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POLITICAL CANDIDATE: "As your husband is dead, madam, and women do not vote, it is no use my staying."
TAX COLLECTOR: "As your husband is dead, madam, and women have to pay taxes, you will have to pay the tax instead of him."

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

Great indignation has been aroused by the story of the brutality inflicted upon Selina Martin in Walton Green Gaol, Liverpool. This has been heightened by the fact that at the time of the occurrence Miss Martin was an unconvicted prisoner detained in the prison on remand.

The Frog March.

Miss Martin, it will be remembered, was arrested on December 21 and brought before the magistrate, who in

remanding her for a week refused to allow her bail, though she was prepared to give an undertaking that she would engage in no militant work during the period. She was taken to the prison, and offered a rigorous resistance to being subjected to prison discipline; nevertheless, she was not only forcibly fed on refusing to eat prison food, but she was subjected to the utmost brutality. Her own account of the proceedings is as follows:—

The wardress pulled me off the bed and threw me on the floor. Then the doctor came and told me he would not let me go without food, but would feed me right away. He then ordered me to be dressed in my own wet clothes, and I was taken to a cold damp cell without ventilation, and was handcuffed behind and left on the floor. At night I was taken to a larger cell and kept in irons. Thursday night I was thrown down, and frog-marched up some steps, letting my head bump on the steps as I was carried. I was then forcibly fed, after which I was dragged to the top of the steps and thrown down. I have had a frightful struggle every time they have come with the instruments of torture, which the doctor does not hesitate to sneer about because I ask for a woman doctor.

Perhaps the cruellest part of the feeding process is the vicious manner in which the doctor forces the gag into my mouth, and coolly remarks, "Does that hurt you?" Yet he knows I cannot answer.

For those who do not understand the meaning of the frog march we may add that Miss Martin was seized by the arms and legs and carried head downwards from her cell to the doctor's room.

Exposing this Outrage.

The Women's Social and Political Union are determined that this outrage shall be exposed. They have prepared a leaflet on the subject which is being circulated by the hundred thousand throughout the country. It is No. 64.

Copies can be obtained, price 9d. a hundred, 6s. a thousand, post free, from The Woman's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The story is also being told at all the principal meetings of the Union. At the Monday afternoon meeting in London the audience was profoundly stirred, and a man expressed his intention and that of his four sons (all of them sturdy Liberals) of voting against the Government in consequence of the incident.

Bears the Marks of Handcuffs.

Another story of cruelty in prison comes from Preston, where Nurse Bryant has been imprisoned for a month for her share in the protest in Haslingden on the occasion of Mr. Harcourt's meeting. On entering the prison she refused to eat prison food or to wear prison clothes. She was accordingly forcibly fed after three days' hunger strike, and she was put into a canvas dress, which was strapped on to her. She was also put in irons for two days, and endured seventeen days in the punishment cell. When released on Wednesday morning she bore the marks of the handcuffs on her wrists, and was unable to stand owing to weakness. Miss Lily Norbury has also been released from Liverpool prison. She had been fed by force and put into the punishment cell. The spirit which underlies the actions of these women will be understood from the words which Nurse Bryant wrote on her cell wall, "Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow."

The Assault on Miss Davison.

Meanwhile the action brought by Miss Davison against the Local Visiting Justices of Strangeways Gaol, Manchester, for having the hose pipe turned on to her in prison will come on before the Manchester County Court

WHY?

By Elizabeth Robins. Part VI.—The Lesson of the Newcastle By-Election.

on Monday next. At the time that this outrage was committed Mr. Gladstone expressed his regret. It is apparently now his intention to gloss over such disgraceful incidents as that in Liverpool and Manchester, and to give free rein to the local authorities in their acts of brutality, for he has instructed the Prison Commissioners to write specially to the authorities of Strangeways Gaol, Manchester, conveying his appreciation of their behaviour, and adding that "A difficult period has been got through most satisfactorily, owing to the efficiency of the prison service and the carefulness and the good sense shown by the staff." A further extract from the letter will be found on page 233.

The Election Campaign.

In view of such facts as these it is not to be wondered at that the Women's Social and Political Union are fighting their hardest at the General Election to strike a political blow at the Liberal Government, who, not content with refusing women the vote, have thrown their women political opponents into prison, and treated them there as common criminals, and have encouraged and even directed the prison authorities to inflict upon them indignity and torture. In the pages of this issue will be found the story of some of the many fights which are being carried on by the Union against the Government candidates. At the same time letters continue to come in from men who have hitherto voted Liberal, declaring their intention of supporting the women at this election.

Liberal "Public" Meetings.

While Liberals are boasting of their exploits at interrupting Unionist meetings, they are trying to give the semblance of unanimity in their own meetings by rigidly excluding all those who are not guaranteed "safe." Knowing that they dare not face the protests of women demanding their enfranchisement, Cabinet Ministers refuse to admit women to all their meetings. Nevertheless, on many occasions women have succeeded in entering and protesting. At Reading Mr. Lloyd George was confronted by two women who had hidden for eighteen hours in the building. While they were making their protest a man on the platform, no doubt remembering Mr. Lloyd George's remark at Cardiff, "Let them be ruthlessly flung out," put words into deeds by striking one of the women savagely over the head. The man is a well-known Liberal J.P. for the county. Mr. Lloyd George was again at the Queen's Hall confronted by men who protested on women's behalf. Mr. Lloyd George again incited the stewards to ill-treatment by the insulting and lying statement that these men were paid for their protest. At Brighton, at Mr. Asquith's meeting, a woman also found her way into the hall, and protested during Mr. Asquith's speech.

Great Meetings.

Great meetings have been held in connection with the General Election Campaign of the W.S.P.U. all over the country. At Brighton an enthusiastic meeting was addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at the Dome on Monday last, and a sum of over £50 was raised for the Election Campaign in the town. At the special meeting in the St. James's Hall, London, Mr. Laurence Housman quoted with great effect from Richard Cobden as to the employment of drastic political methods.

A Faked Outrage in Battersea.

The Liberals have been circulating a story in Battersea that some woman has been throwing acid on the canvass papers and injuring a Liberal officer. The Women's Social and Political Union and all other Suffrage societies repudiate all knowledge of this alleged outrage, and our readers will be interested to know from our Battersea Correspondent that the story is generally supposed in Battersea to be faked by the Liberals with a view to winning sympathy for their waning fortunes.

Items in Brief.

Mrs. Bryce, wife of J. Annan Bryce, the Liberal candidate for the Inverness Burghs, has declared her intention of remaining in the U.S.A. over the General Election, because, owing to his anti-Suffragist views, she is not prepared to help him in the contest.

The Manchester Visiting Justices recommend that in future the doors of the cells in prison should open outwards.

Resolutions have been received from women's associations in Germany and Australia protesting against the forcible feeding of English Suffragists.

Miss Sophie Mayer, an American woman lawyer, has succeeded in winning in the courts of Austria an inheritance of £20,000 for a poor tailor of New York.

It is understood that a number of women students have already entered for the examinations of the Conjoint Board of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons to be held in January.

Among Indian honours is one conferred upon a woman, Her Highness Nawab, Sultan Jahan Begum, G.C.I.E., Begum of Bhopal, who becomes a Knight Grand Commander.

Baroness Nina de Marpurgo has been appointed by the Municipal Council keeper of the Trieste Municipal Museum of History and Art.

It is with very deep regret that we have to inform our readers of the death of Mr. Harry Pankhurst, the only son of Mrs. Pankhurst, the beloved founder of the Women's Social and Political Union. Mr. Pankhurst had been ill for several months, and during the last few weeks his mother and sisters had been constantly with him. To them in their profound sorrow we offer on behalf of every member of the Union our heartfelt sympathy.

It was during a recent by-election in the North of England that I first came face to face with the bitter feeling on the part of the working man against his underpaid rival, the working woman. A strike of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers had been in progress for many weeks. As is well known, these North-country engineers are among the most intelligent and highest paid workmen in the kingdom. To get them to vote in the way best calculated to serve the women's cause was an end worth striving for. The Government might ignore voteless women; they could not afford to ignore this body of highly organised working men, armed with electoral power. It was natural, therefore, that the founder of the Women's Social and Political Union should accept gladly the first invitation ever given a woman to come and address a branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. The meeting, held in a large room over a bar, was packed with working men, but it became plain as we made our way through the crowd that this opportunity to present the women's point of view was in the nature of a fluke. The resolution had presumably been passed when only a few of the men were present. The majority would not have agreed to it, and the majority were present now to register their disapproval. I have never been at an indoor gathering where I felt the atmosphere more distinctly hostile. The chairman made a speech that was half apology, and begged for fair play. Mrs. Pankhurst rose to talk to men whose anxious thoughts had been concentrated for weeks upon their own bitter struggle, to men who knew nothing of the woman's movement. I noticed how many of the workmen never so much as looked towards the woman standing there in the cloud of tobacco smoke and talking so quietly. I saw how, little by little, whispering, grumbling groups dissolved, unwilling eyes were turned upon the speaker, and the pipes were put out. These men were at least listening. For she was talking to them not about Votes for Women, but about the men's immediate problem, talking as a fellow-citizen, and one who had studied politics and worked with men for twenty years for public ends. Although announcing herself non-party and refusing to 'take sides,' she made it plain she knew more about the grounds of the great strike than many of the professed politicians who came from Westminster to instruct these men. She had their attention in that vice that never lets go till the last word falls. Even the big man with the hunched shoulders, who had sat with averted eyes, slowly he was turning his grizzled head. I was glad that till I saw the look in his face. The speaker had summed up the situation: "And so after all these weeks you are still idle."

