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MRS. MARGERY I. CORBETT ASHBY.

**PEACE ON EARTH TO
MEN OF GOODWILL.**

*The New Year of 1932 opens
more darkly than any since those
of the war, because we learn so
slowly that peace can only come to
men of goodwill.*

*Behind the financial economic
and political crisis lies this one
cause, lack of goodwill.*

*War debts, war reparations,
war armaments, and war fears
must be exorcised and disappear
before peace can come. So let us,
the women of the world, first feel
the goodwill and then spread it so
that our children now walking in
the darkness of our mistakes may
find 1932 the beginning of a new
world, where common suffering has
taught all the peoples of the earth
to dwell together in peace.*

M. I. CORBETT ASHBY.

Our President.

"If you want converts make friends." Those who have met our President and heard her speak will agree that no saying could be more apposite to her. The many friends and admirers of Mrs. Corbett Ashby will welcome the portrait and thought-provoking message from her with which we open our New Year number.

CONSTANTINOPLE.

THREE
LITTLE
EPISODES.By
Mildred
Payne.

1. THE BAZAAR. (Famous for the beauty and cheapness of its rugs.)

We were to combine business and pleasure; see the bazaar and buy one, if not two, or even three, rugs, since such an opportunity might not occur again.

From booth to booth we went, realizing more and more fully that what books say of a place, and what one actually finds when one gets there, are two entirely different things. It seemed to our weary eyes a case of rugs to the right of us, rugs to the left of us, and rugs on all sides of us, and not one worth having. And then suddenly we saw "It"—and even to our inexperienced eyes it seemed a lovely thing. After all our visit was not to be in vain.

"How much?" I asked, pointing. The old Turk invited us first to coffee, and then he told us two thousand pounds.

"Turkish pounds, of course," I said.

No. Two thousand pounds sterling, he told us. We had the coffee, but not the rug. We got that later in Oxford Street, on our return home.

2. THE LITTLE CAKE-SELLER. (Stalls may be erected only on authorized spots of the city.)

I stood at my door, and as I put up my sunshade I looked down the little street which leads into the Grande Rue de Pera. It was then I noticed that a cake-seller had placed his stall in front of the house. I watched him setting out his cakes, and he looked up, and we smiled at each other.

Then out came our great Bulgarian house-porter, and stood on the steps behind me. He too was smiling, and his glance followed mine. With an awful shout he leapt down the steps, seized the stall and its cakes, and dashed up the street. The little cake-maker followed hot in pursuit, but he was not big or quick enough, and arrived only in time to see his stall and his cakes being hurled into the traffic of the Grande Rue.

"So that," I thought, "is the way people are taught not to do things in Constantinople."

3. THE MUEZZIN. (The call to prayer is made from the four sides of the Minaret.)

"Here is your chance, look up," said my friend. We were passing the front of a mosque on the outskirts of the town.

I looked up, and there on the minaret was the Muezzin about to make his call to prayer in our direction. I had often wished both to see and hear him at close quarters, and now the conditions were ideal. All was quiet, the minaret not too high, and the figure of the Muezzin stood out clearly in the brilliant sunshine.

We stood and waited, and so did the Muezzin. It became increasingly clear that if we saw him, he also saw us—"but that could make no difference" we told each other. A minute later, however, he disappeared, and we heard the cry though faintly, from the back of the mosque. He reappeared, looked down and saw us still waiting; he hesitated, turned away, and made the call from the right side and then from the left. We shaded our eyes and looked up eagerly. He must now make the call from the front and in our direction. Again he appeared, again he looked down upon us, and again he seemed to hesitate—and then—he slowly went away and returned no more.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

The Outlook for 1932.

The outlook before the world this New Year is sadder than it has been any year since the war itself. In every country trade is diminishing, while consequently unemployment, distress, and a reduction in the standard of living are rapidly increasing. The debtor nations are weighed down by the burden of their debts, which the creditor nations—France and America—refuse to accept in goods, and gain nothing from accepting the debtor countries' small store of gold which is rapidly being exhausted. The only hope lies in the forthcoming international economic conference, whose function should be to come to some definite arrangement with regard to scaling down reparations and public and private debts and to reducing tariff burdens. It appears that America will insist on her pound of flesh, even though the Committee which has recently been sitting at Geneva shows that it is impossible for Germany to pay. Will America relent? Will there be a temporary standstill arrangement, or will Germany default? The second of these is the more probable, but no one can say. In the meanwhile we have ranged ourselves with the other countries of the world in the game of economic nationalism, in which all nations wish to sell to, but none to buy from, one another.

E. M. H.

Disarmament.

The Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers, the Ambassadors and Ministers of many nations, nearly a score of Bishops, the Lord Mayor and the Mayors of the London Boroughs were amongst the many distinguished people present at the National Service of Prayer for the Disarmament Conference at St. Paul's Cathedral on 15th December.

The campaign for the signatures to the International Declaration for World Disarmament, initiated by the Women's International League and now running in forty-five countries, is drawing to a close. The signatures are for presentation to the World Disarmament Conference which opens in Geneva on 2nd February, and the British forms were called in by 31st December in order to give time for them to be sorted and packed ready for dispatch about the middle of January. It is hoped that the British total of signatures will be 2,000,000. The total number of signatures from all the forty-five countries is expected to reach several millions. The most successful country so far in proportion to her population is Switzerland, where about seventy out of every 1,000 inhabitants have signed.

India.

