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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.*

## My Work on the Leicester City Council

By E. C. FORTEY, J.P.

It was during the General Election of December, 1923, when I was helping Pethick Lawrence in his successful contest with Winston Churchill for the West Division of Leicester, that it was announced that I had been returned unopposed to the Leicester City Council for St. Margaret's Ward. It was one of the thrilling moments of my life. I had been on the Leicester Board of Guardians since 1911 with the exception of the years I spent in moral welfare work in France, and this served as a useful preparation for Council work. Probably also my previous years of post graduate research, and my training as a midwife and a sanitary inspector contributed in some way to the service I could render as a public representative.

I joined immediately the Education Committee, the Health Committee, the Mental Hospital Committee and the Mental Deficiency Committee. During my years on the Board of Guardians I had had a special interest in the problems of Mental Deficiency and one of the high lights of that period was the Central Poor Law Conference of 1913 in the Guildhall, London, when I read a paper in opposition to one by Major Leonard Darwin on the Eugenic aspect of the Mental Deficiency Bill. So it was natural that I should join the newly established Mental Deficiency Committee of the City Council as a co-opted member from the start and I became in 1923 a representative from Leicester to the Council of the Central Association for Mental Welfare, a position which I have held ever since.

I devoted much time and thought to the work of the Education Committee. It was owing to my pressure that a psychological department was started at an early date and I carried a successful resolution at one of the meetings of the Association of Education Committees urging other local Education Authorities to take similar action.

I became Chairman of our Special Schools Committee which included a day school for mal-adjusted children and those retarded from emotional causes which was under the special care of our psychologist. The Chairmanship of the School Medical Service also fell to me and that of the Domestic Science College. The latter has developed over a number of years and holds a very high position among the Domestic Science Colleges of the country. We were fortunate in having a beautiful up-to-date building ready just in time to be opened in June, 1939. During the last year we have opened a normal training College for women and both the Colleges now come under the new Training Colleges Committee of which I am still the Chairman. A number of years before the war I had moved successfully a resolution that women teachers should not be obliged to resign on marriage. It happened to be a small meeting and I was told by some members that it was a snap vote, but I had given previous notice of my resolution and no one has since challenged the decision.

When the local Government Act of 1929 was passed and local Authorities had to make Administrative Schemes sharing what parts of the permissive Act they were adopting, I was invited by the Parliamentary and General Purposes Committee, of which I was not a member, to join in a deputation to the Ministry of Health because it was known that I had made a study of the Act and took a deep interest in some of its permissive clauses. As a result in our Administrative Scheme we provided for the care and maintenance of the children, as well as their education, to come under the Education Committee. Similar action was taken in London, Liverpool, Manchester and other big cities. Unfortunately the Leicester City Council later rescinded its resolution on the subject and left the care and maintenance of these children under the Public Assistance Committee, then replacing the Board of Guardians. At present there is a

strong movement in favour of placing all children over two under the complete control of the Education Committee. In this respect the progressive City of Leicester is sixteen years behind the times.

A number of years ago I had made an effort in the Council Chamber to obtain the appointment of policewomen but had met with no success. A vacancy occurring in the Watch Committee I was appointed to it and within a year I had succeeded in getting our first police-woman appointed. Since then their number has, of course, been increased.

On the Health Committee I have been Chairman of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee and before retiring from that position last November I secured that the Day Nurseries which had been dealt with by a separate Committee should be linked up with the work of this, the appropriate Committee.

Finally I have been Chairman for a number of years of the Visiting Sub-Committee of the Mental Hospital which deals with staff and patients, and I receive many friendly greetings from patients who have returned home cured.

As a Catholic I opposed a resolution supporting the introduction of legislation to permit sterilization of the mentally defective which was carried in the Leicester City Council some years ago. I was also unsuccessful in my opposition to the establishment of a Birth Control Clinic by our Health Department. But at least a protest was made in which the only other Catholic at that time on the Council joined.

I was the second woman on the City Council; now we are ten, but that is a small proportion out of sixty-four members.

My public work has brought me great joy and satisfaction and I am grateful for having been enabled to carry it on so long. Age-limit and infirmity make it inevitable that I must retire this year.

### STOP PRESS.—AUSTRALIA

The good news has just reached us that a meeting to discuss the formation of a New South Wales Section of St. Joan's Alliance has been called by five of Sydney's leading Catholic women for October 15th, the feast of St. Teresa. We look forward to publishing further news in our next issue.

