

# THE CATHOLIC CITIZEN

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PRICE TWOPENCE.

Daughter of the ancient Eve,  
We know the gifts ye gave and give;  
Who knows the gifts which *you* shall give,  
Daughter of the newer Eve?

—Francis Thompson.

## A NEW CONSCIENCE.

BY COUNCILLOR MRS. V. M. CRAWFORD.

To some of us, for many years past, the ordinary Catholic attitude towards certain of the moral problems of the day has been a matter of profound regret. Only too often we Catholic women have deliberately passed by under circumstances that should have moved us to active compassion. There has been among us little concerted effort—as among our Anglican friends—to understand the newer developments of sexual problems in order that they may be suitably combatted; there has been no systematic training for Rescue work, no realisation indeed that any is necessary, and a quite insufficient appreciation of the position of the girl-mother as distinct from the childless prostitute. Speaking generally, it is not too much to say that Catholic efforts for the reclamation of women have been quite inadequate to the need, while the path of their return to a normal, moral life has been rendered unduly hard.

To-day, at long last, in the pages of the "Dublin Review" (Jan., 1922), an ecclesiastic of weight and experience has spoken out strongly in the way we have long wished. Mgr. Brown attacks the problem boldly by asserting that it is inequality of treatment as between the sexes that lies at the root of the problem, and that in his opinion "the whole social attitude towards women who have been immoral must be changed if the evil is to diminish, and not increase." His words constitute in effect a challenge to the Catholic women of England, and it is from that

point of view that they must be of interest to members of C.W.S.S. For we do pride ourselves, rightly or wrongly, on being alive to the questions of the day and on being eager to anticipate reform as soon as the need for reform is established. And in spite of all our Christian principles it must be admitted that, as a body, Catholic women have been as little zealous as others in maintaining in practice that equal standard of morals between the sexes which we all profess in theory to accept.

What then is it incumbent on us to do?

Once for all we must face the fact—and this is the practical plea we wish to make in this article—that the responsibility for rescue work lies largely on lay women. It cannot be relegated comfortably to our priests and religious Orders. Clearly the evil cannot be mitigated by any single sovereign remedy. It has to be faced in the first instance, as Mgr. Brown has pointed out, by a changed attitude towards the whole problem of prostitution. Women must refuse to stand by indifferent while other women are sacrificed, body and soul, to the supposed needs of men. They must relinquish their attitude of deliberate ignorance concerning painful facts of our social state and be willing to acquire the knowledge without which no contribution can be helpfully made. And straightway Catholic women ought to come forward and help in what is at once the easier, the more hopeful and the most urgent aspect of the



problem, the reclamation of the Catholic girl-mother. She has to be helped, not to get rid of her baby by adoption or otherwise, not to shunt the burden of it upon others, but to win her own redemption through her maternal love, and for that it must be made socially possible for her to keep her child with her, at least for a time, and support it on her own earnings.

It is within the writer's personal knowledge that in the London and Liverpool Workhouse wards there may be found a lamentably high proportion of Catholic girl-mothers for whom the Catholic body has hitherto made quite inadequate provision. As a result many of them find their way into non-Catholic Homes and many more drift back into the slums of our great cities, where, away from their homes and without a character, they embark on the almost hopeless task of keeping themselves and their children on wages honestly earned. But indeed every Catholic woman Guardian knows the enormous difficulty of re-starting in life in any satisfactory way the continuous stream of girl-mothers of her own faith that are brought under her notice.

Happily we are awakening to the urgency of this particular need. What is wanted is small Homes for short periods of voluntary residence and hostels where girls with their babies may live and go out to daily work. It is encouraging to know that at this moment a new Catholic Home under lay management is being started in South London for mothers and babies on their first leaving the lying-in wards of hospital or workhouse. Here the girls' health both of soul and body will be built up, their love for their child deepened and they themselves better fitted for the economic struggle before them when, as usually happens, the child has to be kept wholly out of the mother's earnings. For this Home (180, Clapham Road) Fr. Martindale, S.J., has issued an appeal putting the whole matter in its true perspective. He too, like Mgr. Brown, pleads for less relentless treatment of these hapless girls, more especially when they are also mothers. "Is it not almost certain," he writes, "that, being mothers, they were not merely temptresses? They have been

the scapegoats of God alone knows what sins not their own."