The British members of the Indian Franchise Committee have now been appointed. They include one woman, the Hon. Mary Pickford, M.P. We believe her to be an able hard-working

committee woman of strongly Conservative opinion, but we regret that the committee includes no one with more special experience of the woman's movement, and agree with the *Manchester Guardian*, that among women M.P.s Miss Eleanor Rathbone would have been the natural appointment. Apparently, however, the Government has aimed at a committee like a British jury, composed mainly of those with minds unsullied by previous study of the subject, and therefore expected to be impartial. Except for Lord Lothian and one or two others, the selection is not very impressive. We can only hope that the deficiencies will be supplemented by appointments among Indian women, and possibly by technical advisers and assessors in accordance with the excellent precedent set by League of Nations committees.

G. K. R.

A Woman in the Government.

In response to our invitation of expressions of opinion on this subject, a correspondent has sent us the following:—Miss Eleanor Rathbone should have been included in the Government as Under Secretary to the Board of Trade, where her knowledge of economics, of the lives of working mothers, and of the needs and desires of women workers would have reassured feminists all over the country and in every party, that they were represented in the Government. Discussions on tariffs, fresh taxes, disarmament, and other vital problems affect women as much as men and the best solutions are more likely to be found by joint efforts. To include an Independent M.P. would make the Government more truly National.

Our Friends in the Peerage.

Sir Robert Newman and Mr. Philip Snowden were both warm friends of many of the objects for which the N.U.S.E.C. stands. When, therefore, she heard of their elevation to the peerage, the General Secretary sent them our congratulations, and received the following replies:—

From Lord Manhead —

DEAR MRS. HORTON,—Thank you and all my good "Equal Citizen" friends for your most kind congratulations. I need hardly say that no congratulations could have pleased me more.—Yours sincerely,
ROBERT NEWMAN.

From Lord Snowden —

DEAR MRS. HORTON,—I very warmly thank you for the kind congratulations you have sent on behalf of your Union on my "elevation" to the Peerage. It is good to be remembered by old associates.—Yours sincerely,
PHILIP SNOWDEN.

Some Achievements of the Month.

Miss Jane Addams—Half Nobel Peace Prize.
Miss M. E. Woolley—American Delegate to Geneva.

Miss E. Rathbone—Hon. LL.D. Liverpool University.

Dictatorships for Women?

The B.B.C. recently concluded a series of talks on "What I should do with the World if I were Dictator". There was in this admirable series one omission, i.e. no woman was included as a speaker. Whether this was due to the fact that women being more truly democratic than men, no woman was able even to imagine herself as dictator, or whether women are not eligible for the B.B.C. House of Dictators we do not know. We ourselves can imagine many women we should like to hear on this subject, for example, the wise and experienced Dame Edith Lytton, or our own late parliamentary secretary, Mrs. Hubback, already practising dictator in the Morley College for Working Men and Women, with its 3,000 students.

"THE WOMAN'S LEADER" APPEAL.

THE WOMAN'S LEADER came to the end of its last guarantee fund in the autumn. Unless this was to be the end of THE WOMAN'S LEADER too, ways and means again had to be considered, and, with some reluctance, owing to the stress of the times, the Directors decided to again appeal to former, and perhaps to new, friends, this time for a sum of £150 to carry on for another year, after which time it is hoped that the growing numbers of the Townswomen's Guilds will provide enough subscribers to the paper to make it self-supporting. We are deeply grateful to the following ladies who have responded to our appeal up to 21st December. In addition, certain former guarantors have promised subscriptions to be paid later.

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Our Contributors.

We have again to offer our sincere thanks to our contributors. We call our readers' attention to the authors, all experts, of the articles in our Woman's Year Supplement. When we have worn out the kindness of our friends, the time will come when the editor has to turn to some of those contributors who send in articles to be inserted "on your usual terms." At present we are able to return these articles with the remark: "Our usual terms are 'The editor's warmest thanks'." We call special attention to the drawing at the head of the Guild Page. This is one of a series of twelve, constituting "The Guild Calendar," which is being drawn for and presented to us by Miss Daphne Allard, of the Worcester School of Art.

THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL THEATRE.

In another column appears to-day an advertisement of the People's National Theatre, which has its home at the Duchess Theatre, Catherine Street, Drury Lane, and of which Miss Nancy Price, the distinguished actress, is the Honorary Director.

This bald statement has something of the chill of a skeleton, but the reality to which it has reference is a form full of gloriously healthy life, glowing with the flush of enthusiastic aspiration. There is enough struggle after fulfilment and safety to provide plenty of rigorous exercise, for Miss Price's intentions with regard to her theatre have no modest mediocrity about them: she provides the best, both in plays and artists. She asks for your help in the permanent establishment, in the heart of London, of a National Theatre for the British People worthy of our tradition of drama and acting.

The beautiful Duchess Theatre is ideally situated. It can only be reached by treading many precincts sacred to drama, and I fancy must surely be drawing to itself the sympathetic shades of the great departed ones—actors, actresses and public.

So much for the Past: will you spend 5s. 9d. a year for the Future, and come and see the "Merry Wives" at your own Theatre?

KATHLEEN PARNELL.

A PLAY FOR CHILDREN.

"Buckie's Bears" (Royalty Theatre, Dean Street) has been written for children by a small boy with the help of his mother. Here is none of the namby-pamby stuff usually provided for a critical young audience. Red Indians and pirates, Polar bears and fairies abound, and there is a satisfactory fairy Queen. The performers seem to enjoy themselves as much as the audience. Go and see for yourselves.

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THE NEW YEAR.

We can but hope that the serious economic depression that overhangs the whole world will disperse before 1932 expires. In the immediate future interest will be concentrated on the World Disarmament Conference, due to take place at Geneva in February. At home we await the Government's plans to deal with the present critical situation. Apart from any legislation embodying these plans, there are two Government Bills coming before Parliament when it reassembles in February that are of special interest to members of our Societies—the Children Bill and the Town Planning Bill.

