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## OUR POINT OF VIEW.

### The "Fractious Gee-gee."

*Punch* last week returned once more to Woman Suffrage, and in devoting a full-page cartoon to the Cabinet split, testified to the world at large the dominant importance of the question. The cartoon of a fortnight ago gave the *coup de grace* to the two voices issuing from the Cabinet on the public platform. The latest humorous aspect of the situation shows Mr. Asquith making an almost despairing appeal to the famous strike settler, Sir George Askwith. Sir George, as the "Fairy Peacemaker," stands triumphant over the dragon of the cotton strike. The Prime Minister, as "Master of the Horse" (otherwise the Cabinet), declares: "Now that you've charmed yon dragon I shall need ye to stop the strike inside this fractious gee-gee." The fractious gee-gee, it may be noted, is an unruly animal with a broken back, which puts the rider in a perilous position; the uncontrollable legs are endeavouring to go in contrary directions at the same time, and the weird head of this "property" horse wears a sardonic expression as if fully realising the predicament of the unfortunate rider whose feet are touching the ground and who keeps himself in position only by leaning heavily with one hand on the haunches, while with the other he clutches the bridle. The position of Mr. Asquith might cause pity did the women not remember the indignation aroused by the insult of the Manhood Suffrage Bill. Perish the women but preserve the party is not a safe cry nowadays. Even if an effort be made to mend the broken back of the fractious gee-gee by reintroducing the One Man One Vote Bill of the anti-Woman Suffragist Minister, Mr. Harcourt, uncomplicated by the question of the women, the Government will still have to face its responsibility and re-members its pledges to women. We are in no mood to stand further trifling, or to be satisfied with the enticing suggestion that through the Plural Voting Bill we shall "see how little men mind losing a few extra votes and so cease to hanker after such trifles ourselves."

### Workers and Suffrage.

The annual Conference of the Labour Party in Birmingham last week was preceded by the seventh annual Conference of the Women's Labour League. When the W.F.L. Conference met at the Caxton Hall last Saturday the length of the agenda paper surprised many members; but the Women's Labour League dealt with an agenda of no less than fifty resolutions, all of which had reference to the interests of women. Alderman Ben Turner, President of the Labour Party's Conference, greeted the women workers, and on the question of Suffrage expressed the conviction that Manhood Suffrage should not be accepted unless women were included. A similar statement, made in his Presidential address the following day, evoked loud applause, and was ultimately passed as an official resolution by a large majority. The attitude of the miners' delegates—that men should not refuse votes if all women did not get them, naturally aroused the indignation of Miss Mary MacArthur, their comrade in many a fight. We see in this attitude a reason for the determined stand taken by the Pit-brow women against being dispossessed of their work. The question of trade jealousy is not new; women's help is welcome to a certain point, but when women begin to reap advantages, the masculine point of view alters. The miners may well learn a lesson from the Lancashire cotton workers who, according to the statement of Miss Eva Gore Booth to the Prime Minister, would not accept votes for all men if women were not included, and whose attitude would have made it impossible for a Manhood Suffrage Bill to have been introduced had the House of Commons been located in Lancashire.

### Bravo, Norway!

Norway is forging ahead. A few days ago both sections of the Storting adopted the Bill admitting women to appointments as public officials, and resolved to send the Bill to the King for his assent. Positions in the army, the Church, the Government, and as representatives abroad are still restricted to men, but there was considerable support for an amendment which removed such restrictions. The Bill will enable Norway to have women judges, and goes a long way towards establishing the equality of the sexes. Scandinavia is showing courage. Mr. Asquith should turn his eyes to the work of his Northern colleagues and give a straight answer to little Prince Olaf, who wanted to know why "Uncle George did not give the women the vote as we have done?"

### The Censored "Coronation."

If there must be such an anomalous and ridiculous office as the censor of plays, why not make it a dual one and appoint a woman as well as a man? Then instead of censoring plays which hold up high ideals and licensing those of questionable intent—the *Spring Chicken*, for instance, or *Dear Old Charlie* by the Censor himself—as fit food for public morals, a reversed decision would be likely. We do not presume to judge of men's desires in this direction; they know what suits them best. But certainly women would not have banned such a piece as the *Coronation*, of which we give an account in another column, and Mr. Zangwill's message sums up the position: "Success to the *Coronation*. God save the King. God help the Censor!"

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### THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

#### Conference Speaks.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously at the Annual Conference on January 27:—

1. This Conference relies on Mr. Asquith to carry out his pledge to give facilities for the Conciliation Bill in 1912, and calls upon Members of Parliament to support this Bill through all its stages.

2. This Conference expresses its indignation at the proposal of the Government to introduce any Franchise Reform Bill without including women, and calls upon the Government to incorporate votes for women on equal terms with men in any such Bill.

3. This Conference calls upon Members of Parliament of all parties to vote against the Third Reading of any Bill dealing with Franchise Reform which does not include Women's Suffrage.

#### Our United Demand.

It is well that the public in general and Members of Parliament in particular should understand that Women Suffragists are united in their demand for "Votes for Women on the same terms as they are or may be granted to men." On whatever other questions of policy or tactics we differ, on that we are practically at one. We are constantly being informed that our compromise on the Conciliation Bill showed that we were prepared to be "satisfied" with much less than our original demand. Certainly neither the Women's Freedom League, nor any of the other important Suffrage Societies, will ever be satisfied with anything less than equality.

