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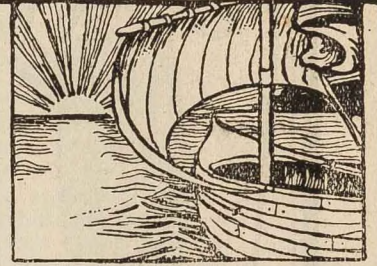
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Notes and News.**The Reform Bill.**

As we write, the Reform Bill is on the eve of entering upon the Committee stage. It is hazardous to assume the rôle of prophet at a moment when prophecy may be disproved before it is in print; but we entertain little hope of any satisfactory outcome from this measure. It might seem inevitable that in a "free" house, 400 members of which are declared supporters of votes for women, some measure of enfranchisement for women could be confidently anticipated. In point of fact it is highly doubtful whether even Sir Edward Grey's enabling amendment, to delete the word "male," will command a majority. Should it fail to do so, we are informed by *The Daily Chronicle* that the Government will drop the Bill altogether, out of consideration for the "feelings of the flower of Liberalism." We do not know whether this definite assertion is inspired. If it is only conjecture, it has not even the charm of novelty. Should, however, events confirm the statement, the contention of those Suffragists who maintained that the introduction of the Manhood Suffrage Bill had no other object than to torpedo the Conciliation Bill will be proved up to the hilt. The feelings of the flower of Liberalism were presumably as sensitive eighteen months ago as they are to-day. The spectacle of the Cabinet withdrawing their own Bill, should it take place, because the House was ready to accept it without amendment, would be at once laughable and despicable.

For our own part, we should not be surprised to find the Bill dropped in any event. Assuming, what we esteem unlikely, that the Bill will be so amended as to extend some measure of enfranchisement to women, we should not be surprised to find that the exigencies of the Parliamentary time-table in this or in some subsequent session deprived the measure of any chance of becoming law under the Parliament Act. The fact is that in very few quarters in the House is there any genuine desire for Manhood Suffrage. An increase in the number of electors means increase in the work and expenditure of their representatives. Were it not that the Government is doubtless sincerely anxious to get rid of the plural voter, we imagine that the prospects of the Bill would not be worth considering.

Welsh Disestablishment.

The Bill to Disestablish the Church in Wales will shortly be sent to the House of Lords. Upon the general merits or demerits of the measure we have nothing to say, but as Church Suffragists there is one point in connexion with it which vitally concerns us. We are profoundly anxious that Welsh women should have a voice in deciding respecting the future ordering of their own church. But it is difficult to see how this is to be brought about. As Church folk we have no wish that Parliament should frame the Constitution for the Church in Wales. As Suffragists we object to the future of the Church being handed over to any body which does not adequately represent women. We hope to publish an article next month dealing with this difficult question.

Demonstration in the Church House.

We are arranging to hold a Meeting in the Church House (Hoare Memorial Hall) on April 2nd, at 8 P.M. Lord Willoughby de Broke has promised to speak. We hope to announce full particulars next month. Meanwhile we ask our friends to note the date and keep it free from other engagements.

The So-Called Church League.

The opinions of the Vicar of St. Mary's, Wellingborough, upon Suffrage in general, and with regard to the Church League in particular, as reported in another column, are doubtless more interesting in the locality in which he is known than to our readers at large; and we should not trouble to refer to them save that they are a somewhat flagrant exhibition of a temper which is generally more cautious in its self-expression. It is painful to find one who from his official position should be a Christian and a gentleman indulging in such outrageous abuse of "militant" Suffragists. We must charitably suppose that he does not know what he is talking about; but the abuse which is inspired by ignorance is only one degree less culpable than that which is

inspired by malevolence. It is possible to reprobate in the strongest manner "militant tactics" without indulging in personal abuse at all.

Our object, however, in referring to his comments upon our visit to Wellingborough is his contention, more or less explicitly made, that we have no right to the title "Church League," and that we were guilty of intrusion in visiting Wellingborough without the invitation of the Bishop of the Diocese or the parochial clergy. We went to Wellingborough at the invitation of certain resident Church people who desired a Branch of the League in their midst. We have yet to learn that Church people are debarred, either by rule or courtesy, from combining in a society for ends which the Vicar of St. Mary's would designate as "purely political" unless they enjoy the "countenance of the Bishop" or of the parish clergy. A society does not become a Church society because it enjoys episcopal favour and recognition. A Church society is a society of Church people which pursues some end which they have come to recognize as essential to the full realization of their convictions as members of the Church. We thankfully acknowledge the episcopal support which in many quarters we enjoy; but if no bishop or priest were a member of our League, our claim to the title of the Church League for Women's Suffrage would be no whit impaired. We may add that progress would be slow in many provincial districts if all activities were barred which did not enjoy the countenance of the Bishop of the Diocese and his parish priests.

Women and the Bar.

It will not surprise our readers to learn that an attempt to gain for women the right to practise as barristers has sustained an overwhelming defeat. If surprise is felt at all it will be at the chivalry of the attempt rather than at the deplorable result. Yet the exclusion of women from the Bar as a profession is obviously indefensible on any grounds of equity. The injustice is twofold. There is the injustice to those women who aspire to exercise their talents in this way and are refused opportunity, though prepared to comply with all the conditions requisite in the case of men; and there is injustice to the public, deprived of services of which many would be glad to avail themselves. It should be remembered that the idea of excluding women from the Bar on the ground of any alleged incapacity is quite untenable. Apart from the demonstrated absurdity of such an allegation, their incapacity if real would harm nobody but themselves. Clients are at liberty to employ such counsel as they please; and if women proved incapable they would remain unemployed.

Royal Geographical Society.

The Royal Geographical Society, by a large majority of votes cast at a meeting held on January 15th, has reverted to its policy in force prior to 1893 and decided to make women eligible for election as Fellows. Three of the women who had been elected as Fellows in earlier days took part in the division, one recording her vote against the proposal to abolish the sex barrier. We should have thought that the resignation of her own position as Fellow would have been a more logical expression of this lady's views. The movement for the admission of women was led by Lord Curzon, who, in 1893, had taken a foremost part in bringing about their exclusion. Perhaps we shall yet see Lord Curzon an eloquent champion of women's suffrage! We wonder whether the result of the voting would have been the same if the position of Fellow had brought large pecuniary advantages in its train.

Prayer for the Cause.

Many calls to prayer have been issued at this time of crisis in the Women's Movement and we welcome them all. Our own Day of Intercession was observed on Friday, January 24th, at St. George's Church, Bloomsbury. There was a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 A.M.; and Services of Intercession, with addresses given by the Rev. C. Hinscliff, were held at 11 A.M., at 3 P.M., and at 7 P.M. These services had been announced for the day "upon which the House went into Committee on the Reform Bill," but uncertainty as to the Government programme made it impossible to give much notice of the actual arrangements. Despite this fact, the services were well attended on the whole.

The White Slave Traffic Agitation. A Note on the "Pass-the-Bill" Committee.

