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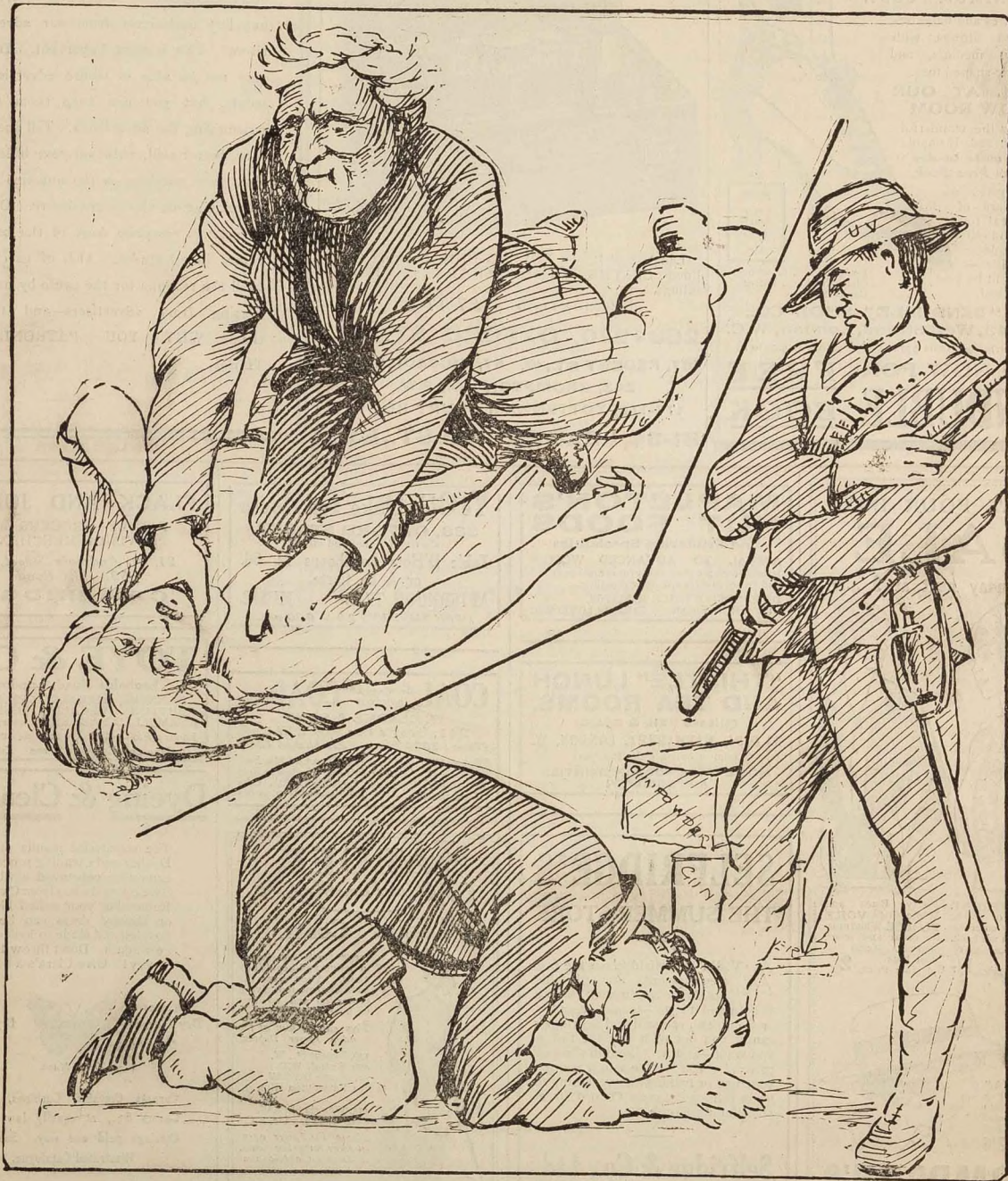
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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Questions on Conspiracy Prisoners.

On July 7th Mr WEDGWOOD asked the Home Secretary (1) whether the report of Dr Haden Guest as to the state of health of Nellie Hall has been brought to his notice, seeing that that report indicates that she was not in a fit condition to plead her own case and in consequence of the recommendation by the jury to mercy on the ground that those who paid her ought to be in the dock instead of her, whether he will see fit to recommend her discharge; and (2) whether Nellie Hall is still being forcibly fed; whether this has now been going on for six weeks; and whether, now that she is convicted, she will be released under the Prisoners (Temporary Discharge) Act?

The SECRETARY OF STATE for the HOME DEPARTMENT (Mr McKenna): I have not seen the report referred to. Miss Nellie Hall was convicted of an offence under the Explosives Act, and sentence was postponed until the hearing of another charge for which she is committed for trial. The prisoner is still refusing her food, and has in the interest of her own life and health to be forcibly fed, but the medical reports show that her general condition is satisfactory, and I am unable to recommend her discharge.