### MARRIAGE BAR IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

The Government has announced the abolition of the marriage bar in the Home Civil Service.

### A GREAT CATHOLIC CITIZEN

No more fitting memorial to Councillor Emily C. Fortey, J.P., than the article on her 23 years on the Leicester City Council which appears on our front page, could be found.

Miss Fortey, who died on September 8th in her 81st year, was received into the Church when she was 18, and became one of our earliest and keenest members. She had a magnificent record of public service in education, health and social welfare. She did several years of post-graduate research, later lived in a tenement near St. Pancras, qualified as a mid-wife and sanitary inspector and took a diploma in sociology; she went to Leicester in 1908, joined the Labour Party and was appointed to the Leicester Board of Guardians; she was in charge of a Rescue Home in Le Havre during the war of 1914-18, and received the uniform of a French Catholic Social Workers' Group—the cloak and veil so familiar to the people of Leicester. In 1923 she was elected to the City Council on which she served throughout the remaining years of her life. During the recent war she joined the civil defence ambulance service as an emergency midwife.

She was a Dominican Tertiary and the two sides of her remarkable life were in evidence at the Solemn Requiem Mass sung at Holy Cross Church, Leicester, in the presence of the Lord Mayor, members of the City Council and the bench of Magistrates.

It is consoling to think that one of her last acts was to send us the article for the *Catholic Citizen* with a letter in which she thanked God for the safe return of her adopted son—who "looks after me in every way." He himself considers publication of the article the most fitting tribute we could pay her.

May she rest in peace, and may her example inspire the present generation to greater efforts in that realm of Catholic Action—the permeation of public life with Christian principles through faithful service as Catholic citizens. P.C.

### CHRISTMAS SALE

The Christmas Sale will be held at St. Patrick's Club Room, Soho, on Saturday, December 7th. Please make a note of this date and keep it free. We propose this year to devote the money raised to the "Catholic Citizen" whose funds are in very low waters owing to increased printing costs and recent enlargement of the magazine to pre-war standards. Perhaps many readers do not realise that their subscriptions do not half pay the cost of production. We beg all our friends to contribute to the Sale, with their usual generosity, gifts in kind or cash and to come and spend freely.

### Notes and Comments

The Annual Mass for the repose of the souls of members, associates and benefactors of St. Joan's Alliance will be offered at St. Patrick's, Soho, on Sunday, November 3rd, at 10.30. We ask members and friends to make a special effort to be there.

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We congratulate Dame Enid Lyons on her re-election to the Australian House of Representatives and wish her continued success in her work in Parliament. She writes: "It was lovely to have a message from St. Joan's and the Nationality Committee on the eve of our elections here. I will almost have quadrupled my majority when the count is completed. . . . Please give my very best wishes and regards to all friends of St. Joan's, and may warm thanks for their remembrance of me."

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We offer sincerest congratulations to our friend and distinguished member Don Luigi Sturzo on his return to Italy from exile after twenty-two years away from the land he has served so well. Our members will recollect that Don Sturzo was the guest of the Alliance at a dinner in his honour in December, 1924, on his arrival in this country. He placed Woman Suffrage on the programme of the *Partito Popolare*. He said that "woman has, as it were, a sacerdotal duty to bring the qualities she stands for in the home into national and international life."

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In a letter of thanks for congratulations on his sacerdotal Jubilee, His Grace, Archbishop McDonald of Edinburgh says: "Your kind letter . . . made one dig into the past and call dates to mind. It was only then that one realised how long it is since we were guilty of those indiscretions in connection with the votes for women, which have borne such excellent results in due course. I am glad to see that you are pursuing these good ends with undiminished vigour."

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We draw the attention of our members to the advertisement on page 59 of the Public Luncheon to be given by the A.M.S.H. on October 29th at the Criterion Restaurant. The Luncheon is to celebrate the end of State Regulation of Prostitution in France. The chief speakers, Madame LeGrand Falco and Madame Pesson Depret have been for many years the leaders in the fight for Abolition. As our members well know, Madame Pesson Depret is also President of *L'Alliance St. Jeanne d'Arc*.

The 2nd Alison Neilans Memorial Lecture will be given by Madame LeGrand Falco.