By MRS. KATHERINE VULLIAMY.
MEMBER, "PASS-THE-BILL" COMMITTEE.

EARLY in May last year a small group of women formed themselves into a Committee to work for the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, then before Parliament in the form of a private member's Bill with very little chance of success.

For some years attempts had been made to amend and strengthen the law, with no result, and a growing feeling of unexpressed resentment among women was suddenly transformed into a conscious and practical force when public opinion, roused by the tragic death of Mr. Stead in the Titanic disaster, felt an overwhelming desire to recognize his great work in passing the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1885. To many of his admirers it would have seemed a mockery to raise a memorial to him while a Bill, designed to carry on his work, and keep it effective, could make no progress for want of support. Hence the existence of the "Pass-the-Bill" Committee.

The Bill has now passed, and is in actual operation, many convictions having already been secured, and to members of the Committee who have just come through the pressure and strain of a great public agitation it is almost impossible to realize what the situation was not more than a few months ago. Early in 1912 the Home Secretary, while expressing full approval of the Bill, could give no hope of facilities; the London Council of Public Morality said in its report, "It has not been possible to get any real Parliamentary help"; and organized support was confined to a few Societies which exist for the purpose of promoting morals. Now, the Government help which was despaired of has been freely given; a magnificent series of public demonstrations has been held in almost every large town in the country; innumerable meetings have united all religious and social organizations in the smaller towns and villages; large numbers of Boards of Guardians and other bodies have sent resolutions in support of the Bill; and everywhere Women's Societies are on the alert to help and take part in the work of publicity.

It is true that some important provisions of the Bill have been lost, but that is due to difficulties encountered in the House of Commons, and not in any way to outside opposition or apathy. The "Pass-the-Bill" Committee have been convinced by their experience of the past year that there are great forces for good if they are active and organized, and that if united effort is continued much greater reforms may be secured in the future.

To what may this advance and sudden development be attributed? Speaking for myself, it seems clear that it is the change of mind brought about by the Suffrage Movement. The White Slave Traffic flourished on the ignorance and seclusion of women, and it is interesting to notice that some men who have acquiesced in the facts are shocked into action when they realize that "respectable women" know and intend to combat the evil. Knowing the horrors of this exploitation of girls, women can no longer be satisfied with the chivalry of men which tells them that they are personally favoured with reverence and protection. The new chivalry of women, bred by the Suffrage Movement, has overflowed beyond the class of the protected and sheltered, and asks that the helpless, the uninfluential, shall be given protection and respect. And this, in the real life of work and competition, necessarily means the power of self-protection and the right of self-respect.

In Mr. Bernard Shaw's 'Fanny's First Play' the convention-worshipping father says, "But I never thought *my* daughter could go to prison"; and his daughter Margaret replies, "Every woman in Holloway is *somebody's* daughter." This expresses the new feeling among women which makes them rebel against the division of women into two classes—the fortunate and the "unfortunate." This class division is the only explanation of the easy toleration of prostitution by many good people, and makes possible the attitude of a Member of Parliament who, in a recent attack on a publication of the National Union of Suffrage Societies, seemed to feel more horror that girls of his own class might read of the abominations of regulated prostitution than that other girls should actually experience them.

The Bill is passed, but our work is not finished. At the great national demonstration organized by the "Pass-the-Bill" Committee at the London Opera-House, on November 12th, which was presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Resolution concluded with these words: "And this meeting emphatically assures Parliament that public opinion will require further and more effective legislation in the near future."

If the Suffrage war cry "Deeds, not Words," is turned upon such cherished ideals as "respect for women," "the sanctity of home," and the "sacredness of family life," there will necessarily be an advance in legislation, and the practical application of these ideals will abolish the White Slave Traffic, the Sweating of Women, and Prostitution—the most horrible disease of our civilization.

[That the driving force behind the White Slave Traffic Bill was identical with that which is determined upon the Enfranchisement of Women was clearly evidenced at the Opera-House Demonstration. The single reference to the Suffrage Movement at that meeting in the phrase employed by one speaker—"an enlightened and *enfranchised* motherhood"—simply brought down the house. We gratefully acknowledge that some who are not Suffragists—*e.g.*, the Archbishop of Canterbury—did yeoman service, but had it not been for the enthusiasm of the Suffrage forces, their strong organizations, and persistent educational work of many years' standing, these good men had been as voices crying in the wilderness, if they had not been mute in the silence of despair.—Ed.]

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Intercessions.

As we go to press arrangements have been made to secure the Lecture Hall at the International Suffrage Shop for the purpose of Intercession during such time on Monday, January 27th, as the Women's Amendments are before the House. Should the Amendments be still undecided when the House rises on Monday, the Intercessions will be continued on Tuesday. An effort was made to secure a church in the neighbourhood of Westminster at which Intercessions could be privately made whilst Parliament was sitting; but, whilst the Abbey is open till dusk, no further facilities could be procured either there or elsewhere. It is to be regretted that the clergy whose assistance was sought seemed so little disposed to encourage devotion. The request was so framed that it might have been granted without any implication of sympathy with the cause, since no public Intercessions were proposed.

Great Women of History.

VII.

FLORA MACDONALD.

By Miss EMILY C. GROWSE.

PURE as the sprigs of white heather found on the lonely loch-side, fresh and bracing as the Atlantic breezes sweeping over the purple moors, strong and steadfast as the granite of the mountains, no wonder that the character of Flora MacDonald is a treasured memory to every true Highlander, to every lover of heroic womanhood.

A MacDonald of the MacDonalds, Flora's ancestors, her own father and mother, and her step-father, were all members of the clan, and she grew from childhood to womanhood steeped in the traditions of the Highlands. Milton in South Uist was her birthplace, and here, after her mother's second marriage, she remained in her brother's household till the age of 13. Dame Nature in her freest and simplest mood was her chief guide and teacher through these years, and who can tell how largely her powers of endurance, her courage and fortitude, were influenced and fostered by the grand scenery of that lonely isle, with the music of the mighty waves ever breaking upon its shores?

From 13 to 16 Flora lived at Ormichlade in the household of MacDonald of Clanranald, sharing the advantages of the education provided for the children. Then Sir Alexander and Lady Margaret MacDonald of Monkstadt, Skye, took her with them to Edinburgh, where she studied at the best school of the day until she was 19 years of age. Her bright and cheery nature made her a universal favourite, and on her return to South Uist her old friends assembled to welcome her, the Chieftain Clanranald declaring that "joy and gladness had deserted his home while her comely face had been absent."

Public feeling in Scotland had been greatly stirred in that year—1745—by the coming of the Stuart Prince to claim his own; and the progress of his invasion of England, the lack of enthusiasm with which he had been received, and his return-march from Derby to Inverness, had been followed with keenest interest, even by those who felt themselves bound in loyalty to the reigning dynasty.