The wise words of these two priests should be pondered by us all, and we should ask ourselves what we can each individually contribute towards removing a neglect which, frankly, causes some little scandal among non-Catholic rescue workers, for they feel it unfair that while we greatly resent our girls falling under Protestant influences, we do so little to look after them ourselves. Money, of course, is needed, for these girls cannot be re-started in life without material help. And the expenses of a Home are inevitably heavy now-a-days. Another way is for ladies to take these girls, circumstances permitting, into their own homes as servants, paying them wages sufficient to enable them in their turn to pay adequately for their child with a foster-mother. At present the prejudice is so great that it is almost impossible to find Catholic situations, and the Catholic girl-mothers are nearly all befriended by non-Catholic mistresses. This surely should be remedied. But first and foremost, what is needed, as Mgr. Brown has made clear, is our own re-education on the subject. Few of us have really thought it out in all its moral implications. The girls must be helped wisely and with full understanding of their difficulties and temptations. Just as it is wrong to leave them callously to their fate, so it is foolish and short-sighted to relieve them wholly of the child they have brought into the world. A mother's love should be as deep and true whether her infant is born in or out of wedlock, and those with experience know how easily a girl's whole character may be transformed by the baby she has been encouraged to keep in her arms. To ignore this is to fling away the greatest power for good that God has put into a woman's nature. Yet there are many kind-hearted people to-day whose one idea is to get every illegitimate child placed in a foundling hospital or adopted by some one else. It is a deplorable policy. To keep mother and child together should be the rock basis on which to build up all our efforts to restore a girl to an honest and honorable place in society.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

On Tuesday, March 21st, a great victory for freedom was won. On that day Mr. Churchill announced in the House of Commons that the system of mui tsai, under which thousands of little girls were sold into slavery in Hong Kong, is to be abolished without delay. We congratulate the Government on this step, but our congratulations must go in the first instance to Commander and Mrs. Hazlewood to whose untiring efforts the victory is due. They had the backing of the women's societies, and others, and also of a section of the Press, but it is mainly due to their courage in exposing the scandal that fifty thousand little girls are saved from a life of slavery. Afted this victory we are encouraged to hope that the Colonial Office will show the same enlightened policy in dealing with the scandal of Uganda.

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We heartily congratulate Lady Rhondda on the success of her claim to be summoned to the House of Lords. Mr. Talbot, K.C., who appeared for Lady Rhondda, based his plea on the passage of the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Bill, which enacts that "a woman shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage from the exercise of any public function." The Attorney General, on behalf of the Crown, endorsed Mr. Talbot's view. The Committee of Privileges having decided to report in favour of the petition, it remains to be seen whether the house of Lords can find any means of preventing peeresses in their own right from taking their seats. We do not think that they can prevent it for long.

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The ignorant and ill-bred attack on Catholicism and Catholic Ceremonies which appeared in a recent number of *Time and Tide* reflects little credit on the Editor who published it. As to the writer of the article, since she appears anxious to assist in spreading feminism in France, it is perhaps kind to inform her that to jeer at the religion and piety of the women of France is not calculated to promote International Feminism.

On March 8th, under the Ten Minutes' Rule, Lord Robert Cecil moved the following resolution in the Commons:—

"That leave be given to introduce a Bill to extend the suffrage to women on the same terms as men." The resolution being carried by 208 votes to 60, the Women's Enfranchisement Bill was ordered to be brought in by Lord Robert Cecil, Major Hills, Lady Astor, Mrs. Wintringham, Sir Donald Maclean, Mr. Arthur Henderson and Mr. Anuerin Williams. Our most cordial thanks go to Lord Robert Cecil and all the supporters of the Bill. Lt.-Colonel Archer-Shee, of course, opposed the Bill; the gallant gentleman is always against freedom for women. Nor are we surprised to find Sir Stewart Coats opposing the Bill. Mr. Hailwood, too, is one of our opponents in this, though we have to thank him for taking up the matter of Uganda in the House. With this we deal elsewhere.

The Memorial in support of Lord Robert Cecil's Bill, which we sent to the Catholic M.P's., has, however, been signed by Mr. Grattan Doyle and Mr. James O'Grady.

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We call the attention of our readers to the public meeting to be held at the Minerva Café, under the auspices of the C.W.S.S. on Tuesday, April 25th, at 5-30 p.m., when Miss Annie Christitch, B.A., will speak on her experiences in America. Miss Christitch visited many women's societies and clubs on her recent tour in the U.S.A. The chair will be taken by Miss V. S. Laughton, M.B.E.