Mr WEDGWOOD: Is the right hon. gentleman aware that Nellie Hall had no counsel, and was unable to conduct her own case? Is he also aware that she has been forcibly fed for six weeks? Mr McKenna: On the first point, if Miss Nellie Hall had no counsel it was, I presume, in accordance with her own wish.

Lord ROBERT CECIL: Why? She may not have been able to afford it.

"A danger to the Public."

Mr McKenna: If she were not able to afford it, counsel would have been provided for her, but I believe my hon. friend will agree with me that it was in accordance with her own wish that she was not represented by counsel. As a matter of fact, her father asked permission to see her in order that he might persuade her to employ professional help, but she refused to do so. As long as Miss Nellie Hall remains a danger to the public I am bound to keep her in prison and alive as long as I can.

Mr WEDGWOOD: Is the right hon. gentleman aware that this occurred after she had been convicted under the Cat and Mouse Act, and, in view of the very strong opinion expressed by the Bishop of London, can he not now release her? Mr McKenna: If she will give an undertaking not to make use of her liberty under what my hon. friend calls the Cat and Mouse Act to engage in further attacks on property, I shall be very glad to release her.

Mr WEDGWOOD: Are all these girls to be kept in prison unless they give an undertaking? Mr McKenna: No, Sir, the position is exactly the same as it was at the time I introduced this Bill into the House. I then stated that in the case of prisoners whose liberty was a danger to the public I should be compelled to avail myself of the power of forcible feeding as a means of keeping them alive in prison.

Mr WEDGWOOD: In that case are we to understand that people who merely smash windows will be let out, whilst those harbouring bombs will be kept in? Mr McKenna: I would not like to define it as in one case smashing windows and in the other harbouring bombs, but those prisoners whose liberty is a danger to the public ought, in my opinion, to be kept in prison.

Mr WEDGWOOD: Does not that refer to all criminals? Mr McKenna: The answer to the first and second question is in the affirmative. Miss Roe has been awaiting trial until to-day. In the case of prisoners charged with serious offences it is necessary to feed them forcibly if they refuse food in order to ensure their being present to take their trial. I am informed that Miss Roe's condition gives cause for no anxiety.

Lord ROBERT CECIL: Have any of these women ever broken their bail, and will the right hon. Gentleman consider the desirability of not forcibly feeding untried prisoners, so as to give no ground for the allegation that they are rendered unfit to conduct their own defence? Mr McKenna: I know of no case in which any of these prisoners have broken bail. The question of bail is not for me, but I am fairly confident that if it were offered it would be accepted.

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QUESTION ON MISS ROE

Forcibly Fed Before Conviction.

On July 7th Mr T. M. HEALY asked the Home Secretary whether the Irish girl, Miss Grace Roe, was forcibly fed before conviction; and, if so, whether this treatment had been previously practised on any of the suffrage prisoners; and can he say anything as to her present condition calculated to remove the anxiety of her relatives?

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Great Women's Meeting.

FULL REPORT TO APPEAR NEXT WEEK.

Success Assured.

The great Protest Meeting in Holland Park Hall takes place after this paper goes to press. A full report of the proceedings and the speeches will appear in our next issue (July 24th). In that number also will be published the total of the Great Protest Fund which has been raised as the result of the W.S.P.U. Annual Self-Denial Week.

The speakers will be Mrs Pankhurst, Mrs Mansel, and others.

Notice to Ticket-Holders.

Members are asked to look carefully at their Tickets, noticing at which door they have to enter. This will save a considerable amount of trouble on entering. Unreserved 1/- and 6d. seats are divided into two parts—East and West. This is marked on every ticket and also on the entrance doors. Holders of Reserved 5/-, 2/6, and 2/- Tickets, and all who have Balcony Tickets go in at the Main Entrance.

The doors open at 7.30; the meeting begins at 8.30.

Instructions to Stewards.

All Stewards must be at the Hall not later than 6.30. No Steward will be admitted without a ticket. Entrance by West Door.

All Stewards are requested to wear white dresses with regalia; the latter can be obtained at Lincoln's Inn House, price 1/-. Any who have not received instructions are asked to be at the Hall at 6.15, and to ask for the Chief Steward.

What About Other Newspapers?

Mr McKenna: For the defence, contended that the so-called outbreak of crime was due, not to the newspaper, but to the movement which originated the newspaper and other things as well. The SUFFRAGETTE, he pointed out, was largely a record of offences which had been committed. There was not a newspaper for two years past which had not got upon its pages a record of such offences. He suggested that the same rule should apply to this paper as would apply to any other organ in the country. He challenged the jury to say when they thought the paper became illegal.

It was an odd thing, counsel remarked, that for practically a year this "obvious organ of crime" was sent out to the extent of 40,000 or 50,000 copies a week without any warning being conveyed to Mr Drew.

Mr Justice Avory, in summing up, said it could hardly be disputed that the policy of militancy was advocated in the columns of the paper as a means by which women were ultimately to achieve the object they had in view, namely to obtain the vote. They were there in a court of law, and fortunately were not called upon to express any opinion upon that question.

The jury returned a verdict of "guilty." The judge postponed sentence.