Of these were both Clanranald and MacDonald, and Flora held the opinions of the heads of the clan. Nevertheless, when the fatal defeat at Culloden, the ruthless cruelty of the pursuit, and the bribe of £30,000 as a reward for the Prince's head, became known, hot indignation against the Government and compassion for the fugitive Prince made all alike eager for his safety, and ready to risk any danger, even death itself, rather than betray him.

In spite of advice to the contrary, Prince Charlie quitted the mainland, thereby missing two French ships sent for his relief, and after some narrow escapes landed on South Uist on April 27th, twelve days after the battle. Immediately every channel was guarded by English cruisers, and the Prince and his single follower, O'Neale, without shelter, change of clothing, or provisions, were driven for two months from one insecure hiding-place to another, and were brought to the very verge of starvation. The Prince met his difficulties with high courage and unflinching evenness of temper, making light of his privations and finding cause for merriment in the sorry conditions to which they were reduced. Flora MacDonald was told of the close neighbourhood of the fugitives, and was implored to find some means for their relief. She felt that immediate action was necessary, and her plans were quickly and skilfully laid. She wished her brother to know all, and so went over to Milton to inform him. On her return she was met by a troop of militia, who detained her a prisoner that night. Her step-father, Capt. Hugh MacDonald, liberated her next day, and she asked him to give her a passport for a crew of six oarsmen, for herself, her man-servant, and an Irishwoman who was engaged to assist her mother with her spinning. The passport was made out, and on June 26th Flora was brought to the Prince's hiding-place, where she was greeted with royal courtesy by the figure

in its tattered raiment who was yet every inch a Prince. A dress for his disguise as Betty Burke was provided, the meeting-place arranged, and all promised well. News of troops at Ormichlade brought Flora and Lady Clanranald quickly back, lest suspicion should be aroused, and on the following night, after much anxious watching and waiting, they set sail for their voyage of 40 miles across the Minch to Skye. Their way proved full of perils. The channel was well guarded by armed vessels, and escape seemed almost impossible. The weather, which had been fair at first, soon increased their dangers. The wind grew to a gale, and then a heavy thunderstorm, with drenching rain, made it difficult for even the skilled seamen forming their crew to steer the boat in safety. At last the welcome sight of the frowning shores of Skye appeared; but, as they made for the port of Waterinch, a band of militia-men ran forward and levelled their guns as they approached. With utmost energy the rowers pulled out to sea, the Prince cheering them on, and soon they were beyond the reach of the bullets, though the riddled sails, cleft handle of the helm, and grazed finger of the steersman showed how real had been the peril. Worn out with anxiety, Flora slept for a while at the bottom of the boat, while fresh attempts were made to find a landing-place. A second night passed, but, finally, on the morning of June 29th, they landed at Kilbride, a spot about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Monkstadt. Prince Charlie found shelter under a shelving rock, while Flora, followed by her man-servant, went at once to the house. Never was her presence of mind more severely tried. In the drawing-room was a large assembly of guests, many in military costume, and among them Capt. John MacLeod, who was in command of a company of militia stationed near at hand with the express object of tracing the Prince. Well might Flora exercise all her powers of fascination, and so well did she succeed as she talked unconcernedly of the storm and heavy rains, and answered his many questions with perfect self-possession, that, as the young Captain sat beside her at dinner, little did he dream of the boat still lying in harbour, of the man lurking under the shadow of the rock, whose discovery would mean to him £30,000!

When the facts were made known to Lady MacDonald, she dreaded of all things the dishonour of the Prince being captured when a fugitive on her lands. She contrived to send Alexander MacDonald of Kingsburgh to conduct the so-called Betty Burke to the shores of Loch Suigort, where Kingsburgh's home stood. Flora detained the company with her pleasant talk long enough to give the wayfarers a good start, and then left, ostensibly for her mother's house at Armadale, though Kingsburgh was, of course, her real destination. Three of the Monkstadt guests accompanied her part of the way, and as they passed the Prince, looking tall and awkward in his woman's dress, taking, moreover, most manly strides, and holding his skirts something to the height of an average kilt, one of them exclaimed, "Did ye ever see such an impudent-looking woman! And what strides the jade takes! I daresay she is an Irishwoman or a man in woman's clothes!"

That night was spent at Kingsburgh, and next day the Prince, now attired in Highland costume, and accompanied only by a little herd-boy, set out for the 14 miles' walk to Portree, Flora making for the same place by a different route. Here they parted, and in spite of the Prince's farewell word, "I trust, Madam, we shall yet meet in St. James's," their paths never crossed again. A ring with a scrap of fair hair under a crystal, still treasured by the descendants of Flora, is the one tangible proof of the Stuart's gratitude.

With an immense weight of anxiety removed, Flora went on to visit her mother at Armadale, only to learn that the boat, with its six oarsmen, had been captured on leaving Skye, and that the facts of the Prince's escape and her share in it were by that time Government property. Immediately after Culloden a proclamation had been issued declaring all persons who aided rebels to escape or afforded them shelter to be guilty of treason and subject to the penalty of death. Nevertheless, Flora refused to hide, openly visited her brother at Milton, and when summoned for examination before MacLeod of Talisker, in Skye, set out at once in response to the command. On her way she was seized by a party of soldiers and carried a prisoner on board

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the 'Furnace.' Here she was detained for twenty-two days, though she was treated with great courtesy, allowed to visit her mother, and to choose a maid to attend upon her. Ten days' confinement in Dunstaffnage Castle, eight weeks on board the 'Bridgewater' stationed in Leith Roads, and Flora found herself next within the historic walls of the Tower of London. Happily the fate of so many State prisoners in the gloomy old fortress was not to be hers. Her fame and the widely spread admiration for her courage decided the Government to treat her leniently, and she was given over to friends on the understanding that she would appear when required. After a year spent thus the Act of Indemnity was passed, and Flora was once more free to return to Scotland, but the fashionable world of London determined that she should first realize the enthusiasm which her conduct had aroused. Visitors crowded the house of Lady Primrose, with whom she stayed, and nothing was omitted that could prove to her the reality of the general feeling towards her. A substantial gift of £1,500 was presented to her, and her journey to Edinburgh in her coach and four was one triumphal progress. She was touched and amazed by the warmth of feeling expressed, and never could consider that she had done anything beyond the simplest fulfilment of duty.

In 1750 Flora, now 28 years of age, married Allen MacDonald, son of MacDonald of Kingsburgh, who had borne his share of risk in Prince Charlie's escape, and had suffered for it by eighteen months' imprisonment in Edinburgh Castle. A noble-looking pair were the bride and bridegroom; she, slight and graceful, with a face of peculiar charm: he, the very ideal of a gallant Highlander, stalwart, strong, and manly. Their first home was at Flodigarry, but on the death of the elder MacDonald, they removed to Kingsburgh, fully expecting to spend there the remainder of their lives.

