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"BETTER IS WISDOM THAN WEAPONS OF WAR."

ORGAN OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES
(NUMBER OF SOCIETIES IN THE UNION 460).

Notes and Comments.

The National Union in Council.

The Council of the N.U.W.S.S. met in Newcastle on November 6th and 7th. A report of the proceedings, together with Mrs. Fawcett's speech at the public meeting, will be found on another page. The meeting was a very interesting one, and all present were filled with enthusiasm and hope. The spirit of those present, like the spirit of the magnificent public meeting held on Friday evening, makes the gloomy talk about the "set-back" to the Cause on the part of Cabinet Ministers, seem frankly ridiculous.

The Keighley By-Election.

As Suffragists are perpetually urged to test the question of Women's Suffrage at elections, it may be worth while to point out that in the election address of the successful candidate at Keighley, only three subjects were mentioned: one of these was Women's Suffrage. In sending Sir Stanley Buckmaster to the House of Commons by an increased majority over that of his predecessor, the electors cannot have been ignorant of what they were doing in the matter of the enfranchisement of women.

The Release of Miss Richardson.

We cannot too strongly protest against the return to forcible feeding, and especially at a time when Parliament is not sitting, and therefore the ordinary channels of protest and inquiry are closed. We believe that militancy has done our cause grievous harm, and we believe this because we think militancy, in the words of Mrs. Fawcett, "an attempt—however heroic—to overcome evil with evil." We believe the action of the Government is disastrous to the cause of law and order for precisely the same reason.

The Case for Police Protection.

We have not yet heard how the case of the Suffragists at Hastings against the Mayor and Corporation has been decided, but we are informed that public opinion is strongly on the side of the plaintiffs. It will be remembered that they took refuge in an hotel from a rough and dangerous mob, and were then obliged by the landlord to agree to pay for damages inflicted by the roughs outside. Bringing an action to recover these damages from the Corporation, on the ground that they were caused by a "riot," the Suffragists have succeeded in carrying with them public opinion to a remarkable extent. This was due in the first instance, no doubt, to the excellence of their case; but they are agreed in saying that it is also partly due to the admirable presentment of that case by their Counsel, Mr. Morgan. His speech made a very great impression, and compelled the admission from the barrister on the other side that some of the evidence of violent and riotous behaviour was "a complete surprise to himself and to his clients." The Hastings Suffragists are to be congratulated on the public spirit which urged them to bring the action.

Local Government and Politics.

Oddly enough, the Anti-suffragists argue that women are as well-fitted for municipal work as ill-fitted for politics. They ought, therefore, to be (and as a matter of fact are) members of the London County Council—which has the power to promote legislation in the House of Commons! They propose to use this power with regard to the Housing question, the question of Sanatoria for Consumptives, and now also to demand the registration of massage and manicure establishments, and certain kinds of nursing homes. Some of these names are merely a cover for the carrying-on of disorderly houses, and it is hoped by registration to make this pretence impossible. The Bill to be promoted will put the matter into the hands of the County Council, as the Borough Councils are not all equally energetic in the suppression of these houses.

Miss Ashton and the Watch Committee.

We greatly regret the decision of the Manchester City Council not to place Miss Margaret Ashton on the Watch Committee. The decision was made by a majority of only nine votes, and we hope that it may be reversed in the near future. Nothing, perhaps, could illustrate the difference between the man's and the woman's point of view more clearly than the extreme reluctance everywhere shown to putting women on to Watch Committees. Women, we believe, would be practically unanimous in

wishing to have the services of women on this committee above all. Men—enlightened enough to want Miss Ashton on the City Council—still refuse to her this responsibility which, difficult and heavy as it must be, she desires, for the public good, to undertake. The *Manchester Guardian* asserts that "nobody who knows even the most ordinary duties of the police . . . can doubt that one or more women should have a part in police administration."

The Point of View.

The "different point of view" is further illustrated by the comment of the *Medical Times* on the constitution of the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases. To this paper it is matter for regret that there should be as many as three women to twelve men on the Commission. To us, the proportion seems preposterously small, in view of the tragic importance to women of the subject of inquiry. We heartily agree, however, with the condemnation of the terms of reference. "A report in which no reference is made to the policy of the C.D. Acts is not likely to be worth the paper on which it will be written."

The First Woman Provost.

From Scotland comes the welcome news of the election of the first Woman Provost—Mrs. Malcolm Dollar. Mrs. Malcolm—need we say?—is a convinced Suffragist, which makes our rejoicing double. She was the first woman to be elected a Town Councillor in Scotland, and is also a member of the School Board and Parish Council.

"The Statesman" Supplement.

The rapid selling out of the Woman's Movement Supplement to the *Statesman* is only one more proof of the intensity and width of the interest felt in our great movement. Mrs. Webb's introductory article emphasises the connection between it and other great world-movements towards more equal partnership between human beings and human affairs. Mrs. Fawcett also links up these movements. "The awakening of women," she writes, "which George Meredith called the most indigestible fact of the last sixty years, is one of the biggest events which has ever taken place in the history of the world. One might be inclined to say it was absolutely the biggest, but that it certainly forms a part of a still bigger thing, the rise and progress of democracy."

The Housing Question Again.

Protests are being made, and a large protest meeting organised against the way in which the inquiry into the housing conditions in Dublin is to be conducted. Public opinion is not satisfied, and will not be, we hope, until full publicity is given to the investigation. An inquiry behind closed doors is not what is wanted. It is difficult enough to get practical results from any "enquiry"; it is hardly to be hoped for in the case of one which proceeds in private. We Suffragists are so often accused of being "in a hurry" that it is interesting to note the dispassionate statement of the *Manchester Guardian* on the treatment by politicians of this essentially domestic matter. "It is nearly thirty years since Lord Salisbury wrote his famous essay on the housing of the poor in towns. A generation has passed since it was announced on all sides that the conscience of the nation was thoroughly aroused on this matter. Yet very little has been done, and in the inner ring of London (for example) families are still living in single rooms, and the rent of a wretched tenement is still absorbing a third of the scanty wages of a builder's labourer."

The Care of Children.

It is good news indeed that a new division of the Home Office should have been created to deal with questions relating to children, especially industrial schools, reformatories, Children's Courts, probation officers, after-care, street-trading, and cases of cruelty to children. Every step in this direction, moreover, increases the strength of the Suffrage case. Who can possibly pretend that politics are not a woman's business, because she should be looking after her children, when politics are responsible for a new division of the Home Office in charge of children? The situation is rapidly becoming Gilbertian.

THE COMMON CAUSE CAMPAIGN.

During the coming month we want to double the circulation of our paper. Many societies are taking up the matter with enthusiasm; we want all of them to do so. If they will, THE COMMON CAUSE, instead of being a financial burden, will be a financial help to the Union. Will every member bear this in mind?

Already the circulation is going up, and to increase it should in the future be much easier than in the past. The first editor of the paper—Mrs. Swanwick—had all the up-hill and laborious work of creating and establishing it. She brought it to that point up to which all is hard work and drudgery; she left it just when that point was reached and turned. Our task in the future should be much easier than in the past, and it will be so if every member of the N.U. will help.

We remind you that we have printed:—
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(2) Order-forms for newsagents, which should be left by canvassers and put on every chair at Suffrage meetings.
(3) Advertisement slips, with order-form attached, which can be folded into any letter.
(4) The pamphlet, "How to Organise a COMMON CAUSE Week" (revised).

Street Selling.

Will every member of the N.U. undertake to sell the paper in the street on one day in the campaign month? No advertisement is half so valuable. The work is not easy, but it is magnificently repaying.

Mlle. Stés tells us she sold *five dozen copies in less than half-an-hour* at Whitby, on the beach. Another seller "had no idea people would be so willing to buy." A correspondent writes: "I must tell you about Miss —. She was going to sell for the first time, when she fell off her bicycle and strained her leg. Many people would have thought this a merciful interposition of Providence! Not so she. She hired a bath-chair, sold from that, and will continue till able to stand again!"
Now, who will refuse to sell?

Book-Stalls.

Messrs. W. H. Smith will have papers and posters at every book-stall in the country during the Campaign month. Please ask for the paper every time you see it; you can always give away the extra copies!

A Generous Response to our Appeal.

We record our warm thanks to Mrs. Binns Smith for her generous gift of 25s. to defray the cost of a poster at a station, and to Miss C. A. Jones for sending the other 12s. 6d. necessary for the poster at Victoria Station. We cannot help feeling very confident for the future of THE COMMON CAUSE, when every appeal to our readers' generosity is so instantly met. Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Watson, of Balham, for the initial promise.

CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

Mr. Leslie Scott's announcement that a Central Association has been formed in connection with the Mental Deficiency Act will be widely welcomed. The object of the Association will be to co-ordinate the powers and activities of voluntary agencies for dealing with this problem, and back them up with all the new powers of the Act, and (probably) with financial help from the Government. Mr. Scott lays great stress on the need for much more careful classification of the mentally deficient than is at present possible. He desires to see those who have some further defect, such as epilepsy, or blindness, kept apart, and believes that much better results would be obtained if this could be done. The need for trained teachers will increase, of course, and will not be easy to meet. Such work requires very careful training, but also a natural gift, which is not common.

WOMEN'S FRANCHISE FOR SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT.

Speaking in Edinburgh last Saturday, Mr. McKinnon Wood stated that he wanted a very wide franchise for the Scottish Parliament, including women. He said:—

"I understand that there are many people who are opposed to giving women a share in Imperial government, for reasons which I consider inadequate, but, nevertheless, would be willing to give them a share in local legislation. Now, why should not we take these people with us? I do not ask women to give up their larger claim. I do not ask women to take this in place of their larger claim, but I would ask men to consider whether it would not be reasonable and wise to give them this—a voice in the management of the local affairs of their own country." (Cheers.)