#### Possible Dangers.

The unscrupulous ways of politicians, however, compel us to protect ourselves as far as we can from their trickery. Mr. Asquith has said that the pledges for the Conciliation Bill still stand, unless—and herein lies a pitfall for the unwary—the promoters of the measure desire them to be withdrawn. Supposing this were done and the Government then decided to drop their proposed Franchise Bill with its promised chance of amendments (and, judging from past experience, a trick of this kind would not cause their well-disciplined consciences any uneasiness!) our question would be hung up until another Bill was framed and floated. It is to guard ourselves against any manoeuvre of this description that we hold the Prime Minister to his pledges *re* the Conciliation Bill.

#### The Promised Amendments.

Three amendments are to be moved to the Franchise Reform Bill; one for Votes for Women on the same terms as men—really an Adult Suffrage amendment. Then Mr. Lloyd George is expected to move one on the Norwegian basis, enfranchising about seven million women; and in the last resource one on the lines of the Conciliation Bill will be proposed whereby one million women householders would be enfranchised.

#### Mr. Lloyd George's Proposed Wedding Gift.

None but the first of these, however, could be regarded as meeting the demand for sex equality. Mr. Lloyd George's proposal to give women the vote as a sort of State wedding present can never satisfy those who demand it as a human right, irrespective altogether of their relation to the other sex. The basis of

qualification on the lines of the Conciliation Bill would be unsatisfactory in the highest degree if the present basis for men were extended or altered in any way. As long as some men were voting on a household franchise, some women might do so, but to have all men voting on an entirely different qualification from women would be to create an invidious distinction between the sexes that would prove a source of perpetual dispute and ill-feeling. "On the same terms" is our goal to-day as it was when we first began our agitation, and the Freedom League has no intention of retiring from active service in the franchise campaign until that goal is won.

#### Congratulations and Thanks.

If the Labour Party translates into vigorous action the splendid spirit shown at its Conference last week the end of our struggle may be much nearer than many of us have dared to hope. A resolution demanding the enfranchisement of all adult men and women in the coming Government Bill and requesting the Labour Party in Parliament to make it clear that no Bill will be acceptable to the Labour and Socialist movement which does not include women was passed by a large majority.

#### Ingratitude.

The miners' delegates announced that they would vote against the resolution on the ground that it pledged the Labour Members to oppose a Bill giving Manhood Suffrage unless Woman's Suffrage were included in it. This attitude is particularly contemptible in a body of men whose struggles for better industrial conditions have cost their women so much, and yet whose women have co-operated so heartily with them and paid the necessary price so wholeheartedly and loyally. Miss Mary MacArthur—to whom the thanks of all Suffragists are due—pointed this out so eloquently and convincingly that when the final vote was taken it was carried by a triumphant majority.

#### The Responsibility of Power.

It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of this pronouncement, particularly in view of the position held by the Labour Party in the present Parliament. They form a very considerable part of the Government's majority. Forty-two in number, they count eighty-four on a division, and many times during the last Session the Government majority dropped below that figure. They can tip the scale as they choose almost on any division, and a declaration of uncompromising action on their part must bring the Government to terms. Let an intimation be given that the withdrawal of the proposed Bill and the substitution of one giving votes to women and men equally is the price of their support, and the Government will have to give in or face defeat.

#### The Chance of a Lifetime.

In taking this attitude the Labour Party need not fear that they will be retarding their own cause. Adult Suffrage is one of the most important items in their programme, and to neglect so excellent a chance of furthering it would merit severe condemnation from their supporters. It is not often that the opportunity of carrying out a long-delayed act of justice, and furthering their own desires at the same time comes in the way of a political party; the Labour Party should rejoice that fate has shown them this unique favour.

#### Rumours and Wrecks.

The rumour that the Government intends to drop the proposed Franchise Reform Bill and substitute Mr. Harecourt's "One Man One Vote" Bill still crops up in the Press, but it has not attracted any official confirmation or denial as yet. Meantime Suffragists are keenly on the watch. There is no fear that any way of escape will be left unguarded. The referendum boat—that was launched as we intimated last week by the First Lord of the Admiralty with such secrecy and care—has come to grief. It encountered too many adverse winds. *The Daily Chronicle* and *The Westminster* have now the unenviable

task of intimidating to the "hero of a hundred fights" that the game is up. On the whole he had better attend to his legitimate vessels; after all, he is paid pretty handsomely for his services in this direction.

MARTON HOLMES.

### POLITICAL AND MILITANT WORK.

#### The By-Elections.

It was reported in our last issue that the W.F.L. took no part in the Carmarthen Boroughs election, but immediately after going to press our Swansea Branch informed us that they had been able to send Mrs. Ross to Llanelly, and a special manifesto had been issued with the policy of the League, which was one of propaganda only. Mr. Llewellyn Williams has again been returned, and we are glad to remember he has a good Suffrage record and has consistently supported all our Bills.

#### East Edinburgh.

W.F.L. Committee Rooms: 14 Broughton-street.

#### Candidates:—

Mr. J. M. HOGGE (Liberal).  
Mr. JAMESON (Conservative).

Hon. Organiser-in-charge:—Miss J. H. GIBSON.