WOMEN POLICE—FURTHER PROGRESS.

Statutory regulations have at last been issued to be applied to policewomen in England and Wales in accordance with the Police Act of 1919. As a result, women have already been attested in Birmingham and Bristol, and it is to be hoped that the other authorities will not be long in bringing the conditions of service of the women police into conformity with the regulations. This recognition of the women as forming a regular part of the police forces of the country is a great step forward, for which women's organizations have been working throughout the country, and which was immeasurably helped by the Parliamentary Committee called into being by Miss Picton-Turbervill when she was in the House of Commons. We understand the matter is now under consideration by the authorities in Scotland.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

9th-11th March, 1932, at Westminster Palace Rooms, Victoria Street, Westminster.

The rapid growth of the National Union promises a record attendance at the Council Meeting in March, when there is sure to be an interesting programme. In addition to the business sessions, there will be two conferences, at one of which there will be discussions on the results of the Local Government surveys that have been carried out by so many of the affiliated societies. The principal social function will again be the public luncheon on Friday, 11th March, a specially interesting event this year as the Guests of Honour will be the women Members of Parliament. Delegates and visitors will have an opportunity of meeting each other at the informal reception to be held immediately after the first afternoon's session. The Exhibition of Handicrafts by Townswomen's Guilds members will be on view during the time of the Council.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS APPEAL.

At the Rally at Paignton it was explained how the expense of forming Guilds has been met entirely by the special Appeal Fund raised for the purpose, and how the present difficult economic situation made it impossible to have another function similar to last year's very successful ball. The Guild members present readily volunteered to carry back to their Guilds a report of the situation, and suggested that each Guild might be able to raise a quota. There has been a splendid response to this suggestion both from Guilds taking part in the Rally and from others, including some that contributed earlier in the year. In

addition to the actual sums received, as shown below, many promises of donations in the New Year have been made.

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DAME MILLICENT FAWCETT MEMORIAL.

Everyone associated with the National Union will be glad to know that permission has been obtained to commemorate Dame Millicent Fawcett by having suitable additions made to her husband's memorial in Westminster Abbey. The N.U.S.E.C. and the London and National Society for Women's Service are appealing for a large number of small contributions from her many admirers to meet the cost, which will not exceed £300.

PEACE CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

Over 100 delegates, representing 300 organizations in all parts of the world attended the Conference for the study of disarmament in Paris at the end of November. Why? How? and When to Disarm were the subjects taken at the three business sessions, which were followed by a public meeting presided over by M. Herriot. The Conference emphasized yet again the intricacy and inevitability of international relationships, and the present unsatisfactory position arising from uncontrolled production of armaments. The women among the speakers were Frau Doktor Luders, Princess Cantacuzene, who made one of the best-received speeches, and Madame Dreyfus Barney, who spoke at an extra meeting on Manchuria.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR SUFFRAGE AND EQUAL CITIZENSHIP.

The triennial Congress of the International Alliance was to have been held this spring in Athens, but the world economic situation will make it so difficult for the Societies in different countries to send adequate delegations that it has reluctantly been decided to postpone the Congress until conditions improve.

TO GARDEN LOVERS.

It has been suggested that many Guild members would enjoy a visit in the spring to the Nurseries of Messrs. Allwood Brothers, of Wivelsfield Green, Sussex, and this famous firm of carnation growers has kindly consented to show a party round. Any wishing to take part should write to Headquarters, and full particulars as to date, price, etc., will be sent as soon as these have been arranged.

THE HOME PAGE.

1932.

We wish our readers a Happy New Year. As an aid to obtaining it here is a sixteenth century recipe against melancholic diseases; how powerful it may be against the melancholy produced by the troubles of 1932 we cannot say.

"The juice of apples, likewise as of pippins, is of very good use in melancholicke diseases, helping to procure mirth and expel heaviness."—*John Parkinson*, 1529.

COMPETITIONS.

The prize for the best New Year Resolutions has been won by Miss E. Watkins, London.

Commended: Mrs. Long, Weston-super-Mare, and Mrs. Edmondson, Cowbridge.

The following is Miss Watkins' entry:—

"I resolve to face the new year in a spirit of adventure, ready and eager, as in the war-time, to 'do my bit.' To produce and preserve as much food and clothing as possible for myself and for others less fortunate. To be cheerful and to try to hearten others."—*Ethel Watkins*.

OUR JANUARY COMPETITION to be sent in on or before 16th January is, as already stated, "SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE WOMAN'S LEADER."

OUR FEBRUARY COMPETITION, to be sent in on or before 16th February, is "A LIST OF THE SIX GREATEST LIVING BRITISH WOMEN." The prize will be given to the competitor whose list contains the names most popular with all competitors. A COUPON, TO BE FOUND ON OUR COVER, IS NECESSARY FOR EACH ENTRY.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

(From a Correspondent.)

To get rid of *black-beetles* or *ants*. Buy a bottle of strong commercial carbolic acid (about 1s. 3d.) and, with a cheap paint brush or brush made by tying cotton-wool or waste on to a skewer, paint round corners and skirtings and cills wherever the pests have been seen. The acid does not leave any mark on paintwork. The insects simply disappear, and the following day there are none. In the case of ants it may be necessary to repeat every few months. For black-beetles I gave one application each spring for three years. *Note*.—The acid must not come in contact with one's fingers.

(Continued.)