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GOVERNMENT ATTACK ON THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

"Suffragette" Printer Sentenced.

At the Central Criminal Court, on Wednesday, July 9, Mr Sydney Granville Drew, Manager and Secretary of the Victoria House Printing Press was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. On the previous day before Mr Justice Avory, Mr Drew was indicted for unlawfully inciting persons to commit damage, in connection with the publication of the SUFFRAGETTE. He was found guilty but sentence was deferred. The accused who pleaded not guilty, was defended by Mr M'Cardie.

Mr Bodkin prosecuted, and stated that the defendant gave an undertaking thirteen months ago also, in connection with the publication of the SUFFRAGETTE, that he would not directly or indirectly print or publish any matter inciting to crime, or any act of violence against property.

Extract from the Paper.

Counsel then proceeded to read extracts from the paper.

In one extract it was stated: "It is impossible to estimate the enormous amount of damage which has been attributed to Suffragettes during 1913." Several newspapers, the article stated, calculated that the result of the more serious attacks on property amounted to £510,150. The question for the jury, Mr Bodkin submitted, was whether the passages in the paper bore an incitement, or encouragement, or solicitation to those into whose hands they came to go and do likewise.

A clerk in the G.P.O. stated that over 4000 letters were damaged by outrages on pillar boxes and post offices during the period of the charge.

Proof of the publication of the articles complained of was the subject of other evidence for the prosecution.

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NEWS FROM PRISON.

STATEMENT FROM MISS ANNIE WHEELER.

Forcibly Fed for Seven Weeks.

NEWS OF MARY RICHARDSON: Heart-Breaking Screams.

I have been forcibly fed in Holloway Prison for seven weeks and for the last five weeks have been very sick after every feeding. I have been fed three times a day amounting to 126 times in all. I have suffered from great pain in the abdomen.

My heart has been very weak. During my imprisonment I have lost over 20 lbs. in weight. My voice for the last four weeks has been completely gone. Just before my release I was told that I was wanted in another part of the prison. I had no idea that I was to be released, and nothing had been mentioned about it. On arriving at the other part of the prison I was told that I was to be released. I was released on a seven days' licence.

During my imprisonment I was in the next cell to Mary Richardson who is very ill. So violent are her struggles when she is being forcibly fed, that two bedsteads have been broken. Her screams are heart-breaking. She says how sorry she is to upset the other prisoners in any way but she cannot help it as the operation of forcible feeding is so agonizing.

The message from Holloway Prison is "No Surrender."

PRISONERS' FUND.

Miss Glandfield	£0 2 0
"An Ex-Prisoner"	5 0 0
Miss M. D. Cowdan	1 0 0
L. I. P.	0 2 6
Mrs Burgess	0 1 0
Miss B. E. Simpson and Miss E. M. Harper	0 4 0
Miss Frances Caudlin	0 2 6
Miss Alice Heale	1 0 0

A GREETING TO A CABINET MINISTER.

Mr Augustine Birrell, who arrived in Bristol last Saturday to address a Liberal demonstration at Fishponds, was the object of a hostile demonstration by a man at Temple Meads Station. As Mr Birrell was alighting from the carriage, the man approached him, and throwing a paper at him, shouted, "You cur; you woman torturer!"

The man, who had been waiting on the platform, was immediately seized by detectives, who conveyed him to the Westminster Police Station. He was a well-dressed young man. He refused his name, but it is understood that he belongs to Bristol.

Mrs Pankhurst was re-arrested on July 8th as she was leaving Lincoln's Inn House. An account of her arrest will be found on p. 250. After a three days' hunger and thirst strike she was released last Saturday. Her licence expires on Wednesday, July 15.

Mrs Dacre Fox, who was re-arrested outside Westminster Abbey on Sunday, July 5, was released last Friday in a very weak state after hunger and thirst striking for five days.

Miss Grace Roe and Miss Nellie Hall were sentenced to three months for conspiracy. Miss Julia Jameson and Mrs Helen Armes were discharged. The case against Mrs Hall has been postponed sine die. An account of the trial will be found on p.p. 242-3.

After a hunger-strike of eight days Miss Margaret Haly was released from Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, on July 8, in a state of extreme weakness. Her licence is for seven days.

Miss Georgina Lloyd, was released from Carnarvon prison on July 7 in a very weak state, having been forcibly fed for five weeks. Miss Phyllis North, who was sentenced at the same time has been removed from Carnarvon to Holloway.

Miss Eileen Casey was again brought up at Nottingham on July 8, and was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions. An account of the hearing of the case will be found on p. 245. Miss Casey was afterwards taken to Birmingham and lodged in Winson Green Prison.

Mrs Helen Crawford, who was sentenced at Glasgow on March 13 for breaking two panes of glass, was re-

arrested in Perth on the afternoon of July 10. This is her third hunger-strike under the Cat-and-Mouse-Act.

Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Madge Muir are due to come up for trial on a charge of being in possession of explosives at the Belfast Assizes which begin on July 20.

Miss Wheeler was released from Holloway on Saturday in a very serious condition, having been forcibly fed for seven weeks.

