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OBJECT: To secure for Women the Parliamentary vote as it is or may be granted to men; to use the powers already obtained to elect women in Parliament, and upon other public bodies, for the purpose of establishing equality of rights and opportunities between the sexes, and to promote the social and industrial well-being of the community.

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of
Burleigh.

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 23rd and 24th,**

3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WOMEN MAYORS.

In the recent elections of Lord Mayors and Mayors, one woman Lord Mayor and 13 women Mayors were successful. They are:

Miss Margaret Beavan, Lord Mayor of Liverpool.
Alderman Mrs. B. M. Drapper, Mayor of Deptford.
Mrs. E. P. Greene, Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds.
Mrs. E. Lund, Mayor of Pudsey.
The Hon. Lady Hulse, Mayor of Salisbury.
Mrs. J. M. Jenkins, Mayor of Tenby.
Mrs. G. E. Cottrell, Mayor of West Bromwich (re-elected).
Mrs. S. Edward Jones, Mayor of Wrexham.
Miss Violet Markham, Mayor of Chesterfield.
Miss A. Hudson, Mayor of Eastbourne (re-elected).
Mrs. M. A. Edmunds, Mayor of Merthyr Tydvil.
Mrs. L. F. Welch, Mayor of Southampton.
Miss C. Helder, Mayor of Whitehaven.
Mrs. S. Shaw, Mayor of Lichfield.

We are also pleased to record that Mrs. Ann Marie Howes was elected an Alderman, the first woman to hold that position in Birmingham.

WOMEN ON BOROUGH COUNCILS.

(Continued from November 11.)

The Women's Freedom League has written to the Town Clerk of 539 Boroughs in England, Scotland and Wales, asking them to give us a list of the women serving on their Boroughs, marking with an * the women who were elected this November. We record our appreciation of their courtesy to the gentlemen who have supplied us with the following information:

HARWICH.—Councillor Mrs. L. M. Hill (re-elected on 1st inst.).

HASTINGS.—Councillors Miss Annie Lile, J.P., Mrs. Badcock, Mrs. Edwards, J.P., and *Mrs. Delme Murray.

HONITON.—Councillors Mrs. Juanita Maxwell Phillips, J.P. (ex-Mayor and Deputy-Mayor), and Mrs. Ellenor A. Matthews.

HORNSEY.—Councillors Mrs. K. H. Ray and Mrs. C. M. Cave.

HOVE.—Councillors Mrs. N. L. Cushman, Mrs. F. P. Fothergill and Miss F. Kenyon-Stow.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Councillor Mrs. Ada Tansley (re-elected on 1st inst.).

HULL.—Councillors Mrs. Mary Hatfield, Miss Helen Theilmann, J.P., and Miss Mary A. Anderson, J.P.

HYDE.—Councillor Mrs. Annie Brooke, J.P.

ILFORD.—Councillor Mrs. Sage Ward Carrell.

ILKESTON.—Councillor Mrs. J. McIntyre.

IPSWICH.—Councillors Mrs. A. L. Broome and Mrs. E. M. Fletcher.

KING'S LYNN.—Councillor Mrs. A. M. Fisher.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES.—Councillors Mrs. J. Ashbury, Miss M. E. Fanner and *Dr. L. Frazer-Nash.

LANCASTER.—Councillors Mrs. A. E. Helme, J.P., and Mrs. Musgrave Hoyle.

LEAMINGTON SPA.—Councillors Mrs. L. H. Rice, J.P., and Miss S. Sargeant.

LEEDS.—Councillors Blanche Leigh, Jane Ellen Arnott and *Beryl Katherine Gott.

LEICESTER.—Councillors Mrs. Ellen Swainston, Miss Emily Comber, Fortey and *Miss Elizabeth Sowley Frisby.

LEWES.—Councillor Miss Fowler-Tutt (re-elected on 1st inst.).

LEYTON.—Councillors Miss H. P. Campbell, *Mrs. A. E. Hardy, Mrs. E. H. Marshall and Mrs. E. E. Perry.

LICHFIELD.—Councillors Mrs. Stuart-Shaw (who has been unanimously selected for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year) and Miss A. M. Thompson.

LINCOLN.—Councillor Miss Maria Elizabeth Nevile, M.B.E., J.P. (re-elected on 1st inst.).

LIVERPOOL.—Councillors Miss Margaret Beavan, J.P., Lord Mayor, Miss Mabel Fletcher, Miss Alice McCormick, Lady Muspratt, Miss Eleanor Rathbone, J.P., Miss Gertrude Wilson and *Miss Mary O'Shea.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—Councillor Jane Maria Stapleton.

LOWESTOFT.—Councillors Miss B. M. C. Doughty and Mrs. J. Harris.

LYME REGIS.—Councillor Mrs. Barbara Lumsden.

LYTHAM ST. ANNE'S.—Councillors Mrs. Hilton and Miss Jane Rossall, M.B.E., J.P.