"We are idle," said the grizzled engineer, "but our machines aren't." There was a second's hush. "There are women behind them," he said. Like low thunder the muttering of the displaced men went through the room. "The Government lost that by-election." (To be continued.)

The Lesson of the Blackleg.

The speaker's face grew bright. It was precisely the opening she wanted. "And if women are sitting at your machines, whose fault is it? You are quick to blame the women. Who of you blames the men with full stomachs who employ those hungry women as strike-breakers? Who of you blames the people most to blame of all? The husbands, fathers, brothers of those women who have kept them ignorant and unorganised. I think myself women can do more suitable work than make screws and polish brass fittings. But I am glad those women are doing your work on half-pay!" There was some disturbance upon that, but her practised voice rose over it: "It is the only thing perhaps that those women can do that will bring their difficulties home to you. Of course, the state of things is evil. But you have the remedy and you won't apply it. Men shut women out of their unions, and yet expect women to starve for the sake of those unions. You and your fathers have made it a tradition that women of your own class shall be overworked and underpaid, and then you dare complain that women accept overwork and underpay. Whose fault is it that women don't play the game? Yours! who refuse to allow them to learn it."

She hammered it into them red-hot. But what frightened them, I think, was her showing how, for all that men could do, the woman-worker was forcing her way into one industry after another. And, in truth, consideration of the statistics of displacement of men by women is a sobering exercise.

The Shoe on the Other Foot.

Yet, as the speaker pointed out, men, who have all fields open to them, have not scrupled to take away women's work. Not only do men bake and brew, they even knit and spin, they sell lace and ribbons, they dress women's hair. What work have they left women? The unpaid drudgery of the house; the work in sweatshops that men despise. But women are growing tired of this division of labour. Mrs. Pankhurst showed how by ignoring the working woman the working man was cutting his own throat. "Many of those women at your machines would rather work at home. They can't afford to. Some of those women would rather set type or bind books. But these are skilled trades and highly paid. Your unions won't let women learn them. The technical training in this country is nearly all for boys. Women have to creep in wherever your misfortunes make an opening." "That's it!" somebody said at the back. "Your woman's a born blackleg!" "She's born no different from you, my friend, in that respect. But she will sooner sacrifice herself to feed the children. Politically, she stands where your fathers stood before they learned co-operation. You men have got every good thing you possess by standing together. Now I've come to tell you—we women want to stand together. And we want you to help instead of hindering us. If you won't help us for the sake of justice, do it for the sake of your own bread and butter. If any man in this room ought to be in favour of Women's Suffrage it should be my friend there, who is so angry at the thought of a woman working his machine for half-pay." It was the first time the Suffrage had been mentioned.

Equality the Only Cure.

She showed them what cause even the few organised working women had to know that political freedom must precede fair industrial conditions, and how hard the textile workers found it to prevent unrepresented labour from being cheapened. This was not a problem rising here and there out of a strike, but the constant, unending struggle. "Your only safety lies where our only safety lies—in equal pay for equal work."

It was a doctrine that pleased the engineers well. If they had to be paid the same, what employer in the iron trade wouldn't prefer an "amalgamated engineer" to a woman? Readily enough now they listened to what half an hour before would have fallen on deaf ears. They even applauded the sentiment: "You will never be safe, you will never yourselves be free till women are free. It is only the enemies of your freedom who are served by your refusing to stand by in this struggle." She took them of the pains and penalties inflicted upon Suffragists. She spoke of her own prison experience. The men near the grizzled engineer seemed to be consulting with him. At the close of the meeting the big man stood up and said gruffly that if the lady wanted stewards at her Town Hall meeting, he and—as he understood—about twenty-seven of his mates were ready to steward for her and see fair play.

The Amalgamated Engineers were as good as their word. Afterwards came other requests asking that other branches should be addressed. I saw much the same scene enacted over and over, the initial hostility giving way to interest and in the end to championship. The Government lost that by-election.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A very large number of important meetings in connection with the General Election Campaign have been arranged. For particulars see pages 223, 229, 234, 235, and 236.

At the Fighting Line.

Intense indignation has been aroused throughout the movement owing to the outrageous treatment of two Suffragist prisoners at Liverpool, Miss Selina Martin and Miss Leslie Hall, during a week's remand, and to the vindictive sentences passed upon them by Mr. Shepherd Little. The story of their treatment in prison while still unconvicted has been set forth in a new leaflet published by the Women's Press, and all available energies are being concentrated on bringing this to the notice of electors throughout the country and especially in the divisions of Liverpool where Liberal candidates are standing. Members and friends throughout the country are urgently requested to send for copies of this leaflet, and to bring it before electors in every constituency. No more effective way of exposing the ill-Liberalism of the present Government could possibly be found. The price of the leaflet (No. 64) is 9d. per hundred, 6s. per thousand, post free.

Election Literature.

In addition to the above, a large quantity of special literature for distribution and sale during the election has been prepared, and members are invited to send to Clements Inn for supplies of posters, pamphlets, leaflets, postcards, badges, etc. Special attention is drawn to the poster, "The Right Dishonourable Double-Face Asquith," in three sizes (for hoardings, parlours, and windows), and to the window poster of a Suffragette undergoing the horrors of forcible feeding. All these are printed in the colours of the Union. A list of pamphlets specially recommended for election purposes will be found on page 232. All election workers should secure copies of the new leaflets, including the W.S.P.U. General Election Address. Particulars of a large number of other pamphlets, leaflets, etc., can be had from the Women's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. With a view to popularising the colours among the children, a penny flag, 13 ins. long by 7 1/2 wide, has been prepared in the tricolour. Orders should be sent to the Election Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Free Meetings in London.

The two free meetings in London held at the Queen's Hall, from 3 to 5 on Mondays, and St. James's Hall, from 8 to 10 on Thursdays, afford the best possible opportunity of keeping in touch with events during the General Election, and strangers as well as members and friends of the Union are cordially invited to attend. Next Monday afternoon Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will address the meeting.

* I saw a man working a special knitting machine, earning £3 a week. He was waited on by a woman who earned ten shillings a week. I asked the manager if the woman could not do the work at the knitting machine as well as the man. He said, "Every bit as well, but the Trade Union rules will not allow it."—Lady McLaren, in The Woman's Charter.

SOME QUESTIONS THE ELECTORS ARE ASKING.

1. Why does the Women's Social and Political Union oppose all Liberal Candidates, even where they declare themselves friendly to woman suffrage?

The fate of a Bill in the House of Commons does not depend upon the support or opposition of individual private members, but upon the decision of the Cabinet to support or reject it. In the last House of Commons there were 420 members, or nearly two-thirds majority, pledged to support a measure for Woman Suffrage. On February 28, 1908, a Woman Suffrage Bill was carried through its second reading in the House of Commons by a majority of 179 (271 to 92), but the Bill did not become law because the Liberal Government blocked its further passage through the House of Commons. Mr. Asquith and the other members of his Cabinet are still in power to-day, and they still refuse to promise to carry a Woman Suffrage Bill. So long, therefore, as they remain the Government they are the obstacle to Votes for Women. Every Liberal candidate is asking electors to send him to Parliament to support this Government. If he is defeated the Government will be weakened in their power to resist the claims of women. Therefore, women are asking the electors to vote against Liberal candidates, and show the Government that they disapprove of the Government's policy towards women.

CONSTITUTIONAL AGITATION.

2. Why do women not agitate for the vote along lawful and constitutional lines?

Women have agitated for many years along quiet and constitutional lines. Numberless petitions and memorials have been signed and have been presented to the House of Commons and to the Government. Between 1866 and 1879 there were Over 9,000 Petitions with Three Million Signatures in support of giving votes to women. In 1896 alone an appeal to members of Parliament was signed by Over a Quarter of a Million Women.

In 1867 the wording of the Household Franchise Act was supposed by many people to allow of the enrolment of women as voters. A canvass of the women in Manchester was made, and out of 4,215 women who might be qualified 3,924, or

92 per cent., Sent in Claims.

The Court of Appeal, however, decided against the women (Chorlton v. Lings), and compelled them to make their demand again to Parliament.

Fifty Thousand Meetings.

Countless public meetings have been held all over the country, which have carried resolutions in favour of VOTES FOR WOMEN. The Women's Social and Political Union alone have held over 50,000 meetings, indoor and out, during the four and a-half years of their existence. Of these, the great Hyde Park demonstration on Sunday, June 21, 1908, when half a million people came together, was admittedly

The Largest Political Demonstration in the History of the World.