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"COMMON CAUSE" CORRESPONDENTS.

The name of THE COMMON CAUSE Correspondent of the East Midland Federation was wrongly given last week. It is: Miss E. J. Sloane, M.A., 13, Welford Road, Leicester.

NEED FOR GOVERNMENT BILL.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Women's Industrial Council, a resolution was passed urging the need for a Government Bill to provide that a residential qualification shall suffice for men and women candidates for County and Borough Councils.

BABY CLINICS.

A resolution was also passed urging that the Government should make grants to further the establishment of Baby Clinics for the medical treatment of babies and children under school age, in view of the large number of young children suffering from physical defects.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPITAL FOR GENTLEWOMEN.

To-day an extension of the above institution, 19, Lisson Grove, will be opened by the Duchess of Albany. This little hospital is for the reception of ladies of limited means, who cannot afford the expense of a nursing home, and provides for a widely felt need. Donations are urgently required, in order that the extension may be opened free of debt.

PROTESTS AGAINST FORCIBLE FEEDING.

Strong protests against forcible feeding of prisoners have lately been passed by the Penal Reform League, the Humanitarian League, the Actresses Franchise League. The Committee for the Repeal of the Temporary Discharge for Ill Health of Prisoners Act ("Cat and Mouse" Act) will hold a public meeting of inquiry at the Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, on November 25th, at 8 p.m. Dr. Flora Murray will take the chair, and the speakers will be Mr. Israel Zangwill, Miss Abadam, and the Revd. Mary Cripps.

THE FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OF THE SALT SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Creighton, widow of the late Bishop of London, delivered an address at Saltire last week as the first woman President of the Salt Schools, founded by the late Sir Titas Salt.

Speaking on "The hope of the future," Mrs. Creighton reviewed the marvellous developments of the past half-century, and suggested that greater changes were coming in the future. The women's movement, she said, meant that women were going to contribute to the welfare of the State. The State wanted that contribution in some form.

WOMEN IN TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

At the time of going to press last week, full particulars of the Town Council elections were not available. We now learn that Miss McNab (Lab.) has been elected to the Leith Council. This makes twelve successful women candidates, out of eighteen who stood for election. It is to be hoped that before long the County and Borough Councils (Qualification) Bill, promoted by the Women's Local Government Society will become law, and enable a greater number of women to come forward.

CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATIONS.

At the annual Conference of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations in Norwich this week, Lord Robert Cecil is down to move a resolution "that it is expedient to extend the franchise to all citizens, regardless of sex, who have the qualification at present required in men for the exercise of the Suffrage." Mr. Arthur Chapman will move "that no Parliamentary franchise ought to be extended to women." At time of going to press the fate of these resolutions was not yet known. On Thursday a meeting of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association was held at the School of Music, Norwich, and addresses were given by Mr. W. J. Murrills, B.Sc., Miss Beatrice Cartwright, and Mrs. Graham Nairne.

Her Majesty the Queen has commanded Messrs. Derry & Toms (who took over much of the stock remaining from the Russian Village) to submit a selection of carved woodwork and toys for approval at Buckingham Palace. These were sent to her Majesty from the beautiful collection which is now being shown at a miniature Russian Fair in Messrs. Derry & Toms' premises, High Street, Kensington, W. On account of its great popularity, this exhibit will be continued some weeks longer.

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The Little Commonwealth.

Where Young Delinquents are Trained for Citizenship.

Anyone desirous of testing the progress of thought in this era could not do better than recall the changed attitude of the whole community in our country towards its children. The mortality of the child, its education and recreation, its position in the family, the workshop, and the State, have become serious problems in a nation awakened at length to a sense of racial consciousness. The consideration extends moreover to the so-called "criminal" child until pause is made before the latter qualification, lest it should be more fittingly applied to the community than to the youthful offender against the law.

In illustration of the altered views of society as to the delinquent child, one can imagine the thrill of horror that would now go round the breakfast table of an average household if the daily newspaper contained the report of the transportation for seven years of a boy of fifteen years for stealing a pair of boots. Or, one can picture the indignant surprise at the news that a girl of thirteen years, in default of payment of a fine, had been sentenced to seven days' imprisonment for the heinous offence of wheeling a perambulator over a fashionable pavement. Yet these are actual incidents recalled from the years 1833 and 1865.

Since then, we have travelled far in the shaping of a more humane system of treatment of the delinquent child. Reformatories and industrial schools have increased, the Borstal system has been established, "Probation" has been introduced, Children's Courts set up, and, at length, the Children's Charter of 1908 was enacted, whereby imprisonment is forbidden for any youthful offenders under sixteen years.

A further experiment in the reformation of the child-criminal has been added to the list this summer by the establishment of "The Little Commonwealth" in Dorsetshire.

To understand the import of this colony of youths—of which the growth is being watched with profound interest by every well-informed child-lover in the country—one must glance across the Atlantic and recall the inception of the George Junior Republic some eighteen years ago. A working-man, Mr. W. George, taking pity on the young hooligans of his district, started at that time a "Fresh Air Camp" in the hope of their regeneration. Finding, however, that free food and free clothes only aided the lads' demoralisation, he hit on the plan of "nothing without labour." This he strictly enforced. Observing at the same time that regulations made by the young workers were more respected than any he imposed, he set to work to evolve a system of self-government for his camp. The success of the plan was beyond expectation, and this led to the establishment in Freville, U.S.A., of the George Junior Republic, a self-governing colony for young "roughs" and law-breakers, which has been the forerunner of seven similar institutions in America.

Mr. George Montagu, a distinguished member of the Borstal Committee in this country, was so much impressed by his observations of results obtained by the new treatment of erring boys and girls, that he determined to apply the principles to an experiment adapted to English requirements. And thus "the Little Commonwealth" has materialised in our midst. Aided by a gift, from his uncle, the Earl of Sandwich, of a twenty-one years' lease of a farm, and about 100 acres of pasturage land in Dorset, the English juvenile colony has already got under way. Besides the farmhouse—which bears the pleasant name of Flowers Farm—two new cottages have been erected, and further cottages will be added until provision is made for a complete colony of eighty citizens. At present there are thirteen members of the Commonwealth, eight boys and five girls, who would otherwise be in Reformatories, but with permission of judge and parents have been allowed to enter this free and happier life.

The girls are housed separately; beyond that, there are no limitations as to girls and boys meeting in work and play—a marked advance upon the "institutional" system.

Each cottage has its "house-father" and "house-mother," who superintend and instruct, but offer no code of home regulations to the tenants. The young citizens must evolve their own code, and must learn ethical and civic virtues through responsibility, and that is the key-note of the whole system. They elect their own President by the votes of the whole community—girls as well as boys having the franchise—and the President elects his Executive Committee. A Parliament of all the citizens (again, girls as well as boys) meets monthly, and has power to make its own laws. The superintendent (an adult official) is, however, at hand to give advice if asked.

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It is interesting to know that the first Judge chosen in the Little Commonwealth was a girl. The young citizens—steeped in traditions of their former life—were, however, nonplussed when the time came for the girl-judge to pronounce sentence on a boy. So the girl submitted to deposition and a boy ruled in her place. In a very short time it was found this boy was unsatisfactory—the story goes he was impeached for laziness!—and the girl is now re-instated in her judicial duties.

In other respects the Little Commonwealth is a miniature of the State, except that there is no unemployment. The citizens seek and obtain work, and the mandate is carried out "if any do not work, neither shall he eat." Labour is paid in the aluminium coin of the Commonwealth, which is redeemable in the currency of the country when the citizens leave the colony—if there is any balance to the credit of an individual after rent and food and other expenses have been paid.

At present there are roads to make, a water-supply to lay on, carpentry to be done, as well as the daily work of each household; in the immediate future there will be agricultural work and gardening. Each boy is also expected to attend to his own room, and to mend and make his own clothes. Experts in all these branches of industry are at hand, who train the citizens for their employment.

The girls are instructed by the house-mother in cookery, laundry, sewing, dressmaking, and cleaning. It is cheering to find that this housework is also paid at the regulation rate. A girl can make 11s. to 12s. a week, or more if she happens to be a cook. There is, however, no compulsion that a girl shall follow any of these household occupations as her main profession. Recently a girl expressed a desire to cart flint with the boys—which is certainly rather removed from the "womanly" occupations usually allowed to delinquent girls under training—but no objection was raised at Flowers Farm. The girl was immediately transferred to this work of her choice, and nothing "has happened" except the reasonable conclusion that the girl is happy and thriving in the job.

The writer was glancing through some recent time-tables of Girls' Industrial Schools and Reformatories, and found that the "official mind" has still not got beyond laundry, needlework, housewifery, and cookery, as possible trades for the young women under their care. It is the more interesting to watch developments under the new system.

There are no bolts and bars and no high walls to confine the citizens of the Little Commonwealth. If a member chooses to run away there is no artificial barrier to surmount. The result is that so far no desire to escape has been manifested. Again, nothing is put under lock and key, but when it is found that jam stolen by an individual makes a shortage in this commodity for the house-mates, the force of public opinion seems sufficient to awaken the sinner to his wrong-doing. The pilferer may also become aware that he too has property which may be attacked.

Thus, the central idea of this new system of training young delinquents is "to give the girls and boys definite responsibility, and to encourage them to perfect themselves in it." The underlying principle has been accepted long ago by Suffragists. It is indeed their simple creed as applied to adult citizens, the men and women of the State.

L. YATES.

"The Englishwoman" Exhibition.