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Miss Holmes will represent the C.W.S.S. at the Journées Sociales Féminines in Paris, organised by the Action Sociale de la Femme from April 29th to May 2nd.

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The prayers of our members and readers are asked for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Blackledge, who died recently. Mrs. Blackledge was a member of the C.W.S.S. and in spite of her advanced age, always took a keen interest in our work. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her family.—R.I.P.



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### OUR WORK AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Our annual meeting, or yearly stocktaking, has just gone by, and there can be no doubt that the report that we presented to our members showed that the Society's work grows, and its influence increases with each year, both at home and overseas. With a general election looming near the Committee presented to the members at the annual meeting the following resolution which was carried unanimously: "That the C.W.S.S. realising the urgent need for women in Parliament, pledges itself to support as far as possible women candidates of any party: further, the C.W.S.S. urges its members to ascertain from prospective candidates, men or women, in their own constituencies, their views on the following points:—

1. Equal Franchise.
2. Equal moral standard.
3. Equal pay and opportunities.
4. Equal guardianship of infants.
5. Criminal Law Amendment.
6. Pensions for widows with dependent children.
7. Divorce.
8. Catholic Education.

To extend our work abroad Miss Fitzgerald, who presided, suggested the advisability of appointing recording secretaries, members of the C.W.S.S., in the many countries with which we are already in touch. The advantages of such a plan are self-evident, and the audience showed its approbation.

In connection, too, with our work abroad the following resolution dealing with the Uganda scandal was carried unanimously:

"That this meeting of the C.W.S.S. protests against the system of compulsory examination for venereal disease which is being enforced on the natives of the British Protectorate of Uganda, as evidenced by the dismissal of a woman doctor for refusing to carry out compulsory examination of women for venereal disease."

Since then, at the request of the C.W.S.S., a question has been asked in the House by Mr. Hailwood, M.P., and the Colonial Secretary, while denying that any analogy exists between the Contagious Diseases Acts and the measures in force in Uganda, makes some serious admissions in his reply. He admits:

(a) That compulsory examination of any person suspected of having venereal disease is enforced in Uganda, and is carried out by Government Medical Officers.

(b) That the woman doctor who was dismissed for refusing to countenance these measures, was selected because of her special knowledge of venereal diseases; and that she was not told of the nature of the measures she would be required to administer. "Her protest appears to be attributable in part," he says, "to the conclusion, as a result of her five months' experience, that not more than five per cent. of the persons she examined were infected, a view which is not shared by medical men, official, and missionary, of many years' standing." Our readers will note that this woman doctor, on the Colonial Secretary's own admission, was selected because of her *special* knowledge of venereal diseases.

The matter is being taken up on many sides. The C.W.S.S. moved a resolution of protest at the Consultative Committee of Women's Organisations, against the compulsory examination for venereal disease enforced on the natives of Uganda. This was seconded by the Women's Freedom League. An amendment moved by the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene asking the Colonial Office to summon a Conference on the subject was added to the original resolution and accepted by the proposer and seconder and in its amended form the resolution was signed by twenty societies. The Colonial Office has consented, the conference is to be held this month, and two representatives of the C.W.S.S. have been invited to attend.

We believe that Mr. Churchill, who has acted so justly and wisely in the matter of Hong Kong, will show equal wisdom in remedying the scandal in Uganda.

L. DE ALBERTI.

### Women Police.

Great indignation has been expressed by the C.W.S.S., in conjunction with the other women's societies at the proposed action of the Home Secretary, to disband the Metropolitan Women Police Patrols. Though the economy (so-called) would only amount to a few thousand pounds, this is the one suggestion in the Geddes Report which the Government Department involved has seen fit to put into operation at once, and it is now clear from the Home Secretary's answers in the House that this proposed "cut" was practically dictated by himself. Even with their very limited powers, statistics show that the Women Patrols have accomplished much useful preventive work during the three years of their existence and if it be true that their police duties are "negligible" as is stated in the Geddes Report, there is no one to blame but the Home Secretary himself, who has consistently refused to give the women full powers and duties. It will be remembered that Home Office Committee on the Employment of Women Police strongly recommended, in 1920, that policewomen should be "an integral part of the police force" and be

given the power of arrest. The difference between the action of the Home Secretary in ignoring one Report and immediately taking action on the other, has created the greatest dissatisfaction among women. Mrs. Robert Cust represented the C.W.S.S. at a deputation of protest to Mr. Shortt; delegates from over sixty women's societies were present on this occasion.

