

# VOTES FOR WOMEN

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## THE RULER OF THE WORLD



**CITY FATHER:**—My good woman! Singing your baby to sleep? Let me give you some advice—  
**MOTHER:**—"Just you give me a vote instead of any more advice, and I'll undertake to look after the baby myself!"

(According to the "Daily Citizen," August 28, "the charming lullabies and mother-songs with which the present generation of Englishmen were lulled to slumber" are declared in a leaflet of advice to mothers, issued by the Corporation of London, to be "hopelessly behind the times and out of fashion.")

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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

This week we have no political event of outstanding importance to record in connection with the woman's movement. Prominent politicians, whether Suffragists or Cabinet Ministers, are alike making holiday, the one with a clear conscience, the other with a retinue of detectives. For to the overworked detective no holiday is possible while women remain voteless, nor will be until justice is done and members of the Government no longer need protection from their

own countrywomen whose cause they have betrayed.

### The Chesterfield By-election

The concrete result of the Chesterfield election was, of course, a foregone conclusion, but the ultimate consequences are still uncertain. Will there be a split in the Labour party? Mr. Ramsay MacDonald seems to think that there will, and hints that he would welcome the withdrawal of those who want to be more closely allied with the Liberal party than he does. But what the outside public want to know is, wherein the policy openly avowed by the Derbyshire miners differs from the policy consistently pursued during the last two sessions by Mr. MacDonald? It may be that Mr. MacDonald barks louder against the Liberals than Messrs. Kenyon, Harvey, and Co., but equally with them he refrains from biting; and barks without bites count for nothing in politics.

### Women and the Labour Party

In these circumstances women who have thought that they were carrying out an anti-Government policy by supporting the Labour party must take fresh bearings. They must recognise that there is no essential difference between a Labour M.P. and an M.P. who, having labelled himself Liberal, is a direct supporter of the Government. They must realise that it is in consequence of their own exertions and independence of spirit that the votes for

women movement is to be brought to fruition, and not through reliance upon the championship of any one of the present parties in Parliament.

### Mr. Asquith's Successor

Mr. Keir Hardie has been making prophecies about the Suffrage movement in England, according to the Geneva correspondent of the *Echo de Paris*, by whom he was recently interviewed. Mr. Hardie is reported to have said that the failure of the present Parliament to settle the question was due to the anti-Suffrage opinions of the Prime Minister, but that Mr. Asquith would not continue in power and would be succeeded by Sir Edward Grey, after which there would be no reason why the matter should be further delayed. For our part, we discussed the same contingency in these columns so long ago as last December. But it is not without significance that this should receive confirmation now from Mr. Keir Hardie, who repeats it as if it were a matter of common knowledge.

### Sir Edward Carson Still at Liberty

It is with considerable surprise that we have to record that Sir Edward Carson is still at liberty, in spite of all the disorder, involving loss of life and damage to property, that has just occurred in Londonderry. In a letter to the *Times* last Monday, Sir Edward Carson speaks of having used his influence in the past to prevent "sporadic collisions