Other great outdoor demonstrations have been held in all the largest towns throughout the country. At some of these demonstrations it was estimated that over 100,000 persons were present. Of indoor meetings the Albert Hall, London; the Free Trade Hall, Manchester; the Sun Hall, Liverpool; the Colston Hall, Bristol; the Town Hall, Birmingham; the St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow; the Synod Hall, Edinburgh, and all the other great halls in the country have been filled over and over again by audiences who enthusiastically supported the women's demand.

BREAKERS OF THE LAW.

3. Do women who break the law deserve to have a share in making the laws?

The best answer to this question was given by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone who said in 1864:—

"I am sorry to say that if no instructions had ever been addressed in political crises to the people of this country except to remember to hate violence and love order, and exercise patience, the liberties of this country would never have been attained."

After many years of quiet agitation women have come to realise that it is no use any longer praying and pleading for the vote, but that some further step is necessary in order to obtain it. Put into plain language, the militant policy of the Women's Social and Political Union means that when people ask for a thing which is their right in a proper manner, politely and courteously, and are put off with subterfuge and prevarication, there is nothing left but to take forcible measures deliberately designed to be disagreeable to those who withhold justice.

4. What right have women to interrupt Cabinet Ministers at their meetings, or to provoke disturbances outside the halls where they are speaking?

A glance at the Liberal daily papers shows that the Liberal men certainly consider they have the right to interrupt Tory meetings as much as they like. Women have a greater right to interrupt Cabinet Ministers, because while men have an alternative means of voicing their displeasure by the use of their votes, women have no such means.

But to understand properly why women behave as they do at the meetings of Cabinet Ministers it is necessary to

go back to the beginning of the militant methods of the W.S.P.U.

How the Militant Methods Began.

Militant methods began in 1905. Sir Edward Grey was addressing a great meeting in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. Two women, Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney, determined to find out what was going to be the policy of the Liberal Government towards Woman Suffrage if they were returned at the general election. Accordingly, after Sir Edward Grey's speech was over, at question time they put a question to him on this point, but, though other questions from the audience were answered, this question was ignored, and as they insisted upon receiving an answer they were taken by the stewards and thrown out of the meeting, and because they held a protest meeting outside the hall, were arrested and thrown into prison.

During the four years that the Liberal Government has been in power Cabinet Ministers have persistently dealt in this way with women at their meetings. Sometimes the questions came at the end of the meeting; at other times, as is the custom with men hecklers, they took the form of interruptions during the speeches of the Cabinet Ministers. In almost every case the women were thrown out with violence, until at last Cabinet Ministers decided to exclude women altogether from their meetings. When women protested against this in the streets outside the hall, great barricades were erected and a large posse of police called out to deal with the crowds that came to support the women. In consequence, many women were arrested and thrown into prison.

HOW MANY WOMEN WILL VOTE.

5. Is the Women's Social and Political Union asking that every woman should have a vote?

No. The W.S.P.U. are not asking that every woman should have a vote. They are asking that qualified women should have a vote, that a woman shall not be refused simply because she is a woman; that is to say, they ask that women who are owners, householders, lodgers, or university graduates shall be voters. This would give votes to about 14 million of women (most of whom would be working women) as compared with 7 1/2 millions of men who have the vote. They are not asking for the vote for every woman, since every man has not got a vote. The Women's Social and Political Union claim that a simple measure giving votes to women on these terms shall be passed before any other franchise reform is considered.

6. Why do women want the vote?

Because no race or class or sex can have its interests properly safeguarded in the Legislature of a country unless it is represented by direct suffrage.

Because women, whose special care is the home, find that questions intimately affecting the home are being settled in Parliament, where they are not represented.

Because politics and economics go hand in hand, and while men voters can get their economic grievances attended to, non-voters are disregarded. Women are thus compelled to sell their labour cheap, and in consequence men are undercut in the labour market.

Because women are taxed without being represented, and taxation without representation is tyranny. They have to obey the laws equally with men, and they ought to have a voice in deciding what those laws shall be.

Because all the wisest men and women realise that decisions based upon the point of view of men and women together are more valuable than those based upon either singly.

Because women, like men, need to have some interests outside the home, and will be better comrades to their husbands, better mothers to their children, and better housekeepers of the home when they get them.

THE HUNGER STRIKE.

7. Why do Suffragette prisoners adopt the hunger strike instead of serving out their sentences as other prisoners would do?

The Suffragettes are political prisoners and they refuse to be treated as common felons. In 1889 the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, referring to the Irish political prisoners, said:—

"I know very well that you cannot attempt a legislative definition of political offences, but what you can do, and what always has been done, is this: you can say that in certain classes of cases the imprisoned person ought not to be treated as if he had been guilty of base and degrading crime."

In spite of this trenchant saying of his father, Mr. Herbert Gladstone has treated the Woman Suffrage prisoners as ordinary criminals, and has denied to them the privileges which in all civilised countries are accorded to those who have gone to prison for a political offence.

For a long while the Woman Suffrage prisoners contented themselves with written and spoken remonstrances against this treatment. But finding this protest of no avail, in June, 1909, Miss Wallace Dunlop, one of the Woman Suffrage prisoners, adopted the hunger strike with the view of calling attention to this disgraceful state of affairs. The Home Secretary refused to order that she should be treated as a political offender; but seeing that she would persist until she died of starvation, and fearing an outbreak of popular indignation against himself, ordered her release, after ninety-one hours' starvation. Many other Woman Suffrage prisoners followed her example, and with heroic endurance went without food for four, five, and six days as a protest against their treatment, but the Home Secretary still denied them justice, and in the end released them from prison. Since that he has subjected them to forcible feeding.

8. Is not forcible feeding a comparatively painless operation? Mrs. Leigh, who suffered it for one month in Birmingham Gaol, says of it: "The sensation is most painful. The drums of the ears seem to be bursting; there is a horrible pain in the throat and breast."

Sir Victor Horsley says that, apart from the brutality of the proceeding, it has the following consequences:—Pain, congestion of the nose and pharynx, leading, in my own hospital experience, to ulceration of the nasal mucous membrane, retching, vomiting, and depression.

Mr. Mansell-Moullin, M.D., says:—It is absolutely inhuman and unjustifiable.

Mr. Hugh Fenton, M.D., says:—It is an absolutely beastly and revolting procedure.

In addition to these doctors over one hundred other medical practitioners have petitioned the Government to abandon this disgraceful procedure. In spite of this terrible medical indictment, however, the Government have still continued to adopt it rather than treat their women political opponents as political offenders are treated in every civilised country in the world.

TORY GOLD.

9. Is it not a fact that the funds of the W.S.P.U. are derived from Tory gold?

The W.S.P.U. is an absolutely non-party organisation, and accepts money from men and women who are in agreement and sympathy with its aims or objects, whether they happen to be Liberals, Tories, or Socialists, or whether they are outside all political associations. It is not subsidised by any party, and would definitely refuse any money given in this way.

As fully audited subscription lists are published every year, anyone who likes can verify these facts.

10. Where can further facts about the question be found?

In the election literature of the W.S.P.U., published by The Woman's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. For two penny stamps the election address and nine special leaflets will be sent, post free, to any address in the United Kingdom. For seven penny stamps each of these leaflets and also four pamphlets will be sent, post free. See the special list, page 232. Address letters to the Election Secretary, The Woman's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

[Our readers are invited to send up other questions asked by the Electors, which will be answered in later issues.]

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BOOK OF THE WEEK. The Year's Progress.

The chief feature of "The Englishwoman" for January (Grant Richards, 1s. net) is the interesting article on the year's progress in the Suffrage movement by Miss Clementina Black. A great move forward has been made during the year, and among the favourable signs Miss Black puts the activity of the Anti-Suffrage League, which she considers, brings a vast number of people into the Suffrage movement. Many who have been indifferently favourable to the cause have been so indignant at the Anti-Suffragists that they have become warm supporters, while others who were inclined to be against Votes for Women have found the anti-suffrage argument so hollow that they, too, have joined the great army. After an interesting paragraph exposing the danger of bringing in the Adult Suffrage question at this juncture, Miss Black says of the militant movement:—

"That the tactics of the militant Suffragists have alienated a considerable number of possible supporters is quite unquestionable; but it is also unquestionable that a large number of persons have been attracted by them, and have become supporters. . . . The great feat achieved by the Women's Social and Political Union is that it has awakened political zeal and enthusiasm in a section of society hitherto singularly impervious to general ideas: the section composed of young women of the lower middle class who earn their livelihood—or partly earn it—in various depressing and ill-paid occupations that are neither 'manual' nor 'menial.' More-over an immense advantage has been given to the 'Suffragettes' by the ill-adviced action of the authorities—lumped together in popular parlance as 'the Government'—and this advantage may very possibly become yet greater. If a woman, after being forcibly fed, were to die either in prison or shortly after being discharged, an outburst of popular feeling would almost certainly follow, which might well be strong enough to sweep away any possible Liberal majority at the approaching election."