Long and happy years fleeted by: sons and daughters made the old house gay with life and youth, visitors were welcomed with true Highland hospitality, and hard, indeed, must they have been to please who, however high their expectations, could go away disappointed. In 1773 Dr. Johnson and the devoted "Bozzy" paid their famous visit to Kingsburgh, and their satisfaction at all they saw is faithfully recorded in 'The Tour of the Hebrides'; especially was the great Doctor delighted by being allowed to sleep in the very bed used by Prince Charlie on the night of his stay there.

After the "Forty-Five" many of the Highlanders—whose prosperity was ruined by the failure of the enterprise—had emigrated to America, and in twenty years quite a large colony of clansmen, particularly of the MacDonalds, had settled in N. Carolina. As expenses increased, Flora's husband, whose estate had been greatly impoverished by penalties inflicted for his father's share in the rebellion, thought seriously of joining his countrymen in the New World. Flora, ever anxious to be a true helpmeet, weighed with him the advantages and drawbacks, the decision was taken, and in August, 1774, they sailed from Campbelltown for Wilmington. There had been much to sacrifice: an elder son waiting for an appointment in India had been left behind, and also a younger daughter in the care of friends; but the sense of strangeness and exile must have been greatly lessened by the warm welcome prepared for them, and the position of influence and authority which they at once occupied.

Scarcely were they settled in their new home when the long dispute between the American Colonists and the Mother Country broke into open war. The Scotchmen declared for England and the Hanoverians, and Flora and her husband were among the staunchest Royalists. Just as, when a girl of four-and-twenty, Flora had shrunk from no sacrifice in the cause she believed right, so now, as a woman of fifty-four, she saw, with undaunted courage, husband, sons, and son-in-law enrol themselves for active service. As the clans gathered at Cross Creek Flora made them a stirring speech in Gaelic from the public square, and when, a few weeks later, they filed out en route for Wilmington, she watched them from under an oak tree, and then, mounting on horseback, rode up and down the columns cheering and encouraging the men. She was with the army during the first night of encampment, but on the morrow yielded to her husband's wishes and returned to her home at Killiegreay. Seven long years were to pass ere husband and wife met again!

At the battle of Moore's Creek the Highlanders were utterly defeated, and Allen MacDonald and one son were among the prisoners. After some eighteen months they were freed, but were obliged at once to rejoin their regiment. Meantime Flora had much to bear; her youngest children, a boy and girl aged 11 and 13, died of fever, and she was left with her daughter Fanny alone of her seven children. For the share she had taken in exhorting the Highlanders to fight for England, the estate of Killiegreay was confiscated, and she had difficulty in finding a home for herself and her daughter. Her husband contrived to send one or two letters safely to her, and urged her return to Skye. This was a hard trial while so many of her dear ones were in constant danger in America; yet in the autumn of 1779 she and Fanny left Charlestown on board an English vessel, having sold much of her fine plate to meet expenses. Even now her adventures were not over. The vessel was attacked by a French man-of-war, and an engagement followed. In the fiercest of the fray Flora appeared on the quarter-deck, and in ringing tones cheered on the men to deeds of greater daring. Flung down in the heat and press of the battle, her left arm was broken, but she would not leave her post until the French were beaten off.

At last she found herself once more in the old home at Milton; her brother built her a small house, where she awaited her husband's return; and in 1783 she had the gladness of welcoming him home after their long separation.

Seven years of peaceful life at Kingsburgh remained to her. Loved and honoured, she indeed knew that rich possession—"troops of friends"—which Shakespeare claims as the joy of old age; and when, after a brief illness, the end came on March 5th, 1790, many who had never even seen her felt they had lost a friend.

"As long as a flower grows in field, the fame of the gentle lady shall endure." So runs the inscription upon her statue at Inverness, and the centuries are proving its truth.

Paper Selling.

EVERY member of the Church League for Women's Suffrage must desire to do something to help our League, and there is no doubt that much valuable propaganda work can be done by selling the magazine in the street.

We do not pretend that this is the most delightful occupation, but if undertaken in the right spirit one can even take pleasure in it, knowing that one is doing a little to advance a cause for which women, and men too, have suffered so much.

It is wonderful the amount of sympathy one meets with. Interest is aroused, and a number of people are made aware for the first time that there is a Church League for Women's Suffrage. A few hints from one who has done a considerable amount of street selling may be of use to beginners.

1. Choose a pitch where there are plenty of people passing, and, if possible, the busiest time of the day.

2. Having found a good pitch and time, try and go regularly every week on the same day. In this way you get regular customers, and new members are gained.

3. Always dress as well as possible (don't think any old clothes will do for selling in the street), and be sure that your gloves and boots are neat.

4. Don't get depressed if you do not sell any papers for the first half-hour or so. During the next few minutes you may dispose of six or seven straight off.

5. Take no notice if people are rude to you, and avoid starting a discussion with any one.

6. Never let a crowd collect round you; should this happen move on.

7. Take a poster pasted on brown paper to keep it firm, with a loop of string to attach it to your arm. A paper seller's bag is also a great advantage.

[Those who are willing to give help in this most important way should communicate at once with the Organizer at the League Offices.—Ed.]