"But, lord, you know I don't mean anything, and you know very well I want you to enjoy your Women's Indep.—Townswomen's Guild, an' I'll tell you what, have another whist drive, and I'll give a prize."

"Really?"

"Cross my throat," said Bill seriously.

MARY HELPS THE T.G.

By

M. J. ALLAN.

Out of a very brown study Mary awoke to consideration of her—sometimes—better half, Bill.

"You coming home for tea to-morrow?" (Bill had noted the symptoms; had decided "Something brewing.") "Can't really say, why?"

"Oh, nothing!"

"Um," says Bill. Then brightly, "Bet it's something to do with your Townswomen's Independence League."

"How often do I tell you that the Society is named the 'Townswomen's Guild'?"

"Same thing, but have it your own way."

"I, I mean *we* were thinking of..." Mary stopped dead. Across Bill's impressionable features had flashed a look challenging, triumphant; a look which prefaced his most detestable and aggravating "Didn't I just say it?"

"Out with it," said he.

"We members of the Townswomen's Guild," said Mary, in her best platform manner, "intend running a whist drive and tea to-morrow afternoon. It is to be held in my house."

"Well!"

"What do you mean—'Well'?"

"Can't a fellow say 'Well'?"

"There are wells—and wells."

"Course there are," and Bill shut his wicked eyes and recited in a monotone, "There are water wells, oil wells, artesian wells, bitter wells, Kitty Wells, H. G. Wells, Bombadier Wells..."

"Stop it, you—you—idiot!"

"Quite, but (blandly) where did we get to? Oh, we are giving a tea to show all the women of the town how we make our scones."

"We're not."

"Oh!"

"We are giving a tea..."

"But I thought you said we are not."

"Oh, why are you such a—a—?"

"N' idiot," said Bill helpfully; and as Mary banged the door he put his oldest and stickiest slippers flat on the shiny white enamel of the chimney jamb, and settled himself comfortably in his chair.

* * * * *

"Well, how did it go off?"

Flash of smile, triumphantly rosy, answered him. "Oh, everybody was lovely, everything just right, and Mrs. Bean and Mrs. Rose asked..." Mary stopped. She could see it coming.

"Of course," giped Bill, "they asked for your recipe for scones."

Lips a-tremble, Mary shook her hair violently back, disturbing its neat waves, and revealing a broad silver streak wont to be decently buried under the more juvenile brown.

Bill's eyes fell on the silver streak. Resting there the mocking imp so often dancing in them fled.

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The most gratifying thing about the correspondence we have received about our last issue is that nearly every writer begins with: "I have read the paper through from cover to cover." Many of our correspondents proceed to most kind and encouraging comment. Curiously, the only part of the paper over which our readers differed seriously was the innocent little Home Page. Some readers liked it best of all, some disapproved of having a Home Page, others approved of a Home Page but not of ours. Here are a few conflicting views:—

Excellent! I particularly like Household Hints.

Imagine my horror when I opened at the Home Page and the first thing that confronted me was Household Hints! This is what the wretched housewife wants to escape from.

I liked especially the Home Page.

Cut out this awful Home Page!

The new Home Page strikes me as fearfully retrograde and old-fashioned.

In consequence of the changes I shall send my 2s. 6d. and be sure of my copy for the next twelve months.

Before I send my subscription I want to ask: Is the paper going to deal with serious topics or is it going to sink into a merely chatty woman's paper?

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Collectors of the works of G. B. Shaw will be glad to hear that *Immaturity* is now within the reach of their purses, Messrs. Constable having included it in the Standard Edition at 7s. 6d. It is interesting to notice the change of colour in the binding of this edition. We used to get our Shaws dressed like high-minded diffident ladies who shopped at Libertys; their present bold warm orange is a good deal more in keeping with their contents. (N.B.—We thought of the W.L. change of colour quite independently.)

Immaturity was written in 1879, the year of Meredith's *Egoist*. It is a study of the reactions of a young man with a conscience to the worlds of middle class artistic society and business life in the London of that date. The characters depicted here are the ancestors of many we meet in the plays; the writer's eye is just as keen to catch every sort of absurdity and exaggeration, for example, the young ladies in Bohemian society "funny, but pleasant to look upon, dressed in sacks, blankets, or dresses apparently

let fall from the sky upon them." The love scenes are, as in the plays, pitched battles; the extent of the lovers' gallantry can best be shown by a quotation:—

"The first thing he noticed was that she had on a dress with a row of conical buttons down the front, which she had worn the last time he had embraced her. Remembering that on that occasion his breast had been dotted by small, painful contusions, he resolved to content himself with a kiss."

We cannot help wondering what would have happened if one of the fifty or sixty publishers to whom Shaw submitted his novels had taken the risk of publishing one. On the whole the world may have gained, for look at the spate of novelists we have had in the last forty years, and but for Shaw, where are the dramatists?

Nothing endears a superman to ordinary mortals more than his confession of his early struggles and failures, his weaknesses and mistakes. In the preface to *Immaturity* we get vivid details of all these. For five years Shaw produced novels, one each year, writing systematically five pages a day, and not one of these novels was accepted. Remember that this occurred in his twenties, when a year is a year, and not the few brief weeks between one Christmas and the next that it seems like to most people over forty. The reader who wants personal details about Shaw will probably be better served by this book than by the biography by Mr. Frank Harris. We find ourselves in complete agreement with Mr. Shaw when he indicates that the best critique of this biography is that written by Lady Rhondda in *Time and Tide*. He goes on to say that if *Time and Tide* had been in existence when he was a critic he would have been writing for it, and we can only say that he would have been in good company on the staff of this consistently courageous, independent, and well-informed paper.