MACCLESFIELD.—Councillor Mrs. E. E. Laird.

MALDON.—Councillor Ada Maud Freeman, J.P.

MANCHESTER.—Councillors Edith Charlton, Mary Latchford Jones, Annie Lee, Hannah Mitchell, Dorothy Shena Simon, Dora Taylor, Mary Welch and Janet Blair Zimmern.

MANSFIELD.—Councillor Mrs. Elsie Ethel Wainwright.

MARLBOROUGH (Wilts).—Councillor Mrs. A. M. Leadley.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—Councillors Hannah M. Guthrie, Harriett M. Levick, M.D., and Marion Coates-Hansen.

MORECAMBE.—Councillor Elizabeth Bond.

NEWBURY.—Councillor Miss E. L. Kimber.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Auld and Mrs. Jeanie Gibbin.

NEWPORT (I.W.).—Councillor Elizabeth Ruby Chandler.

NORWICH.—Councillors Mrs. A. Bloom, Miss M. M. Clarkson, Miss E. M. Colman, Miss D. W. Fitt, Mrs. L. Henderson, *Miss Dorothy Jewson and Mrs. A. Johnson.

NOTTINGHAM.—Councillors Mrs. C. M. Harper, Mrs. E. F. Hyatt and Mrs. Webber.

OLDHAM.—Councillor Miss Marjory Lees, a member of the Council since 1919.

OSWESTRY.—Councillor Mrs. Fanny Elizabeth Lodge.

OXFORD.—Councillors *Miss A. M. Thackeray, Mrs. M. G. Townsend, Miss L. S. Tawney, *Mrs. A. G. Collier, *Mrs. P. M. Stevenson, M.A., and Mrs. M. H. Prichard, J.P., M.A.

PLYMOUTH.—Councillors *Mrs. B. Hornabrook, Mrs. J. Marshall, *Mrs. J. Pook, Mrs. C. H. Daymond, and *Mrs. E. B. O'Shea.

POOLE.—Councillor Miss C. H. J. Paterson, J.P.

PRESTON.—Councillor Mrs. Avice Margaret Pimblett.

QUEENBOROUGH (Kent).—Councillor Mrs. E. S. Weekes.

RAMSGATE.—Alderman Dame Janet Stancombe Wills, D.B.E., and Councillors Mrs. Florence Dunn and Miss F. Sanger-Reeve.

RAWTENSTALL.—Councillors Miss Carrie Whitehead and Miss Edghill, M.B., Ch.B.

READING.—Councillors Miss Edith Mary Sutton, Mrs. Alice Jenkins (re-elected on 1st inst.) and Mrs. Dorothy Wheeler.

REDCAR.—Councillor Isabella Lonsdale.

REIGATE.—Councillors Mrs. M. S. Powell, J.P., and Miss M. C. Donkin.

RETFORD.—Councillor Mrs. W. R. Howell.

RICHMOND (Surrey).—Councillors Mrs. Ellen Edwards, *Miss Mabel Lawrie and Mrs. Bessie Nelson.

RYE.—Councillors Mrs. Elizabeth Hacking and Miss Agnes Roffey.

ST. ALBANS.—Councillor Miss Wix.

ST. HELEN'S.—Councillors M. McFarlane, J.P., Ellen McCormack and Evelyn Pilkington, C.B.E., J.P.

SALISBURY.—Councillor the Hon. Lady Hulse, who is the Mayor for the ensuing year.

SANDWICH.—Councillor *Mrs. Mary Baxter Andrewes-Uthwatt is the first woman to be elected for the Borough of Sandwich, which has been incorporated for 701 years.

SCARBOROUGH.—Mrs. Louisa M. Whitfield (re-elected on 1st inst.).

EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN.

PORTSMOUTH MEETING.

Last week, a meeting in support of Equal Franchise was held in the Grand Jury Room, in the Guildhall, Portsmouth, when Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence was the principal speaker.

Mrs. Whetton (Women's Freedom League) was in the Chair, and said that every women's organisation in Portsmouth had united in this meeting and voiced women's determination to participate in the next General Election at the same age and on the same terms as men.

Miss Wadson (National Union of Women Teachers) proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Miss Roberts (Women Citizens' Association):—"That this meeting, convened by the Portsmouth Branch of the Women's Freedom League, the Women Citizens' Association, the Women's Co-operative Guild, the Portsmouth and Gosport Branch of the National Union of Women Teachers, the Northern and Central bodies of the Women's Labour Section, and the Women's Liberal Association, congratulates the Prime Minister on the enthusiastic backing he received from his own Party at the Cardiff Conference for his Equal Franchise pledge, and urges him to introduce as the first business in the Parliament of 1928 a simple Franchise Bill giving the vote to women on the same terms as men, so that his promise that women shall vote at the same age as men and on the same terms at the next General Election shall not be endangered. Further, this meeting calls upon the Members for Portsmouth to support and vote for this Bill."

Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence was introduced by the chairman as the National President of the Women's Freedom League, and the speaker, at the opening of her remarks, contended that when men and women were placed on equality they would be able to carry humanity into much happier realms. The speaker quoted women writers of the last century, with a view to showing that less than 100 years ago public opinion was that woman's individuality was merged into that of man. Even now there were frequent echoes of these sentiments, and one of the latest instances concerned an "antique" councillor, who threatened to resign his seat if a woman were elected to the aldermanic bench. Women had the pledge of the Prime Minister and the support of his Party for Equal Franchise, and the cause of women was in such a strong position at present that she did not contemplate disappointment or defeat. However, she did not mean to say that there was no need for them to be watchful—to quote an old Irish adage, they had to keep an eye on the leprechaun. She had seen suggestions in one or two newspapers that in the Bill a clause should be included to take away the vote from anyone who had been in receipt of Poor Law relief. This was a move that they would have to oppose most strenuously. Any measure to complicate this simple question would be regarded by women as an effort to controvert the Prime Minister's pledge. She urged her audience to make their determination known to their Members of Parliament.

Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence emphasised that when they had obtained Equal Franchise, women's work would be only just beginning. There were many inequalities calling for their attention. It was not right that women should be barred from following their professions when they married.

The resolution was carried unanimously. A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Miss Johns, Gosport Women Teachers, seconded by Mrs. Pitchers.

STREET OFFENCES INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

This Committee will hold sittings in public to-day (Friday), in Room No. 1, at 5, Old Palace Yard, Westminster, at 10.30 a.m.

IN PARLIAMENT.

Franchise Law (Poor Law Relief).

CAPT. A. EVANS (U., Cardiff) asked the Minister of Health if his attention has been drawn to the resolution passed by the Bradford Board of Guardians, and supported by the Cardiff Board of Guardians, to the effect that it is desirable, in the interests of public probity, that the Government should take the necessary steps to restore the disqualification of persons in receipt of relief from voting in elections, which was repealed by the Representation of the People Act, 1918, of Section 14 of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act of 1876; and what action he proposes to take in the matter? SIR VIVIAN HENDERSON (Under-Secretary of State, Home Office): I have been asked to reply. I am aware of the resolution mentioned by my hon. and gallant Friend. A number of points arise in connection with the question of electoral reform, which are receiving consideration by the Government, and I regret to say that my right hon. Friend is unable at present to make any statement on the subject.

Women Police.

COL. DAY (Lab., Central Southwark) asked the Home Secretary whether his attention has been called to a statement made at the National Council of the Women's Conference at Bournemouth to the effect that no definite instructions have been issued by the Home Office as to the employment of women police; and will he consider giving some definite lead to the police authorities on this subject? SIR WILLIAM JOYNSON-HICKS: I have seen some Press reports of the discussion referred to, and have received representations from the National Council, but I do not see my way at present to add to the Circular already issued to the police authorities on the subject.

"Mother India."

MR. RENNIE SMITH (Lab., Morpeth) asked the Under-Secretary of State for India whether, in view of the feeling aroused in India by the publication of Miss Katherine Mayo's book, "Mother India," he can say whether Miss Mayo was assisted in the production of this book by the India Office or the Government of India? EARL WINTERTON: Miss Mayo received no assistance in the production of her book, either from the India Office or from the Government of India, beyond the supply of official information on matters of fact, which is afforded to any member of the public who asks for it.

"MOTHER INDIA."

The National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship has arranged a Conference on "Mother India," at Caxton Hall, Westminster, next Monday afternoon, November 21st, at 4 o'clock. The object of this Conference is to consider the points raised in Miss Mayo's book, and to see if there is any step which women's organisations can usefully take in the matter. The Chair will be taken by Miss Rathbone, J.P., and the speakers will include the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lytton (late Governor of Bengal), Dr. A. M. Benson (formerly first physician, Cama (Civil) Hospital, Bombay), Viscountess Chelmsford (Ratnapur, Bengal), and Dr. Kate Platt (Ex-Principal of the Lady Hardinge Medical College for Women of Delhi). We urge our readers to attend this meeting, and hear for themselves the views on Miss Mayo's book and the conditions of women in India expressed by those who have had long years of residence in that country and exceptional experience in dealing with the conditions prevailing there. Tickets can be obtained from the Women's Freedom League Office. Reserved seats, 2s.; unreserved, 1s.

A STAUNCH FRIEND.

We offer much sympathy to Mr. Frank Briant, now in Westminster Hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis last Sunday, and send him our heartiest good wishes.

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MORE WOMEN'S TRAINING CENTRES NEEDED!