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Isaacs, Rev. F. M.	0	2	6	Harris, Miss M.	0	1	0
Wood, Miss A. J.	1	0	0	Hewitt, Miss	0	1	0
Mackenzie, Miss M. R. R.	1	0	0	Maccormac, Mrs.	0	5	0
Beckitt, Mrs. E. M.	1	0	0	Whitmore, Mrs.	0	2	6
Stark, Miss H. A. W.	35	0	0	Siamese, Mrs.	0	2	6
Bell, Mrs. G. W.	1	0	0	Clayton, Mrs.	0	2	6
Parkyn, Mrs. S. E.	3	3	0	Clayton, Mr. E. G.	0	1	0
Blundell, Miss K.	0	5	0	Gudram, Mrs.	0	0	6
Windsor Branch	0	12	4	Barwick, Mr. and Mrs.	0	1	0
Anonymous	0	10	0	Barker, Mr. and Mrs.	0	1	0
Evans, Miss E.	0	10	0	Story, Mr.	0	0	6
Henderson, Mrs. Lucy	0	10	0	Clayton, Miss F.	0	0	6
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Smith, Miss A. E.	0	5	0	Wentworth, Mr. J.	0	2	6
Anonymous	1	11	6	Casey, Mrs.	0	1	0
Morris, Miss C. H.	0	10	0	Casey, Miss	0	1	0
Bolton, Miss A.	1	0	0	Hartley, Miss	0	1	0
Green, Miss E.	0	5	0	Meyer, Miss	0	1	0
Trollope, The Misses	10	0	0	Turner, Miss	0	3	0
Cheshire, Miss E. T.	30	0	0	Tipping, Mrs. L. M.	0	6	0
Smythe, Miss L. K.	0	10	0	Aylward, Miss E.	2	0	0
Morrison, Miss E.	0	10	0	Wingrave, Miss M. M.	0	5	0
Toplis, Miss Grace	0	2	0	Day, Per Miss M.	0	5	0
Gray, Miss C. M.	0	10	0	Fennings, Miss E. M.	0	1	0
Clifford, Miss A.	0	2	0	Holmes, Miss K.	0	5	0
Odeh, Rev. N.	0	10	0	Burke, Mrs. T. C.	0	5	0
Hecht, Mrs. Fitzroy	0	5	0	Kingston, Miss M.	0	2	6
Nuttall, Miss A. C.	0	5	0	Roberts, Rev. W. C. and Mrs.	0	10	0
Baldry, Miss Blanche	0	2	6	A. G.	0	1	6
Shellshear, Mrs.	1	1	0	M.	0	5	0
Biddle, Miss I. L.	0	2	0	Batty, Miss I.	0	1	0
Hewley, Mrs. Frank	0	2	0	Colyer, Miss M. L.	0	2	6
Hewley, Miss D. M. M.	0	2	6	Islington Branch	2	18	0
Strachan, Miss C. E.	0	10	0	Davis, Rev. G. H.	0	5	0
Bousfield, Mrs.	0	5	0	Maude, Miss F.	1	0	0
Bradford, Miss F. M. G.	5	0	0	Beale, Miss B.	0	2	6
Canning, Miss F. M. "Lecture Fee"	0	10	0	Beynon, Miss	0	1	0
Anonymous	0	5	0	Stubbs, Miss	0	1	0
Millett, Miss	2	2	0	Mansfield, Miss N.	0	2	0
Cooper, Miss E. Shewell	0	4	0	Alexander, Mrs.	0	5	6
	£108	10	2	Beddome, Miss O.	0	1	0
				Beddome, Miss D.	0	5	0
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Villiers, Miss S. A.	0	10	0	Kent, Miss B.	0	5	6
Ansorge, Miss Ethel	0	2	0	Jaques, Miss F.	0	5	0
Bowker, Mrs.	0	10	0	Law, Miss F.	0	5	0
Blomfield, Lady	0	3	6	Lowenthal, Miss	0	2	6
Bullock, Miss	0	2	0	Corben, Miss L.	1	10	0
Boyd, Miss C.	0	2	6		£23	6	6
Fisher, Mrs.	0	3	0				
Hyde, Miss Mabel	0	1	0				
Knowles, Mrs.	0	5	0	TOTALS.			
Lomax, Mrs.	1	0	0	Annual Subscriptions	£	s.	d.
Lord, Miss H. M.	1	0	0	New Members	7	5	0
Lloyd, Miss E. M.	0	10	0	Donations	108	10	2
Mead, Miss M. G.	0	5	0	Christmas Gifts	23	6	6
Ross, Miss Lina	0	2	6	Affiliation Fees	13	1	6
Strode, Miss L. C.	0	5	0	Literature Sales	34	13	2
Winterne, Mrs.	0	2	6	Collections	17	13	2
Kensington Branch (Bridge Tournament)	3	10	0	Collecting Boxes	0	4	8
Shanklin Branch	0	8	0				
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Spreading the Light.

The following paragraph has appeared in a recent issue of *The Women's Journal* :-

"Mr. and Mrs. Owen-Phillips of England were guests of the Massachusetts W.S.A. and the Boston E.S.A. for G.G., on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Marion Booth Kelly presided, and Mrs. Maud Wood Park told of the National Suffrage Convention at Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Owen-Phillips made eloquent speeches for suffrage. They are touring this country in the interests of the cause, and expect to speak many times. Mr. Owen-Phillips is a member of the Church League for Woman Suffrage in England, and hopes to be able to accomplish good among the churches here. He said, among many other interesting things: 'Woman is the cheapest raw material in the market. She needs to organize for her own protection, and she needs the vote for herself and for the race as well.' Mrs. Owen-Phillips wishes woman to have the ballot chiefly as a means of self-development. 'There is no sex in progress,' she said. Both Mr. and Mrs. Owen-Phillips have been antis, and their words are all the more convincing because of their former attitude."

Thanksgiving and Intercession.

LET US GIVE THANKS

For the spirit of prayer which is manifest in our ranks.
 For "heavenly visions" vouchsafed to us.
 For experience of the joy of unselfish service.
 For the unfaltering confidence of our leaders in this Movement.
 For the breaking down of social barriers and the fellowship of holy desires.
 For growth of intelligent interest in the Women's Movement.

UNTO THY NAME BE THE PRAISE.

LET US PRAY

For forgiveness for all sins of lukewarmness and timidity.
 For steadfastness to endure whatever difficulties and disappointments may yet await us.
 For guidance in all our plans and purposes.
 For clearer light on the moral and social problems of the day.
 For the spirit to think and do always those things that be rightful.

WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.

Saint Bride's Day.

By arrangement with various bodies interested in the Suffrage question, February 1st, St. Bride's Day, will be held as a day of special meditation and intercession in Westminster Abbey, in St. Paul's, and in various cathedrals, chapels, and churches throughout Great Britain.

The day falls this year on a Saturday. Men and women, however they may feel with regard to the solution of the present crisis, are asked to join in this common approach to the ultimate and innermost aspects of the question, earnestly desiring that the consciousness of the world may be so heightened that clear light may be gained on the difficult path, and increase of wisdom and power to achieve.

Men and women specially interested in the matter are asked to keep five minutes at noon for silent remembrance and prayer, wherever they may be, during the week January 20th to 27th, during which days the Suffrage question will be before the Commons.

- (Signed)
- BASIL WILBERFORCE, D.D.,
 Archdeacon of Westminster.
 JOHN CLIFFORD, D.D. (Rev.)
 C. FLEMING WILLIAMS (Rev.)
 MURIEL COUNTESS DE LA WARR.
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 (The Very Rev.)

A Commune for the Hour of Noon.

O THOU whose will is done on earth, even as in Thy holy heaven, Thou, who accomplishest all things after the inevitable order of Thy holiness, who hast led us by devious paths to the fuller consciousness of what Thy will may be for us this day, shed

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now Thy light upon those who turn their faces toward Thee. Fill us with a deeper sense of Thy perfect power, of Thine unalterable steadfastness. Cause us to look for guidance, that we may see with Thy light and desire with Thy desire the perfect good. In Thee all things rest. In Thee all things have gathered the strength to be, growing into conscious need of fuller life, growing into complete vision of the Larger Day.

Of Thee we would receive this hour Thy great gift of wisdom, of clear sight, of pure resolve, of perfect love. The silent approach to Thee gives calm and stillness. We would learn of Thy great ones of old the power of listening and the power of stillness. In this power things were accomplished which changed the face of the world, drove back the relentless waves of the sea, and caused impregnable walls to fall. As willing workers in the cause of Thy truth and light, we pray to-day to be obedient, unself-seeking, attentive, ready to receive guidance, so that our service may be taken up into that Larger Service, wherein is no more "mine" and "thine," but all has its part in one divine Plan.

ANON.

"Sweetness and Light."