Replies have now been received from the candidates in East Edinburgh. Mr. Jameson (Unionist) is in favour of a Referendum, as he declares that the present House of Commons has no mandate to deal with a matter of such "revolutionary" character. Mr. J. M. Hogge (Liberal) who is entirely in favour of a democratic amendment to the Reform Bill, will support the Conciliation Bill should such an amendment fail, and, most important of all, has now agreed to vote against the Third Reading of the Reform Bill should women be excluded (unless the Reform Bill is merely to deal with plural voting, Registration, &c.) We are, therefore, opposing the Unionist candidate. Miss Gibson is very kindly undertaking the work of organisation, which she did so successfully in Govan. A shop has been taken at 14, Broughton-street, and already its show of posters, literature, &c., attracts much attention. Several meetings are being held every evening, and Miss Alison Neilans will arrive on Thursday to speak on the eve of the poll.

(p.p.) J. H. GIBSON.  
H. McLAHLAN.

### WHAT ONE WOMAN CAN DO. THE GODALMING SCANDAL.

Our readers will remember the appalling case of child assault at Godalming, to which our member, Mrs. Brown Taylor, drew attention, and which was recorded in *THE VOTE* of November 11. A married man, twenty-eight years of age, confessed to committing an assault on a little girl seven and a-half years of age. The town was deeply stirred when this "abominable and atrocious crime," so described by the sentencing magistrate, which had been going on for six months, was punished by four months' hard labour—that is, two months less than the maximum sentence. On Monday last a public indignation meeting was held at Godalming, at which I was invited to speak. The devotion of one woman made the meeting possible. The necessary preliminary work and all arrangements, including the decoration of the hall, were carried out by her single-handed, and she expects not only to cover expenses, but to send a generous donation to the Freedom League. Although the seats were paid for, an excellent collection proved how deeply the large audience had been stirred by the case. The ex-Mayor, Mr. Alexander Munro, who tried the case, presided. One of the speakers declared that it would be better if wild animals roamed the streets, taking the children one by one by the brief agony of death, than that children should be exposed to the danger of this horrible degradation, for evidence can be brought forward to the effect that three other children suffered thus shamefully

at the hands of this man. Such men are moral lepers, and should be segregated from the rest of the community. These words made a deep impression on the audience, for they seemed then fully to realise the heinousness of the crime and the gravity of the danger. There is a strong impression in Godalming that important evidence in the case has been held back; strenuous efforts are now being made, in which the important men and women of the neighbourhood, as well as the workers, are co-operating, to obtain the help of the Public Prosecutor in order that a searching inquiry may be made. The National Union gave valuable assistance by their presence on the platform, and by the sale of tickets; the Guildford and Godalming Branches of the I.D.P. also deserve thanks for their excellent service in stewarding the meeting.

It is piteous beyond expression to realise that these are not isolated cases. Terrible stories come to us from rescue homes of injuries inflicted on young children. The knowledge of these atrocities, and the apparent inadequacy of the law and its administration to stop them constitutes one of the reasons for the impelling force, the deathless energy behind the woman's movement of to-day. C. D.

### ADULT SUFFRAGE AT THE ALBERT HALL.

Suffragists will muster in force at the Albert Hall on Tuesday, February 13, when the demonstration, organised by the Labour Party, the Independent Labour Party, and the Fabian Society, will take place. Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., will take the chair at 8 p.m. The speakers include the foremost names of the Labour Party, as well as Mrs. Despard, Miss Mary MacArthur, and Miss Millicent Murby. It is important that tickets (from 5s. to 6d., with free admission to the gallery) be purchased before the night of the meeting. For particulars see p. iii. of cover. [N.B.—Owing to this important demonstration the W.F.L. Discussion meeting at the Gardenia Restaurant, fixed for the same night, is postponed.]

### WOMEN AS PUBLIC SERVANTS IN NORWAY.

By a large majority a Bill enabling women to hold many public offices was passed by the Storting a few days ago. As a correspondent observes, it will soon be possible to address the judges in a Norwegian Court of Appeal with the words, "May it please your ladyships!" Women may not be members of the Government, ministers of the State Church, representatives abroad or in military command, but the amendment giving absolute equality gained twenty-eight votes out of eighty-eight.

### QUALITY AND VALUE.

A perusal of the illustrated catalogue of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company, Ltd.—which can be obtained post free from 112, Regent-street, London, W.—convince one that purchasers of gem jewellery and gold and silver plate may there obtain the utmost value for their money.

### Women Writers' Suffrage League.

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### A CALL FOR CLEAR THINKING.

In the multitude of societies in every part of the country, each with its own particular object, it is surprising that we do not find one for the education of men and women in clear thinking. High thinking, deep thinking, active work to bring about the accomplishment of some individual or social aspiration—of these we hear; but of that clear mental vision which, piercing the veils of illusion, brings the truth of things to light, we hear very little. Yet, of all the crying wants of the present day this is perhaps the greatest.

In the old days there was, even in politics, a definiteness of aim—a precision of statement that we do not find now. Political opponents stood facing one another in the House of Commons and in the country, and it was possible to place them. We knew we should find help here, and we knew, also, that we should find hindrance there. To-day politics are a whirligig. Day after day we watch the papers, as we watch the weather-chart. No sooner have we placed our man as friend or foe than we find that he is neither. Under certain circumstances he will take a certain course, because, he will tell us, he considers it right and honourable to do so. But we must not take him too seriously. Given a change of attitude on the part of some other persons, and he may find it the right and honourable thing to go back from his word; or, rather, he may seek to persuade us that we have mistaken his meaning. So it comes about that those who do try to think clearly find themselves often bewildered, and sometimes betrayed.