Mrs Watson and the unknown woman who were sentenced for obstruction when attempting to see Mr Asquith, were on hunger and thirst strike during their sentences of seven days.

The case of Miss Bertha Ryland was mentioned at the Birmingham Quarter Sessions on July 4. Her medical adviser was called and testified that Miss Ryland was suffering from kidney trouble, and was not in a fit state to appear. The case was accordingly adjourned until the Assizes, which begin on July 16.

Miss Janet Arthur was arrested on the night of July 7, and charged with attempting to set fire to the birth place of Robert Burns in Ayr. An account of her arrest and the scene in court will be found on page 244. Miss Arthur is now on hunger-strike in prison.

It was erroneously stated in our last issue that Miss Gertrude Ansell has previously been forcibly fed. This is the first time that she has been subjected to forcible feeding, but during the last year she has undergone several hunger-strikes, and it is known that she is in a very weak state of health.

PRISONERS

NAME.	Date when sentenced.	Length of Sentence.	Place of Imprisonment.
Miss Gertrude Ansell, forcibly fed	May 10	Six months	Holloway
Miss Janet Arthur,	...	On Remand	Ayr
Miss Ivy Bonn,	June 10	Six months	Holloway
Miss Hilda Burkitt, forcibly fed	May 29	Two years	Holloway
Miss Eileen Casey, forcibly fed	Oct. 3, 1913	3 months and On Remand	Winson Gr., Birmingham
Mrs Crawford,	Mar. 13	One month	Perth
Miss Maude Edwards, forcibly fed	July 3	Three months	Perth
Miss Nellie Hall, forcibly fed	July 8	Three months	Holloway
Miss Phyllis North, forcibly fed	July 2	Three months	Holloway
Miss Rachel Peace,	Nov. 15	18 months' hard labour	Holloway
Miss Mary Richardson, forcibly fed	Mar. 12	Six months	Holloway
Miss Grace Roe, forcibly fed	July 8	Three months	Holloway
Miss Arabella Scott, forcibly fed	May 19, 1913	Nine months	Perth
Miss Mary Spencer,	May 26	Six months	Holloway
Miss Florence Tunks, forcibly fed	May 29	Nine months	Holloway

ESCHEATING BAIL.

No Truth in the Report.

The following letter has been received from Miss Owen, one of the women who was arrested for throwing leaflets into the King's carriage in Hyde Park:—

The statement in the Daily Press about my escheating my bail is a fable from beginning to end.

May I give you a report of the whole affair?

Another lady and myself were standing among the crowd on the route of the procession near Wellington Arch. There were no police in front of us, and as the King came along I was able to throw a bundle of leaflets right into the carriage, which hit the Queen's sunshade, separated, falling from thence into the carriage. The King did not throw them out as long as I could see him. The crowd did not molest us, they simply made remarks. My friend and I walked toward the Arch—the police walking at the side of us, not attempting to touch us. When we reached the Arch the constable took us into the little police station; presently an Inspector came and ordered us to be taken to Cannon Row.

Arriving at Cannon Row we were taken to the charge room—they asked our names and we refused to give them. They told us our charge was "obstruction." About half an hour later we were told we should have to come up on Monday, and unless we gave our names we could not have bail and should have to stay in the cells until Monday. My friend wished for bail for reasons of her own, so we gave our names. We had to sit a long time, while detectives memorised our faces. When the Matron arrived we were taken to the cells and searched; after some time she took me to the Inspector who told me he did not want to keep me there till Monday, and would I give my name.

I said I had already given it. He replied I had not given it to him, so I again gave my name.

After some time the Matron came and took us both back to the same Inspector, who said "Well, you ladies! the police have decided not to charge or prosecute (I forget which word he used), you won't have to come up on Monday." He knew no particulars, he had only received the above message not to prosecute us. So away we came. (Signed) L. OWEN.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN.

As usual, there will be a great Holiday Campaign during the Summer for increasing the sale of the SUFFRAGETTE. Will all members spending their holidays at the sea or in the country send in their names at once to the Holiday Campaign Secretary, Lincoln's Inn House, stating where they are going, when they are going, and how long they are going to stay.

THE CASE AGAINST CAPTAIN RICARDO.

Captain Ricardo, of the Ulster Volunteers, against whom Miss Dorothy Evans has brought an action for assault, has applied to have the action remitted for hearing before the County Court Judge of Tyrone. By consent, the motion has been adjourned until the second day of next sittings, which come on about September.

PROPAGANDA WORK In London and the Provinces.

The Reports printed below give but a slight idea of the splendid work that is being done all over the country on behalf of the W.S.P.U.

Members and friends who are spending their holidays in or around the W.S.P.U. centres are urged to send in their names to help with the most important work of selling the "Suffragette," so that the public may in this way learn the truth about the militant movement.

LONDON

Balham and Tooting.

A most successful meeting held at Caistor Road on Friday, July 3rd. Miss Nancy Lightman spoke to large and enthusiastic audience for over two hours. All SUFFRAGETTES sold out. Sale of work realised £1, 5s., to be added to Self Denial Fund; many thanks to all who helped. SUFFRAGETTE sellers still needed. (Hon. Sec., Miss O. G. Greer, 30 Streathbourne Road.)