We extract the following paragraphs from *The Northampton Echo* under date January 10th. Further reference to the subject will be found in our 'Notes and News' column:—

VICAR AND "SUFFRAGETTES."

The vicar of St. Mary's, Wellingborough (Rev. T. J. Watts), has some strong things to say about the militant suffragists in his Parish Magazine. "I have," he writes, "received an invitation to attend a meeting in Wellingborough to assist in the formation of a local branch of a society calling itself 'The Church League for Women's Suffrage.'" Of course, I shall do nothing of the sort. I have tried to keep an open mind upon the question, which I regard as purely political, and I have been careful to avoid any public expression of opinion in the matter. But the criminal outrages of those crazy unsexed creatures, who have forfeited the right to the noble name of "woman," and who call themselves "militant suffragists," have so filled me with disgust that I am determined to be no party to giving them the vote which they have shown themselves unworthy to exercise. To the best of my knowledge and belief this, so-called, Church League is meeting here without the countenance of the Bishop or any of the parish clergy. So far as my own parish is concerned, it is my deliberate counsel and desire that none of you—of either sex—should attend its meetings or have anything to do with it."

BENEFICENT LADIES.

It is a rather curious coincidence that this "militant" vicar, who writes strong things about militant women, owes in very large measure the church where he ministers and its endowment to beneficent ladies of his parish. The Misses Sharman, of Elsdon Lodge, with a gift of £4,300, endowed the parish; they were the chief contributors to the building fund of the first portion of the church of St. Mary's; and now it is announced that they will bear the whole of the cost of the large extension of the building that is going on, and which will entail an outlay of many thousands of pounds.

Review.

The Emancipation of Woman seen in Musings on the Magnificat. By Jean Roberts. (A. R. Mowbray & Co., Ltd.; 1s. net.)

We cordially welcome this little volume from the pen of one of the members of our League. Its central thought lies in the contrast presented between Eve and the Blessed Virgin. This contrast is worked out with a wealth of detail, and is made the basis of a devotional commentary on the 'Magnificat' which is a very treasury of beautiful and scholarly thought. The singing of the 'Magnificat' will be a new experience for many if they will ponder its meaning with this booklet as their guide.

"The Honour of the Flag."

Our leading article some months ago dealing with white slavery and prostitution in Ceylon has brought us the following letter from abroad. For official reasons the writer is obliged to remain anonymous; but his name is held in universal respect:—

Your article on 'The Honour of the Flag' is to the point. It is because I know of these things, and feel so hopeless about ever getting them improved, that I am so strong a supporter of the Woman's Movement. It would not be difficult to collect evidence of a similar kind from dozens of Eastern places under British protection.

The ordinary Britisher talks much of "prestige" (sic); but he little knows how some of the heathen despise them for their concubines, and worse.

How to Join the C.L.W.S.

Members are of two kinds:—

- (1) Central Branch Members.
- (2) Local Branch Members.

All members must accept the principle of extending the Franchise to Women on the same terms as it is, or may be, granted to men; must approve of furthering this reform by devotional and educational methods; and must be members of the Church of England or of some Church in full communion therewith.

If there is a Local Branch in the neighbourhood, any person desiring to join should communicate directly with the Local Secretary (see p. 174 of this issue for names and addresses), by whom full information will be given.

Any one wishing to join the Central Branch should write as follows on a sheet of paper, adding name and address, and send it with the requisite postal order to the Secretary, 11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.:—

I approve the objects and methods of the C.L.W.S. and desire to be enrolled as a member.

I enclose an annual subscription of *— Those who desire to receive the Monthly Paper regularly by post should add:—

I also enclose 1s. 6d. as an annual postal subscription to the Monthly Paper.

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From the Branches.

New Branches (Walsall and Wellingborough) 2
New Members... 150

Anerley and Crystal Palace.

New Members: Mrs. Axford, Mrs. Burn, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Marr, Miss E. Tattersall, Miss Turquand, Miss M. Turquand, Mrs. Tyson.

Thanks to the kind invitation of Mrs. Jones a Drawing-room Meeting was held at 2, Thicket Road, on January 9th, at which over eighty ladies listened to Miss Abadam's stirring speech on the White Slave Traffic. Mrs. Walters took the chair, and Miss Ethel Fennings proposed a vote of thanks to the hostess and speakers. Several new Members were obtained, a good collection taken, and literature and the C.L.W.S. Magazine sold well.

The following local Societies are supporting our Public Meeting in the Town Hall, on February 3rd: The British Women's Temperance, Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise, Free Church League, Ladies' National Association, New Constitutional Society, Norwood District Suffrage Society, South Norwood P.S.A. Brotherhood, Women's Freedom League, Women's Liberal Association. For particulars see "The Calendar."

A Branch Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13th, at 8 P.M., to hear delegate's report of the Conference. Members are reminded that this is the only intimation.

(Miss) E. M. FENNINGS.

Barnes.

New Member: Mrs. Coop. Owing to various causes the Barnes Branch was unable to make

much progress during 1912. Shortly after the formation of the Branch we lost our Hon. Secretary, Miss Wallrand Evans, who has left the district, and Mrs. Hills undertook the work *pro tem.* On December 19th the Rev. Claud Hinscliff addressed the Members, and a Working Committee was formed, Miss Burke undertaking the sale of the Church League paper.

We are looking forward to a successful campaign during 1913. (Mrs.) MARIAN H. HILLS.

Bath.

It is intended to hold a Meeting on February 18th (3 P.M.), at the Church Institute, Edgar Buildings, when Mr. Hinscliff has kindly promised to speak. Members are earnestly requested to make the Meeting known and to bring friends with them.

(Miss) M. L. MORRIS.

Bow, E.

New Member: Miss E. E. Harris.

Our first Devotional Service was held at Bow Church, on January 7th, when the address was given by the Rev. C. Hinscliff, a very fair number of non-members being present.

(Miss) A. E. SPARK.

Brighton and Hove.

The principal event of the month was the installation of our Branch in an office at 151-2, North Street. In the early days of the New Year we had the good fortune to secure a suitable room in a central situation, and, thanks to Miss Newman and another Member (who prefers to remain anonymous), the rent has been provided for six months. We have been given furniture by Mrs. Bennington, Mrs. Cholmeley, Mrs. D'Albiac, Mrs. Francis, and the Misses Hassett, Wilson, and Warter, and are ready to receive Members and friends every afternoon between 3-5, and on the first and third Thursdays at 8 P.M. By the time this issue is in the hands of subscribers the formal opening will, we hope, have taken place, under the presidency of the Rev. Vicars Boyle, to whose constant encouragement and support we owe so much.

A well-attended "At Home" was held on the 7th, at 55, Buckingham Place, followed by a committee meeting, at which Mrs. Francis was elected Hon. Treasurer, and Miss Corben co-opted to the Committee.

(Miss) KATE CLOSE.

Cambridge.