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Messrs. Faber and Faber have done us two very good turns this autumn. First they gave us *Charlton*, that model of calm and unassuming self-revelation, and now we have *The Country Child*, by Allison Ottley (7s. 6d.). If any reader wants a book to take the mind from present troubles and transport it to a pleasanter scene, this is the book I should recommend. Both the country child and the country as depicted in these pages are fast vanishing; here at any rate they have a little permanence. A delightful bed book.

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The World Against Mary, by J. M. Frank (Methuen, 7s. 6d.), tells the story of a poor German girl's life, her village childhood, her migration to Berlin, her marriage with a worthless man, her struggles and final defeat by what the title comprehensively calls "the world." A grim story, brightened by instances of the goodness which Mary received at the hands of individual members of this same world.

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Only Eight Failures. A report on the first 1212 cases at the Manchester Mothers' Clinic for Birth Control is a plain statement of facts and analysis of the work of this clinic.



THE GUILD CALENDAR

JANUARY

THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

SCOTTISH FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING, 1931.

The Scottish Federation held its Annual Meeting at Stirling on 5th December, and delegates attended from St. Andrews W.C.A., Falkirk W.C.A., Glasgow S.E.C. and W.C.A., and from Crieff, Linlithgow, Peterhead, and Stonehaven Townswomen's Guilds. Guilds in the far north sent reports of their work. The reports from all societies showed most satisfactory progress as regards membership and activities, and the meeting of the older with the younger Societies in the Federation, enthusiastic energy with staid experience, was most interesting.

Crieff and Stonehaven are the largest Guilds, with a membership approaching 300, most of the others being about 100, though North Berwick, Fraserburgh, and Peterhead only started in May. Demonstrations in all the Guilds on various useful and beautiful things for the home, were varied by competitions and a little dramatic activity (Wick and Oban) and country dancing (Stonehaven) and balanced by talks on such subjects as Health, Citizenship, Women and the National Crisis, League of Nations, Town Council Work, Art, Music, Women in India, Florence Nightingale, etc.

Falkirk W.C.A., St. Andrews W.C.A., Stonehaven T.G., Aberdeen W.C.A., and Glasgow S.E.C. and W.C.A. reported action taken at the General Election by sending questionnaires or holding meetings addressed by all the candidates, Glasgow having also sent questions at the municipal election. Parliamentary Bills had been studied, Crieff T.G. even taking a kindly interest in the English Wills and Intestacies Bill. The Question of Disarmament found a place in most programmes, and signatures to the World Disarmament Declaration were collected by Fraserburgh T.G., Stonehaven T.G., and Wick T.G., the latter obtaining 1,727 in a house-to-house canvas. Glasgow reported six public meetings and other activities in all its divisions, a programme by its New Voters Club, a speaker's class, and a free legal dispensary for poor persons run in conjunction with the Society for Social Service. Linlithgow has both President and hon. secretary on the Town Council, and Thurso reports the success of its suggestions to the Town Council, and the co-option of two members to the Parks Committee.

Resolutions on (1) the Admission of Women to the Ministry of the Church, and (2) Maternal Welfare and the provision for married women attending the Child Welfare Centres and Clinics of advice on contraceptive methods on medical grounds, gave rise to interesting discussion, and were carried unanimously, as was also a resolution recommending that the successful experiment of holding a joint week-end school by the Scottish Federation and the Scottish Council of the W.C.A. should be repeated.

The Derbyshire Federation of Townswomen's Guilds. Exhibition.

The Derbyshire Federation of Townswomen's Guilds held their first exhibition of work on Friday, 4th December. A good collection of work was shown, the following Guilds exhibiting: Alvaston, Belper, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derby Suburban, Littleover, Long Eaton, Matlock. Both modern and antique work was exhibited, the latter including some very interesting curios, for example, an old mail box and coaching book which belonged to the stage coach that ran between Derby and Leicester, and a family christening chair which had been used for the first child in each generation for over a hundred years. Some of the modern work, e.g. leatherwork, rugs, embroidery, basketry and stool seating, plain sewing, dress-making, cakes, jams, pickles, bottled fruit, etc., reached a high standard. The following Guilds gained prizes: Alvaston, Belper, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derby Suburban, and Matlock. Lady Fowler, President of Sponden Women's Institute, opened the Exhibition, and congratulated the Derbyshire Townswomen's Guilds, all of which have only been formed during the past year, on the result of their work.

Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild Annual Report.

The Mill Hill Guild, though only one year old, is very active, and during the past year its membership has increased from twenty to ninety-seven. Classes have been held in Cane Work, Dress-making, Embroidery, and Seagrass Stools, and the lectures have included a talk on Local Government by Mrs. Hornabrook, and a talk on the League of Nations. Twenty-five members visited one of the United Dairies' Processing Depots. Two attended the reception given by the Hon. Mrs. Franklin to Dame Edith Lyttelton, and in October the members who went to the Rally at Paignton came back full of enthusiasm and new ideas.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Goddard, The Turret, Lyndhurst Avenue, Mill Hill, N.W. 7.

Stonehaven Townswomen's Guild Annual Report.

The Stonehaven Guild reports a successful year of work and pleasure. There are now 233 members, who have attended well at meetings and classes. Lecture subjects have included Art in the Home, Women in Modern Life, Music, the Passion Play at Oberammergau with lantern slides, Mothers and Babies, the Club Movement, Women's Societies, and the National Crisis. There have been demonstrations on Rug-making, Cookery, Pottery-making, Icing of Cakes, Hairdressing, and Toy-making. The three classes which were organized during the winter were a Study Circle, a Scottish Country Dancing Class, and a Dramatic Society.