In spite of the fact that there are 187,700 females registered as unemployed in Great Britain, the only training in existence for women is, apparently, domestic service. We glean this information from a reply given by the Minister of Labour last week to a question asked by Mr. Stephen (Lab., Camlachie). Mr. Stephen wanted to know the various trades in which men and women, who have received training under the Ministry's scheme, have been able to find employment. The reply was as follows:—"The trades in which men have been placed after a course of training for employment at home include: Building and other works of construction, furniture-making, packing case-making, and other woodworking trades; engineering and allied trades, including motor and cycle manufacture and repair; electrical trades; rope-making; electro-plating; road transport; railway work; and a number of miscellaneous occupations, such as store-keepers, boiler attendants, and lift attendants.

Women trained in the Home Training Centres of the Central Committee on Women's Training and Employment have been placed in domestic service and kindred occupations."

To another question, asked by Mr. Lansbury (Lab., Bow and Bromley), the Minister of Labour replied that 2,929 women and 269 girls completed courses of training during the year at Centres conducted by the Central Committee for Women's Training and Employment, and of those trained during the first six months 73 per cent. were known to have entered employment on leaving the Centre. We do not think that the comparison between the variety of training offered to men and to women, and the small number of women given training in the one and only avenue offered to them by the Ministry of Labour show any great concern on the part of the Government for unemployed women. Yet, under the Government's Unemployment Bill, Clause 4, it is proposed to reduce the unemployment benefit for young women between the age of 18 and 21 from 15s. to 8s. per week, and that for girls between 16 and 18 to 5s. per week. These rates were proposed in the Report of the Blanesburgh Unemployment Insurance Committee, but this proposal was coupled with one demanding that these benefits should be accompanied by courses of industrial training, which would help to equip the young people concerned for employment in suitable industries, and would, in most cases, include the provision of a hot meal daily. The Report itself states: "We attach the greatest possible importance to this provision of facilities for training for juveniles. . . . Training is scarcely less important in the case of young men and women from 18 to 21, and we earnestly desire that in their case, also, facilities for training will be available."

The outlook for unemployed women in the coming winter is particularly black, especially if only about one in 60 is to have a chance of getting any training and that only in domestic service. We urge upon the Government the necessity for more varied schemes of training for workless women, which will be available for a far greater number of women than are now being trained for domestic service by the Central Committee on Women's Training and Employment. Women's abilities are as varied as those of men. Why not, therefore, give them the opportunity of being trained in as many ways as are open to men? The unemployed woman's need is as great as the need of the unemployed man.

TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING.

The Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations claims to speak for the organised working women in the United Kingdom. It is a Party organisation giving adherence to the Labour Party. In *The Labour Woman*, published by the Party, of November 1st, the Committee publishes a statement on protective legislation for women. It will be known to our readers that the Labour Party women have differed from the non-Party women in the matter of industrial protective legislation being applied to women instead of to the worker of either sex.

The Committee says that "it has become necessary to restate the position, because of the attempts of certain groups of feminist organisations to oppose protective legislation for women on the ground that it is restrictive and injurious."

The statement then divides protective legislation into three classes:—

(1) Provisions that would be good for men as well as women, but which can be obtained for women and not for men at the present time.

This heading covers only hours of work, and after stating that it is not possible to secure a 48-hour week for men, prefers to cut the hours for women rather than to wait.

(2) Regulations that are more needed for women than for men, because women are less fitted than men for certain dangerous and specially heavy muscular work.

Can any human being, male or female, young or old, do work for which they are not fitted? Fitness is an individual, not a sex, distinction.

(3) Some forms of protection are necessary for women because of their functions as mothers.

Here the point of difference is that the Labour women would support the ratification of the Washington Convention, making abstinence from paid work compulsory over a period of time covering confinement; the feminists prefer an optional discretion.

We deplore the Labour practice, as shown again in this statement, of first insisting that woman is so much the weaker vessel, and then using her to batter down doors through which the so much stronger male can then comfortably walk. We prefer that men and women side by side as workers, shall advance together, and together gain improvement where improvement is needed.

Apart from this restatement of the official Labour position towards the industrial worker, what strikes one is the big advance in tone of the whole article, an advance bringing the women of the Labour Party much more in line with the views of the wider non-Party women's movement. There is a decided about-turn in the following sentence: "At the same time, the Committee does not believe that we should accept blindly all protective legislation; each proposal must be examined carefully, and we must feel that there is good reason for the provision to be made." And what feminist could say better than the concluding paragraphs of this welcome change of attitude? "These considerations apply to industrial workers in factories and workshops. They do not apply to the professional and clerical workers. We are also entirely against prohibition of the employment of married women on the ground of marriage. It is because we believe in the emancipation of women, economic, social and political, that we stand for the protection of industrial women workers against the ruthless exploitation which has marred their history in industry."

"For industrial and professional women alike, we seek equal remuneration for the same job, and we desire that all professions should be equally open to persons of either sex."