Chelsea.

Thanks to all who helped in advertising great meeting by distributing bills and by two poster parades. Jumble sale, as usual, a great success; thanks to those who worked so hard for it. Marmalade and home-made jam on sale in shop; will members send us some more home-made jam. (Hon. Sec., Miss Vetter; shop, 308 King's Road; telephone, 2858 Kensington.)

Clapham.

Many thanks to Mrs Cameron Swan for addressing splendid meeting on Common on Sunday. More helpers needed for remaining Sundays in July. Those attending meeting at Holland Park can take train from Clapham Junction, 6.19 p.m., to Uxbridge Road. Gratefully

PORTSMOUTH CLERGY-MAN DENOUNCES FORCIBLE FEEDING.

Petition from the Church

On Sunday, 5th July, the Rev. W. Thompson preached a sermon at the Portsmouth Unitarian Church on Militancy and the Torture of Women. Mr Thompson read several extracts from doctor's reports on forcible feeding, and proceeded to say that instead of attempting to deal with the women's demand in a statesmanlike way, the Government had had recourse to a method of torture by forcible feeding that had as terrible an effect on the mind and bodies of the victims as had the rack and thumbscrew of the Middle Ages, like the old-time martyrs.

The Militants were moved to their sacrifices by the thought of the great social evils of which women were the victims, and the inequalities of laws that made damage to property a far greater crime than the ruin of innocent children.

As Mr McKenna declared that it was impossible to let those who were brought to death's doors by forcible feeding die in prison, and equally impossible to deport them elsewhere, there was but one way left to stop Militancy, and that was to grant the vote to women.

At the close of his address, it was generally agreed by those present that a petition should be sent up in the name of the congregation of the Portsmouth Unitarian Church and Congregation to demand a Government measure for Votes for Women as the only way in which to put a stop to the existing state of things. Mr Thompson accordingly sent such a petition.

acknowledged—Miss Blake, 9s.; Mrs Hamilton, 6s.; A Friend, £4, 4s.; Mrs Thompson, 8s. 8d.; Mrs Starling, 4s. (Hon. Sec., Mrs Clara Strong; office, 84 Elspeth Road, S.W.)

Croydon.

Garden party, July 4th, a great success. Warm thanks to Miss Wise, Mrs Mann, Miss Hardy, Miss Browne and friend, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Inglis and the Misses Inglis, Miss Slade, Mr and Mrs Harris, Miss Webb, Miss Dallimore, for flowers, vegetables, cakes, jam, baby-socks, cream, scent sachets and hand-painting, sweets and sandwiches respectively, also for other gifts to which the donors did not attach their names. Mrs Wallis organised an excellent entertainment and dancing, singing, solos, and recitation were greatly enjoyed. Office will close for August. Gifts of money will be acknowledged next week. (Hon. Org., Mrs Cameron Swan; shop, 98 High Street; telephone, 1969 Croydon.)

Ealing and Acton.

The Sunday meetings on Ealing Common, and weekly meetings at West Ealing, South Ealing, and Acton most successful. Jumble sale held in Priory Schools, Acton Lane, last Saturday realised £4, 10s. Helpers are thanked. Members are asked to send in their Self Denial Cards at once to Miss Chesshire (Hon. Treasurer), 23 Churchfield Road. (Hon. Sec., Mrs F. M. Finlay, 35 Marwick Road, Ealing, W.)

Forest Hill and East Dulwich.

Thanks to all who, by sending parcels or by personal help, contributed to make jumble sale a success: over £6 taken. Purses containing money found in one parcel: who claims it? Shop doing well. Please note change of hours: mornings, 11 to 1; afternoons, 4.30 to 6.30 (Wednesdays, mornings only). Open air meetings continuing till end of July. (Hon. Sec., Miss A. E. Metcalfe; shop, 6 Imperial Buildings, Forest Hill.)

Fulham and Putney.

Shop will remain open throughout August. Minders needed for Tuesday afternoons, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. Result of Self Denial Fund and jumble sale will be announced next week. Contributions to shop fund urgently needed. Gratefully acknowledged—Miss Gilliat, 6s. 6d.; "Nobody," 2s. 1d.; Mrs Masters, 10s.; Miss Tanner, 4s. (Hon. Sec., Miss L. Cutten; office, 905 Fulham Road, S.W.)

Hampstead.

Summer fete tremendous success, socially and financially: £65 realised for local funds. Special thanks to Mrs Durrant for so generously placing her house and garden at our disposal. Any who will be in town and can help with shop during August are asked to communicate with Secretary at once. Miss Margaret Wright addressed a splendid meeting on Hampstead Heath last Sunday. Offers of drawing-room meetings for the autumn will be gratefully received. (Hon. Org. Sec., Miss D. D. Solomon; Sec., Miss G. Batson; shop, 178 Finchley Road, N.W.; phone, Hampstead 4900.)