The exhibition of handicrafts organised by *The Englishwoman* at the Maddox Street Galleries has, in addition to specimens of hand-made jewellery, embroidery, lace, bookbinding, metal work, and wood-carving of a high order of merit, several features of special interest. Among these are some fine examples of Florentine work, old and new, shown by Mrs. Houghton, including a cameo necklace worn by Vittoria Colonna, and other ancient jewellery of curious design, and some remarkably dainty old lace. Miss Barbara Forbes shows some excellent stained glass, and a simple but effective little kaleidoscope, which should serve to restore the popularity of this almost forgotten toy. A striking novelty is some lacquer work, after the Chinese fashion, done by Miss Muriel Watson, and among work of outstanding merit are statuettes by Miss Barbara Collingwood, and etchings by Mr. Herbert J. Finn.

All who are anxious to find for their friends Christmas gifts that show individuality and taste, will find a visit to the exhibition well worth while. But they must lose no time, for November 15th is the last day. Visitors should not fail to look at the charming plans of houses, cottages, and bungalows shown (in the corridor) by Mrs. Elspeth Spencer, one of our few women architects. They should also examine the many examples of silk, tweeds, and linen, shown by the Cullompton weavers.



A B C OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE. ARE YOU CONSISTENT?

You who talk of "Women's Sphere"? When we Suffragists want the privilege of going to the polling-booth every few years, we are often met with the remark

"WOMAN'S PLACE IS THE HOME."

But when a woman has a good voice, or a gift for acting, you think it quite right that she should cultivate these talents and leave her home

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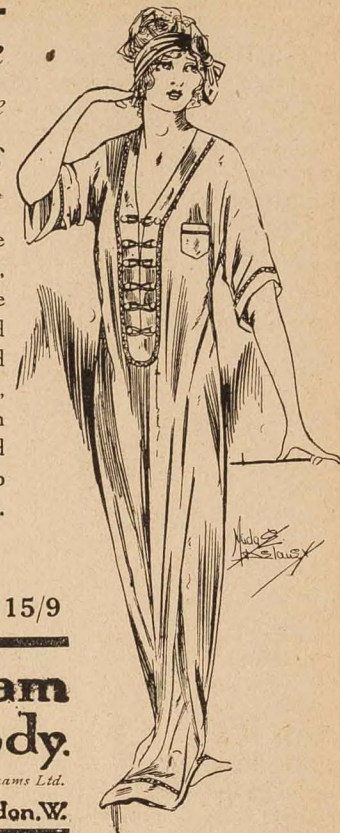
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For my sins, I review many books on the Woman Question. I say, for my sins, advisedly, for the Woman Question, though perennially interesting, does not always result in the really interesting book. So many persons rush into print over woman now-a-days, no wonder that some of them are dull and others are sentimental.

Mrs. Swanwick is neither. She has the knack of so marshalling her facts that the array of them is striking and not boring; she has, in addition, the equally useful knack of presenting her deductions reasonably—I had almost said of presenting them cheerfully. Nor would the phrase be out of place, for the book is a good-tempered book—the fair-minded exposition of an excellent fighter who is not so foolish as to take all her enemies for fools. The common political argument—"Look at that silly ass who does not agree with me"—is not for Mrs. Swanwick.

Certain of her definitions stick in the mind; for instance, the definition of sex-antagonism as "the attempt of one sex to repress or get the better of the other." If we accept it, we must realise that in this matter of sex warfare, woman has hitherto played a very poor second to man. Not, however, because she has been guiltless of attempt, but because her attempts, on the whole, have been less successful than their masculine equivalents. The chapters devoted to the antagonism of the sexes deserve not only to be read but to be read again, for their healthy contempt alike for the "animal" man and the "womanly" woman, who fights him with wile and cajolment.

There is sane dealing in these chapters, just as there is sane dealing in those which treat of the problems of vice and the prostitute. "We must admit," Mrs. Swanwick writes, "that there are women who have no personal pride and no reverence for the body. . . . It is cant to insist that we must reverence such women." The prostitute, as we know her, is a product of our social conditions; but there will always be women who are prostitutes at heart and in deed. Against that certainty she sets this other certainty: "Every poor, sweated girl knows she can in one night double her week's wages if she chooses." Which means unnumbered thousands who are proof against temptation.

I should like, did space permit, to quote Mrs. Swanwick's appeal for a more widespread interest in this problem of prostitution, an interest less biased in character than that of the police and the rescue-worker, an interest that is practical and not founded on false sentiment. One sentence I must quote in full:—

"We are sometimes told that women must be kept out of dealing with these things, because of their emotionalism; yet it is not the passions and appetites of men which largely create the whole problem, and are we to believe that men, when they come to making laws and regulations, forget their passions and appetites and become as gods?"

I would that any recommendation of mine could induce those members of the stronger sex who gush on Anti-suffrage platforms regarding the beauties of motherhood, to ponder Mrs. Swanwick's terse, wise words on the unwisdom of forcing the maternal instinct in girls—the danger of wearing out a healthy and natural fondness for babies by "premature exercise or by sentimental pawing." But I fear no recommendation of mine will carry weight in the Anti-suffrage camp.

Wisely, I think, the vexed question of "militancy" has not been shirked in this book. If its treatment offends any section of the militant movement, it will only offend a section that, I hope, does not exist; a section which sees an offence in honest and reticent criticism.

Let me conclude this brief notice with one more quotation, and one more recommendation. The quotation is this:—

"The theory of the cow-woman, who shall do nothing but bear and suckle babies, is not, as some people would have us believe, a revival of what once was and may be again. It never was."

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Here are Ladies.

By JAMES STEPHENS. (Macmillan & Co., Ltd. pp. 348. 5s.)

Mr. Stephens's third book is as fascinating as the two others. If there is one thing that this author hates it is, to judge from this collection of stories, that quality which denies individuality and prevents growth, which scoffs at magic, and is unaware of beauty. He wages war on the smug and self-satisfied, he weeps over the tragic, and laughs over everything else, and when unable to laugh, he consoles himself with the beauty of the world: "And yet a full moon was peeping in the trees along the path, and not far away, where the country-side bowed in silver quietude, the rivers ran through undistinguishable fields, chanting their lonely songs" (p. 44). Mr. Stephens has, at times a mocking tongue, but if it be true that it is "death to mock a poet," the Philistine must refrain from laughing at him. He is certainly a poet.

M. G. C. T.

The Half-Yearly Council of the N.U.W.S.S.

The Half-Yearly Council of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies opened on Thursday, November 6th, at the Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne, at 10.30 a.m. There was a large attendance of the Executive Committee, and many hundreds of delegates were present.

Mrs. Fawcett, in her presidential address, said that in the six months which had elapsed since they last met, they had had a magnificent and inspiring International Women's Congress at Buda-Pesth, which showed the extraordinary progress made by the women's movement in all countries. Mrs. Chapman Catt had struck the highest possible note when she dwelt on the solidarity of this great Women's Suffrage movement in every part of the world. One of Mrs. Catt's remarks would, she hoped, always remain in the minds of all who had the honour to hear her. It was this—that, as long as there were at the bottom of the social scale, women enslaved, corrupted, and exploited, those who might be educated and enfranchised would not be free. "Their cause is our cause," she said. (Hear, hear.) They learned at Buda-Pesth the news of another victory in the addition of Illinois to the States which had enfranchised women in America. There were now four million women in America who would have the vote at the next election, and this would have a very material effect upon the political situation. The Senate of the U.S.A. had appointed a commission to report on Women's Suffrage, and this, after sitting for twenty years, had reported favourably by a majority of 15 to 1.

Mrs. Fawcett said that the Pilgrimage was also one of the great events of the last six months, and she had constantly, in the course of her work in the country, learned on all sides the good effect produced by it. She did not exactly understand how people's minds worked, but if walking would bring them any nearer the Suffrage, then by all means let them walk. (Laughter.) One result of that Pilgrimage was to enable them to send a deputation to Mr. Asquith, who had never fulfilled the promises he made in November, 1911, but he had at least admitted that the advocates of the Suffrage were in a position of great hardship.

There was also the splendid resolution passed by the Labour Congress in January, followed by another at the Trade Union Congress in September this year, and the magnificent demonstration at the Miners' Congress in October in favour of Women's Suffrage. At the Church Congress, by invitation of the Executive Committee, the Editor of THE COMMON CAUSE was invited to address a men's meeting, and a bishop described her speech as "epoch-making." And now another society, which had always been foremost in the work of social and political reform—the Society of Friends—had for the first time in its annual epistle mentioned the Society's support of Women's Suffrage. The Provisional Government of Ulster, it was interesting to note, had supported Women's Suffrage, and it was interesting for this reason, that they believed the interests of women in Ireland were as much at stake as those of men. Mrs. Fawcett paid a further tribute to the support given by the Trade Union leaders to the Suffrage movement, and emphasised the importance of the resolution passed by the Trades Union Congress, held in Manchester in September. She believed that the support of the Trade Unions would give women an enormous power at the coming election.

The reports presented by the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, and other Hon. Secretaries of the many departments of the Union showed a remarkable development in the scope of its work, its membership and its efficiency. The Hon. Treasurer reported that during the last year over £25,000 had been received at Headquarters for the Central Fund, including over £4,000 for the E.F.F., and that the affiliation fees had been paid on no fewer than 9,200 additional members during the last twelve months, 1,000 more than in the corresponding period last year. The sum of money raised at headquarters by no means represents the total amount raised by the Union, as it is exclusive of the separate funds which the Societies raise and administer themselves. Besides the addition of nearly 10,000 new members, the Union has to record the adherence of some 28,000 Friends of Women's Suffrage—of these, over 14,000 have been obtained in the London area alone, and the London Society was heartily congratulated on the success with which it has worked this scheme.