As regards people in general, and especially the working people in large towns, Miss Black thinks that they are at last becoming really interested, and she refers to the great sympathy which the Suffragists of all societies received in Bermondsey. On the other hand, Miss Black thinks that ground has been lost in the House of Commons, and that many people have been brought into active opposition by the militant tactics. We heartily agree, however, with her concluding sentence:—"Opposition of this sort should, of course, be reckoned as a sign of progress."

In an interesting open letter in the same number Mr. James Haslam touches on the difficult problem of the married woman worker, and shows that there is no way out of the problem but some system of State help. Very often if the mother does not work the children are ill-fed, and the nation suffers. On the other hand, if the mother does work she may be injured, and again the nation pays the price. "In either case," says Mr. Haslam, "the children are neglected, the home is neglected, the life is hard, harsh, and intolerable." He does not, of course, advocate that a married woman should be prevented from working, but that conditions should be made easier for mothers who have to go to the factory and yet look after their own homes, and perhaps work too often to the last moment when they are in a condition which, for the sake of themselves and the future generation, should have restful and healthful surroundings. He quotes the following regulations which an American Trade Union League is demanding:—

Prohibition of the employment of women two months before and after childbirth.
Pensions for working mothers during this lying-in period.
An increased number of women factory inspectors, based on the percentage of women workers in the State.
That the State Departments of Health be urged to appoint women physicians as health inspectors, whose duty it shall be to visit all workshops where women and children are employed, to examine into the physical condition of the women workers.

WHITE BIRDS OF FREEDOM. (The Fighting Line.)

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MABEL TUKE.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Three Tracts. "The Case for School Nurseries," "Capital and Compensation," "Socialism and Superior Brains." (Published by the Fabian Society. 1d. each.)
"The Seven That Were Hanged." By Leonid Andrieff. (London: A. E. Fifield. 6d. net.)
"Woman at Home." January. (London: Hodder and Stoughton. 4d. net.)
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THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. Shopping at the Sales.

The quest of the bargain never becomes so important a factor in the life of the woman as at the beginning of January, when the Christmas shopping is done and the Christmas displays are at an end. Although this has been a prosperous Christmas at most of the shops, a walk round within the last few days affords sufficient evidence that enough is left over to make easy the task of finding the things that one requires at less than ordinary prices.

Take, for instance, Messrs. Debenham and Freebody's, in Wigmore Street. Here there are bargains in all departments, but perhaps the most drastic marking down is seen among the fur garments, the evening cloaks and theatre wraps, prices in some cases being only half of those originally asked. Among the blouses again are many excellent in quality and design at low prices, a variety of patterns in silk nixon and crêpe de chine being offered at 21s. 9d., while there are patterns in linen, lawn, and fancy silks at lower prices. A speciality of this house is the wide selection of dresses for winter sports, each garment being adapted to some special purpose, and those who are going to the Swiss mountains may obtain their outdoor outfits very cheaply. The stock of neckwear is of great variety, and includes some fine marabout feather stoles, which, with muff to match, are offered at 39s. 6d. These are of quite exceptional quality. A visit to the department for household linen also reveals much that is dainty, cheap, and of wonderful value.

Those who are seeking lamp shades will find a wonderful selection in one of the departments of Messrs. Derry and Toms, Kensington. Most of these are of paper lined with muslin, and they illustrate the immense advance made in this style of lamp decoration. Especially attractive are some Empire pattern shades, which are offered at one-third off the ordinary price. Messrs. Derry and Toms are specialists in neckwear, gloves, and hosiery, and in all these things there is a selection too great to be alluded to in detail. The popular cravats of the moment can be had from 1s. 6d. upwards, a very smart pattern in moiré silk and lace costing 5s. 11d. Long gloves which are offered at ordinary times at 7s. 11d. will cost 5s. 11d. during the sale, while a sixteen-button length in mousquetaire kid may be had for 4s. 11d. per pair. Another very useful glove is the short length real gazelle in various colourings at 2s. 8d.—one of the most adaptable coverings for the hand that the outdoor woman can have.

Long fur coats are an important feature of the sale at Messrs. John Baker and Co. One in real musquash is offered at twenty guineas, at which price it is a bargain, and others of much the same pattern in seal cone may be had at four and a half, five, and seven guineas. Mantles, fur-lined coats, and evening wraps, both of the heavier and lighter descriptions, show a similar cheapness in comparison to quality. Blouses are, as most women know, a speciality of this Kensington house, and from those in delaine at 4s. 9d. to the finely cut and decorated patterns in Brussels and other laces at 27s. 9d. there is something to suit every purse. After passing through departments with tempting bargains in robes, dressing-gowns, skirts, and corsets, one finds a wonderful selection in beautiful lingerie, all marked down in surprising fashion. The little extras in dress which do so much to give smartness are offered in profusion, while one may discover many great bargains also in the departments for household goods and men's clothes.

The speciality of Messrs. Shoobred's sale is that it lasts only for three days. It will not be open until the 10th of the month, but, although there is no catalogue, there is promise of bargains in every department. A glance round enables one to note a few of these, although they must be regarded as a mere touching of the fringe of the great stock which has been repriced for the sale. One is fascinated by some French models both in gowns and hats, these being marking down to about half price. At the other end of the scale are some wonderful blouses at 2s. 11d. in delaine and cotton. There are some full-length tweed coats at 18s. 6d. and 21s. and upwards, and others of seven-eighth length fur-lined mount from 58s. 6d. to £25. Vienna shirts at 8s. 11d. and 10s. 9d. have been very substantially reduced, while notably cheap is a dressing-gown offered at 10s. 9d. Boots and shoes exhibit again some drastic marking down of prices, a good line for outdoor wear being offered at 8s. 9d. Finally, in the fancy departments there is a great selection of writing-cases, calendars, handbags, silverware, and such articles, which being a surplus from the Christmas season are now to be obtained at very low prices by those who look ahead.

One seeks the shop of Mr. John Lindsay mainly for blouses and shirts, the constant change of pattern there giving a wonderful choice, and ensuring that one obtains something distinctive. There are model blouses in silk, satin, and crêpe de chine, in all colours, at 8s. 11d., and hand-made lace blouses from 5s. 11d. Very fascinating are some blouses of hand-embroidered lawn, which have been reduced from a guinea to 8s. 11d. That is a sample of the drastic cutting down of prices in the sale. This cheapness extends to the coats and skirts, the petticoats, and the oddments of dainty neckwear, which include some embroidered linen collars at 1s. 11d. the half dozen, although many have previously been 1s. 0d. each.

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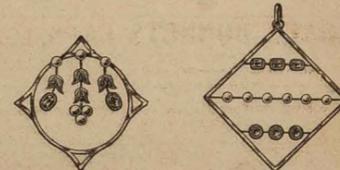
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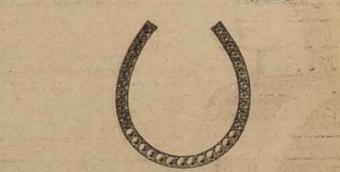
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BEHOLD I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

The old year was drawing to its end. The hour was nearing the stroke of midnight. I sat alone with my thoughts, and the burden of the sorrow of women pressed heavily upon me.

It seemed as though I walked upon a lonely shore beside a wide warm sea that washed up to my feet and fell back with a smothered moan. The air was salt with sea mist. I knew that I walked beside the ocean of women's unshed tears, and that the heaving of its breast was the pulse of the great heart of the world's womanhood.

And as wave after wave crept up to me with the wash of the tide and was drawn back with a sigh, I fancied that I saw the faces of those women who had haunted me in prison. One after another they came and went. The woman who stole food for her starving children. The young motherless and friendless girl who, in a moment of desperation, concealed the birth of her illegitimate child, and whose young life is doomed to years of that living death which is our present prison system.

I saw the miserable girl who went to her lover's door under cover of darkness last April to plead with him to save her from disgrace, went to the door that was for ever shut, went and found despair. She cried to the man who had taken his pleasure of her and had then cast her from him. She cried a warning to him that she would not leave his doorstep alive unless he gave her a word of help and of hope.

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kindness, or pity was heard by that poor child already in her death agony. In the same night that she was brought to Holloway prison she died.

Wave after wave washed up with the tide and fell back into the great sea. Every wave was a human face, a human life, part of the wide ocean of women's sorrow and tears. It is a deep and bitter flood, old as the human heart, and every day in its depths thousands of women are overwhelmed. Does no one care? Does no one care?

And now the clock boomed out the hour of midnight. The old year was dead. The new year had begun.

The New Year! "Behold, I make all things new." Whose voice was speaking through the silence of the night? It was the voice of the Miracle Worker; it was the voice that speaks to the earth, and, lo, it is spring. It was the voice that speaks to the human heart, and, lo, where all seemed darkness and despair hope and faith shine with glorious light.

And again I saw a vision of faces in prison—faces marred with cruel usage and wan with hunger and weakness.