We are moved to these reflections by what is passing in the political world to-day with regard to Woman's Suffrage. There cannot be the slightest doubt that male politicians—those who are indifferent, as well as those who are afraid—are perceiving every day more clearly that a vast number of women in this country are in deadly earnest. They are not beseeching—the day is over for that. They are demanding. These men are aware, also, of the actual power of woman, and there has come to them the uncomfortable suspicion that she is entering upon this power consciously, and as an instrument that she means to use. Undoubtedly this would bring about changes. When women are no longer patient drudges on the one hand or sham queens and pinchbeck goddesses on the other, some men, as well as some women, would find themselves in a world of strange and, to some of them, alarming fancies. This danger must be averted. So, through a fatal lack of that clear thinking which leads to strong action, they fence with the question. A little diplomacy, a few promises, some shifting of the burden of blame from an over-tasked Ministry to the rank and file of the House of Commons will lay it to rest for at least their time.

It is through such miserable failure to accept the logic of a situation that fatal disasters fall upon families and nations, and we cannot be surprised that one of the Liberal papers, referring the other day to the revival of the Referendum proposal, spoke of it as "a grave peril."

To the minds of those who think deeply there lurks at the back of all this a still graver peril. Now woman's eyes are open, now she has realised her human equality with men, she begins to see what before she may only have vaguely felt—the intolerable nature of her position. Take, for instance, woman and the law! In a country which professes to make justice its watchword—a country one of whose axioms it is that a man shall be judged by

his peers, how is woman tried? Have her peers any word as to the verdict passed upon her, or as to the punishment to be inflicted for breaches of the law. No word is hers as to the making of the laws by which she is to be bound, and she is not even permitted to have a share in their administration. No woman who was present at the trial of Daisy Turner for wilful murder at Gloucester will ever lose the impression made upon her by that girlish figure in the crowd of men who were trying her, nor the passionate revolt against the injustice involved in the fact that the whole of the dreadful drama was being treated from the man's point of view.

In some cases where women are tried, as happened lately, women are actually excluded from the court. When Emily Wilding Davison was tried recently at the Old Bailey, her personal friends were met by the astounding order, "No females admitted." Again, when Mrs. Gatty was brought up on the charge of attempting to break a window, the same order was given. We mention these as late instances; but over and over again the same thing has happened, which proves clearly, so far as the relations between men and women under the law are concerned, a disastrous lack of clear thinking and consistent action.

It would be easy to elaborate this, to show how the laws relating to marriage, to divorce, to children, to the rights of parentage, to inheritance, to labour and its reward all fail in this one particular; they are lopsided; they give evidence of the dire necessity that exists for clear and logical thinking. A poet once prayed a remarkable prayer. It was: "Oh! wad some power the giftie gie us to see o'orsel's as ithers see us!" What an extraordinary spectacle would the thoughts of the modern politician, even the statesman, offer, if by some magical device they could be brought before us in visible form!

We, the women in the woman's movement, should, however, be upon our guard. Certain persons in the olden time were warned of the dread possibility that while preaching to others they might themselves be castaways. To us, even more urgently than to the politicians, rings out the call for clear thinking; and we feel it is well that we of the Women's Freedom League, casting away all illusions, have definitely taken up our position. Our Conference is just over. Delegates of Branches all over the country have met together at Caxton Hall in earnest deliberation, and reports will be given to our members in due time. To those who are still outside the movement, and to members of other societies, we desire it to be known that, with no uncertain voice, the note on two points of vital importance rang out.

Equal rights for man and woman, the recognition of a dual humanity. This was the first point, and the demand is that which, from the initiation of our society, has been set forth—political enfranchisement on the same terms as those now, or at any future time accorded to men. The note of the whole Conference was that nothing short of this act of elementary justice would satisfy us. And the second note, sounded with no less force, was that of militancy. When it must be used, or where or how, rests with the future. On the new Executive Committee and the newly-elected officers rests the obligation of carrying out the wishes of the League when the occasion arises.

It is worthy of special interest that on the evening of the day when our Annual Conference met, the campaign planned by the Independent Labour Party to enforce equality of rights for man and woman, and to repudiate a merely manhood suffrage opened in a crowded and enthusiastic meeting at Bow Baths. None who were present there on Sunday night could entertain any doubt of the sincerity and earnestness of the battle so auspiciously begun. To some of us it is particularly good to know that Adult Suffrage is at least wide-awake and active, and that all those who are supporting it realise its significance.

C. DESPARD.

## THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE W.F.L.

For two days, Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28, the Women's Freedom League was in Conference at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, and even two long sittings did not suffice completely to cover the prodigious agenda paper. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday, the officials and delegates were kept busy, with only brief intervals for meals. The Council Chamber presented a very business-like appearance, with a high table at the end for the President and the National Executive Council, and tables stretching across the hall for the delegates and their important documents. Members of the League, who attended as spectators only, found accommodation round the hall.

The first important business was the reception by Mrs. Despard, the President, of the delegates from the

LONDON.—Acton, Mrs. Arney; Anerley, Miss Ethel Fennings; Clapham, Mrs. Thomas; Croydon, Mrs. Labrousse and Mrs. Terry; Finchley, Mrs. Farrington; Hackney, Mrs. Catmur and Miss Roles; Hampstead, Mrs. Spiller and Mrs. Thomson Price; Hampstead Garden Suburb, Mrs. Drysdale; West Hampstead, Mrs. van Raalte; Harrow, Mrs. Huntsman; Herne Hill, Miss B. Spencer; Highbury, Miss John; Kensington, Miss Boyle; Mid-London, Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. Tritton; Northern Heights, Miss Dyer; Stamford Hill, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Thomson; Tottenham, Miss Todd.