Hornsey.

Four good open-air meetings held last week in Harringay, Highgate, Crouch End, and Muswell Hill. Heartiest thanks to Miss Barry and Miss M. Wright for excellent speeches. Members and friends, please bring as many as possible to hear Miss Barbara Wylie on Saturday, 18th, at Mrs Yeoman's, Bishop's Wood Road, Highgate (off Hampstead Lane): tea at 4; meeting at 4.30 p.m. (Hon. Sec., Miss Donwick, B.A., 28 Weston Park, Crouch End, N.)

Illford and District. Very good meetings: large orderly crowds. Record SUFFRAGETTE sales. Hearty thanks to members for rallying round during Secretary's absence. Will members kindly send in all Self Denial money. (Hon. Treas., Miss E. M. Swan, 147 Little Ilford Lane, Little Ilford.)

Lewisham.

Very many thanks to Miss Samson for gift of cups and saucers and plates to Union. Quarterly subscription (6s. 6d.) for the SUFFRAGETTE poster at Lewisham Station now due, and Hon. Treasurer will be pleased to receive contributions towards this fund. Miss Long has lovingly gooseberry jelly for sale, so please come along and buy. Members will be pleased to know that Self Denial sale and cards realised £30. Gratefully acknowledged—Donation to Self Denial sale, Mrs Parkes, 5s.; office rent, Mrs Cahill, 1s.; poster fund, Miss Cahill, 1s. (Hon. Sec., pro tem, Mrs S. Cahill, 60 Limes Grove.)

North Islington.

An excellent rally of members held at office on Saturday, and Hon. Sec. would remind all friends as well as members that they will always be welcome at office on first Saturday in month. Grateful thanks to Miss Fraser Smith and Miss Coombs for excellent meetings. Paper Secretary will be most grateful for offers of help. Members are also reminded of the weekly meetings (see programme), at which SUFFRAGETTE sellers are always in request. Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs Fraser, 1s.; Miss W. D. Roberts, 1s.; "One threatened with deportation," 2s. 6d. (Hon. Sec., pro tem, Miss Muriel Darton; office, 19 St Thomas Road, Finsbury Park, N.)

North-West London.

Members are urged to come and support speakers at out-door meetings; also SUFFRAGETTE sellers much needed. Contributions for jumble sale will be most gratefully received. To bring in money for local funds, a trading scheme has been started. Members are asked to take threepence and trade with it until end of August. Prize will be given for largest sum realised. For further details of scheme please apply to Miss Burne at office. (Hon. Sec., Mrs Elinor Penn Gaskell; office, 310 High Road, Kilburn; telephone, 5003 Hampstead.)

West Ham.

Thanks to Miss Sennett and Miss Hopkins for very good meetings. Local Self Denial fund broken all records; result at big meeting. Any help towards heavy window insurance gratefully received. It is hoped to open shop on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in August; offers of help with this welcomed. Gratefully acknowledged—To Self Denial Fund, Miss Hopkins, 2s., additional; Mrs Friedlaender, 5s., additional; Topsy, 6d.; To general fund, Miss Read, 1s. Thanks to Miss Fairweather, Mrs Friedlaender, Miss Morgan for jam and marmalade. (Hon. Sec., Miss W. Indge; shop, 32b Romford Road, Stratford, E.)

Wimbledon.

Tickets for great meeting at Holland Park Hall sold well; see notice in shop about time Wimbledon's contingent will meet at District Station. Shop stewards and SUFFRAGETTE sellers needed during holiday months: will those who have returned from their holidays come forward and help? Will all members try to help shop as much as possible: there are many necessary household things at popular prices. Mrs White heartily thanked for so ably performing chief shop steward's duties during Mrs Bezie's absence. Will members calling at shop please read letters on notice-board? (Hon. Org., Mrs Lamartine Yates; shop and office, 9 Victoria Crescent; phone, 1092.)

HOME COUNTIES

Bexhill.

Congratulations to local branch on sending up £157, 12s. 2d. to Self Denial Fund. W members kindly lend gar-

dens or fields for meetings, especially in distant villages. (Org., Miss F. C. Tristram; shop, Marina.)

Bournemouth.

Miss S. A. Turle hopes to see all members at her garden party at Overdale, Munster Road, Parkstone, Thursday, July 23rd, at 4 p.m. Speaker: Mrs Penn Gaskell. An outdoor campaign will be held from Wednesday, July 29th, to Saturday, August 1st. Speaker: Miss Margaret Wright. There will be meetings at Boscombe, Westbourne, Meyrick Road, East Cliff, and a garden at-home held by kind permission of Mrs Hume at Eversley, Durley Road, Bournemouth. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Berry; office, 221 Old Christchurch Road.)

Hastings.

Will members in outlying districts and villages kindly lend gardens or fields for meetings? Will visitors please volunteer for SUFFRAGETTE selling at shop. Congratulations to local branch on sending up £157, 12s. 2d. to Self Denial Fund. (Org., Miss F. C. Tristram; office, 8a Claremont.)

Brighton.