The growth of the National Union was reflected in the report of the Literature Department, which showed that the immense distribution of literature, which was a feature of the Pilgrimage,

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In view of the uncertainty of the post when numbers of notices are dispatched, any member of the London Society for Women's Suffrage who has not received the Agenda and Ticket of Admission to the Annual Meeting, to be held in the Caxton Hall, on November 24th, should at once communicate with Miss Strachey, Secretary, L.S.W.S., 58, Victoria Street, S.W.

This Meeting is open only to Members of the Society, and there will be no admission except by ticket.

had been well maintained during the autumn months, the sales from headquarters during October reached a higher figure than in any preceding month.

An encouraging account was given of the political work of the Union during the past six months, and of the campaigns now being carried on in the constituencies and in preparation for the General Election.

NOTE.—Mrs. Harley asks us to say for her what she could not say at the time—how strongly she feels that the success of the Pilgrimage, so often attributed to her, was and could be due to no one person but to the magnificent organisation of the entire Union. "Much as I appreciate the generosity of the Executive to me," she writes, "I cannot honestly accept it."

Strong emphasis was laid on the importance of the resolution passed by the Trades Union Congress in September. The following resolution on the subject was passed with enthusiasm:—

"That this Council expresses its profound satisfaction at the passing with only six dissentients of the following resolution by the Trades Union Congress on September 5th, 1913:—

"That this Congress expresses its deep dissatisfaction with the Government's treatment of the franchise question, considering that the Plural Voting Bill is no substitute for the promised Reform Bill; and further, this Congress protests against the Prime Minister's failure to redeem his repeated pledges to women, and calls upon the Parliamentary Committee to press for the immediate enactment of a Government Reform Bill, which must include the enfranchisement of women."

The general progress of the movement was recognised in the following resolution:—

"That this Council expresses its satisfaction at the unqualified success of the Women's Suffrage Pilgrimage. Not only did the Pilgrimage arouse interest and sympathy throughout the country, but the fresh evidence it obtained of the strength of the Women's Suffrage movement caused Mr. Asquith to receive a deputation from the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, thus abandoning his former determination not to discuss the question of Women's Suffrage."

Special stress was laid by the Council on the progress made by the Women's Suffrage movement in foreign countries. In Norway, women obtained the Suffrage last year, on the same terms as men. In Denmark, the Reform Bill enfranchising women awaits only the consent of the Second Chamber, which rejected it in 1912, with the result that Parliament was dissolved. It is expected that the Bill will now be accepted. In Iceland the Bill passed by the Althing awaits the signature of the King, and in Holland the Queen's Speech at the opening of the States General stated that a Bill would be prepared to revise the Constitution in such a way as to extend the franchise to all Dutch subjects who are of age, and to remove the constitutional obstacles against granting Suffrage to women.

The Council recorded its satisfaction at the progress of the Women's Suffrage movement in all parts of the world as follows:—

"That this Council records its satisfaction at the progress of the Women's Suffrage movement in all parts of the world. It offers its hearty congratulations to the women of Norway, who last June were admitted to the Franchise on the same terms as men, to the women of Iceland and of Denmark, whose enfranchisement is now a foregone conclusion, and to the women of the Netherlands, whose victory is also now in sight."

The following resolutions proposed by the Executive were also passed unanimously:—

1.—"That this Council calls upon the Prime Minister to redeem his pledges with regard to Women's Suffrage in the only way now possible by introducing a Government measure to enfranchise women."

2.—"That in view of the frequency with which the Referendum is suggested as the best means of solving the question of Women's Suffrage, this Council desires to place on record its strong condemnation of the proposal, upon the ground that it would be unconstitutional and unjust to single out this one issue as the subject of a legislative experiment hitherto untried in this country."

3.—"That this Council Meeting of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies regards the introduction of the Plural Voting Bill or any other alteration of the franchise as an evasion of the Prime Minister's pledge that Women's Suffrage should have a full opportunity when Electoral Reform was introduced."

The remainder of the Session was occupied with discussion on methods for further carrying out and strengthening the present policy of the Union in the constituencies, and with the business connected with educational and electioneering campaigns throughout the country. A complete list of the resolutions passed has already been forwarded to secretaries of societies, and can be obtained by members, price 4d., post free.

No reports of the Council would be complete which did not express the cordial thanks of the delegates for the delightful hospitality extended by the Newcastle Society, and their appreciation of the excellence of all the arrangements. The warmth of the applause whenever Dr. Williams rose to speak was a testimony to the regard the whole Union feels for her, and more especially marked the recognition of all she had done for the success of the Council Meeting and the comfort of the delegates.

Great Meeting at Newcastle.

Mrs. Fawcett's Speech.

In spite of the fact that the Town Hall at Newcastle had been packed only a week ago for the great Town's Meeting on Women's Suffrage, it was crowded again to hear Mrs. Fawcett on Friday night. Speaking from the chair, she said:—

We have recently had speeches from two important Cabinet Ministers, both friends of our Cause, on the recent history and immediate prospects of the Women's Suffrage movement. We think that their review of the situation leaves out some of the essential facts. Sir Edward Grey advises us that the next election is the critical time, and that we must concentrate on that. He does not appear to remember that in 1910 he advised us to concentrate on 1911. We did so. There was a complete truce from militancy for nearly two years. In that interval the second reading of the Conciliation Bill was carried twice in the House of Commons, once by 110, and once by 167; but the Government declined to grant facilities for the further progress of the Bill, although there would have been ample time in both years to proceed with it. On the contrary, the Bill was "torpedoed," to use Mr. Lloyd George's own boast, by the promise on the part of the Prime Minister to introduce on behalf of the Government a large measure of electoral reform. Mr. Asquith, however, promised that this Bill should be so drafted as to admit of the introduction of Women's Suffrage by way of amendment. He said to us in November, 1911:—

(1) That the Government would endeavour to get this Reform Bill carried in all its stages during the Session of 1912. (2) That it should be so drafted as to admit of Women's Suffrage amendments. (3) That the Government would not oppose such amendments. (4) That such amendments, if carried in the House of Commons, would be accepted by the Government as an integral part of the Bill, and would be defended in all its subsequent stages in both Houses of Parliament.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

Not one of the promises given to us by the Government came to fruition. The pledges remain unredeemed. Mr. Lloyd George maintains that militancy has been the cause of a "set-back" to the Suffrage cause. I do not admit (and I gather that Mr. Lloyd George agrees) that there has been any set-back in the country. The set-back, if any, is in the House of Commons. Now, let me not be misunderstood on the subject of militancy. The National Union objects to militancy on the ground that it is an effort, often, as many of us feel, an heroic effort, to overcome evil by evil, instead of endeavouring to overcome evil by good. Our objection to the policy of coercion, which is all that the Liberal Government is now offering to the demand by women for representation, is identical with our objection to militancy. It is an attempt, and generally a mean and spiteful attempt, to overcome evil by evil, and is therefore bound to be, and has already proved itself to be, signally unsuccessful. Why cannot the Government act upon the lines indicated by Mr. Churchill in his recent speech at Dundee, when he said he did not agree with those who refused to parley with men who threaten violence. "There is rarely violence without some cause. Liberalism is successful because it does not treat the symptom, but always seeks the cause. When the cause is abated, the violence and the other ugly symptoms disappear." This was, of course, said in reference to another subject, but it is strictly applicable to the Women's Suffrage question.

HISTORY OF THE "PLEDGES."

It is not as if the Government had anything to boast of in their relations to the non-militant Suffrage movement. The solemn promises given to us by Mr. Asquith on November 17th, 1911, have never been redeemed. He and members of his Cabinet took steps almost immediately after those promises had been given calculated to make their fruition an impossibility. I had the opportunity, early in August, of telling Mr. Asquith face to face to what I refer, and everybody who has followed the recent history of the Suffrage movement knows what I mean. Sir Edward Grey had promised us "a real opportunity, and not a bogus offer." We have had no opportunity, and nothing but a bogus offer. Sir John Simon had also given similar promises. Mr. Lloyd George said that the idea that the Prime Minister would draw back in the slightest degree from the promises he had given was "an imputation of deep dishonour, which he utterly declined to discuss"; and yet those promises turned out to be nothing but white of egg and east wind.

THE SPEAKER'S RULING.

It may be asked, do I blame the Government for the

Speaker's ruling? I do not blame them for this, but for the signals of distress which the Prime Minister flew at his mast-head, making his followers in the House of Commons write in the public Press of "the humiliating position" in which he would be placed if, by the success of a Women's Suffrage Bill, or a Women's Suffrage amendment to the Government Bill, he were called upon to fulfil the promises he had given. I blame them also for the deliberately planned detachment of Mr. Redmond's followers from the support of Women's Suffrage by making them believe that the success of our Bill or amendment would mean the break-up of the Government, and the destruction of their hopes for Home Rule. We know that this was done, both before the defeat of the Conciliation Bill, in March, 1912, and all through the autumn, leading up to the fiasco of the Reform Bill in January, 1913. The whole intrigue was described, with a naïveté for which we thank him, by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., an eye-witness and participator in the business, in a message contributed by him to the *Chicago Tribune*, on January 25th. These tactics were successful, and were repeated with regard to the Dickinson Bill last May. No authoritative contradiction was given to the reports generally circulated, that the success of Women's Suffrage would cause the Government to break up until the very day (January 24th) when the House went into Committee on the Government Bill, and, moreover, the Government had postponed the Committee Stage of their own Bill until a period in the session when the House had already been in session for thirteen months, and when it was a practical impossibility either to retrieve any blunder, or to get a Bill of such importance through all its stages in both Houses of Parliament.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AT SWINDON.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his speech at Swindon, said that "facts must be faced." I quite agree; but while my "facts" are the genuine article, some of Mr. Lloyd George's "facts" hardly bear the strain of being looked at. He says the friends of Women's Suffrage in Ireland were alienated by the attempt to murder Mr. Redmond by throwing a hatchet at him. The date of this assault was July, 1912. The Irish vote was wholly detached from the support of Women's Suffrage, and the Conciliation Bill consequently defeated, in the previous March, almost four months earlier. Unless the Irish members have the Celtic gift of second sight, in a very remarkable degree, the whole body of Mr. Redmond's followers could not have known on March 28th that Mrs. Leigh would scratch him with a hatchet in the following July!