After the necessary preliminary business of appointing the Standing Orders Committee, Tellers, and Scrutineers, the Conference heard with much interest Mrs. Despard's presidential address—an abridged report of which will be found on page 172. The reports of the various departments were next taken; they will, with Mrs. Despard's address, be given in full in the Annual Report issued to all members.

### RECEPTION OF DELEGATES BY MRS. DESPARD.



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Mrs. Felix Jones. Miss Alix M. Clark. (Montgomery Boroughs.)

Miss Husband. (Dundee.)

Mrs. Despard. (President W.F.L.)

Miss Andrews. (Ipswich.)

Branches. At one moment during this welcome the photographer did his part, and so we are able to give our readers a lightning impression, emphasising a special value of the Annual Conference which does not find its way on to the agenda paper, namely, the face to face meeting of members and the realisation of the links that bind them in their service to the Cause.

In addition to Mrs. Despard (President), Miss Tite (hon. treasurer), and Miss Underwood (secretary), the following members of the Executive Council were present:—Miss Andrews, Mrs. Coates Hanson, Miss Husband, Miss Munro, Miss Neilans, Mrs. Sproson, Mrs. Tudor, and Mrs. Vulliamy. The following delegates represented the Branches:—

ENGLAND (PROVINCES).—Brighton and Hove, Miss Hare and Miss White; Cheltenham, Miss Boulton; Eccles, Miss Heyes; Hadleigh, Mrs. Tippett; West Hartlepool, Mrs. English; Ipswich, Miss Andrews; Liverpool, Mrs. Hall; Manchester (Central), Miss Neal; Middlesbrough, Mrs. Schofield Coates; Portsmouth, Miss Hatfield; Sheffield, Miss Barnett; South Shields, Mrs. Revel; Sunderland, Mrs. Palliser and Miss Clark; West Sussex, Miss Cummin; Wellingborough, Miss Sharman; Wolverhampton, Miss Callaer.

SCOTLAND.—Dundee, Miss Husband; Edinburgh, Miss Jack; Glasgow, Miss Buntin; Scattered members, Miss Murray.

WALES.—Montgomery Boroughs, Miss Clark and Mrs. Felix Jones; Cardiff, Miss Hill; Swansea, Mrs. Ross.

We may mention here that the hon. treasurer was able to announce a satisfactory financial position with regard to expenditure and income, and she put clearly before the Conference the need for determined effort to fill the coffers if the increasing work of the League in all its departments is to be carried on satisfactorily. The Literature secretary also reported a gratifying result of the year's work, showing how the publications of the department are more and more widely recognised and are in demand far beyond the limits of the W.F.L. In addition to the useful pamphlets published, special reference was made to the admirable Cameo Life sketches written by Mrs. Marion Holmes, which are being sold in large numbers. Messages from California also showed how the flag brooches of the W.F.L. were quite an important feature of the recent struggle which ended in the enfranchisement of the women.

The Secretary dealt with many features of vital interest to the League, and reported that three flourishing branches have been added during the year: Montgomery Boroughs, Kensington, and Hampstead Garden Suburb; one new group has come into being, and others are in the process of formation. The various demonstrations, and especially the John Stuart Mill and the Suffrage

Coronation processions, were referred to, as well as the exceedingly good work done by Miss Sidley and her fellow helpers with the caravan.

Miss Neilans, in the regretted absence through illness of Mrs. How Martyn, read the report of the Political and Militant Department. It goes without saying that the Conference sent a warm message of sympathy to Mrs. How Martyn, and expressed the hope that she would soon be able to take an active part in the work of the League. Sympathetic reference was also made to Miss Sidley, absent through illness, whose fine work in speaking and organising is well known to the League. On the other hand, the Conference had the pleasure of welcoming back Mrs. Amy Sanderson, fit and able for work, after her long withdrawal through serious illness.

Subsequently considerable discussion took place on the political and militant work for the future, and it became clear that nothing short of votes for women on the same terms as they are or may be given to men—the old battle-cry of the League—was the dominant policy; that the spirit of militancy, though in abeyance, was still ready for action when the call came, was also enthusiastically demonstrated. The resolutions on this question adopted by the Conference are given in Mrs. Holmes' article on page 170.

Another important topic to which considerable discussion was devoted, was finance, and various resolutions with regard to internal organisation and membership were debated at length. The Conference in future is to be held in March. A vote of congratulation was sent to the women of Washington and California on their victory during the past year.

The annual Conference always affords good evidence of the varied character of the work and the workers in

different points of the country; the enthusiasm of the North led one delegate to declare that plays and politics had to be "tried on Tyneside" before being submitted to the country. Miss Clark, of Montgomery Boroughs, brought news of the splendid success attained in Vote sales in the Boroughs. From Manchester came information of encouraging and hopeful prospects, and Scotland was able to give the Conference the benefit of wide and successful experience in propaganda work of all kinds, as well as successful by-election campaigns.

For the last sitting Mrs. Coates Hanson, who had been chairman of the Standing Orders Committee, and done valuable service in the business management of the Conference, took the chair for Mrs. Despard, who had to keep another engagement.