Such words give us hope that, having understood that equality is the woman's best protection in the professions, a similar understanding will soon follow that equality is the woman's best protection in industry also. Let us hear more of the worker and less of the woman.

GREEN, WHITE AND GOLD FAIR.

The Green, White and Gold Fair will be held this year at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 23rd and 24th, and will be opened each day at 3 p.m. On Wednesday, November 23rd, by Her Grace the Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon; and on Thursday by the Lady Balfour of Burleigh. The Chair will be taken on Wednesday by Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence (President of the Women's Freedom League), and on Thursday by Mrs. Schofield Coates, J.P.

STALLS AND STALLHOLDERS.

Hampstead Branch.—Handkerchiefs, Antiques, and White Elephants. Miss Goodliffe, Miss Lyndon, Miss Vibert and Miss Trotter.
Mid-London Branch.—Stationery Stall. Mrs. Legge and Members.
Montgomery Boroughs Branch.—Country Produce, Cakes, and General Goods. Miss Alix M. Clark and Friends.
Portsmouth Branch.—Household Goods. Mrs. Whetton and Mrs. Brading.
South-Eastern Branches.—Dairy Produce and Pound Stall. Miss White, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Turvey.
China Stall.—Mrs. Lindus, Mrs. Tanner, Miss M. A. Sidley and the Misses Lindus.
Great North Stall.—Mrs. Mustard, Mrs. Gugenheim and Mrs. Williams.
Literature Stall.—Mrs. Pierotti, Mrs. Victor Duval, Mrs. Sutherland, Miss M. Pierotti and Miss D. Sidley.
Overalls and Aprons.—Miss Underwood, Miss F. A. Underwood, Mrs. Turriff, Miss Brewer, Miss Charles and Miss Stone.
Shilling Stall.—(Supported by the Minerva Club Branch). Mrs. Delbanco, Mrs. Jacoby and Mrs. Wilss.
Sweets.—Miss Scott, Mrs. Ostler and Miss Arney.
Toy Stall.—Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Shaw and Miss Judy Nettleton.
Underclothing.—Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Boxall and Mrs. Keelan.
General Stall.—Mrs. Lloyd.
"Vote" Stall.—Mrs. Flowers, Miss Barton, Mrs. Evans and Miss Burgoine.

PLEASE HELP!

There are now only a very few days left before the Fair. Will all our readers make a special effort to collect gifts of every description for the stalls? All our stallholders are in need of help, so please do not fail them.

It is also most important that every effort should be made to make the Fair widely known if we are to have a really satisfactory financial result. Handbills and tickets can be obtained from the Office; please write to the Hon. Secretary for some.

Members and friends of the League are asked to come to the Fair and bring their friends with them. There will be stalls of every description, so please do not fail to come and buy your Christmas presents at the Fair.

Tickets—1s. 10d. (including tax) the first day until 5 p.m.; after 5 p.m. and on the second day 1s. 2d. (including tax)—are on sale at 144, High Holborn, or from the Societies and Friends taking Stalls.

All communications and gifts should be sent to Miss E. Berry, Hon. Fair Sec., at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.

WOMEN AT HOME AND ABROAD.

First Official Recognition.

Two hundred and fifty ex-Service women, drawn from the ranks of the Q.M.A.A.C., W.R.E.N.S., W.R.A.F., V.A.D., and the Women's Legion were officially present at the Armistice service at the Cenotaph this year.

Women's Success at Glasgow University College

The first veterinary institution to admit women students—Glasgow Veterinary College—had two women in the prize list at the annual ceremony last week: Miss Marion Stewart, of Glasgow, who took honours, gained the silver medal of the Highland Stable Management; and Miss Linda Gillies, of London, who obtained a first class in physiology.

Gold Medal for Woman Pestologist.

Miss Fannie O'Riordan, of Chelsea, has been awarded the Maxwell-Lefroy gold medal for the best essay on the life history of the fly and how to destroy it. The medal will be presented to her at the annual dinner of the College of Pestology, on November 22nd.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Wednesday, November 23rd.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Piano solo, Mrs. Sparrow; trios: voice, Madame San Carolo, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.; violin, Professor Laubach; piano, Major Sinkinson; piano solo, Mrs. Sparrow; violin solo, Miss Lilian Foulis; piano solo, Mrs. Sparrow.

6 p.m.—Fencing display.
6.30 p.m.—Songs, Miss Anne Stevens and Miss G. Wood; recitation, Miss Joan Dunsford; songs, Miss C. O'Brien; songs, Miss Joan Dunsford.

Thursday, November 24th.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Piano solo, Mrs. Sparrow; songs, Miss Ester Dale; violin solo, Miss Lilian Foulis; piano solo, Mrs. Sparrow.

6 p.m.—Operatic, classical and character dances by pupils of Miss Grace Woollacott, of Wimbledon.