THE MOVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY.

All this trickery and intrigue against Women's Suffrage, though temporarily successful in the House, has done our cause no harm in the country. The evidence which reaches us shows that it has advanced by leaps and bounds. The support given to the non-militants during the Pilgrimage was evidence of it. We have a constant demand for Suffrage speakers and workers from Ireland. One of our correspondents there writes that the membership of her group of Societies is rapidly increasing. There are signs that the industrial unrest in Dublin will probably result in the emergence of an Irish Labour Party favourable to Women's Suffrage. We welcome it. Another sign of the times in Ireland is the adoption of the Ulster Unionist Council of the principle of Women's Suffrage.

After all, in the long run the House of Commons has to follow the country, not the country the House of Commons; and there are abundant signs that our following in the country is stronger to-day than it ever was.

INFLUENTIAL SUPPORT.

In January, the annual congress of the Labour Party adopted by an immense majority a resolution directing their Parliamentary party to vote against any further extension of the Suffrage to men unless it also included women. In September the Trade Union Congress adopted a resolution censuring the Government for failing to redeem their promises about Women's Suffrage, and demanding a Government Reform Bill which should include women. The Society of Friends in their "Annual Epistle," have for the first time mentioned the Women's Movement, and linked it with the movement for Peace and Arbitration, and the movement towards Internationalism. The recent Church Congress at Southampton was indicative of strong support for our movement from quite another quarter, and this has been followed by the letter of the Bishop of Winchester, urging as a necessary preliminary to the truce and amnesty which he desires the definite prospect of the introduction of a Suffrage Bill, "as a first class measure."

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for the speedy realisation of our hopes. We have much work still before us, which has been discussed in detail at our Council, but our work is inspired by a confident belief that the spirit of the time is working with us, and at any rate, as John Bright said on a somewhat similar occasion, if we cannot win as fast as we could wish, our enemies in the long run cannot win at all.

A resolution demanding a Government measure enfranchising women was moved by Miss Royden (Editor of *THE COMMON CAUSE*), seconded by Mr. Fenner Brockway (Editor of the *Labour Leader*), and carried by an audience of thousands, with one dissentient. Votes of thanks were moved by Mr. W. A. Price and the Rev. C. Moll, Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, and Sir Walter Runciman. The last of these denounced Government mis-handling of the question, and said they could and should themselves have introduced a measure granting to women the political vote.

BY-ELECTIONS.

WEST LOTHIAN.

Result: Baillie Pratt (Lib.) elected by majority of 521. Liberal majority at last election, 2,070.

The red, white, and green of the National Union was in evidence at all the principal polling-booths in West Lothian during a considerable part of the polling day, and electors were asked to sign cards bearing the following words:—

As an elector in West Lothian, I ask you: 1. To vote for Women's Suffrage in the House of Commons. 2. To press the Government in power to introduce a Government measure giving votes to women.

At Linlithgow booth, where *THE COMMON CAUSE* was in great demand, many men came back and asked if they might sign. Among those who signed a card at Broxburn, was Mr. Gulland, the chief Liberal Whip, and at that place the greatest assistance was received from both the Liberal and the Conservative workers.

One of the most remarkable features of the campaign has been the improved attitude of the *Scotsman* newspaper, our work and our speakers having been repeatedly mentioned in the very forefront of the election reports. The *Evening News* has accorded us excellent notices, whilst the *Daily Record* gave Miss Sheard a free advertisement for the Bo'ness meeting, publishing her photo, whilst chalking up on a wall the place and hour of our meeting, the notice appearing quite clearly in the photograph.

Miss Muriel Matters has been with us this week, and the audiences have shown intense appreciation of her speaking. In Bo'ness, where Councillor Livingstone of the I.L.P. took the chair, the meeting was the best we have ever held there. Several new members were gained at Bathgate, where Provost Robertson presided.

In addition to the helpers mentioned last week, and who stayed with us till the end, thanks are due to Dr. Venters, who kindly lent her car, to Dr. Inglis, who spoke on several occasions, and to many others. The campaign has been an eminently educative one, hundreds of "Friends" having been gained, and between 1,000 and 2,000 copies of our paper disposed of.

ALICE LOW.

READING.

Result: Captain Wilson returned by majority of 1,131.

This election has been a most satisfactory one for Suffragists, in spite of all the efforts of the daily Press to belittle the importance attached to the Suffrage question by the electors. "It's no use the papers saying this question is not being discussed—it is" said a working-man to one of the N.U. speakers. Much space has been given to Suffrage news in the local Press, and an active correspondence has been in progress as to the views of Captain Leslie Wilson. These were made plain on the eve of the poll by the publication of a letter from Captain Wilson to one of his supporters, in which he definitely stated that if returned to Parliament he would support a Suffrage Bill enfranchising women municipal voters. It is satisfactory, therefore, that the new Conservative member for Reading is a Suffragist. *THE COMMON CAUSE* has had a very good sale, twenty-seven dozen copies having been disposed of during the election. There have been good audiences at most of the open-air

meetings; our speakers have been able to hold their own successfully, and have invariably had an attentive hearing. House-to-house canvassing has been done in many parts of Reading, and the canvassers have everywhere had a good reception. One of them reported that in a whole street she had only found two "Antis." The local branch of the I.L.P. eventually gave its support to the Socialist candidate, one of the reasons being their indignation with the Government for its treatment of women.

KEIGHLEY.

Result: Sir Stanley Buckmaster returned by a majority of 878.

Up to the time of going to press we may reckon over 700 men and women of Keighley as "The Friends of Women's Suffrage." The most encouraging feature of the By-Election is the great number of working men who call at the office and beg for "Friends'" cards, that they may get their comrades to fill them up.

On Thursday night at 10.30, the office was visited by one of these splendid supporters. He produced from his pocket a large bundle of signed cards, took some more away, and duly returned on Friday night with the second lot signed. His wife told us the "ladies had converted him," and that they both now would work for the Cause together. Another man told me that it "amazed him the way the ladies spoke," and they all agreed that the eloquence of Liberal, Unionist, and Free Trader was as nothing compared with it.

At Oakworth, a meeting was held in the Holden Hall. Miss Harris took the chair, and Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Renton were the speakers. On Friday, November 7th, we had perhaps our largest meeting in the Town Hall Square, when, though it was a bitterly cold night, Miss I. O. Ford, Mrs. Earp, Mrs. Cooper, and Miss Hannah Burgess, held a large audience till 9.30.

The atmosphere here is one of extreme friendliness, and our workers are welcomed wherever they go. Even the policemen, who have had extra duty during the election, say they will miss us very much, and will be truly sorry when we leave. One member of the force had a touching meeting with Miss Ford, whom he recognised again as the speaker whom he protected at the first meeting in Keighley. Many apologies have been received from the men who witnessed the early scenes of disorder. We should here like to thank the members of the local Society and the helpers from a distance who have been so good to us.

SOUTH LANARK.

**Candidates: Mr. Tom Gibb, Labour.
Mr. John Morton, Liberal.
Hon. William Watson, Conservative.**

Organiser in charge: Miss C. M. GORDON, M.A.

All the candidates in this election are Suffragists, Mr. Watson being in favour of a limited franchise, Mr. Morton a member of the Edinburgh Society, while Mr. Gibb has put Women's Suffrage in his election address, and made a point of it in the speech he delivered at his nomination meeting. Mr. Gibb is an ideal candidate. A Lanarkshire man, he started work down the pit at an early age, and at the time of his adoption is working as a checkweighman. When I saw him last week he was attending a Housing Committee, for, bad as are the housing conditions in many parts of the country, in no place are they worse than in Lanarkshire, where the single-room dwelling is the rule. Readers of *THE COMMON CAUSE* will remember the vivid description given recently by Mr. John Robertson of the insanitary and inadequate accommodation provided for the miner's wife. But South Lanark is not a typical mining constituency, as the rural voters form the great majority of the electorate, and in the needs of the agricultural labourer Mr. Gibb is well versed.

The area of the constituency is very great, as it is 30 miles long and 25 miles broad. The electorate of 11,000 is scattered, no village containing more than 500 inhabitants. Practically no Suffrage work has been done in the division, and we must flood it with our workers, as the General Election will soon be upon us, and trained and experienced workers become a vital necessity. Will not those responsible for the work in their own districts make a special effort to come to South Lanark? It will be an expensive by-election to work, as the train service is most limited, and many places have no railway line near them. It will last into December, the earliest polling-day mentioned being the 4th. It is winter, and with the short cold days, our meetings must be held chiefly in halls. I appeal especially for the loan of a motor, and for donations towards the hire of cars.



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Next Sunday Miss Chrysal Macmillan will take the chair, and Mrs. Stanbury and Miss Ruth Young will be the speakers. The meeting will begin at 3 o'clock, as usual, close to the Reformers' Tree.

Report of Literature Committee.