The ballot for officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Despard, by a unanimous vote. Miss Tite was re-elected hon. treasurer; members of the Executive Council: Miss Jack, Miss Murray, Miss Husband—to serve alternately for Scotland—Mrs. Coates Hanson, Miss Andrews, Mrs. How Martyn, Miss Munro, Miss Neilans, Mrs. Sproson, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Clark (Montgomery Boroughs), Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Vulliamy. These, given in order of the voting, form the Committee. The following are the next in order to be called upon to fill any vacancies that may arise: Dr. Knight, Miss Heyes, Miss Neal, Mrs. Tippett, Mrs. Tritton. The new members are Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Drysdale, Miss Clark, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Tudor did not stand for re-election.

On Monday morning, January 29, the new Executive Council held its first meeting at Headquarters, and the members were welcomed by Mrs. Despard, the President.

#### IRISH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE FEDERATION.

With the aim of carrying out extensive propaganda work in Ireland an Irish Women's Suffrage Federation has been formed. By uniting their strength, not their constitutions, the societies will co-operate in extending work already in hand and forming new societies all over Ireland. No existing Woman's Suffrage Society, it was felt, had sufficient funds for extensive propaganda work.

Such work is the first aim of the Federation, but it will also provide a means of intercourse amongst Irish Suffragists, and no doubt lead to a permanent association, to continue after the vote has been won, for the promotion of social and moral reforms which particularly affect women's life and work.

In October the constitution of the Federation was drawn up as follows:—

*Objects.*—(a) To link together the scattered Suffrage societies in Ireland in the effort to obtain the vote as it is, or may be, granted to men.

(b) To carry on more propaganda and educative work throughout Ireland than has hitherto been possible.

(c) To form the basis of an association which will continue to exist after enfranchisement; and whose purpose will be to work, through the power of the vote, for the welfare of women in every department of life.

*Methods.*—By holding an annual meeting of delegates from the Federated Societies for the transaction of business.

By holding half-yearly conferences in towns which are the Headquarters of Federated Societies, the conference to be addressed by chosen representatives from the various centres, and by invited delegates from independent Suffrage societies and from organisations existing to further social and moral reform.

By interchange of speakers at the request of societies in the Federation.

By arranging tours for special speakers to address public meetings throughout the country.

By establishing a separate fund for opening up new centres of interest.

Societies are now affiliated in Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Waterford, Lisburn, and Newry. A Branch has just been established in Parsonstown. Another is in process of formation in Armagh; a large meeting is to be held next week in Athlone, when it is hoped that a Branch will be established there. The committee of the Federation has also carried on active, constitutional agitation amongst Parliamentarians with some interesting results. Engagements have been made with English speakers. Miss Helga Gill, of the N.U.W.S.S., is at present on a tour in Ireland. To the great joy of all Mrs. Despard has promised to visit Ireland and speak for the Federation in April. No speaker on Suffrage in Ireland has won such enthusiastic admiration as Mrs. Despard. Mr. Laurence Housman is to pay a visit in May and perhaps Miss Cicely Corbett.

#### TEACHERS AND THE VOTE.

The Tottenham and Wood Green Association of the N.U.T. held their general meeting recently, and discussed the following motion sent down from the Executive of the N.U.T.: "That this Conference expresses its sympathy with those members of the N.U.T. who desire to possess and exercise the Parliamentary Franchise; but because they are women, and for that reason alone, are by law debarred from it." Mr. Helliwell proposed, and Mrs. Smellie seconded the motion, after which Mrs. Mustard, of the Women's Freedom League, who had been invited by the Association to speak on the subject of Women's Suffrage from a teacher's point of view, emphasised the fact that equal pay for equal work would only be forthcoming if men and women in the Union were politically equal; she deplored the state of things which claimed 2s. from its women members for parliamentary expenditure, when no woman had effective parliamentary representation. One of the chief aims of the Union is to secure the effective representation of educational interest in Parliament. This could not be done if the woman's point of view is overlooked. The resolution was passed by a considerable majority, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Mustard.

#### LONDON BRANCHES COUNCIL—PUBLIC MEETING.

The attention of every member in London is directed to the fact that a very important public meeting, organised by the London Branches Council, is to be held at Caxton Hall on Thursday, February 15, at 8 p.m. This is the first W. F. L. public meeting in Central London of 1912, and it is hoped that its success will augur well for the success of our work in London this year. The speakers will include Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Zangwill, and Miss Neilans. Names of other speakers will be announced next week. Coming immediately after the opening of Parliament, the necessity of having a well-supported meeting cannot be too greatly emphasised. The position of our League must be made clear at this critical time. We look to everyone to realise her responsibility by making the meeting widely known and selling many tickets, so that the Hall is full to overflowing. Tickets (1s. and 6d.) may be had from Miss Andrews, or from the Branch secretaries. Will all those who will take part in poster parades or give some time for bill distribution or chalking send their names to Miss Andrews, 1, Robert-street, Aldelphi? Help of any kind will be much appreciated—especially for the poster parades.

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**LONDON AND SUBURBS.—Anerley and Crystal Palace.—Hon. Secretary: Miss J. FENNINGS, 149, Croydon-road.**

All members are urged to give what they can towards the special levy fund, even if they do not wish to take a collecting-box, so that we may have a good sum to send up for our third monthly contribution. Our next meeting will probably be on Thursday, February 15, at 3 p.m.