### Russian Famine.

The C.W.S.S. was well represented at the women's demonstration in Kingsway Hall on March 27th, when the following resolution was passed with one dissentient:—

"That this Joint Demonstration, organised by the Women's International League, with the support of 15 National organisations of women, expresses its consternation that the Government has refused the money grants demanded by Dr. Nansen for the relief of the Russian famine. We believe this refusal to be contrary to the feeling in the country, which has expressed its desire to help through the raising of large charitable funds. These funds are shown to be inadequate and this meeting, therefore, calls upon the Government to meet the emergency from National Resources."

Later a deputation, including our delegates Mrs. Crawford and Miss Whately, went to the House of Commons to lay their case before a private meeting of members, among whom was Mrs. Wintringham. Much feeling was caused by the fact that Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, under some ancient order, was not allowed within the precincts of the House although one of the delegates!

### Catholic Woman Candidate.

Lady Currie, daughter of the late Sir Thomas and Lady Hanbury, has been adopted Independent Liberal candidate for the Devizes Division of East Wilts. Lady Currie is the first Catholic woman to stand for Parliament in England. She founded, organised and maintained the first school for Hospital Nurses in Italy at Rome, for which she received the Papal Order of Bene Merente. Lady Currie is on the Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation.



**INTERNATIONAL NOTES.**

The French Senate has again postponed the debate on the Woman Suffrage Bill adopted by the Chamber of Deputies in May, 1919, and the political fate of our French sisters still hangs therefore in the balance. The Debate, so we learn from *La Française*, is now fixed for April 4th, but it is by no means certain that it will take place even then. Happily M. Leon Bourgeois, the President of the Senate, is known to be a friend to the cause. Meanwhile French suffragists are carrying on an active propaganda. A large and very representative meeting of over 3,000 persons has been held at the Sorbonne with the Rector of the University in the chair, while Mme. Malaterre-Sellier has been addressing crowded audiences on behalf of the suffrage in various provincial centres.

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With no Woman Suffrage in France, it is perhaps not surprising, though none the less regrettable, to read in the *Catholic Times* that Mgr. Roy, Coadjutor of Cardinal Begin, of Quebec, has been congratulating his Catholic flock on their dis-franchised condition and assuring them that the vote is inimical to the fundamental traditions and faith of the French-Canadian race! We can only deplore such utterances, convinced as we are that they are based on an entire mis-conception of what women suffragists are asking for.

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On the other hand we have the encouragement of reading in the Montreal papers full reports of the very successful lecture of our esteemed colleague, Miss Annie Christitch, delivered recently to a representative gathering of Montreal women on "An International View of the Women's Movement." Miss Christitch may be trusted to have put the matter in its true light.

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We have received from Sofia the *Jenski Glas*, the monthly organ of the Bulgarian Suffrage Society, together with their almanack for 1922, an imposing sheet giving in the centre the dates on which the women in the various countries have won their enfranchise-

ment. The publication is in every respect a highly creditable one.

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*Woman's Social Work* (Melbourne) the organ of the Australian Catholic Women's Social Guild, defends itself in its leading article (Feb.) against the charge made by a correspondent, that the activities of the Guild, as chronicled in its pages, have become "purely charitable." We ourselves had been struck by the same fact, but we fully appreciate the difficulties that lie before any organisation that sets itself to interest Catholic women in matters outside the ordinary routine of parish life. The Guild is engaged at the moment in an active propaganda to enrol a total of 20,000 members, and when that is happily accomplished, we too would urge the need for more educational and civic work in its practical programme.

V.M.C.

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**Annual Meeting of the C.W.S.S.**

The annual meeting of the C.W.S.S. was held at Bedford College, by kind permission of Miss Tuke and the Council, on Saturday, March 11th, Miss Kathleen FitzGerald, B.A., presiding. In her address Miss FitzGerald dwelt on the ever increasing activities of the Society, and suggested the appointing of correspondent secretaries, members of the C.W.S.S., in different countries.