7 p.m.—Songs and recitation by Miss Joan Dunsford. Character Readings, November 23rd and 24th, by Miss Wall and Mrs. Gilchrist. Numerology, by Miss King. Phrenology, by Madame Gena, B.Sc. Psychometry, by Mrs. Thomson. (Under the direction of Mrs. Stedman.)

TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS.

Miss Reeves has undertaken the Teas and Refreshments, and will be assisted by the staff of the Minerva Club and Branch. Teas will be served in the Lounge from 3.30 to 6. p.m., and Refreshments will be served after 7 p.m.

THE INFORMATION BUREAU.

Mrs. Seymour Pritchard has most kindly undertaken the charge of the Bureau.

Societies and friends taking Stalls:—

The Alliance of Honour (The Women's Section).
Barclay Workshops (For Blind Women).
The British Commonwealth League.
The Canning Town Women's Settlement.
The Dewdrop Curtain Co.
The Equal Political Rights Campaign Committee.
The St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance.
The Nine Elms Settlement.
The Town Crier, Ltd.
Miss Burwood (Beads).
The Baroness Halse De Ville (Devon Stall).
Mrs. Mege.
Miss Ida Stamm (Veloutine Work).
Mrs. Clifford.

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"All Women" Jury.

A jury of 12 women heard a case in the Civil Court at Newcastle Assizes last week. We are assured by the Press that the absence of men was purely a coincidence. On the previous day, at the same Assizes, the jury consisted of seven women and five men.

Women's Co-operative Guild.

All branches of the Women's Co-operative Guild, last week, held Armistice celebrations with the intention of creating a real peace mind and to reaffirm their unflinching opposition to war.

Woman Gains 1926 Nobel Prize for Literature.

The Swedish Royal Academy last week awarded the reserved Nobel Prize for Literature to the Italian authoress, Grazia Deledda.

Women for Domestic Service in Australia.

A party of 118 women left for Australia last week to engage in domestic work. They were entertained at Australia House, and were addressed by Sir Granville Ryrie, the High Commissioner.

EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN.

Miss Beaumont, Hon. Secretary, Equal Political Rights Campaign Committee, has written to all the Parliamentary candidates at Southend-on-Sea, asking if they will support the Government's Equal Franchise measure. In reply:—

LADY IVEAGH (Conservative) writes: "If elected for Southend, I shall give my support and vote to the Franchise measure giving votes to women on the same terms as men, and I will do all in my power to secure the speedy passage of this measure."

THE HON. DOUGLAS MESTON (Liberal) writes: "If I am elected for Southend, I shall certainly vote in favour of a measure which gives the vote to women at 21 and on the same terms as men."

MR. ERSKINE HARPER (Labour) writes: "I am in favour of Equal Franchise for women and men, and believe that women should have the same political rights and opportunities as are accorded to men. Should I be returned to the House, any Bill having this object would have my full support."

PSYCHOLOGY IN THE HOME.

The room was crowded on the occasion of the fortnightly meeting of the Six Point Group, when the speaker was Professor Winifred Cullis, O.B.E., D.Sc. Professor Cullis spoke on "Industrial Psychology applied to the Home," and first outlined the history of the application of Psychology to industry in this country. She described how one private firm had first agreed to have tests and experiments made at its works, how successful these had been and how the Government had been the next employer to agree, to be followed rapidly by other firms until it was now the rule rather than the exception to find firms making use of psychological experience. The Industrial Fatigue Research Board was appointed, and, later, the National Institute of Industrial Psychology came into existence. This latter body charges firms a fee for examining their establishments and suggesting alterations, and with the fees thus received maintains a staff of men and women on research work.

Professor Cullis outlined the difficulties of testing all kinds of fatigue, of finding the cause or extent of mental fatigue, the methods of measuring physical and muscular fatigue, the difference between utter muscular exhaustion and the exhaustion caused by monotonous repetition. She also described many of the measuring tests now employed, the curious way in which causes of decrease of output were discovered and the enormous increase in output, and concurrent elimination of fatigue that resulted from some adjustment, often quite slight, of time or position. She gave three main points which, up to the present, have emerged as peculiarly affecting efficiency. They are (1) rest pauses; (2) arrangement of work; (3) conditions. On the first, Professor Cullis gave instances of greatly increased output by the introduction of rest pauses. According to the type of work, there might be five-second intervals or four-hour intervals. The object was to obtain a balance of movement which enabled the subject to continue without fatigue. On the second, she gave details of little alterations in arrangement of work and pointed out that many of these could well be applied to housework. The same with the third, which dealt with such matters as ventilation, lighting, etc. She claimed that it had been found that open windows caused better output than some patent systems of ventilation; that sunlight was better than any artificial light; that summer gave higher results than winter. All these discoveries, she said, should be applied to our daily life; we should get rid of the old ideas on house and kitchen work, and start afresh with due attention to the three points she had mentioned.

In answer to a question, Professor Cullis agreed that the application of Industrial Psychology must be a factor in removing differential legislation between men and women.