Hon. Secretary: Miss A. Cormack, Mayfield, Queen's Road, Stonehaven.

THE WOMAN'S YEAR

SUPPLEMENT TO "THE WOMAN'S LEADER"

JANUARY, 1932.

(To be continued in February.)

WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

By

MARGERY I. CORBETT ASHBY.

The most important event of the year for women is the amazing progress of women under the new Republic of Spain. Equal suffrage with men at the age of 23, three women in the Constituent Cortes which drafted the new constitution, and a woman, Victoria Kent, as Director General of Prisons, is indeed a record of which any country might be proud. Miss Campo Amor was in the delegation of Spain to the Assembly of the League. With Spain as an example, feminism round the Mediterranean and in South America should receive a great impetus.

In Roumania women voted for the first time under the municipal franchise law of 1929. In Portugal a limited measure of parliamentary and municipal suffrage has been granted by decree. Brazil has introduced a limited suffrage bill, and women have been appointed on to juries. In Japan the bill for municipal suffrage actually passed the House of Representatives only to be thrown out by the Peers. In India municipal suffrage has been granted in Delhi. In Ceylon the first woman has been elected to the State Council, and in St. Vincent and Granada women have been made eligible for the Legislative Council.

It is impossible to mention all those women who are taking new posts or making new records. Some examples may be given:—

In Turkey a woman has been appointed postmaster of Stamboul, and they have their first woman surgeon; women are now also admitted to the marine training school. In Uruguay women police have been appointed in Montevideo.

In Egypt women police are working in Cairo. We can congratulate Miss Allen on the success of her untiring propaganda. Persia has set an admirable example to the whole continent of Asia by raising the marriage age to 16 for girls, and 18 for boys. Women have also been granted

the right to divorce. The example of Persia should help our friends in India who are working for the full application of the Parda Act. Canada has for some time suffered from a double standard as regards women, but the Quebec Act, improving the status of the married woman, grants her the right to become a testatrix, to dispose of her own earnings, and gives to the woman separated from her husband the same rights as an unmarried woman or a widow.

Decorations come grudgingly to women, but we are glad that Miss Caroline Haslitt, a woman engineer of Great Britain, has been made C.B.E., and that in France, Mme de Noailles is the first woman to be made Commander of the Legion of Honour. To the Round Table Conferences India sent three able women and Burma one.

1931 has been remarkable for a magnificent effort of co-operation on the part of the great women's organizations. Fourteen international women's organizations are banded together in the Disarmament Committee, and the Women's International League initiated the world declaration in favour of disarmament.

Throughout 1931 the Consultative Committee of Women's Organizations on Women's Nationality, set up at the request of the League of Nations, was working on the report which was circulated to governments and presented to the Assembly.

It would convey a wrong impression if I failed to add that there is a shadow to the picture. The world crisis with its rising tide of poverty and unemployment produces peculiar hardship for women, and especially for married women. Growing poverty which hits the middle classes makes it increasingly difficult for girls with brains and indeed hearts to stay at home, a burden to brother or father. To forbid women to engage in paid work is a drag on the community which needs their services.

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THE POLITICAL YEAR.

By
E. M. HUBBACK.

1931 must, for political purposes, obviously be divided into two halves—before the Labour Government and after the establishment of a National Government. Up till August the session was normal. There were fifteen women Members of Parliament distributed among the three political parties, while there was a woman Minister of Labour, Miss Bondfield, and another woman, Miss Susan Lawrence, as Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Health. The National Government, however, has not seen fit to appoint any woman minister; and after the General Election thirteen out of the fifteen women returned sat on the Conservative Benches, one on the Liberal, and one, Miss Eleanor Rathbone (ex-president of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship), as an Independent. At the Election there were sixty-two women candidates, divided as follows among the different parties:—

| | Con. | Lib. | Lab. | Com. | Ind. |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Elected . . . | 16 | 6 | 36 | 2 | 2 |
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Undoubtedly under both Parliaments the main interests of all citizens has been centred mainly on the International Horizon, on India, on Disarmament, on Unemployment, and on Finance. These great questions of course affect all citizens, whether men or women, equally and little time was left to deal with legislation in which women's organizations are particularly interested on account of their dealing specially with social conditions or with the status of women.

Among the Acts passed of this character are:—

(1) *The Unemployment Insurance (Anomalies Act)*, which, *inter alia*, imposed special conditions upon married women, and which has so worked out that it is almost impossible for a married woman who has not made fifteen contributions to receive benefit.

(2) *The Sentence of Death (Expectant Mothers' Act)*, introduced by Miss Picton Turbervill, which provides that a pregnant woman convicted of an offence punishable with death shall be sentenced instead to penal servitude.

(3) *The Maintenance of Adopted Children (Scotland) Act*. A Bill introduced by Mr. Matters to amend the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Act, and to bring within the scope of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act children adopted before 1930, successfully reached the Statute book this year.

Among other Bills of special interest, but which failed through lack of time and other reasons to reach the Statute Book were:—

(1) *The Wills and Intestacies (Family Maintenance) Bill*. This was promoted by the National

Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, and provided that the spouse and children of a deceased person should be entitled to a share of the estate. The Bill, in charge of Miss Rathbone, passed its second reading with a majority of 149, and was referred to a Joint Select Committee of both Houses of Parliament, which ultimately, though not supporting the actual Bill, recommended that legislation embodying its main principle should be introduced.

(2) *The Town and Country Planning Bill*. This did not finish its stages before the end of the session. All those interested in advancing the cause of town planning, will hope to see it brought before this Parliament.

(3) *The Consumers' Council Bill*, to regulate prices.