The sum of £38 was raised in Self Denial week. It is very much hoped that later contributions will have brought total to £100. Meeting at 73 New Church Road on Friday, July 17th, at 4 p.m. Mrs Cahill having very kindly lent her garden for this purpose. It is important that every member attending should bring an unconverted friend with her, as these meetings are especially meant to interest fresh people in the movement. Brighton is now crowded with visitors, and SUFFRAGETTE sellers are urgently needed in order that they should all be supplied with the SUFFRAGETTE. Members visiting the town are asked to volunteer at office for this work. (Org., Miss Christie; office, 8 North Street Quadrant.)

Portsmouth.

Self Denial collection amounts to £24, 6s. 10d. at date. More still to come in. Thanks to Miss Pridden for series of very successful meetings held on July 7th and 8th. A splendid Town Hall Square meeting was held. Both Miss Pridden, and Mr Thomson who took the chair on one occasion, are heartily thanked. A petition was sent up to the Government from the Unitarian Church on Sunday night, 5th July, asking for a Government Bill to be brought in for Woman Suffrage. (Hon. Sec., Miss H. Peacock, 4 Pelham Road, Southsea.)

Tunbridge Wells.

Members are asked to make a special effort for SUFFRAGETTE selling during the summer months. Gratefully acknowledged—Miss Lewis, 5s. 6d.; Miss Owen-den, 1s.; Miss V. Matthews, 6s.; Mrs A. M. Matthews, 6s.; Miss V. Matthews, £1, 1s.; Miss K. Matthews, 2s. 6d. (Hon. Org., Miss Hartley; office, 11 Pantiles.)

Worthing.

Members urged to support outdoor meetings. SUFFRAGETTE sellers needed for August, when two sellers will be away. Office hours, 3 to 6. (Hon. Sec., Miss Oliver; office, 39 Upper High Street.)

MIDLANDS

Birmingham.

A very successful meeting held at Queen's College on Wednesday, 8th July. Members very much appreciated speech given by Miss Marsh. All Birmingham doctors are being canvassed on question of forcible feeding, and it is hoped to send up a petition to Home Secretary by a number of influential people. Members reminded that outdoor meetings are held every Friday evening, and are asked to help with SUFFRAGETTE selling. Autumn campaign will consist of working up suburbs and outlying districts of Birmingham, and members are relied upon to give us all the help they can in canvassing, etc., when a meeting is to take place in their locality. (Org., Miss Phyllis Ayrton; office, 97 John Bright Street.)

WALES.

Cardiff and District.

Will members who have not yet sent their Self Denial cards and money to Organizer do so at once? On Tuesday, June 30th, Organizer addressed for second time a large audience of working women at Splott University Settlement Hall. Malstep members are working hard for big haul on July 19th, to be addressed by Organizer and Lady Mackworth. Miss Williams will address Cardiff house and ship painters and decorators, Saturday, July 11th. Will members canvass doctors and clergy and get them, and as many of their own friends as possible, to write letters of protest to their local M.P.'s against forcible feeding? Please report results. (Org., Miss Annie Williams; office, 109 Queen Street.)

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh.

Important and enthusiastic meetings held on Saturday. Miss L. Tyson spoke at "Mound," at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., to most attentive crowds. Mrs Blanche, of Newcastle, and Miss Brown addressed meetings at West End and at St David Street. Next Saturday there will be a garden party at Mrs Grieve's house in Fortobello, at which Miss Naylor will

IRELAND.

Cork.

Miss Agnes Keely's help greatly appreciated during past fortnight, when meetings were held nightly in new districts. Much interest aroused, and sales of the SUFFRAGETTE increased. Mem-

bers are reminded that all Self Denial cards and contributions must be in this week, so that all amounts may be sent up to headquarters together. Please attend open-air meeting on Thursday and support speakers. (Org., Miss Lennox; office, 16 Cook Street.)

Dublin.

Old pitch at Foster Place re-opened, Thursday, July 9th. Mrs Emerson thanked for speaking. Kingstown meeting held Saturday, July 9th: Miss G. Allen spoke, Mrs Earl in chair. These meetings arouse much interest, as do also Phoenix Park meetings. Every Sunday afternoon large crowds assemble, and SUFFRAGETTE sales rise each week. Two members who had not previously spoken have chaired during past month, for which they are thanked. SUFFRAGETTE sellers needed urgently for street sales. Members thanked who help with paper sales, etc., at meetings. Office curtains now completed, and at very small cost. Thanks to members, and to Miss Susan Manning especially, who gave time to making them. (Org., Miss Joan Wickham; office, 1 Clare Street.)

ULSTER—Belfast.

Members are asked to hold themselves ready to attend the Court, Crumlin Road, either on July 20, 21, or 22, when Miss Dorothy Evans will be tried. She may be arrested on warrant any day during that week, and it is very necessary that friends should be in Court. Help at open-air meetings and with SUFFRAGETTE selling urgently needed. (Org., 5 College Square East, Belfast.)

Speakers' Class.