So much attention was aroused by the very interesting articles in the *Nineteenth Century* by Miss Anna Martin on "The Mother and Social Reform," that permission has been obtained to reprint them. The pamphlet (A 98, price 2d.) should be found specially useful at all meetings in connection with the autumn educational campaign.

For the convenience of societies who wish to print their own posters, blank posters, with a broad red border are now supplied in the following sizes: 60 by 40, 4d. each, 30 by 20, 1d. each. These look very effective when printed with green lettering. There are also some lattice borders in red and green, 30 by 40, at 2d. each.

Mrs. Leathes.

We very much regret that the name of Mrs. John Beresford Leathes was given to the Societies and entered on the N.U. list of speakers as Mrs. Stanley Leathes. Will societies please note this correction, as otherwise Mrs. Leathes is likely to suffer considerable inconvenience from the mistake.

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[All reports must be sent in through the "C.C." Correspondents, whose names and addresses will be found on page 67 of the issue of November 7th. Exception will be made in the case of meetings taking place shortly before we go to press.]

North-Western Federation.

KENDAL.—October 6th.—A very successful rummage sale with a stall of new work—£5 was made after the expenses were deducted. November 3rd.—Monthly meeting at Milnthorpe—Chair, Mrs. Grundy. As it was the week of prayer for the suffrage, the spiritual aspect of the movement was considered. Miss Walker read the Bishop of Winchester's speech. Miss Strickland read a paper representing the Roman Catholic League, and Miss L. Graham spoke, representing the Friends League. Two new members joined. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic. It was followed by tea and the sale of about 25s. worth of goods from the stall that is set out at each monthly meeting. PENRITH.—October 12th.—Miss Bardsley (Chairman

of the North-Western Federation) addressed a meeting for men only on "The Religious Aspect of the Women's Movement." The meeting was one of the regular Sunday afternoon meetings of the Brotherhood. The Rev. Hastings Eastwood took the Chair, and about 40 men were present. There was considerable opposition on the part of some of the members of the Brotherhood Committee to the introduction of a woman speaker, but Miss Bardsley's address created so much interest and admiration that men are asking when she is coming again, and the Secretary has asked me if the address might be printed as a pamphlet for him to send to other Brotherhoods for distribution. ASPATRIA, CUMBERLAND.—A well-attended public meeting in the Market Hall—Thursday, November 30th—Chair, J. Smith-Hill, Esq.—Speakers, Mrs. Whalley and F. E. Marshall, Esq.—31 COMMON CAUSES were sold, and 3 new members joined. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Scottish Federation.

EDINBURGH.—The month of October has been an exceedingly busy one. Meetings have been held as follows: October 1st.—Dinner-hour Meeting at the Bonded Warehouses in Leith, an excellent gathering—Speakers, Miss Pressley-Smith and Miss Gordon. October 2nd.—At Leith in the dinner-hour, outside works, where a large number of girls are employed—Speaker, Miss Pressley-Smith. October 3rd.—Leith, in dinner hour—Successful Meeting—Speaker, Miss Pressley-Smith. Weekly "At Home" at 40, Shandwick Place—Speaker, Miss Wakefield, of the "International League for Abolition of State Regulation of Vice"—Chair, Mrs. Guyer—A number of COMMON CAUSES were sold. October 4th.—The Labour Hall, Smith's Place, Leith—Miss C. M. Gordon spoke to a meeting of working girls, tea provided. Miss Hughes' singing greatly appreciated, also Mr. Low's rendering of comic songs. October 7th.—First Meeting of Leith Branch, Wilson's Rooms, Hope Street, Leith—Speaker, Miss Alice Low on "Votes for Women and the Sweated Worker." Excellent meeting, crowded to the door; 24 COMMON CAUSES sold. In the evening Miss Pressley-Smith spoke at a meeting of the Federation of Women Workers in the Shipwright's Hall, Leith. October 8th.—Miss Pressley-Smith addressed the Co-operative Women's Guild, Gorgie; crowded meeting, several "Friends" cards signed. October 10th.—"At Home," 40, Shandwick Place. Miss Alice Low on "Sir Almoth Wright and other matters." The audience were most interested and appreciative. A large quantity of COMMON CAUSES and other literature sold, and several badges—Chair, Miss K. M. London. October 14th.—Miss Pressley-Smith had to go to North Monmouth on E.F.F. work, and her place was kindly taken by Mrs. Cargill Knott, who spoke for her at the Ebenezer Branch of the B.W.T.A., in Leith at 8 p.m., on "Suffrage and Temperance." Very good meeting, nine "Friends" cards being signed, and 12 COMMON CAUSES sold. October 17th.—Office Meeting, 40, Shandwick Place—Speaker, Dr. Alice Hutchison, M.D. on "Women's Work in the Balkan War"; Large and appreciative audience. Two COMMON CAUSES were sold. 23 COMMON CAUSES were sold—Chair, Miss Alice Low. October 21st.—Leith Branch public meeting in Wilson's Rooms, Hope Street, Leith, at 8 p.m. Miss Lisa Gordon on "The Question of Women's Suffrage" to which deep interest. Two new members were gained. October 24th.—Office Meeting, 40, Shandwick Place—First of a series of lectures on "The Child and the State"—Miss Jane Hay taking for her special subject, "State Children," under the headings A. "Children in Poorhouses," B. "Boarding Out," C. "Hours of Employment for Children." Unfortunately, Miss Jane Hay, who was to have spoken, was unable to come, but her paper was read by Miss Pressley-Smith, Miss Westwood being in the chair. 43 COMMON CAUSES were sold. Saturday, October 26th.—Annual Sale (entitled, "Home Sale"), the stalls being arranged to contain the articles required in the different departments of a house; organised by Mrs. Purves; success due to her efforts, and to those of the ladies, too numerous to mention, who assisted her. Madame Marie Stuart, the palmist, who gave her services, was much appreciated. Lady Margaret Sackville, in a very charming speech, opened the Sale. Professor Sampson, of the Royal Observatory, taking the chair; since even the presence of bombs in his Observatory does not deter him from doing all he can for the cause. The Sale was a great success, £160 being made. Under the direction of Miss Maude Morin, most entertaining theatricals were held. One short play, written by Miss Morin herself, entitled the "By-Election at Westbury" was received with great applause; as was also "Mr. Collins's Proposal." Both plays were most ably acted by Miss Morin, and the Misses Nan and Hilda Cargill Knott. October 28th.—Meeting, Railway Women's Guild, Masonic Hall, Easter Road, Leith, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Cargill Knott kindly took Miss Low's place, and gave a most interesting address on "Woman's Suffrage." October 29th.—G.F.S., Meeting, 22 Leith Walk, Leith—Speaker, Miss London. November 1st.—Office Meeting, 40, Shandwick Place. Miss Muriel Matters on "Delinquent Children"—the chair, Miss Frances Simson, M.A. A number of badges were sold, and 20 COMMON CAUSES. November 1st.—Sale in the Junction Road U.F. Hall, Leith, opened by Miss Muriel Matters, who gave a charming short speech. The Sale was organised by Miss Pressley-Smith, and will result in a gain of £14 for the Leith Society. Miss Morin and the Misses Cargill Knott kindly repeated "Mr. Collins's Proposal" and "The By-Election at Westbury" by special request. Two Drawing-room Meetings were held at Mrs. Nicholson's, 31, East Claremont Street, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.—Speaker, Miss Muriel Matters—Chair, in the afternoon, Miss

Lisa Gordon, and in the evening, Miss Alice Low. Thirteen new members were gained, and 60 COMMON CAUSES were sold. PARTICK.—Large and successful meeting on October 30th in the Maryhill Burgh Hall, Dr. Leslie Inglis and Mr. C. H. Robertson being the speakers, and Mr. A. Ballantyne in the chair. ST. BOLLUX, one of the youngest of the branch committees, opened their season by a concert held in the Masonic Hall on October 28th. EAST RENFREWSHIRE is arranging for a public meeting to be held in December. MOTHERWELL.—Our Organiser is working up Motherwell at present, with a view to forming a sub-committee there. Several members have promised to serve on the Committee, but an Hon. Secretary has not yet been secured. Miss Shakspeare has visited several of the shops in Glasgow, and obtained some "Friends" of Suffrage. (To be continued.)

West Midland.