(4) *The Rural Housing Bill*, which proposes extra subsidies for cottages in poor rural districts.

(5) *Land Utilization Bill*, to facilitate small holdings and scientific farming experiments.

(6) *The Agricultural Marketing Bill*, to encourage better marketing of agricultural products.

(7) *The Humane Slaughter of Animals Bill*.

(8) *The Eugenic Sterilization Bill*, to provide for the voluntary sterilization of mental defectives.

WOMEN IN THE PROFESSIONS, IN THE CHURCH, AND IN COMMERCE.

Abridged from a Memorandum compiled by the London and National Society for Women's Service.

In this year of devastating unemployment and trade depression, culminating in the crisis reached in national affairs, it is obvious that stringent economy is called for, and it is not surprising therefore to find that there has been a setback affecting the professional woman worker not only in the standard of pay, but also in the hoped-for development of many of our social services. But there is a brighter side to the picture, for in spite of these difficulties the contribution which women have been able to make in work of public importance has been by no means inconsiderable. An interesting appointment is that of Dame Adelaide Anderson who was sent by the I.L.O., at the request of the Chinese Government, to give expert assistance in the organization of a factory inspectorate in China.

The Report of the Civil Service Royal Commission recommended the application of the principle "a fair field and no favour", and the reframing of the regulations governing the possible retention of women in the Service on marriage. In this connection it is very pleasant to note that such a concession has been made for the first time this year by the retention "in the public interest" of Dr. Sybil Overton, medical inspector in the Factories Department of the Home Office. There are other interesting Civil Service developments.

WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN 1931.

By
BERTHA MASON.

The outstanding events of 1931 were the triennial elections for County Councils in March and the triennial elections for Metropolitan Boroughs in November.

County Councils.—The main features of the elections in London and also in the provinces may be summed up in one sentence: Apathy, indifference, lack of interest on the part of the electors, small polls.

Statistics published by the London Municipal Society show the total electorate in London as 2,108,309 (women being in the majority); the number entitled to vote, 1,955,896; the number of votes cast, 541,067; the estimated percentage of those voting, 28, i.e. only 28 of every 100 electors went to the poll.

Provinces.—Similar conditions prevailed in the provinces; the percentage voting, though higher than in London, was low. The elections, with few exceptions, excited little interest.

Women.—The total number of women, including Aldermen, now serving on County Councils is, approximately, 190, an increase since 1928 of about 30. There are still six County Councils composed wholly of men.

Metropolitan Borough Councils Elections.—The estimated percentage of voting was 35 per cent. The number of women nominated, approximately, 451. Number elected 198.

Provincial Elections.—Owing to the General Election and with a view to economy, there were fewer contests than usual. Percentages voting higher than usual.

County Borough Councils.—150 women nominated, 65 elected.

Non-County Boroughs.—Approximately, 70 women nominated, 35 elected. Number of women now serving on County Boroughs, 238; on Non-County Boroughs, 215; total, approximately, 453.

Women mayors elected in 1931: 1 Lord Mayor, 15 Mayors.

Women magistrates now serving, approximately, 3,000.

Scotland.—Percentage voting good. 29 women nominated, of whom 15 were returned.

The returns indicate the need for a forward educational movement and a greater realization of civic spirit and responsibility in regard to local government.

Under the provisions of the Mental Treatment Act of 1930, a woman barrister and a woman doctor were appointed as Commissioners at the Board of Control on equal salary scales with their male colleagues. Miss Kilroy and Miss Cox have been appointed private secretaries to the Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Pensions respectively. Miss Tostevin who last year passed into the Administrative grade broke fresh ground by being appointed to the G.P.O., where she is the first woman to hold an administrative post. A long tradition has been broken by the appointment of Miss M. L. Hoyle as Assistant Keeper at the British Museum, hitherto a male preserve.

Although Colonial Office appointments are not open to women, we note that in the Colonial Services, Miss Plummer has been made Superintendent of Education for Nigeria, and a somewhat similar position is that of Miss Hope Bose, who was recently appointed by the High Commissioner to the Education Department of India House, where she will aid and advise the now numerous Indian women students studying in this country.

Miss Spender holds the proud position of President of the London Head Teachers' Association, the third woman in the forty-three years of the Association's existence to hold such office. Earlier in the year Miss S. Manning was installed as President of the Catholic Teachers' Federation.

In medicine, Dr. Helen Standing has secured the position of senior Medical Officer of the Maternity and Child Welfare Department at Hull. Cardiff has removed the ban on women doctors in its public institutions, but the L.C.C. has reiterated its policy of terminating the appointments on marriage of the medical women in its employ.

The appointment of Miss Peto to the Police Council is a matter for great satisfaction. An event of exceptional interest was the bestowal of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on Miss Royden by the University of Glasgow. Miss Rosin Walsh was appointed Librarian of the City of Dublin. In the final examination of the Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institution, Miss Price took second place, and Miss Phyllis White passed the Associateship examination of the Incorporated Society of Auctioneers and Landed Property Agents "with special merit". Both these women are in business with their fathers. Mrs. Rushby has succeeded her father as chairman of a firm of warehousemen, and Lady Malcolm has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of a West End restaurant.

Finally, a note of adventure has been struck by Miss Gower and Miss Spicer, who have had the enterprise to establish an air taxi, and joy trip business, thus becoming Britain's first business women of the air.

SOME NOTES ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

By
DOROTHY M. ELLIOTT.