The adoption of the report was moved by Miss Mary Wall, who spoke in high praise of the work done during the year. In the absence of Mrs. Scott Hill, the adoption of the report was seconded by Miss Lenn.

The adoption of the financial statement was moved by Mrs. Robert Cust, and seconded by Miss N. F. Atkinson, M.A.

Then followed the election of the new Committee, whose names appear in another column.

A resolution protesting against the compulsory examination for Venereal Disease of the native women of Uganda was put from the Chair, and carried unanimously; a second resolution pledged the Society to work wherever possible for women candidates for parliament, and this was also carried unanimously. With both these resolutions we deal more fully in another column.

The Chairman then called upon Mrs. Crawford to make an appeal for funds, and in doing so announced that Mrs. Crawford had again most generously guaranteed the office rent. Mrs. Crawford spoke of her deep conviction of the need of such a society as the C.W.S.S., which could be always relied upon to show courage, and was ever ready and anxious to co-operate, when possible, with non-Catholic Societies and, of course, other Catholic Societies, in the work of social reform. Mrs. Crawford's appeal met with a most generous response.

After an interval for tea the meeting was thrown open to the public for the purpose of hearing the views of prospective women candidates for Parliament. Commandant Mary Allen, O.B.E., and Mrs. Corbett Ashby spoke in the interests of Liberalism, Dr. Ethel Bentham and Mrs. Ayrton Gould for Labour. No Conservative woman has yet been chosen to contest a London constituency, consequently the Conservatives were not represented, as only prospective candidates for London and the suburbs had been invited to speak.

Commandant Allen (St. George's, Westminster), spoke of the splendid work being done by the two women M.P.s. Lady Astor had shown that where questions affecting women and children were concerned women could rise above party, but fifty women at least were needed in Parliament before the views of women would be upheld and their interests safeguarded.

Mrs. Corbett Ashby (Liberal, Richmond), spoke strongly of the need of an equal moral standard, which must mean a higher standard for men and not a lower standard for women.

Dr. Ethel Bentham (Labour, E. Islington), spoke of the need of the two points of view being represented in Parliament; she strongly endorsed Mrs. Corbett Ashby's remarks as to an equal moral standard, which should mean a higher standard for men.

Mrs. Ayrton Gould (North Lambeth) explained her reasons for joining the Labour Party, and spoke of the great poverty to be met with in North Lambeth.

The candidates then answered questions put by the audience, and various members of the audience gave in their names to help the candidates in the different constituencies.

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McCarron, Miss	0	12	6
McCormick, Miss	0	3	6
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Musson, Miss A. J.	10	0	0
Nisbett, Mrs. More	0	16	9
O'Farrell, Miss	1	1	0
Pigott, Miss Smyth	0	10	0
Pillers, Miss	0	2	6
Quinlan, Miss A.	0	1	3
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Ryan, Miss M.	0	2	6
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Uppleby, Miss	0	10	0
Wall, Miss M.	0	10	6
Walsh, Mrs.	0	1	9
Ward, Miss M. M. A.	0	1	9
Welch, Mrs. and Miss J. R. V.	0	6	9
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We heartily thank the above for their contributions to the funds, including those who gave so generously at the Annual Meeting. Thanks to them we have been able to have some temporary help in the office. Another pressing need is for a typewriter, as the volume of correspondence can no longer be dealt with entirely by hand. Mrs. R. Cust has kindly given £1 is. towards buying one, and we would be grateful for other donations.

G. JEFFERY.

The Treasurer is very anxious to trace the donor of a 10/- Treasury Note at the Annual Meeting, whose name, unfortunately, was not recorded. She will be much obliged if anyone who gave this sum and has not received a receipt will send a post card to the office.

We offer our hearty congratulations to our members, Miss Bearman and Councillor Mrs. V. M. Crawford, on their election as Guardians to East Barnet and Marylebone, respectively. We greatly regret the defeat of Mrs. Russell, who has been doing admirable work.

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Subject: "HAVE ANIMALS RIGHTS?"

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Subject:—"The National Importance of Women's Work on the Land."

May 8th. Speaker:—Miss Belle Rennie.

Subject:—"The Dalton Scheme of Education which aims at Developing Children as Individuals."

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TUESDAY, APRIL 25th, at 5-30 p.m. Speaker:

MISS ANNIE CHRISTITCH, B.A.,

on "My Experiences in America."

MISS VERA S. LAUGHTON, M.B.E., in the chair.

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