrs. Mayer was the speaker. During the summer months these meetings will be held weekly, both in Fulham and Putney. The next will be on Saturday, May 1, at 8 p.m., on Parsons Green (speaker, Mrs. Mayer), and on Wednesday, May 5, at 7 p.m., on Putney Heath. The next drawing-room meeting will be at Mrs. Everett's, 3, Oxford Road, Putney, on Friday, May 7, at 8 p.m. Please send all articles for the Exhibition as soon as possible to the Exhibition Secretary, care of Mrs. Roberts, 26, St. John's Road, Putney, where the articles will be on view on Tuesday, May 4, from 3 to 5, and on Saturday, May 8, from 10 till 1. H. ROBERTS, L. CUTTEN, Hon. Secs.

**Waltham W.S.P.U.**—A meeting was held at 34, Ambleside Avenue on Tuesday afternoon, April 20. After tea, the sale of literature, badges, etc., Miss Willson, the hostess, took the chair. Miss Barrett kindly came to speak for us, and the able way in which she showed woman's urgent need of enfranchisement was much appreciated. Mrs. Tyson, who also spoke, gave a graphic account of arrests and prison incidents. N. E. SMITH.

**Willesden, Kilburn, and Kensal Rise.**—The meeting to welcome Mrs. Eates on her release from Holloway has been arranged for Thursday, May 6, at 8 p.m., at the Harvish Road School, Kensal Rise. We hope not only to give a stirring welcome to our comrade, but also to take the occasion to arouse the neighbourhood and form a local Union. All those willing to help or speak at outdoor meetings, or to act as stewards at the meeting on the 6th, are invited to send their names to Mrs. Cullen, 143, Kilburn Lane, N.W., or to me at 42, Nicol Road, Willesden, N.W. (Mrs.) E. PENN GASKELL.

**Y.H.B.**—The Y.H.B. have decided to hold open-air meetings every Saturday afternoon at the Public Library, Willesden Green. Will all members therefore please be at the Willesden Green and Cricklewood Station not later than 4 p.m. M. D. HOME.

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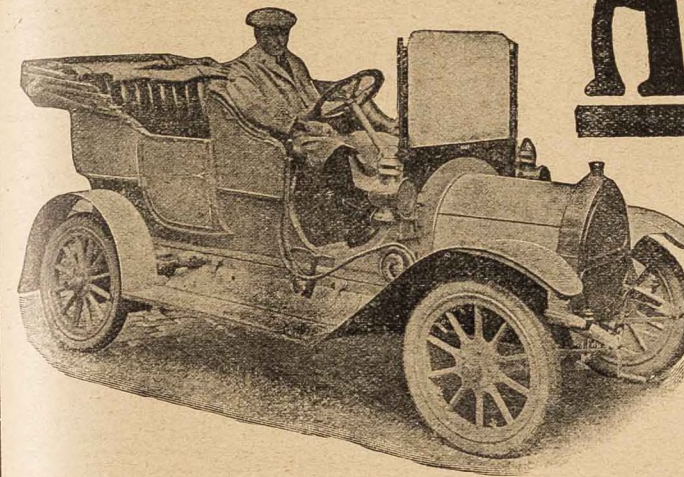
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