The story of the hideous cruelty practised upon two of our comrades in Walton Gaol came again to my thought with terrible and crushing force. "God only knows," I said to myself, "what further maltreatment may be inflicted upon their helpless bodies." Once more in my imagination I saw the enactment of the most shameful scene in all the shameful drama of coercion which has been used against women, so that haply the voice that they have lifted on behalf of the dumb may be silenced. I saw those brave women, Miss Martin and Miss Hall, hustled into prison, their reasonable request for bail being refused. I saw them denied all the rights of remand prisoners. I saw the prison officers enter Miss Martin's cell and fling her on the ground with her face to the stone floor. I saw the horror of what is called the "frog-march" inflicted upon this girl of gentle breeding and of chivalrous heart. I saw her, with limbs wrenched and bruised, gasping and half-fainting, after being dragged in this fashion to the doctor's room. I saw the gag thrust into her mouth, with the mocking words—"no reply could be given—"Does that hurt?" I heard the taunts that passed from mouth to mouth as the prison officers sneered at the cause for the sake of which this lady had fallen a prisoner into their hands. I saw the loathsome treatment of the struggling girl as food was forced into her through the stomach-tube. Then I shuddered at the further barbarity that began to be enacted. In an agony of physical and mental distress, this tortured girl was seized again, her arms forced behind her back; she was handcuffed and pushed and hustled back to her cell, flung upon the floor, and left there till the next operation. I saw these remand prisoners kept for consecutive days and nights in irons. All these facts their hastily-written and secretly-delivered letters from the police-court have revealed. But now the terrible gates of silence were shut. What was happening to them now? Could the body of these women, could the mind and spirit, hold out against the prolonged and terrible torture?

"Behold, I make all things new." Whence came that voice? Then I realised and understood that it came from the solitary prison cell. It was the song in the heart of these two women to which I was listening. It was their message which the new year had brought to me.

A new spirit is born, a new hope, a new ideal has emerged, a new light has appeared, which all the powers of darkness leagued together shall never be able to quench. That is the message to us from these prisoners. It is their message to us their comrades, who hear and understand, and it is their message to all women who do not yet hear or understand. It is their message from the dead silence of prison. And it is the message of triumphant hope.

Girl with the burned and blackened lips and tongue swollen and blistered, dying forsaken and broken-hearted in Holloway Prison, that cry that came from your eyes—the eyes of a dumb animal in pain—that cry that went up from the place where there is no pity, has been heard and answered! Someone cares. Someone cares.

Hope has come, and help has come into the world for women. The bitter flood of woman's helpless despair shall be swept back, and life shall be reclaimed, and woman shall hold out the hands of love and strength to woman, and together we will beat down the powers of tyranny and evil under our feet. "Behold, I make all things new." Listen to the song which comes from the hearts of women whose bodies have been so abominably tortured. That is the meaning of the woman's movement. That is the meaning of women's martyrdom-to-day. That is the meaning of the great fight for freedom which women are making in the political world.

Be of good courage, women warriors in freedom's battle! Be worthy of your comrades in prison! Fight with all your might! March to the music of triumphant hope!

The field of battle is yours. You are armed with the invincible weapon of the dauntless and indomitable soul. You have the sure promise of the new era that is dawning. You have the certainty of victory! Through you shall be wrought a great deliverance to all the human race.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence,

FACTS AND ARGUMENTS FOR THE FIGHT.

By Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B.

Votes for Women the Predominant Issue.

"Much as I care for Woman Suffrage, I feel that the question of the House of Lords is of paramount importance, and I cannot oppose the Government at this election." Thus writes a woman who has decided to support the Liberal candidate in her constituency. She is being told by her party leaders that the dominant issue is the House of Lords. She believes what they say, and has responded to their appeal to lay aside the question of Woman Suffrage and work for them. We would remind this lady that at every election the party politicians always raise some great issue, either real or imaginary. Thus in 1906 women were urged by Liberals to subordinate the question of their enfranchisement to the Fiscal Question. To-day we are told that the issue is the Constitution. If it is not one question it is another which women are implored to stand for in preference to Woman Suffrage. But there is in reality only one political issue for women, and that is the issue of their own enfranchisement—if only for the reason that until they have the vote they are powerless to effect anything practical in regard to other political matters. And at this moment when, as the Government assert, the Constitution is uppermost, the transcendent importance of Votes for Women is especially apparent. Taking the principles of the Constitution as our test, we see that a dispute between the Commons and Lords is of far less vital importance than the claim of the people, of the women, to be admitted to the ranks of citizenship. It is certain that if the men of the country were asked to choose between obtaining the vote on the one hand and adjusting the relationship between the two Houses of Parliament on the other, they would unhesitatingly decide to get the vote first, and to deal with the other matter afterwards. They would laugh to scorn anyone who asked them to fight against the House of Lords before the House of Commons had been made representative. Why, after all, do the Liberals object to the interference of the House of Lords with questions of finance and legislation? It is because they have no power of electing or dismissing the members of the Upper House. But that is precisely our case against the Government and the Commons. Both Government and Commons are totally unrepresentative of women. Women are, in fact, subject to the rule of two unrepresentative Houses of Parliament, and of these the House of Commons is the most dangerous, because that House, deriving some authority from the votes of men, is able to be all the more daring in its encroachments upon the liberty of women.

An Anti-Liberal Policy.

We have already drawn attention to the resemblance which there is between the present General Election policy of the Women's Social and Political Union and the action taken by the Irish Party in 1885. Having by the vote of the Irish members in the House of Commons driven the Liberal Government from office, the Irish Party decided to continue hostilities at the General Election which ensued. Meetings of Irish electors were held throughout the country, addressed by members of the Party, who declared that it was to save Ireland from a new scourge of coercion that it had been resolved to throw over Mr. Gladstone and the Liberal Party. A manifesto was issued to the Irish electors in England and Scotland, calling upon them to vote against the Liberal Party. The following extracts from this manifesto are of interest:—"The Liberal Party are making an appeal to the confidence of the electors at the General Election of 1885, as at the General Election of 1880, on false pretences. To Ireland more than to any other country it bound itself by most solemn pledges, and these it most flagrantly violated. It denounced coercion, and it practised a system of coercion more brutal than that of any previous administration, Liberal or Tory. If our long delayed triumph had not turned the Liberal Government from office, Lord Spencer would at this hour be in Dublin Castle; coercion would be triumphant in Ireland. We feel bound to advise our countrymen to place no confidence in the Liberal or Radical Party, and so far as in them lies to prevent the Government of the Empire falling into the hands of a Party so perfidious, treacherous, and incompetent. We earnestly advise our countrymen to vote against the men who coerced Ireland, and promise to the country generally a repetition of the crimes and follies of the last Liberal administration."

Protests at Public Meetings.

The Liberal newspapers are rejoicing greatly at the action of those Liberals who are interrupting the speakers at Unionist meetings. For example, the Daily News, in describing the disturbances which took place at the meetings addressed by Unionist peers and others, makes use of the following headlines:—"The Haunting Voice," "Fine Record at Tory Peer's Meeting," "Lord Radnor Non-plussed," "Audiences Cheer for Liberal Leaders," "Short Shrift for Tory Twaddle," and then proceeds to report with great relish the constant interruption by means of which the voice of the interrupters "picked out the many weak spots in the speakers' arguments with unerring accuracy."

Holding the Balance of Power.

This manifesto did not excite very much comment. The Liberals seemed at first to have under-estimated the power of their Irish opponents. But when they found that seat after seat was being lost to them, great was their lamenting. Mr. Gladstone, speaking at Edinburgh, when it was first known how the electoral wind was blowing, expatiated upon the benefits conferred by the Liberal Party in Ireland, and complained bitterly of the Irish manifesto. He pointed out that the object of the Irish Party was to prevent a working majority of Liberals being returned, and urged that his Party might be returned to office in "a position of security" and not on "the slippery footing of slavish dependence." On another occasion he said, the question for the electors was "whether the Liberal Party shall have a commanding majority; or whether Mr. Parnell shall have the power of determining which between the two parties shall weigh the heavier and which the lighter in the scale." From the constituencies where Liberal reverses had occurred, came the report that they were due to the Irish vote. "Lancashire," said Mr. Gladstone, commenting upon the Liberal defeats sustained there, "has spoken, but if you listen to her accents, you will find that they are strongly tinged with the Irish brogue."

The Future Methods of the W.S.P.U.

In some quarters we are being urged not to repeat in the future certain of the steps taken lately. Members of this Union are more than anxious to avoid every kind of extreme measure. Whether or not this will be possible depends upon the attitude which is adopted by the Government (either the present Liberal one or a new Unionist one) after the General Election. If the action of the Government towards our Union is satisfactory, then militant methods will no longer be necessary. At the close of the General Election we shall take stock of the new situation, and we shall lay our plans accordingly. What action we shall have to take in the future depends principally upon the size of the majority given to the Government at the General Election. If that be small it will be comparatively easy to overcome any resistance that may be offered to our claim, but if it be large, then the coming struggle may possibly be as hard as that of the past four years has been.

The Assaulters of Miss Davison Commended.