Hon. Secretary's Resignation.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report the resignation of our Hon. Secretary, Miss Noel Wright, who has been ordered to take a complete and prolonged rest, and is leaving England. Miss Wright has been the life and soul of the Federation ever since it was started: her devotion to the work has been the cause of her breakdown in health, and it is needless to say how very much she will be missed. DUDLEY.—October 3rd.—A Drawing-room Meeting at the residence of Mrs. Watson—Speaker, Miss Watson. October 10th.—Public Meeting—Chair, Miss Camm, Esq.—Speakers, Miss Geraldine Cooke and Miss Noel Wright. BISHAM.—October 20th.—Meeting for women—Speaker, Miss Abadam. HEREFORD.—October 10th.—Meeting for members in Percival Hall—Chair, Mrs. Dymond—Speaker, Miss Watson—Subject, "Educational Campaign." October 23rd.—Public Meeting in Town Hall—Chair, Mr. Alderman Wells—Speaker, Miss Abadam—Subject, "White Slave Traffic." 40 "Friends" cards were signed; several new members joined. KIDDELMINSTER.—October 29th.—Meeting for Members and "Friends"—Speaker, Dr. Stretton—Subject, "Eugenics"—excellent attendance, and several new members joined. LICHFIELD.—October 2nd.—A Drawing-room Meeting at the Master's House, St. John's Hospital—Chair, Mrs. Kempthorne, who also gave an address—Speaker, Mrs. Stabury—Hostess, Mrs. Norman. PERSHORE.—October 9th.—First Public Meeting in the Assembly Rooms—Chair, Rev. E. R. Lawson (vicar of Pershore)—Speaker, Miss Geraldine Cooke—Subject, "Religious Aspect of the Women's Movement." 10 members joined, 13 signed "Friends" cards. BOSS.—October 11th.—Members' Meeting—Speaker, Miss Watson—Scheme of autumn work arranged, and a study circle started in connection with "The Child and the State." October 22nd.—Meeting for Women—Chair, Mrs. Dymond—Speaker, Miss Abadam—Subject, "Moral Side of the Women's Movement." 31 "Friends" enrolled. Collection, £1 8s. 10d. SHROPSHIRE.—October 6th.—Members' Meeting presided over by Mrs. Harley—discussion as to winter work, and sub-committees formed for COMMON CAUSE Campaign, and for organising Suffrage entertainments for F.W.S. On October 14th, the Shrewsbury Trades and Labour Council passed a resolution demanding a good measure for Women's Suffrage—the same wording as that which was passed by the Trades Union Congress in Manchester. SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR.—This Society held its first annual meeting in October: the report showed that good progress had been made during the past year. The Officers and Committee were re-elected. On October 6th the following resolution was passed by the Parish Council, Shipston-on-Stour, new con.: "That, in the opinion of this Council, persons otherwise qualified to exercise the Parliamentary Franchise should not be disqualified by reason of sex." WORCESTER.—October 2nd.—Members' Meeting—Chair, Mrs. Wilson—Speaker, Mrs. Osler. October 23rd.—Meeting for Teachers at the Deanery (Vaulted Hall)—Chair, Dr. Moore Ede, D.D.—Speaker, Mrs. Wilson. October 27th.—Study Circle, "Children and the Law." October 29th.—Open-air Meeting—Speakers, Mrs. Carleton Rea and Miss Watson. This Society has been canvassing Trade Union Secretaries with a view to getting a suffrage speaker into their meetings, and getting through a W.S. resolution. Leaflets have also been distributed outside the meetings of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood. WALSALL.—October 25th.—A joint meeting of local branches of N.U.W.S.S. and the Church League, held at the Corporation Hall—Chair, Mrs. Kempthorne—Speaker, Miss Abadam—Subject, "The Necessity of Women's Direct Power in Legislation." WEDNESBURY.—Annual Meeting at Y.M.C.A. Rooms—Chair, Mrs. Isaac Griffiths—Speaker, Miss Thorrington. WOLVERHAMPTON.—Miss Thompson, assisted by Mrs. Taylor, has been doing Trades Union work in Wolverhampton: she visited 39 secretaries of Trade Unions and up to date two Unions have passed the W.S. Resolution. The Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Nos. 2 and 4. The others (30) have promised to bring the matter before their committees, and seven secretaries refused to do anything in the matter. The work has been very heavy, and we hope to report further results next month. October 9th.—Meeting at St. Peter's Institute—Chair, Mr. Crickmay, M.A.—Speakers, Miss Geraldine Cooke and Miss Pearson—Subject, "Child and the State." WEST BROMWICH.—October 22nd.—Public Meeting—Chair, Miss Earl—Speaker, Miss Abadam—Subject, "The Woman, the State, and the Child." October 23rd.—Members' Meeting—a debate by invitation of a literary and debating society—W.S. Resolution carried (48 to 27).

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BROMSGROVE.—October 28th—Public Meeting, Assembly Rooms—Chair, Dr. Coaker—Speakers, Miss Leadley Brown and Mr. Laurence Housman. A new banner, the gift of two of the members, was presented to the Society on the same occasion.
WELLINGTON.—October 17th—Public Meeting at Dawley—Chair, Mr. Yates—Speaker, Mrs. Harley. Social meetings are being arranged by this Society to discuss "The Child and the State."
RUGBY.—October 31st—The first of a series of five lectures—Speaker, Mrs. Ring—Subject, "Why we lose our little ones."

Forthcoming Meetings.

Correspondents are urgently requested to write distinctly, and to send in not later than the Monday before the announcement is to be inserted.

London.

NOVEMBER 14.
Balham—Drawing-room Meeting—at 170, Bedford Hill—Hostess, Miss Shore—Speaker, Miss Sheepshanks 8.15
Islington—Barnsbury Hall, Upper Street—Sufrage Club—Members' night—One guest each allowed—Club Guest, Miss M. Berry (Women's Local Government Society) 7.30-10.0
Meeting of the Debating Society at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Market Road—Speaker, Miss Heston Ward 8.30
London Society's Reception—Westminster Palace Hotel—Speakers, Miss Chrystal Macmillan, B.Sc., M.A., Sir William Chance, Bart.—Chair, Miss K. D. Courtney (Hon. Secretary, N.U.W.S.S.) 3.30-6.15

NOVEMBER 15.
Whitechapel—Social Gathering at 219, Mile End Road
Streatham—Open-air Meeting at corner of Stanthorpe Road and Streatham High Road—Speakers, Miss Agnes Dawson and Mr. David Caddick—Chairman, Mr. Harford Warlock 3.0

NOVEMBER 16.
Hampstead—Meeting by the Whitestone Pond, Hampstead Heath—Speakers, Miss D. E. Browne, Miss Hamilton, Miss Beryl Power, and Mrs. Ronald Garrett 3.0

NOVEMBER 17.
Croydon—34, The Arcade, High Street, "At Home"—Speaker, Miss J. Morland 3.30
South London—"At Home," Trade Union Hall, 30, Brixton Road—Speaker, Miss C. A. V. Conybeare, "The Position of Women in the Liberal Party" 8.0-10.0
Islington—Meeting of the Holloway Branch of the Women's Co-operative Guild—Speaker, Mrs. Milne 3.0

West Southwark—Borough Road Chapel—Speaker, Mrs. Ford Smith, "The Effect of Women's Votes on Temperance Legislation"
Streatham—Public Meeting at Streatham (Blue) Hall—Chairman, Sir John Thriest—Speakers, Lady Frances Balfour and Mrs. Richardson 8.0
Shoreditch and Bethnal Green Committees—Shoreditch Church Room 8.0

NOVEMBER 18.
Croydon—34, The Arcade, High Street, Stewart A. Robertson, Esq., M.A., on "Women of the Revolution" 8.0
South Wimbledon—Rummage Sale at 109, Kingston Road. Contributions will be gratefully received on or before November 17th by Mrs. Castelli, 30, Norman Road, Wimbledon
Westminster—Caxton Hall "At Home"—Speakers, Mr. Cameron Grant on "Women in Industry" and Lieut. Cather, R.N.—Chair, Mrs. Thomas Okey
Fulham—1, Beaumont Road Studios, Entertainment at Miss Bateson's—Speaker, Miss Fielding, Yorkshire. Recitations by Miss Emily Ford—Chair, Miss A. Bateson 8.30

NOVEMBER 19.
Forest Gate—Meeting of the Forest Gate Branch of the National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen, and Clerks in Room 13, Earham Hall
East Ham—Meeting of Independent Labour Party at 54, Shelley Avenue—Speaker, Mrs. Garrett Jones 8.30
Brixton—Meeting of Brixton Conservative Association and Junior Imperial League—Clarence Rooms, Lambeth Carlton Club, Brixton—Speaker, Miss Palsler
East St. Pancras—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Miss Jones, 22, Bartholomew Road—Rev. Septimus Buss, M.A.—Speaker, "The State and the Child," by Miss J. Thomson, M.A.—Tea 8.0
Waltham—Drawing-room Meeting at 182, Waltham Road—Hostess, Mrs. Osborne
Hampstead—8, Keats Grove—Mrs. Dryhurst's Drawing-room Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Swanwick—Chair, Mrs. Oliver Strachey 3.30

NOVEMBER 20.
Bermondsey—Meeting of the Independent Labour Party at the Labour and Socialist Club and Institute, Fort Road, Bermondsey, S.E.—Speaker, Miss I. O. Ford 8.30
Chelsea—Chelsea League of Young Liberals, 278, King's Road, Chelsea—Speaker, Miss Lowndes 8.30
Enfield—Town Hall—Women's Liberal Association Meeting—Chairman, Mr. John McEwan—Speaker, Mrs. Corbett Ashby 3.0

Clerkenwell—Meeting of Mother's Guild—Peel Mansions, 32, St. John's Lane, Clerkenwell—Speaker, Miss Stoehr 3.45
Deptford—Annual Meeting at the Girls' Guild Hostel, 273, Lewisham High Road—Speaker, Mrs. Rackham 8.15
Hampstead—31, Lyndhurst Road, N.W.—Mrs. Rowntree Gillett's Drawing-room Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Garrett Jones—Chair, Mrs. Rowntree Gillett 4.30
Ealing and Acton—Public Meeting at the Memorial Hall, Freehold Road, West Ealing—Speaker, Mrs. Ford Smith—Chair, Miss Chick 3.0

NOVEMBER 21.
Walthamstow—Public Meeting in the Walthamstow Public Baths—Chairman, the Right Hon. Sir John Simon, K.C.V.O., K.C., M.P.—Speaker, Mrs. Philip Snowden and R. Cholmeley, Esq.—Tickets, 1s., 6d., and 3d.
Islington—Sufrage Club at Barnsbury Hall, Upper Street 7.30
London Society's Reception—Westminster Palace Hotel—Speakers, Miss Emily Hill, P.L.G., and Mrs. F. T. Swanwick, M.A.—Chair, Miss Helen Ward 10.0

The Provinces.