Little has been doing here this past month, as the University has been "down" for the Christmas vacation. During the Lent Term, however, we hope to make a special effort to stir up further interest in the Church League for Women's Suffrage, both in Town and University. Will those who have friends or relatives coming into residence at any of the colleges this term, kindly send a note of their names and addresses to Rev. F. Buttle, Downing College, in order that he may call upon them and ask them to join our Cambridge Branch.

(Rev.) FRANK BUTTLE.

Ealing.

The Rev. Templeton King has kindly consented to let us have our Corporate Communion in his church (Christ Church, Ealing).

(Miss) S. A. BONNERJEE.

Greenwich and Lewisham.

New Members: Mrs. Jarvis, Miss Malim. Branch now numbers eighty-four. Miss Watson has been transferred to the Central Branch.

Mrs. Close Shipham and Miss Meats have each secured three new annual subscribers to the Magazine.

The monthly Meeting of the Branch was held on Friday, January 17th, to discuss resolutions for the General Council. Delegates to the Council are the Rev. A. E. Green, Miss Chandler, Miss Townsend.

(Miss) L. H. JARVIS.

Grimpsby.

In November last a Meeting was held in the All Saints' Parish Room to start a branch of the C.L.W.S. for the town of Grimpsby. There was only a fair attendance. The Vicar of the parish—Rev. W. E. Bott—presided, and the Rev. C. Hinscliff gave a very telling address, lifting the subject of Women's Suffrage on to the highest ground. A Branch was started, and the following is the first list of Members: Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bott, Miss Lindström, Miss Thomas, Mr. W. E. Bott, Mrs. Biddle, Miss Lees, Miss Dannett, Miss Bott, Mr. C. S. Bott, Miss Fenwick, Miss Wortley, Rev. E. Loft, Rev. W. E. Bott, and Miss D. Sphenson.

(Rev.) W. E. BOTT.

Hampstead.

New Members: Mrs. Knox, Miss M. Clarke.

The Annual Meeting of the Branch was held on January 2nd, at 8, Rosslyn Court, by kind permission of Miss Cannon. Mrs. Henderson and Miss Clarke were elected as the Branch's delegates to the General Council. The Committee extend a very hearty welcome to Mrs. Knox, who, having consented to stand for election, was elected to the Committee at the Annual Meeting.

In spite of the Literature Secretary's appeals, there are still a great many Members who do not take the Monthly Paper. (Mr.) RONALD H. KIDD

Harrow.

New Members: Mrs. West (Pinner), Miss A. K. Foxwell (M.A. London), Mrs. Atkin Higgins, Miss Ethel C. Easther (Pinner), Miss M. E. Wright (Pinner).

A Harrow Branch of the C.L.W.S. was inaugurated on December 19th, 1912, by Rev. C. Hinscliff. Miss Grey was appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee are: Mrs. West, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Atkins Higgins, Miss C. M. Grey, and the Rev. F. E. Russell. For the present it is arranged that the Pinner Members belong to Harrow.

The Committee are arranging a day of Intercession among the Members during the discussion on the Franchise Bill in Parliament. They hope also to have a Service early in February during the Special Suffrage Week which the Women's Freedom League are organizing in Harrow.

(Miss) ESTHER GREY.

Hendon and Golder's Green.

New Member: Mrs. Sheard.

The Quarterly Special Services were held at St. Mary's, Hendon, on Tuesday, January 7th: Corporate Communion at 7.30, and Evensong at 3 o'clock. The League Members were very glad to welcome the Rev. C. Hinscliff and to listen to his stirring sermon upon 'The Church and the Empire,' as well as to hear his short address at the 4-5.30 At Home. Mrs. Cather spoke on 'The Vote as it would affect Marriage and Motherhood.' Some fifty Members and friends were present during the day.

On Tuesday evening, February 25th, it is hoped to hold an Open Debate on the Suffrage Question at the Hendon Council offices. Dr. Letitia Fairfield will speak in support of the Suffrage, and Mrs. Gladstone Solomon for the opposition.

(Miss) E. C. GROWSE.

Ilford.

New Members: Mrs. Sapio, Nurse Radford.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Whitten for a very pleasant Meeting, held at 21, Coventry Road, on Tuesday, January 7th. Mrs. Bouvier dealt with some of the anti-Suffrage arguments, and proved the enfranchisement of women to be essential to the social and moral life of the nation. The Rev. A. E. Green spoke eloquently and earnestly on 'The White Slave Traffic.' He argued that when the women of England have political freedom this awful traffic will be killed, as it has been in the case of other countries where women are enfranchised, and for this reason if for no other, a Christian should be a Suffragist.

(Miss) M. HAWLEY.

Islington.

The following Christmas gifts have been received and forwarded to head-quarters, making, with contributions already acknowledged, a sum of £2 18s. in all: Miss C., 4s.; F. E. L. F., 2s. 6d.; A. G. F., 1s.; R. M. N., 1s.; M. G., 1s.; L. A. S., 1s.; L. A. G., 2s. 6d. (second donation); Misses S., 7s. 6d.; C. B., 2s. 6d.; A. S., 4s.; J. O., 2s. 6d.; F. M. G., 2s. 6d.; A. D. G., 2s. 6d. Hearty thanks are tendered to donors. The next Branch meeting will be held in St. Mark's Church Room on Thursday, February 6th, at 8 P.M. A Report and Financial Statement for the past year will be submitted, and officers for the ensuing year will be appointed. The proposed meeting in January was unavoidably cancelled.

(Mrs.) A. D. GREEN.

Kensington.

New Member: Mrs. Bruce Dickson, Speen Vicarage, Newbury, Berks.

(Miss) LINA ROSS.

Liverpool.

On January 13th the Liverpool Branch assisted in a Joint Meeting of the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, the Women's Liberal Association, and the Liverpool Society for Women's Suffrage. The Meeting was held in the Picton Lecture Hall, and in spite of wintry weather the hall was full. Miss Muriel Matters very kindly undertook at the last moment to speak for the Church League on the "ideal" side of the Women's Suffrage Movement (our representative being obliged to cancel her engagement). Miss Matters made a beautiful and eloquent speech. The other speakers—Miss Smyth Pigott, Miss Margaret Robertson, and Miss Alison Garland—addressed the Meeting with excellent speeches. The audience was urged to write to their respective Members, and about £32 were raised.

The arrangements for the Bishop of Hull's Meeting for the afternoon of February 12th (3 P.M.) in the Church House are progressing. Miss Leadley Brown is also speaking on that occasion.

(Miss) MARGARET J. BARRETT.

Oxford.

Members were invited by the N.U.W.S.S. to take part in a Joint Procession of the non-militant Suffrage Societies in Oxford on January 8th, at 6 P.M. Lanterns and banners were the chief attraction. The procession was quite a success, but unfortunately the

open-air meeting afterwards could not be held, owing to the disturbance by a hostile crowd of roughs.

Our Secretary has had to cease work for some time, owing to ill-health, but we hope to have her restored to us shortly.
(Miss) H. A. W. STARE (*pro tem.*)

Paddington.