That the prison officials who, in Walton Gaol and elsewhere, have ill-treated Suffragist prisoners have the direct encouragement of Mr. Herbert Gladstone is shown by the letter addressed at his instruction to the officials at Strangeways Gaol. It was at this prison that Miss Davison was assaulted by means of the firehose, and although Mr. Gladstone, at the time when this occurred, expressed his disapproval, he has taken no steps to reprimand those responsible, but now has written to the officials at Strangeways Gaol the following letter:—"The Commissioners are desired by the Secretary of State to express their appreciation of the way in which you, the medical officer, have carried out your trying and difficult duties in connection with the Suffragist prisoners during the past few weeks. The Secretary of State observes:—"A difficult period has been got through most satisfactorily, owing to the efficiency of the prison service and the carefulness and the good sense shown by the staff." In conveying this message of commendation, the Commissioners desire to express their great appreciation of the tact, care, humanity, and firmness with which this new and difficult problem has been and is being handled by all concerned."

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Several women in the Union have lost their various positions of employment through taking part in militant actions. Two are trained nurses, two are shop assistants, one is a governess with first-class qualifications, a woman with a University degree, capable of taking a post as private secretary. We are sure that the members of the Union will interest themselves on their behalf, and, if possible, will help them to obtain suitable situations. Will they kindly communicate with the Hon. Secretary on this subject.

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TREASURER'S NOTE.

Almost six hundred pounds is a good harvest for the week immediately following upon Christmas. A member has sent a very beautiful sable stole and muff to be sold for the funds. These furs can be seen in the Treasury Department of the office at 4, Clements Inn. We should be glad to find a purchaser quickly. Two anonymous contributions, £5 and £1, acknowledged in last week's column, were given as a "token of admiration and gratitude for Miss Hudson's and Miss Roe Brown's brave protests at Leith." I want our dear, brave warriors to know how their actions are appreciated, and how much every department of the Union is strengthened by their self-sacrifice and devotion. Our hearts are burning with the story of the terrible revenge that the Government is wreaking upon the bodies of our two comrades, Miss Martin and Miss Hall, in Walton Gaol. "For their sake" we must and will do all in our power, giving service and money to the great cause of human liberty for which they are enduring their present ordeal of bitter suffering and pain.

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THE W.S.P.U. GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY.

"The greatest invention of this century is the Suffragette." This, we learn from the Liverpool Courier, occurred in a schoolboy's composition exercise, and certainly, when one looks round on the vigorous movement for woman suffrage as it exists to-day, one cannot help agreeing with the schoolboy! Never has the influence of the militant movement been greater, never has there been such widespread sympathy; never has there been a General Election so dominated by the demand for the enfranchisement of women.

From the extracts from reports which appear below, it will be seen that wherever committee rooms have been opened with the posters of "The Right Dishonourable Double-Face Asquith" and of the Suffragette being forcibly fed, in the windows, the event is a signal for an interested and sympathetic crowd to gather round. Everywhere people are discussing the women's claim to the vote, and it is frequently quite unnecessary for the workers to supply arguments and information, for this is done for them by the more enlightened members of the public, and as an instance (again from Liverpool) there comes the report of a typical conversation outside the W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms, the subject being "The Right Dishonourable Double-Face Asquith poster."

First Man: "What d'ye make out of that?" Second Man: "Yes, so says I, and them there Suffragettes are all right!"

As to militancy, it would appear from one or two reports that the W.S.P.U. is not yet militant enough! A Scarborough voter, asked to sign a petition by another suffrage society, refused with the remark, "If you were only militant I would almost lay down my life for you!" In Bristol, when it was explained to a man working on the road that the lady with whom he was conversing was Nurse Pittman, one of the "window breakers," the roadmaker said, "Will you shake hands with me, Nurse? I'm proud to meet you. We all think you are a plucky lot. Amid the tumult of Party, the women of the W.S.P.U. are making their voices heard; they are urging the electors to put the women's cause first, and day by day the battle-cries ring out, "Votes for Women. Equal rights and equal opportunities." And day by day comes the news, "Another Liberal vote turned by the Government's treatment of the women." We would suggest to these generous supporters that, in

addition to using their votes in the interest of the women's cause, they should also write to their Liberal members explaining their action. Last week we made an appeal to individuals to join forces with the W.S.P.U. workers. This week we repeat this appeal. Their help is needed in many ways, and we cordially invite all who care for the advancement of womanhood to communicate with the organiser nearest to them, and to make some sacrifice of leisure and money during the next three weeks while the great battle is being waged. Many are doing this, and we learn that Miss H. J. Pole, of Oxford, has taken a little Committee Room on her own account, in which she will have posters and leaflets, etc., and will do campaigning single-handed, and other friends have subscribed to show the W.S.P.U. posters all over Leamington, and are going to hold a meeting for electors before polling day. Miss R. Newton (care of Miss V. Walker, 1 Aubrey Street) is organising meetings in Rochdale, and will be glad if volunteers will join her.

BRADFORD (East).

Polling Day, January 17th. Candidates.—Sir W. E. B. Priestley (L.), J. H. Balfour Brown, K.C. (C.), E. H. Hartley (Lab.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—56, Leeds Road. W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Mary Phillips. Result in 1906:—L., 6,185; C., 4,377; Lab., 5,000.—Maj., 1909.

A vigorous anti-Government policy is being pursued in Bradford, and the Union shop, gaily decorated with posters and colours, attracts a great deal of attention. Miss Newton is in charge, and will be glad if volunteers will help her. The division will be canvassed with election addresses, and Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting is being made known everywhere. Cards for hanging in shops, tea-rooms, etc., can be had advertising this meeting, and are being announced chiefly by telling people of them when distributing election leaflets. There is work for all, and at all times. Miss Laura Ainsworth will be at the committee-rooms every morning from 10.30 to 11.30 to direct and plan the day's work, and helpers can be sure of using their time to the best advantage if they meet her there at that time. Miss Mary Phillips is at 63, Manningham Lane, at the same hour to meet workers for the same purpose. A special feature is being made of the afternoon meetings for women. The following meeting has been arranged:— Wednesday.—Central Baths Hall, Morley Street, Mrs. Pankhurst. Chair, Miss Mary Phillips 8.0

BRIGHTON (Two Seats).

Polling Day, January 18th. Candidates.—E. A. Villiers and M. Nickalls (L.), Captain Tryon and Hon. W. Rice (C.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—8, North Street, Quadrant. W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Mrs. Clarke. Result in 1906:—L., 8,063 and 8,919; C., 8,188 and 8,170.—Maj., 1911. With the W.S.P.U. shop as a basis of operations, splendid anti-Government work is being done by local workers, who have been reinforced by Miss Joan Dugdale and Miss Radcliffe. The shop window below the W.S.P.U. office has been secured, and posters and leaflets are being displayed. Great interest is taken locally, and there is always a group outside reading the W.S.P.U. notices. Among interested callers was a gentleman who asked for one of the forcible feeding posters to put on his garden gate. Very good meetings have been held. Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence spoke on Monday evening to a large and enthusiastic audience.

BRISTOL (North).

Polling Day, January 17th. Candidates.—Right Hon. A. Birrell, K.C. (L.), M. H. Woods (C.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—182, Stapleton Road, Bristol. W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Annie Kenney. Result in 1906:—L., 6,663; C., 4,011.—Maj., 9,542. Beginning on December 29, the campaign against the Liberal candidate (who is also a member of the present Cabinet) has gone ahead vigorously. Three dinner-hour and three evening meetings are being held each day, and, with the exception of those at Fishponds, the audiences are very orderly. At Fishponds, therefore, a meeting will be held every night until polling day. In addition to other arrangements, afternoon meetings for women will be held, and the usual At Home will be recognised. The electors are evincing great interest in the women's demand, and canvassers find that the opinion that women should have the vote is very general. Several local Liberal electors have promised to use their vote against the Government, and the canvassers are well received by men and women alike. Purple, white and green favours are being sold in the streets. The following meetings have been arranged:— Friday.—Portland Square, 1.30. Lewin's Mead Unitarian Chapel, 1.30. Outside Adam's, Broad Weir, 1.30. Armory Square, 7.30. Station Road, Fishponds, 7.30. Horsfall, 7.30. Saturday.—Armory Square, 7.30. Station Road, Fishponds, 7.30. Horsfall, 7.30.

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The following meetings have been arranged at which Miss Gladice Keovil and others will speak:— Friday.—Paris Street, 3.30; Ceoil Road, 3.30; Paris Street, 7.30; Tram Terminus, 7.30. Saturday.—Fountain Sidwell Street, 12 and 7; New North Road, 3.30. Monday.—Iron Bridge, 7.30; Tram Terminus, 3.30; York Road, 3.30; Larkbea, 7.30. Tuesday.—Fore Street, 3.30; Larkbea, 3.30; Fore Street, 7.30; New North Road, 7.30. Wednesday.—Heavitree Road, 3.30; New North Road, 3.30; Heavitree Road, 7.30; Queen Street, 7.30. Thursday.—The Fountain, 3.30; Queen Street, 3.30; The Fountain, 7.30; Ceoil Road, 7.30; Barnfield Hall, 3.30. On Wednesday Miss Keovil will speak at Rannaleve Hall, Ilfracombe.