NOVEMBER 14.
Bexhill-on-Sea—A Public Meeting at Victoria Hall—Speaker, Miss Muriel Matters—Chair, Mrs. Strickland 8.0
Brighton—Y.M.C.A., 55, Old Steine—Dr. L. Martindale on "The Rights of the Child"—Chair, Mrs. Gervis 8.0
Chippenhams—Ante-room, Town Hall—Members' Meeting—Speaker, Miss Ballantine—Chair, Miss W. Melkic 7.30
Evesham—Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Rackham 3.0
Farnham—Meeting for Women at the Hole Institute—Speakers, Miss Zoe Smith and Miss McMillon on "Why Women should interest themselves in Public Matters" 2.30
Norwich—7, Exchange Street—Exhibition of Sweated Work and Meetings at the Suffrage Shop, November 14th and 15th

Oldham—King Street Co-operative Hall—Annual Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. F. T. Swanwick, M.A.—Chair, Miss Marjory Lees 8.0
Members meet for business 7.15
Pershore—Joint Public Meeting of N.U.W.S.S. and C.U.W.F.A. at Music Hall—Speakers, The Lady Betty Balfour and Mrs. Rackham, P.L.G.—Chair, The Lady Willoughby de Broke 8.0
Portsmouth—The Suffrage Rooms, 2, Kent Road—Speaker, Miss Evelyn Fox on "Mentally Defective Children and Adults under the New Act"—Chair, Miss N. O'Shea 3.0 and 8.0
Winchester—7, The Square—Members' Meeting to discuss arrangements for Sweated Industries Exhibition 3.0

NOVEMBER 15.
Birmingham—Bouriebrook Hotel—Mrs. Ring will address Bricklayers' Operatives 8.30
Berkhamstead—Public Meeting at the Town Hall—Speakers, The Lady Betty Balfour and H. Rolleston Stables, Esq.—Chair, Lady Scott Moncrieff
Newton Abbot—Ambulance Hall, East Street—Mrs. Knight Bruce—"At Home"—Speaker, Lady Frances Balfour 3.30
Launceston—Meeting at the Town Hall—Speaker, Lady Frances Balfour—Chair, T. S. Tregunig, Esq. 8.0
Camden—Drawing-room Meeting at Ivy House—Hostess, Miss Olive New—Speaker, Miss H. Fraser—Chair, Lady Bloomfield 3.0

NOVEMBER 16.
Birmingham—Aston Men's Early Morning School—Mrs. Ring 9.45 a.m.
NOVEMBER 17.
Knutsford—King's Coffee House—Social Evening—Speaker, Mrs. Muter Wilson—Chair, Mrs. I. R. Tomlinson 8.0
Manchester—"At Home" at Parker's Restaurant, St. Ann's Square—Speaker, G. G. Armstrong, Esq. 4.0-5.30
S. Salford Club—Grand Concert in the United Methodist Schools, Eccles New Road, Salford 7.0
York—Co-operative Hall—Mrs. Meyer on "Women's Suffrage: Some Reasons for United Effort" 8.0
Wattford—James's Room, 42, Queen's Road—Second Lecture of "The Child and the State" Series—Miss Edith Corry on Care of Feeble-minded Children 8.15
Ely—Meeting at the College—Speakers, Mrs. Rackham and Professor Bethune-Baker—Chair, Rev. R. M. Nicholls 5.0
Lowestoft—Royal Hotel—Mrs. Rackham on "Women's Suffrage—The Justice of the Hour"—Chair, Mrs. Russell Upcher 3.0

NOVEMBER 18.
Portsmouth—Albert Hall—Miss Lind-at-Hageby on "The Enfranchisement of Women"—Chair, Miss N. O'Shea 8.0
Woking—Central Assembly Hall, Chertsey Road—Miss K. Baverstock on "Children in Employment"—Chairman, The Rev. Daniel Heaton 8.15
Worthing—Meeting at 1, Warwick Street—Miss Coast on "Employment of Children"—Hostess, Miss Bowen—Tea at 4.0
Newbury—Public Meeting at the Lecture Hall—Speakers, Afternoon, Miss Dora Mason, M.A.—Chair, Mrs. E. J. Cross—Evening, Miss Dora Mason, M.A., and Mr. W. J. Mirreles—Chair, Mr. Joseph Elliott 3.0 and 8.0

NOVEMBER 19.
Edinburgh—Meeting at the Free Fisherman's Hall—Speaker, Miss Geraldine Cooke—Chair, J. Fraser-Cunningham, Esq. 5.0
Strirling—Y.M.C.A. Hall—Dr. Elsie Inglis—Cake and Candy Sale 3.0
Castle Douglas—Meeting—Speaker, Miss Cooke 8.0
Edinburgh—Inverleith Hall—I.L.P. Meeting—Northern Branch—Speaker, Miss Alice Low—Subject, "Votes and Wages" 8.0
Leith—Meeting at Wilson's Hall—Speaker, Rev. C. Howard Davies
Kirkcubright—Meeting—Speaker, Miss Cooke 8.0

NOVEMBER 20.
Glasgow—Women's Guild—Albert Street—Church Hall, Springburn—Speakers, Mrs. Ritchie Steel and Miss Lucy Shakespeare 3.0
Victoria Hall, Tollcross—Mock Election—Sufrage Candidate, Miss Lucy Shakespeare 8.0

NOVEMBER 21.
Edinburgh—Public Meeting at the Music Hall—Speakers, Miss A. Maude Royden and Finner Brockway, Esq.—Chair, Mrs. Henry Fawcett, L.L.D. 8.0
Perth—Meeting—Speaker, Miss Lumsden, L.L.D. 8.0
Edinburgh—40, Shandwick Place—"At Home"—Andrew Young, Esq. (Headmaster, Canongate School) on "Children in Schools" 4.30
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"At Home" at 40, Park Street postponed on account of lecture 8.0
Meeting at Free Church—Girls' Guild—Speaker, Mrs. W. C. H. Cross 8.0
Liscard—Rake Lane Congregational Church—School Room—Miss M. Beavan on "Physically Defective Children and Special Schools" 3.30
Panzbourne—Lantern Lecture on "The Sweated Work of Men, Women and Children" at the New Hall—Speaker, Dr. E. Sloan Chesser—Chair, Mrs. Garrett Jones 7.30
Letworth—Meeting at the Norton Women's Adult School—Speaker, Miss M. Sugden 8.0
Milverton—Meeting at Victoria Rooms—Speaker, Miss Wilma Melkic—Chair, W. Browne, Esq. 8.0

NOVEMBER 19.
Gateshead—Bewick Hall, High West Street—Miss Sheard on "Women and War"—Soloist, Mrs. J. Denton 2.30
Hull—Public Meeting at Oddfellows' Hall, Charlotte Street—Speaker, Miss Muriel Matters 8.0
Bristol—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's Parish Room, Bishopstow—Speaker, Professor Skemp, M.A., Ph.D.—Chair, W. C. H. Cross, Esq. 8.0
Welwyn—Harmer Green—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Powell—Speakers, Mrs. Dunstan Harris and Miss Sylvia Clark 3.30
Tunton—Flood House—Invitation Meeting for Teachers—Speaker, Miss W. Melkic 7.30
Bolton—Lantern Lecture by Miss Vaughan Jenkins—"Some Impressions of Austria-Hungary and the International Women's Suffrage Congress"—Spinner's Hall—Chair, Rev. T. H. Gibbon, M.A. 7.30

NOVEMBER 20.
Manchester—308, Oldham Road, Ancoats—Sufrage Club—Speaker, Mr. F. Leigh 7.30
Rugby—At the Church House—the Hon. Mrs. Handford, President of the National Union of Women Workers, on "Babies and Children" 8.0
Winchester—Public Meeting at the Guildhall—Speakers, Miss Susan Lawrence, L.C.C., and Miss Fielden—Sweated Industries Exhibition 7.30
Gateshead—1, Cuthbert Street—Miss Renaud on "The Educational Work that is being done among the Mothers of Newcastle"—Elocutionist, Miss Hutchinson 7.30
Bristol—Meeting at Keynsham—Speakers, Mrs. W. C. H. Cross and Professor Barrell 7.30
Torquay—Meeting at Museum Hall—Speakers, Lady Frances Balfour and Mrs. Tweeddale—Chair, Admiral Sir William Acland, Bart. 8.0
New Brighton—Mrs. G. Edwards's Drawing-room Meeting—Speaker, Miss McConnell 8.0
Haslingden—Social Evening and Lecture—Weaver's Institute, John Street 8.0

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York—Women's Suffrage Demonstration in Exhibition Buildings—Chief Speaker, Miss Muriel Matters—Chair, Alderman Meyer 8.0
Berkhamstead—Public Meeting at the Town Hall—Speakers, The Lady Betty Balfour and H. Rolleston Stables, Esq.—Chair, Lady Scott Moncrieff 8.0
Newton Abbot—Ambulance Hall, East Street—Mrs. Knight Bruce—"At Home"—Speaker, Lady Frances Balfour 3.30
Launceston—Meeting at the Town Hall—Speaker, Lady Frances Balfour—Chair, T. S. Tregunig, Esq. 8.0
Camden—Drawing-room Meeting at Ivy House—Hostess, Miss Olive New—Speaker, Miss H. Fraser—Chair, Lady Bloomfield 3.0

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Alloa—Meeting at Museum Hall—Speaker, A. L. Roxburgh, Esq. 7.30
Edinburgh—40, Shandwick Place—"At Home"—Miss Geraldine Cooke, on "Infant Mortality, Preventive Measures" 4.30
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Kirkcubright—Meeting—Speaker, Miss Cooke 8.0

NOVEMBER 16.
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Victoria Hall, Tollcross—Mock Election—Sufrage Candidate, Miss Lucy Shakespeare 8.0

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