TEA AND POLITICS UP-TO-DATE.

The second of our Wednesday afternoon gatherings was, as Miss Underwood said from the Chair, in the nature of a variety entertainment, in that there were several speakers and several subjects. First, Dr. Knight gave an account of the Deputation to the Home Secretary on Raising the Age of Marriage and on the Report of the Departmental Committee on Sexual Offences, a Deputation on which Dr. Knight most ably represented the Women's Freedom League, as reported in THE VOTE of November 11th.

Miss Cockle, London organiser for the Women's Freedom League, gave an amusing account of the Equal Political Rights Campaign Committee's poster parade in Westminster on the opening day of Parliament. The old familiar offers of marriage were still made as a solution for all troubles. Miss Cockle added that the Members who saw the parade were not pleased. Did they fear a revival of militancy? The next speaker was Mrs. Nevinson, who dealt with the application of the Guardianship of Infants Act, an Act which, she declared, was as fraudulent in its operation as the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act.

Miss Underwood then introduced Mrs. Alice Park, of California, as an old member of the Women's Freedom League. Mrs. Park gave an informative account of the differences in political work in the States, where State legislation takes so large a share of the national time, and Britain where there is only one legislative body, the national one. Mrs. Park found her audience in warm agreement when she expressed the opinion that the Home Secretary, in handing over the solution of fixing the age of marriage to a committee of women, was removing responsibility from himself and his Office, and that, when he expressed his willingness to act only when women agreed as to their demands, he was shifting his own desire for delay on to a whole sex, whose opinions were probably as divergent in this matter as in any other.

Miss Underwood then appealed for contributions of all kinds to be sent to Miss Berry for the Green, White and Gold Fair, to be held on November 23rd and 24th.

THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS.

The Consultative Committee held its autumn meeting last week, and found its main interest in the definite Equal Franchise resolution, moved by St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance. This was well supported, and made it quite clear that only a measure at the opening of the Session, and including nothing but the simple giving of the vote to women at 21 and on the same terms as men, would be acceptable to women. Other resolutions of interest dealt with the inculcation of a spirit of militarism by Officers' Training Corps in boys' schools; the salaries and conditions of employment of health visitors; the appointment of a woman to the Indian Statutory Commission; the reduction of unemployment benefit for young persons under 21, without provision for the compensatory training as recommended by the Blandborough Report.

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WHERE TO GO.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

LONDON AND SUBURBS.

Wednesday, November 23rd, 3—9 p.m.

Caxton Hall, Westminster. Green, White and Gold Fair. 3 p.m. Her Grace the Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon.

Thursday, November 24th, 3—9 p.m.

Caxton Hall, Westminster. Green, White and Gold Fair. 3 p.m. The Lady Balfour of Burleigh.

Thursday, November 24th, at 7.30 p.m.

Equal Political Rights Campaign. Meeting at Highbury Corner. Speakers: Mrs. Goodrich, Miss Manby.

DARE TO BE FREE.

Friday, November 25th, at 5 p.m.
Organisation Sub-Committee at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.

Saturday, November 26th, at 10 a.m.
National Executive Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, November 30th, at 4 p.m.
Tea and Politics-up-to-Date. Minerva Club, Brunswick Square.

Wednesday, November 30th at 7.30 p.m.
Golders Green. At the Institute, Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Speaker: Mrs. Bigland on the "Peace Study Conference at Amsterdam." Chair: Miss F. A. Underwood.

Thursday, December 1st, at 7.30 p.m.
Equal Political Rights Campaign. Meeting at Highbury Corner, arranged by the Women's Freedom League. Speaker: Mrs. Flint

Monday, December 12th, at 7 p.m.
Mid-London Branch. Drawing-room meeting (by kind permission of Dr. Octavia Lewin), at 25, Wimpole Street. Mrs. Bigland on "The Peace Study Conference at Amsterdam," held by the International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship.

PROVINCES.

Monday, November 21st, at 8 p.m.
Wallasey. Public Meeting in the Central Liberal Hall. Speaker: Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence on "Will 1928 bring us Democracy?"

Chairman: Councillor Nurse McFall.

Friday, November 25th, at 3 p.m.
Ashford. Branch Meeting at the Hempsted Street Hall.

Wednesday, December 14th, at 3 p.m.
Portsmouth. Tea and Politics, at 2 Kent Road. Speaker: Mrs. Speck.

SCOTLAND.

Saturday, November 26th, at 3 p.m.
Dunoon. Public Meeting at the Masonic Hall. Speaker: Miss Haslett (Secretary, Women's Electrical Association).

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Saturday, November 19th, at 2.30 p.m.
National Union of Women Teachers. American Sale. Shakespearean Stalls, at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street. Opened by Miss Lilian Baylis.

Saturday, November 19th, at 3 p.m.
Speech Club, Minerva Club, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Debate: "That Municipal Affairs should be conducted without reference to Political Parties." Proposer: Hon. Lady Gatacre. Opposer: Miss Carthew.