LANCASHIRE (Southport).

Polling Day, Jan. 24. Candidates.—Baron de Forest (L.), Major Dalrymple White (C.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—Newville Street. W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Dora Marsden. Result in 1906:—L., 6,607; C., 6,387.—Maj., 640. "We are rapidly gathering our forces for the struggle," the organiser writes, "and everything is in our favour." Both parties recognise the women as a strong factor in the fight, and the Press on both sides accord the doings of the Suffragettes an unusual amount of space. A prominent tradesman in the chief street has decorated his window with three political parties, the "Third Party" being the W.S.P.U. In this miniature snow-scene there is a procession of sandwich-women and a motor-car, with chauffeur, and the scheme of colour is admirably carried out. The W.S.P.U. shop is open, and workers are invited to rally round the organiser, who calls upon them to give "talents, time, and money" to this important election.

LEICESTERSHIRE (Loughborough).

Candidates.—Sir M. Levy (L.), Sir C. MacLaren (L.), N. W. Smith Carrington (C.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—11, Severn Street, Leicester, and 68, Eastgate, Loughborough. W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss D. Tethick. Result in 1906:—L., 8,863, 7,678; C., 5,023, 3,627.—Maj., 1,780. At the attractively decorated shop in Loughborough there is always someone from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. ready to answer questions, supply information, sell pamphlets, badges and colours, etc., and last, but not least, receive subscriptions towards the local campaign fund. The organiser writes:—"Let no one forget that every 6d. given will help forward the emancipation of women. While so many women are at the present moment suffering indignities and torture unspoken, let those who cannot give so much show their appreciation and gratitude by giving what they can." Miss Pethick will be glad to know of any who will volunteer to help in "keeping shop," selling at meetings, cycling to villages to hold meetings, etc. Will they communicate with her at once at the above address? She asks also for the names of any who live in Shephard, Whitwick, Rothley, Wymeswold, Hathorn, Castle Donington, Anstey, Groby, and Markfield who would be willing to help in organising meetings. Miss Gawthorpe has been secured for a public meeting in the Town Hall, Loughborough, on January 21.

LIVERPOOL (Abercromby).

Candidates.—Rt. Hon. Colonel Seely (L.), Colonel R. G. W. Chaloner (C.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—28, Berry Street. W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Plattman. Result in 1906:—L., 9,593; C., 2,734.—Maj., 159.

LIVERPOOL (Exchange).

Candidates.—M. Muspratt (L.), Leslie Scott, K.C. (C.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—23, Berry Street. W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Plattman. Result in 1906:—L., 8,201; C., 2,170.—Maj., 121. Two important campaigns against the Liberal nominees are being waged in Liverpool, and the case of Miss Martin and Miss Hall is being forcibly put before the electors. Large and interested crowds gather round the committee-rooms, which are very attractively decorated with election posters. The local workers have been reinforced by many splendid workers, and five additional speakers, including Miss Joachim, Miss Elsie Howey, Mrs. Baines, and Miss Mackenzie, have arrived. Thirteen meetings are being held every day—dinner-hour meetings at the docks and large factories, and afternoon meetings for women, as well as the evening street-corner meetings. Lady Constance Lytton has kindly promised to speak at some of these afternoon meetings, which are to be held in the Engineer's Rooms, 43, Mount Pleasant. She will also address an evening meeting at 9 p.m. this evening in the Hardman Hall. It is hoped that Miss Lily Norbury, who was released from Walton Gaol on Tuesday, will also be present. Liverpool has been fortunate in securing Mrs. Pankhurst for two large indoor meetings—viz. in Hope Hall on January 13 and in Picton Hall on January 17. Stewards are wanted for both, and members are invited to give in their names as soon as possible. The help of members is also wanted in chalking, bill distributing, and canvassing, and all having any spare time to give are asked to call at 23, Berry Street, where they will be welcomed by Miss Gertrude Llewellyn, who is in charge, and who will quickly set them to work. Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Avery, of Hutton, the W.S.P.U. has been given the use of a motor-car until the close of the election.

The following meetings have been arranged:—

Friday.—Chapel Street, Newquay, Miss Woodcock, 12. Leeds Street, Miss Howey, 12. Faulkner Street, Miss Fraser Smith, 12. Kitchen Street, Miss Woodcock, 12. 44, Mount Pleasant, Miss Howey (women only), 3. Wellington Square, Miss Brooks, 8. Great George Place, Mrs. Baines, 8. Nelson Street, Miss Joachim, 8. Mount Pleasant, Mrs. Baines, 8. Saturday.—Wellington Col., Miss Fraser Smith, 8. Leeds Street, Miss Brooks, 8. Great George Place, Miss Joachim, 8. Nelson Street, Miss Brooks, 8. Monday.—Chapel St., Newquay, Miss Joachim, 12. Faulkner Street, Mrs. Baines, 12. Kitchen Street, Miss Woodcock, 12. 44, Mount Pleasant, Lady Constance Lytton (women only), 3. Wellington Square, Miss Joachim, 8. Islington Square, Miss Fraser Smith, 8. Great George Place, Miss Flatman, 8. Nelson Street, Miss Woodcock, 8. Mount Pleasant, Miss Howey, 8. Tuesday.—Chapel Street, Mrs. Baines, 12. Leeds Street, Miss Brooks, 12. Faulkner Street, Miss Fraser Smith, 12. Kitchen Street, Miss Woodcock, 12. 44, Mount Pleasant, Miss Flatman (women only), 3. Wellington Square, Miss Joachim, 8. Great George Place, Miss Fraser Smith, 8. Nelson Street, Miss Howey, 8. Monday.—Hope Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 12. Chapel Street, Miss Brooks, 12. Leeds Street, Miss Fraser Smith, 12. Faulkner Street, Miss Woodcock, 12. Kitchen Street, Miss Howey, 12. 44, Mount Pleasant, Mrs. Baines (women only), 3. Wellington Square, Miss Howey, 8. Islington Square, Miss Flatman, 8. Great George Place, Miss Woodcock, 8. Nelson Street, Miss Fraser Smith, 8. Mount Pleasant, Miss Brooks, 8. Candidates.—C. T. Needham (L.), H. A. Colefax (C.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—252, Stretford Road. W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Rona Robinson. Result in 1906:—Lab., 4,101; C., 3,275. Maj., 1,226. The withdrawal of the Liberal candidate from the East Manchester constituency has reduced the number of Manchester campaigns from three to two—viz. South-West Manchester and West Salford. Committee Rooms with shops have been taken in both districts, Miss Rona Robinson and Miss Barbara Ayrton being respectively organisers in charge. The campaigns are especially interesting. Both constituencies are thoroughly working-class, and since the fights are three-cornered ones, it will not be possible to attribute to W.S.P.U. workers any party bias. For the electors open-air and work-gate meetings will be held regularly, with a few important meetings indoors; with the special feature of both campaigns will be the work among the women. Women householders will be approached, and the significance of being without a vote although fully qualified will be brought home to them. New Year's Eve being a very popular holiday in Manchester, great crowds paraded the streets, and quite blocked the pavement outside the Committee Rooms in their desire to see the election literature and posters displayed in the windows. Besides the regular workers attached to the different constituencies, meetings will be addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, and Lady Constance Lytton. Everyone in South-West Manchester has heard of the arrival of the Suffragettes, and the W.S.P.U. Committee Room is an object of the keenest interest. A special debt of gratitude is due to Miss Mabel Capper, the Misses Tolson, Misses A. and J. Rose, Miss C. Smith, and Miss Owen, and to the Manchester teachers who have given up their short holiday to help forward the movement. Of these, special mention must be made of the Misses Lee, Miss Hutton, and Miss Adela Ratcliffe. The following are some of the appointments made:—Captain of Chalkers Corps, Miss Grace Jardine; Captain of Parades Corps, Miss Mabel Capper; Captain of Meetings Corps, Miss Helen Tolson; Literature Secretary, Miss Catharine Tolson. The following meetings have been arranged:— Friday.—252, Stretford Road (women only), Miss Rona Robinson, M. St. C., Miss Owen, Miss Una Dugdale, 3 and 7.30. Saturday.—Christ Church Square (demonstration), Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Lady Constance Lytton, Miss Rona Robinson, 12 noon. Sunday.—Westinghouse, Old Trafford, Miss Rona Robinson, Miss Mabel Capper, 12 noon. Monday.—Free Trade Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8. Tuesday.—St. Michael's School, Cooke Street, Hulme, Miss Helen Tolson, Miss Barbara Ayrton, 8. Wednesday.—Duke Street Schools, Hulme, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Rona Robinson, M. St. C., 8. Thursday.—Christ Church Schools, Miss Rona Robinson, Miss Bertha Lee, 8.

MANCHESTER (S.W.).