Hon. Instructor, Miss Rosa Leo, 45 Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Hon. Sec., Miss L. Blundell, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C. Owing to the growth of the constitutional campaign, the demand for speakers is far greater than the supply. Will not more members therefore come forward and help in this all-important branch of the Union's work? All communications regarding the above class should be made to the Hon. Sec. Miss Leo's private classes (for members of the W.S.P.U. only) take place every Saturday at 4 p.m. Full particulars can be obtained from Miss Leo: stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed on application.

REPORTS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES.

Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement.

Thanks to all who helped to advertise public meeting at Kensington Hall. Report of meeting later. Effective work done by members of Suffrage Speakers' Defence Corps at Chorley Wood, Hampstead, Hyde Park, and in other districts. Good meetings held by the Hackney and Kingsland, Harrow, and West London branches. Speakers next Sunday, July 19th: Mr E. W. Roberts, in Hyde Park (Marble Arch), 3 p.m.; Miss Fraser Smith and Mr A. Mackinlay, in Finsbury Park, 11.30 a.m.; Mr E. W. Roberts and others at Ridley Road, Kingsland, 12.30 p.m.; meetings will also be held on Monday, 8 p.m., in Chiswick (outside police station), and on Tuesday, 8 p.m., at Grove, Hammersmith. (Sec., 13 Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.; tel., City 6673.)

MEN'S FEDERATION FOR W.S.

The propaganda circuit of London organised by the Men's Federation for Woman Suffrage in the interests of Woman Suffrage has now completed its first month's work, and has been very satisfactory. The aim of the circuit is educational. The idea is to have a succession of speakers of knowledge and ability to deal with the subject in all its various phases. Open-air meetings held in Palmer's Green, Wood Green, Tottenham, and Amhurst Park, and attentive audiences secured. Indoor and outdoor meetings in Clapton, Hackney, and Old Ford are projected for second series. (Circuit Sec., Mr H. Lynch, 19 Buckingham Street, Strand.)

Programme of the Week.

LONDON.

Friday, July 17.

Acton, Market Place, Horn Lane. Miss Weir, Mrs Thomson Islington, Thane Villas, Seven Sisters Road. Miss R. Barry, Miss Meakin ... 8 p.m.
Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway. Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo ... 7.45 p.m.
Sloane Square, Miss Haig ... 12.30 p.m.
West Ham, The Grove, Stratford. Miss Haughton, Miss Carruthers ... 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, July 18.

Dulwich Library ... 8 p.m.
Islington, Jones Bros., Holloway Road. Chair: Miss Bridges ... 8 p.m.
Northlands, Highgate, Bishop's Wood Road, Garden Meeting. Miss Barbara Wylie. Chair: Miss Bonwick, B.A. 4 p.m.
Sydenham, Peak Hill. Miss Palmer ... 8 p.m.
Wimbledon, 9 Victoria Crescent ... 4.30 p.m.

Sunday, July 19.

Ealing Common. Miss Tidswell. Mr Tom Norris ... 6 p.m.
Hampstead Heath, Flagstaff. Miss Agnes Kelly ...
Lewisham, Market Place. Mr Victor Duval ... 6.30 p.m.
Wimbledon Common.

Monday, July 20.

Knightsbridge Hall, W. Miss Barbara Wylie, Dr Frank Moxon, M.B., B.S. Chair: Mrs Mansel 3.15 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21.

Kensal Town. Miss Rickard, Mrs Lawrence ...

Wednesday, July 22.

Chelsea. Miss Haig ...

Thursday, July 23.

Elysee Galleries, Queen's Road, Bayswater. The Lady Isabel Hampden Margesson, Miss Coombs 8 p.m.

Friday, July 24.

Sloane Square. Miss E. Wylie, Miss Medwin ... 12.30 p.m.
South Ealing, St. Mary's Parish Church. ... 8 p.m.

COUNTRY.

Friday, July 17.

Edinburgh, Ardmillan Terrace ... 8 p.m.
Newcastle, Consett. Miss E. Grew ... 7 p.m.
Newcastle, Annfield Plain. Miss Eden ... 7 p.m.
Newcastle, Chapwill. Mrs Blanche ... 7 p.m.
Newcastle, Thornley. Miss Faulkner, Miss Ellis ... 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 18.

Edinburgh, "Coillesdene," Portobello. Miss Naylor. Chair: Mrs Grieve ...
Edinburgh, The Mound ... 8 p.m.
Newcastle, Wheatley Hill. Miss Faulkner, Miss Wilcox ... 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 19.

Newcastle, Ryhope. Miss E. Grew ... 7 p.m.

Monday, July 20.

Newcastle, Chester le Street. Miss E. Grew ... 7 p.m.
Newcastle, Grange Villa. Miss Eden ... 7 p.m.
Newcastle, West Pelton. Mrs Blanche ... 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21.

Newcastle, Silkworth. Miss G. Bentley ... 7 p.m.
Newcastle, Castletown. Miss Faulkner ... 7 p.m.
Newcastle, Stanley. Miss E. Grew ... 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 16.—8.30 p.m.

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DEATH.

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MARRIAGE.

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