**Croydon.—Office: 32A, The Arcade, High-street; Hon. Secretary: Mrs. TERRY, 9, Morland-avenue.**

Next Friday, February 2, our speaker at the weekly "At Home" will be Mrs. Betham, her subject being "JANE EYRE, with its Relation to the Woman's Movement." It will be most interesting. We hope that members will bring friends to hear the lecture. At our last "At Home" there was, as usual, a good attendance, and all were greatly interested in Miss Munro's address on "The Woman of To-day." The lecturer illustrated her remarks by two of Mrs. Perkins Gilman's poems. Miss Mary Pearson afterwards recited another poem by the same author, which was greatly appreciated.

**Hampstead Garden Suburb.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BETHAM, 7, Woodside.**

A business meeting was held on Tuesday in last week at Dr. Vickery's house, when Mrs. Drysdale was selected as delegate to the Conference. It is earnestly hoped that every member will do her utmost to secure new members for our Branch, as it is important that we should grow very much larger in numbers during the coming year.

**Herne Hill and Norwood.—Hon. Secretary: Miss B. SPENCER, 32, Geneva-road, Brixton, S.W.**

On Sunday, January 21, Mrs. Tanner kindly opened a discussion at the South London Ethical Societies' Debating Circle at 60, Lyndhurst-road, Peckham, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. B. H. Jones, and gave an interesting address on the "Political Situation" in respect to Woman Suffrage. An animated discussion took place, and the following resolution was passed unanimously: "This meeting calls upon the Government to include women on the same terms as men in any Bill relating to the Suffrage, and urges the Member of Parliament for the district to support such a proposal." On Monday, January 22, a members' meeting was held at 199, Norwood-road; plans for local propaganda were discussed. It was proposed that sewing meetings should be held fortnightly, if

possible, in anticipation of the sale of work. Two members kindly promised to lend their rooms for this purpose. The first meeting will be held at 179, Clive-road, Dulwich, on Thursday, February 8, at 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. We hope members will attend in force. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend the drawing-room meeting at 170, Peckham Rye, on Thursday, February 1, at 3.30 p.m., when Dr. Alice D. Vickery will speak.

**Mid-London.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. TRITTON, 1, Northcote-avenue, Ealing, W.**

I hope there will be a large attendance at our annual members' meeting on February 12, at 7 p.m., at 1, Robert-street, when after the Branch business is concluded, the delegates to Conference will give their report. We must also work hard to ensure a great success for the meeting organised by the London Branches Council on February 15. The Branch Committee called for February 6, at 7 p.m. at 1, Robert-street, is postponed until Thursday, 8th, at the same time and place.

**Peckham, 23, ALBERT-ROAD.—Joint Hon. Secretaries (pro tem), Mrs. PICKERING and Miss ANSON.**

We have important vacancies still to fill. Required, "literature captain," "local press captain," and "street organiser." Latter might suit a somewhat inactive member as it can all be done at home, and consists of carefully preparing from plan, routes for the chalking captain, for literature distributors and processions so as to cover all important points with minimum effort.

**Tottenham.—Hon. Secretary: Miss F. EGGETT, 30, Lausanne-road, Hornsey.**

The Branch will hold a jumble sale at the end of February. Will members kindly send contributions to 91, Mount Pleasant-road, Tottenham?

**SOUTH OF ENGLAND.—Brighton and Hove.—Hon. Secretary: Miss HARE, 8, San Remo, Hove.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, by kind invitation of Mrs. Budd at Nurnberg, Palmeira-avenue, Hove, at 6.30 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to hear the delegates' report.

**PROVINCES.—Sheffield.—Hon. Secretary: Miss S. G. BARNETT, 5, Victoria Flats, Glossop-road.**

A Branch meeting was held on Monday, January 22, in the Nether School. Resolutions for Conference were discussed, and our delegate instructed with regard to them. A financial report was given by the treasurer of our recent "At Home"; she gave us the welcome news that the profit amounted to more than £8.—G. WILKINSON.

**SCOTLAND.—Edinburgh.—Suffrage Shop, 33, Forrest-road. Hon. Secretary: Miss A. B. JACK, 21, Buccleuch-place. Hon. Treasurer: Miss M. A. WOOD, 67, Great King-street. Hon. Shop Secretary: Mrs. THOMSON, 39, Rosslyn-crescent.**

Our Burns Night has been universally voted a great success. A fuller account will appear next week. In the meantime, we wish to express to Mrs. Sproson, to the singers who contributed to the Burns Concert, to the friends who assisted in the tableaux and to Miss Simpson, the pianist, our very hearty thanks for a delightful evening.—HELEN MCLACHLAN, Asst. Secretary.

**Glasgow.—Suffrage Centre: 302, Sauchiehall-street. Hon. Secretary: Miss MINA STEVENS. Hon. Treasurer: Miss J. L. BUNTON.**

The Branch meeting on Thursday will be addressed by Miss Eunice Murray; her subject being "Pioneer Women." The delegates to the Conference will also give a report. We hope all members and friends will make an effort to be present. On Saturday, February 17, the monthly "At Home" will be held when Mrs. Wilson is to be the speaker.