Candidates.—G. W. Agnew (L.), Lord Brackley (C.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—75, Broad Street, Pendleton. W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Barbara Ayrton. Result in 1906:—L., 7,389; C., 5,119.—Maj., 2,910. There is every prospect of a most successful "Votes for Women" campaign in Salford. In spite of there having been few meetings as yet in the constituency, the people are beginning to show great interest in the question, and all day long there is a little crowd of interested spectators gazing in at the windows of the Committee Rooms, reading the Election Manifesto and other literature displayed in the windows. As one passes in and out of the door one hears excited conversation going on outside as to the

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- Following meetings have been arranged: Friday—Mandeville, Whit Lane, Miss B. Ayton, Miss Hebe Smith, 12; Reddaway's, Lisadell Street, Miss M. Hewitt, Miss Lillian Williamson, 12; 75, Broad Street, Women's Meeting, Miss Ayton, 3.30; Whit Lane, Miss B. Ayton, 7.30; Leaf Square, Miss M. Hewitt, 7.30; Bridgewater Avenue, Miss Williamson, 7.30; Terrace Polishing Works, Miss Una Dugdale, 7.30; 75, Broad Street, Women's Meeting, Miss Hebe Smith, 3.30; Demonstration, Seadley Reservoir (two platforms), Miss Ayton, Miss Dugdale, Miss Hewitt, Miss Williamson, 3.30; School-room Meeting, Miss Dugdale, Miss Hewitt, 7.30; Votes Corp., 7.30; Monday—Lighttown Printing Works, Miss L. Williamson, 12; Seadley Bleach Works, Miss M. Hewitt, 12; Women's Meeting, Miss M. Hewitt, 3.30; Leaf Square, Miss B. Ayton, 7.30; Recreation Ground, Miss Dugdale, 7.30; Upton Square, Miss Williamson, 7.30; Near Town Hall, Miss M. Hewitt, 7.30; Tuesday—Mandeville, Whit Lane, Miss M. Hewitt, 12; Reddaway's, Lisadell Street, Miss Una Dugdale, 12; 75, Broad Street, Women's Meeting, Miss Ayton, 3.30; School Room, Miss M. Gawthorpe, 7.30; Whit Lane, Miss L. Williamson, 7.30; Leaf Square, Miss M. Hewitt, 7.30; Lamb's Field, Miss R. Robinson, 7.30; Wednesday—Elkington's, Whit Lane, Miss Ayton, 12; Terrace Polishing Works, Miss U. Dugdale, 12; Opposite Town Hall, Miss Hewitt, 12; 75, Broad Street, Women's Meeting, Miss Ayton, 3.30; Leaf Square, Miss B. Ayton, 7.30; Seadley Reservoir, Miss Williamson, 7.30; Bridgewater Avenue, Miss M. Hewitt, 7.30; Whit Lane, Miss U. Dugdale, 7.30; Thursday—Lighttown Printing Works, Miss Ayton, 12; Seadley Bleach Works, Miss Hewitt, 12; 75, Broad Street, Women's Meeting, Miss Williamson, 3.30; Pendleton Town Hall, Lady Constantine Lytton, Miss M. Gawthorpe, Miss B. Ayton, 7.30; Leaf Square, Miss Hewitt, Miss Williamson, 7.30.

MIDDLESEX (Harrow).

Polling Day, Jan 24. Candidates—P. Harris (L.), H. C. M. De'ee' (C.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—215, High Road, Kilburn. W.S.P.U. Organizer & Election Sec.—Mrs. Fahoy. Result in 1905—L., 11,393; C., 10,977—Maj., 416.

Although polling day is not until the 24th, work is going on at full steam. Mrs. Fahoy, an indefatigable organizer, has collected a large band of workers who are busily engaged canvassing, paper selling, and holding an immense number of open-air meetings. The meetings attract large and interested audiences, for the most part entirely sympathetic, and wherever the workers go they meet with nothing but kindness and encouragement. Fifty "Double-Face" posters are already out on prominent boardings, and the W.S.P.U. manifesto and other leaflets are eagerly sought. Six large halls have been booked for indoor meetings, and for Saturday, 22nd, the eve of the poll, the best and largest building in the neighbourhood, the Kilburn Palace, has been secured, with Miss Christabel Pankhurst as speaker. The constituency covers an immense area, with 35,000 electors, and the aim is to cover the whole ground, concentrating especially on those parts where Liberals are known to abound. Meetings, both indoor and out, are being arranged at Harrow by Captain and Mrs. Cahill, and at Letchworth by Mrs. Wyatt and her daughters. At Harrow two large factories are giving every facility for addressing their workpeople. The workers are extremely fortunate in possessing such commodious premises in Kilburn, so that while these are being used as Central Committee Rooms they are still able to carry on the business of the shop. This shop astonishes everyone by its success under the skilful management of Madame Myers. The sales during the eight weeks from its opening to Christmas Day amounted to £65, of which £25 was taken in Christmas week.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Two Seats).

Candidates—E. Short (L.), G. Renwick (C.), Sir W. R. Plummer (C.), W. Hudson (Lab.). W.S.P.U. Comm. Rms.—71, Blackett Street. W.S.P.U. Organizer.—Miss Williamson. Result in 1905—L., 17,861; C., 17,770; Lab., 2,971. Con. Maj., 21.3.

A comprehensive plan of campaign is being carried out on the Tyneside; and the force of the W.S.P.U. workers will be concentrated in Newcastle till polling day, then in the Tyneside Division till the 25th, finishing with Jarrow on the 28th. The organizer will be at the Blackett Street Committee Room every morning at ten to meet members and friends and arrange the day's work. Notices of the time, place, and number of meetings will be posted in the Committee Rooms each day. The Committee Room in Blackett Street is admirably suited for election purposes; members have risen to the occasion and are making themselves entirely responsible for the rent, furniture, heating, and lighting. The large window, gay with colours, posters, and literature, is attracting interested crowds, and all day long "Double-Face Asquith" preaches the women's cause so clearly, so convincingly, that he who runs may read. Dinner-hour Meetings and Evening Meetings (7.30) are held daily.

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A GREAT BRIGHTON MEETING.

A cordial reception greeted Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Pankhurst when they spoke at Brighton Dome on Monday night. Mrs. Lawrence explained that Cabinet Ministers were so afraid of women because they knew that they were as unconditional themselves as they declared the House of Lords to be. They were also afraid to admit Liberal women to their meetings in case a spirit of liberty should suddenly rise up in the women, and they might ask for the vote. Crisis of "Shame!" greeted her account of the treatment of Miss Selina Martin, and prolonged applause followed after her fine comparison of the women to the early martyrs. Mrs. Pankhurst appealed to women Liberals to remember their self-respect, and not to do the dirty work of any party until they could do the clean work of voting, and she asked the Liberals to remember that in giving the women the vote they would hasten the realisation of their ideals of progress. A collection of over £50 was taken.

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THE LAST LONDON MEETING OF 1909.

The last Thursday evening meeting in London in the old year was marked by the greatest possible enthusiasm, and the determination of the audience to put up a good fight during the General Election was very manifest. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, in her opening speech, referred to 1909 as a "wonderful year"—"Wonderful in its revelation of the extraordinary latent qualities in the women of the movement, in its record of moral miracles, of glorious unselfishness and magnificent heroism. Whatever the result of the General Election, to which all now were looking forward, she prophesied that the women's militant movement would come out on the top. Though there had been cause for keen grief in the sufferings of nearly two hundred women who had gone to prison during the year in the cause of liberty, these griefs had been no more than purifying fires from which women rose renewed and strengthened.

Miss Christina Pankhurst explained in detail the position of the movement with regard to the General Election. Dealing with the difficulty which many people felt with regard to the Union's policy of fighting the Liberals, Miss Pankhurst drew a parallel between the position of the Union with that of the Irish Party in 1895, when Mr. Parnell, by opposition to the Liberals, forced the Government to introduce a Home Rule Bill. While the W.S.P.U. could not accept the so-called pledge of Mr. Asquith, it was a step in advance that he had made some allusion to the question in his Albert Hall speech, and this allusion had disposed of the report circulated by prominent Anti-Suffragists that there was a conspiracy between the Liberal and Conservative leaders against the women. Harder pressure still must be brought to bear on the Prime Minister. The Government would continue to exist another five years unless sufficient pressure could be brought against it. She was confident that the women's movement was sufficiently strong to greatly reduce the present huge majority. The militant methods would not be half so necessary if the Government were weakened, and the W.S.P.U. would be more than thankful if they were rendered unnecessary, and if the fight could be finished on the plane of argument and reason.

The Westminster Review for January, 1910, contains the first chapter of a serial, entitled, "How I Failed to Take My Degree," supposed to be written by a girl-student in Gresham College (Gresham and Newin—Gresham and Newinham) in the University of Gresham (Granta-Oxon) in the planet Mars. It is a satire on the blind obstinacy and injustice of Oxford and Cambridge in their dealings with women.

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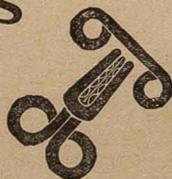
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