One of the outstanding controversies that has taken place in the women's industrial world in 1931, has been in connection with unemployment insurance. A very definite problem arose under the Unemployment Insurance Act of 1930—the problem of the married woman worker, who left her work on marriage, and failed to secure any further work after marriage. Under the 1930 Act, as long as she had thirty stamps in the two years preceding her claim, she was automatically entitled to unemployment insurance benefit, and had to satisfy no other conditions until she had exhausted her thirty stamps and came up under the transitional benefit conditions, when she then had to satisfy the conditions that she had been normally employed in insurable employment, and was normally seeking insurable employment in the future. It was generally admitted that there was a certain limited number of married women who would be able to obtain benefit even if they had no intention of returning to insurable work. It is only fair to point out, however, that married women are a comparatively small percentage of the number of insured women in employment, namely, 2,880,000.

In the Majority Report of the Royal Commission on Unemployment Insurance and in the subsequent Unemployment Insurance Anomalies Regulations, 1931, an attempt was definitely made to limit the regulations to those married women who, to quote the words of the Royal Commission, "are receiving benefit who have not since marriage worked in an insurable trade, and in their existing circumstances have no intention of doing so," and they recommended that a married woman should be entitled to benefit only if she has satisfied the statutory authorities:—

(1) that she has not abandoned insurable employment;

(2) that having regard to her industrial experience and to the industrial circumstances of the district she can reasonably expect to obtain insurable employment in the district in which she is residing.

The trade union representatives have all along contended that these regulations were clearly not meant to apply to women who have worked for many years since marriage, but only to those who left employment on marriage, and that "a reasonable expectation of work" should be interpreted as meaning that there saw an opportunity of work for married women in the district. Many Courts have refused to accept this interpretation, but an umpire's decision given on 1st December, would appear to bear out the contention of the trade

union representatives. An extremely interesting situation has therefore now arisen as to what will be the position of thousands of women, many of whom would appear wrongfully to have been disallowed benefit.

WOMEN IN LITERATURE.

By
V. SACKVILLE-WEST.

Both in fiction and in other subjects women have done well during a year which has perhaps not been especially distinguished by its publishing lists. Two of the outstanding novels of the year, novels which are not likely to be forgotten, have been by women: Stella Benson's *Tobit Transplanted*, and Virginia Woolf's *The Waves*. One must also remember Naomi Mitchison's *The Corn King and the Spring Queen*; Kate O'Brien's *Without My Cloak*; and, in a light vein, Theodora Benson's *Which Way?* and Christine Longford's *Making Conversation*.

This list of works of fiction is necessarily brief and uncomprehensive. Biography and autobiography have produced several extremely praiseworthy books by women. There were (very suitably) two excellent studies of Florence Nightingale: one of them, the first volume of what promises to be a standard work, by I. B. O'Malley, including a great deal of new material; the other, a short but excellent life by Irene Cooper Willis. I am sure that women are best qualified to write the biographies of women, and I wish that Miss Cooper Willis would one day turn her attention to the Brontës, a subject with which she would be particularly well-fitted to deal. Mrs. Compton-Mackenzie wrote a truly fascinating life of Christina of Sweden, called *The Sibyl of the North*; and Ray Strachey an equally engrossing account of *Millicent Garrett Fawcett*, which included a survey of the whole suffrage question from its beginnings to its triumphant end. And Margaret Goldsmith produced an authoritative life of *Count Zeppelin*, besides her translations from the German of Miss Vicki Baum.

In autobiography, I think I enjoyed Lady Constance Malleon's *After Ten Years* and Helen Thomas' *World Without End* better than anything else. They were both intimate books, but they carried intimacy with a difference: Lady Constance's, although personal, was in the main objective; Mrs. Thomas' essentially subjective. Then, in autobiography, one must, I suppose, include *The Mango Tree*, by Margaret Hamilton, a delicious picture of the life of a child in South Africa.

Poetry has not produced much. Miss Edna St. Vincent Millay published a volume of sonnets, entitled *Fatal Interview*; but, much as I respect Miss Millay's talent, I feel that these sonnets, in spite of a few felicitous lines, fall short of her best. Miss Edith Sitwell's contribution to the Ariel poems was scarcely worthy of her—one of those things one sends to a publisher because he happens to write and ask and one is in a good-humoured obliging mood. One must not blame the poet for that.

V. SACKVILLE-WEST.

To the fiction here mentioned we would add Miss Sackville-West's own sympathetic, imaginative novel, *All Passion Spent*.—Ed., W.L.

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The Petition for the abolition of the use of ponies in mines (signed by 190,496 persons and presented to Parliament last May) must now be regarded as non-pective, and the appeal must be launched again. Some 49,243 horses and ponies are still employed in British mines, although largely as the result of public opinion the number has been reduced by some 25 per cent since 1920. The Pit Ponies' Protection Society is in urgent need of funds to carry on its work. (The address of the Pit Ponies' Protection Society is 82 Boundary Road, N.W. 8. Secretary: D. Jeffrey Williams.)

The export of disabled horses still, alas! goes on, and the Statute to prevent its worst evils has not yet passed into law. Housewives can do something to help the ponies by asking their coal merchants whether the coal they supply comes from mines in which mechanical haulage is installed, and they can help the swine by insisting that the home-grown bacon, pork, and other pig products come from purveyors using the humane killer. Lists giving the names of such firms are supplied on application to the R.S.P.C.A., Jermyn Street, London.

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Bingley W.C.A.—20th January, 7.30. Congregational Schoolroom. Miss Picton-Turbervill, "Is Disarmament only a Dream?"

Edinburgh W.C.A.—13th January, 8 p.m. Gartshore Hall. Miss Jean Thompson (Estate Manager, Rotherham), "Should women managers be adopted for Municipal Houses?"

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