**WALES AND MONMOUTH.—Swansea.—Hon. Organising Secretary: Mrs. KNIGHT, 23, Walter-road. Hon. Corresponding Secretary: Miss PHIPPS, B.A., 5, Grosvenor-road.**

Our Branch has had a very active fortnight. Many members have been busy distributing bills to announce our Mass Meeting. Mrs. Ross has been alone to Carmarthen and Llanelly to explain the W.F.L. policy. Miss Salmon and her sub-committee have completed the library scheme; they have a splendid list of books, which may be borrowed at a charge of 3d. per volume per fortnight. A well-attended Branch meeting was held on the 24th inst., when the Rev. J. H. Sandheim gave a scholarly and logical lecture on "Woman and Judaism," showing that, though an Oriental race, the Jews had never held Eastern theories as to the subjection of women.

A FEATURE OF THE MATINEE WHICH IS BEING GIVEN BY THE WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE at the New Princes Theatre on Friday, February 9, is the famous Trafalgar-square scene from *Votes for Women*, by Elizabeth Robins, in which Miss Dorothy Minto and Miss Agnes Thomas will sustain their original parts, and Miss Lilian Braithwaite will play Vida Levering and Mr. Mark Hannan the Chairman. The production will be in the hands of Mr. Harold Chapin. In Miss Elizabeth Baker's comedy, *Edith*, the heroine will be Miss Lena Ashwell. Many well-known actresses have undertaken to appear in the Shakespeare Pageant.

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DRAWING ROOM MEETING, 170, Peckham Rye, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Alice Vickery.  
**Fri., Feb. 2.**—CROYDON WEEKLY "AT HOME," 3.30 p.m. *Speaker*: Mrs. Betham.  
**Mon., Feb. 5.**—UXBRIDGE, Brookfield's Restaurant, 8 p.m. Miss Leah Anson on "The Insurance Act."  
**Tues., Feb. 6.**—DISCUSSION MEETING, Gardenia Restaurant, 6, Catherine-street, W.C. (next door to Drury Lane Theatre), 8 p.m. Mrs. Betham on "Jane Eyre" and Its Relation to the Woman's Movement."  
WEST HAMPSTEAD BRANCH WEEKLY MEETING, 23, Pandora-road. 8.30 p.m.  
**Thurs., Feb. 8.**—HERNE-HILL BRANCH SEWING MEETING, 179, Clive-road, Dulwich. 3.30 p.m. Public Meeting, Warming-ton House, High-street, Tottenham. 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Tanner.  
**Fri., Feb. 9.**—CROYDON WEEKLY "AT HOME," 3.30 p.m. *Speaker*: Miss Nina Boyle.  
**Mon., Feb. 12.**—MID-LONDON BRANCH MEMBERS' ANNUAL MEETING, 1, Robert-street, 7 p.m.  
**Thurs., Feb. 15.**—CAXTON HALL, Westminster, Public Meeting, 8 p.m. Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Zangwill, Mrs. Holmes, Miss Neilans, and others.  
**Fri., Feb. 16.**—CROYDON WEEKLY "At Home," 3.30 p.m., Mrs. Bailie.  
**Sat., Feb. 17.**—HARD-UP SOCIAL, Gardenia Restaurant 6.30 p.m.  
**Tues., Feb. 20.**—DISCUSSION MEETING, Gardenia Restaurant, 8 p.m. Mrs. Brownlow on "Women in Local Government."  
**Fri., Feb. 23.**—CROYDON WEEKLY "At Home," 3.30 p.m. Mrs. Nevinson.  
**Tues., March 5.**—Meeting at Laverick's Dairy, 97A, Rye-lane, Peckham. Mrs. Despard.

**PROVINCES.**

**Wed., Feb. 7.**—HOVE. BRANCH MEETING AT NURNBERG, Palmeira-avenue. 6.30 p.m.  
**Sun., Feb. 11.**—MIDDLESBROUGH, Free Christians Church. Mrs. Schofield Coates on "The Moral Significance of the Woman's Movement."

**WALES.**

MONTGOMERY BOROUGH.  
**Thurs., Feb. 1.**—LLANIDLOES, Bethel Hall. Mrs. Despard, Ed. Powell, Esq., J.P., Miss Alix Clark. *Chairman*: A. E. O. Humphreys-Owen, Esq.  
**Fri., Feb. 9.**—MACHYNLETH, Town Hall. Mrs. Despard, Miss A. M. Clark, Ed. Powell, Esq., J.P. *Chairman*: Rev. Fred Davies, M.A.

**SCOTLAND.**

DUNDEE.  
**Thurs., Feb. 8.**—GILFILLAN HALL, 8 p.m. Report of Conference. Miss Husband.  
**Thurs., Feb. 22.**—GILFILLAN HALL, 8 p.m. R. Blackwood, Esq., "Woman in Scottish Song." Admission 3d.  
EDINBURGH  
**Wed., Feb. 7.**—SUFFRAGE SHOP, 33, Forrest-road, 8 p.m. Report of Delegate to Conference, Miss A. B. Jack.  
GLASGOW.  
**Thurs., Feb. 1.**—BRANCH MEETING at 8 p.m. Miss Eunice Murray on "Pioneer Women."  
**Tues., Feb. 6.**—SYDNEY PLACE U.F. LITERARY SOCIETY. Debate on "Women's Suffrage." *Leader*: Miss Semple.  
**Sun., Feb. 11.**—EWING-PLACE, PARKHEAD, 4 p.m. Miss Shennan.  
**Wed., Feb. 14.**—PORT GLASGOW. *Speaker*: Miss Semple.

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