Sunday, November 20th, at 3.30 p.m.
Guildhouse, Eccleston Square, S.W.1. Mr. St. John Irvine on "The Stage."

Monday, November 21st, at 4 p.m.
At Caxton Hall. Conference arranged by the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, on "Mother India." Speakers: Dr. Kate Platt, Dr. A. M. Benson, Dr. Ethel Bleakley, etc. Tickets, 1/-. Reserved Seats, 2/-.

Friday, November 25th, at 6.30 p.m.
Public Speaking Class. Course B. Miss Lucy D. Bell at the Minerva Club, Brunswick Square. Course C, at 12 noon.

Tuesday, November 29th, at 5 p.m.
Six Point Group. Commandant Allen on "The Present Position of Women Police in this and other Countries." Chair: Mrs. Archdale.

Tuesday, November 29th, at 8.30 p.m.
Friends' Settlement Open Forum, Greenleaf Road, Walthamstow. Speaker: Miss Marian Reeves. Subject: "The Modern Woman in National Life."

Tuesday, December 6th, at 8.45 p.m.
Women's International League. Lecture at King's College, Campden Hill, by Baron Meyendorff, on "Women under the Soviet Government." Chair: Prince Mirsky. Music from 8.15 p.m.

Saturday, December 19th, at 3 p.m.
Speech Club. Debate between Dr. Marion Phillips and Miss Marian Reeves on "Protective Legislation for Women," at the Minerva Club, Brunswick Square, W.C.1.

BRANCH NOTES

MID-LONDON.

A Mid-London Branch Meeting was held at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1, on Wednesday, October 26th, 1927. After the business of the branch had been discussed, Miss Raleigh gave an interesting summary of the book, "The Science of Power," by Benjamin Kidd. This book is a treatise on the two ideals of Power. Individual and material aims assume that might means right, that a person (or party) crushes another if necessary. This system was traced by Darwin in animals. In animals and man the male is more concerned with the individual, and the female with the race. This quality in woman is regarded with detestation and fear by the ambitious male. It is even made into a reproach. Emotion may be an inspiration for gigantic schemes of conquest for the benefit of a few. Its presence in the motives and wishes of the unselfish friend of the race is more unconscious, but probably deeper and more lasting. The coming time will be the Woman's Era. A very interesting discussion followed, and then a vote of sincere thanks to Miss Raleigh.

We hope all members who have not yet sent their gift for the Mid-London Stall will do so as soon as possible, and that we shall see all members at the Fair, either on Wednesday or Thursday. (Hon. Sec.) G. FLOWERS.

SWANSEA.

By kind permission of Miss Hutton, a Branch Meeting was held at 9, Sketty Road, on Thursday, November 10th, at which Mrs. Rowland Williams presided. Mrs. Williams thanked Miss Jelley, on behalf of the branch, for the excellent and conscientious work she had done for the Society during the many years that she has been Hon. Secretary, and expressed much regret that private affairs necessitated her resignation, which, as Miss Jelley was firm, the branch was obliged to accept. New officials were then appointed. Miss Kirkland was elected President; Miss Neal, Vice-President; and Miss Knill and Mrs. Oliver (9, Sketty Road), Joint Hon. Secretaries; while Miss Hutton was reappointed Hon. Treasurer, and a Committee was formed.

Further business was discussed, including the holding of regular monthly meetings with a speaker, and it was decided that a big meeting should be arranged for about next February, when it is hoped that Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence will speak. The proceedings then terminated after a few words by Mrs. Williams in appreciation of the very valuable work that had been done by the late Mrs. Hutton, whose sudden death some months ago was such a grievous shock to the local members of the Women's Freedom League. (Organiser) LILIAN LENTON.

DUNOON.

A very enjoyable and well-attended Whist Drive was held in the Rosebery Restaurant, on Tuesday, November 8th. The following were the prize-winners:—Mr. Carey, 1st; Mr. Anderson, 2nd; Miss Stewart, 1st; Mrs. Smith, 2nd; Mrs. McLean, consolation. The branch was much encouraged by this first success, and would like to thank all who so kindly gave the prizes and sold tickets. We hope to have another Whist Drive in the near future.

Will all our friends do their utmost to make our meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Saturday afternoon, November 26th, at 3 p.m., an outstanding success? Miss Haslett, of the Women's Electrical Association, will be our principal speaker.

OUR OPEN COLUMN.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

Housing for Professional Women.

Dear Madam,—In a leader in THE VOTE of November 4th, you make an appeal for the encouragement of local efforts to provide lodging accommodation of a cheap, clean and comfortable kind for women who are down and out. While not in the least wishing to disparage or discourage work on behalf of the very poor, I would like to call your attention to another scheme, now seven years old, which endeavours to meet the needs of the professional woman.

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