Attention is specially drawn to the Meeting which has been arranged by the Branch to take place at the Elysée Rooms, 17, Queen's Road, Bayswater (a few steps from the Queen's Road Tube Station), on Wednesday, February 19th, at 8.30 p.m. The subject is 'Social Purity.' Mr. Hinscliff has promised to take the chair, and Miss Maude Royden has kindly consented to speak. We hope to see as fine an audience as we had at the Ethical Hall on November 4th. Tickets for reserved seats (1s. and 6d.) may be obtained from me at 8, Warwick Avenue, W.

(Mrs.) M. COOPER.

Southport and Birkdale.

During the last month we have had plenty to do. The Carol Party at Christmas was much enjoyed, and brought us a clear profit of about £6.

On January 6th we had the pleasure of meeting Miss Anne Gilchrist (Organizing Secretary, Edinburgh Branch), who, addressing the Members at the Annual Business Meeting, spoke of the fine ideals of the League. This Meeting was followed, on January 8th, by Evensong at Holy Trinity Church, and an Address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Lindon Parkyn.

Our energies are now concentrated on the Ruskin Recital, which is to be given by Forbes Akhurst, Esq., on January 29th.

We are grateful to the following friends for gifts to the new office: Miss Beanland, Mrs. Lees, Mrs. Lovell, Miss Marshall.

(Miss) PHYLIS LOVELL.

Warwick, Leamington, and County.

The Annual Meeting of the Branch will be held in the Masonic Rooms on February 12th. Speaker, the Rev. C. Hinscliff, at 3 p.m. This is in Leamington.

In the evening of the same day the Branch joins with N.U.W.S.S., C.U.W.F.A., and the Men's League in a Meeting in the County Hall, Warwick. Speakers: Rev. C. Hinscliff and Lord Willoughby de Broke.
(Miss) D. SEVILLE.

Wimbledon.

New Members: Mrs. White Bamford, Miss Hall.
The Annual Meeting is being arranged at 8.15 on February 3rd, at St. Mark's Hall, to be followed by a Social Evening, at which Dr. Letitia Fairfield will speak. Signor Enrico Piazza and other artists will sing. There will be a White Elephant Stall, for which each person is asked to bring a gift.
(Mrs.) M. BEATTY.

Worthing.

New Members: Mrs. Bloomer, Mrs. Dickinson, Miss B. Theyer.
(Miss) S. COLLYER.

The Calendar.

Feb. 1, Sat.	St. Bride's Day: Intercessions in Churches and Chapels for the Enfranchisement of Women.
" "	Brighton and Hove Branch: Opening of C.L.W.S. Office, 151-2, North Street, Brighton, by Rev. Vicars Boyle, 3 p.m.
Feb. 2, Sun.	CORPORATE COMMUNION DAY.
" 3, Mon.	Anerley and Crystal Palace Branch: Meeting in Town Hall, 8 p.m. Subject: 'White Slave Traffic.' Speakers, Rev. C. Baumgarten (Chair), Miss Abadam, Mr. Ed. Smallwood, J.P. L.C.C. Admission Free, Reserved Seats, 1s. and 6d.
" "	Wimbledon Branch: Annual Meeting in St. Mark's (Small Hall), 8.15 p.m. Speakers, Dr. Letitia Fairfield and others.
" "	Executive, 8 p.m.; Finance Committee, 7 p.m.
" 4, Tues.	Ilford Branch: Meeting in Cecil Hall, 8 p.m. Speakers, Miss Cicely Dean Corbett and others.
" 5, Wed.	Organisation Committee, C.L.W.S. Central Offices, 11 a.m.
" 6, Thurs.	Brighton and Hove Branch: Committee Meeting at Offices, 5.30; "At Home" to Members, 8 p.m.
" "	Islington: Annual Members' Meeting in St. Mark's Church Room at 8 p.m.
" 8, Sat.	Eastbourne: Women's Suffrage Exhibition at Town Hall, 12 noon to 10 p.m. C.L.W.S. Exhibits.
" 12, Wed.	Warwick and Leamington Branch: Annual Meeting in Masonic Rooms, Leamington, 3 p.m. Speaker, Rev. C. Hinscliff. Joint Meeting in County Hall, Warwick, in evening with Conservative and Unionist W.F.A., N.U.W.S.S., and Men's League. Speakers, Rev. C. Hinscliff, Lord Willoughby de Broke and others.
" "	Liverpool Branch: Meeting in Church House (St. John Street), 3 p.m. Speakers, The Bishop of Hull and Miss C. Leadley Brown.
" "	Organisation Committee at C.L.W.S. Central Offices, 11 a.m.

" 13, Thurs.	Anerley and Crystal Palace Branch: Members Meeting at 149, Croydon Road, Anerley, 8 p.m.
" 14, Fri.	Lewisham Branch: Drawing-Room Meeting at 43, Clarendon Road, Lewisham, 8 p.m.
" 17, Mon.	Devizes: Inauguration of Branch by Rev. C. Hinscliff; Executive, 8 p.m.; Finance Committee, 7 p.m.
" 18, Tues.	Bath Branch: Afternoon Meeting. Speaker, Rev. C. Hinscliff.
" 19, Wed.	Kensington Branch: Meeting at Elysée Rooms, 17, Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8.30 p.m., on 'Social Purity.' Speakers, Rev. C. Hinscliff (Chair), Miss Maude Royden and others.
" "	Organisation Committee at C.L.W.S. Central Offices, 11 a.m.
" 20, Thurs.	Ilford Branch: Meeting in St. Albans Church Room, 8 p.m. Speakers, Rev. F. M. Green and others.
" "	Brighton and Hove Branch: Meeting of Committee at Office, 5.30 p.m.; Annual Meeting at Office, 8 p.m.
" 21, Fri.	Chelsea: Inauguration of Branch at Cheyne Club, 4 p.m. Speakers, Rev. C. Hinscliff, Miss Abadam and others.
" 22, Sat.	Parkstone Branch: Meeting at Church House, 3 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Helen Hanson.
" 26, Wed.	Organisation Committee Meeting, Central Offices, 11 a.m.

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Varia.

EXCEPTIONALLY interesting lectures are being given this month at the Suffrage Club, 3, York Street, St. James's, S.W. On Thursday, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m., Dr. Marion Phillips speaks on the subject of 'Women as Wage Earners,' this meeting being held under the auspices of the Australian and New Zealand Women Voters' Association (London). The Colonial element is strongly in evidence this month, for on Tuesday, the 25th, at 3.30 p.m., Miss C. Nina Boyle will speak on 'Woman's Vote and the Empire,' on which occasion the chair will be taken by J. W. Jeudwine, Esq. Further particulars of these February meetings, and information regarding those in preparation for March, will be forwarded on application to the Suffrage Club, 3, York Street, St. James's, S.W.

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without leaking.The nib being always in the ink, it does not
get dry, and writes immediately it touches
the paper.

It is re-filled without having to unscrew any part of the pen.