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## WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS TO LEARN



A. PATRIOT.

### "YE MAUNA TRAMPLE ON THE SCOTS THISTLE"

Mr. Asquith refused to receive the Northern Men's Deputation of Scottish Bailies and other important citizens last Monday. An Exchange Telegraph message from Glasgow said that "strong indignation is felt at Mr. Asquith's action."

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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 past week has been full of events of interest to suffragists. In addition to the suffrage campaigns in the four constituencies where by-elections have been in progress there have been the great demonstrations of the Northern Men's Federation and of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. Mr. Asquith's refusal to receive representatives of either of these bodies has aroused considerable protest, while in receiving a deputation of the Labour Party he made statements with regard to woman suffrage at direct variance with the facts.

#### The By-elections

On Wednesday in last week two by-elections were proceeding in South Bucks and Leith Burghs, but on

the same evening, immediately after we had gone to press, certain Cabinet changes were announced involving two additional by-elections, in Bethnal Green and Poplar. As the polls in these constituencies were fixed for Thursday and Friday in this week, we realised that it would be of no use waiting for the present issue to make our appeal to the electors, and we accordingly published a special supplement setting out the disgraceful story of the behaviour of the Government to women, and calling on the electors to use their votes to help women to get their enfranchisement. This supplement we were able to insert in all the copies of last week's issue sold in these constituencies, and for the benefit of our general readers we repeat it, brought up to date, on page 317 of the current issue.

#### South Bucks

As the suffrage position in each one of the four constituencies is slightly different, we take this opportunity of explaining fully the views that we hold of the duty of electors who regard woman suffrage as the supreme issue of the day. In South Bucks, which is polling as we go to press (Wednesday), there are only two candidates, Mr. Mosley and Mr. Du Pre. Mr. Mosley is the Liberal candidate, the nominee of the present Government, who, if returned to the House of Commons, will give his continuous support to Mr. Asquith. Therefore, in spite of the fact that he declares himself personally a friend of woman suffrage, we have pointed out to the electors that his return would be an injury to our cause. His rejection, on the other hand, particularly if it is due to

the resentment of the electors at the Government's policy towards woman suffrage, will be an indication to Mr. Asquith that that policy ought to be changed.

#### Leith Burghs

In Leith Burghs, which does not poll until Thursday in next week (February 26), there are three candidates, Mr. Malcolm Smith, Mr. J. M. Bell, and Mr. Currie. Mr. Malcolm Smith is the nominee of the Liberal Government, and we call upon the electors of Leith Burghs to oppose him on precisely the same grounds as we have asked the electors of South Bucks to vote against Mr. Mosley. Mr. Bell is the nominee of the official Labour Party, and as such he will, if returned to the House of Commons, become a member of the Coalition which keeps the Government in power. His return, therefore, equally with that of Mr. Malcolm Smith, will be a support to the Government. We therefore call upon electors who wish to serve woman suffrage to reject Mr. Bell also. In this way only can they weaken the Government.

#### In Poplar

In Poplar there are also three candidates in the field, but the position is not the same as in Leith, owing to the fact that Mr. Jack Jones, the Labour candidate, is not a member of the official Labour Party, but an Independent Socialist, who, if returned, will presumably sit on the opposition side of the House and vote in general against the Government. Therefore the return of Mr. Jack Jones equally with the return of Mr. Robertson Kerr-Clark, the Unionist, will have the effect of weakening the

















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