St. Joan's Alliance has written to the Prime Minister and Home Secretary asking that mention be made in the King's Speech of a Bill to amend the law relating to the nationality of married women, as foreshadowed by the statement of the Home Secretary in the House of Commons, on August 1st.

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A letter in the *Times* of the 24th September, from Mr. Justice Asquith, Chairman of the Royal Commission on Equal Pay, states that the Report of this Commission should be ready "in a week or two . . . unless the Minority's labours encounter some unforeseen obstacle." The Majority Report was "agreed in principle in July last"—but "precedent and principle prescribe that majority and minority reports should be published simultaneously." Let us hope that in this case it is not the Minority that is "always right," and that we may see at long last a settled and just policy put into practice—in agreement with a Majority if possible, but following the line of clear right in any case.

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The Suffragette Fellowship, anxious that the records of the Suffrage Movement should be available to future enquirers, when the last of the pioneers have themselves gone, have transferred the Record Room to 41, Cromwell Road, S.W.7—for the display of relics of the Militant Suffrage Movement. The collection comprises books, pictures, posters, banners, etc., together with mementos of the leaders of the Movement: Mrs. Pankhurst, Dame Christabel Pankhurst, Lord and Lady Pethick-Lawrence, Mrs. Despard and others. We welcome this last addition to the Records as a valuable source of historical knowledge and a lasting tribute to many brave women. We hope that some of our members will send a donation towards the cost of maintaining the Record Room, in recognition of great services rendered to the "Common Cause."

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We offer our best wishes to Christopher Laughton Mathews who is now beginning his studies for the priesthood at the English College, Rome. We assure him of our prayers and hope that he will remember St. Joan's Alliance in his.

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Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Morgan (née Margaret Whittles) and her son Michael, born on September 16th, in Malta.

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## Charity Abounding

How few even of the household of the Faith realise the nature and extent of the Vatican relief work during the war. Those of us whose hearts are torn by the inner sight of the suffering still extant all over the world, due to the hardness of men's hearts, turn with relief to the reading of this document.\* The Holy Father is at the heart of the marvellous organisation developed from small beginnings through six years of warfare. The Vatican City, because of its peculiar relationship with the rest of the world which enables the Pope to be in diplomatic relationship with many countries, by means of Papal Nuncios and Delegates found itself equipped to deal with distress in a very special fashion. The work began with the effort to put prisoners, refugees and internees in touch with their relatives. Enquiries poured in from all over the world and were dealt with by means of the almost purely voluntary organisation of Clergy, Nuns and lay people within the Vatican City. Later the Vatican Radio was drawn into the work of transmitting messages with marked success. But the work of relief did not stop here; prison camps were provided with the necessities to enable the Priestly Ministry to be carried on and prisoners of every nationality and creed were supplied with gifts to ease their hard lot. All over the world the healing waters of mercy flowed. Relief Missions visited Internment and Prison Camps; religious life was organised in these camps with great benefit and included the starting of P.O.W. Seminaries. Again, the hungry were fed in Poland, in Greece, in Italy; disease was fought by means of medical supplies; willing helpers assisted the hungry and the sick, and clothed the naked. Jews in various countries were helped in their journeys of emigration and the Holy See took an active part in the repatriation of prisoners, internees, deportees and refugees.

\*Charity Abounding. The Story of Papal Relief Work During the War. (Burns Oates and Washbourne, 1/-).

"Charity abounding" has been confined to no one nation or creed. Allied, German and Japanese P.O.W.; Russians, Finns, Chinese, displaced persons of every nationality—a never-ending list of distressed peoples—all in need have been helped whatever their personal outlook. This work of Christian love and charity could not have been carried on without the help of parish priests, the religious Orders and the staffs of the Apostolic Nunciatures and Delegations all over the world, who in their turn enlisted the help of lay people. To quote: "During the war . . . each Nunciature and Delegation immediately had to turn itself into a branch of the Vatican Information Office, sending thousands of messages to Rome, delivering—sometimes over a country as large as a Continent—even more return messages, and listening to interminable Vatican News Service broadcasts. Many English people will always carry a warm memory of the Holy Child Convent in Cavendish Square which was the London sorting office for the Vatican messages. Similar branches existed all over the world."

The "London sorting office" was part of the Apostolic Delegation Welfare Committee in London. It is good to think that such work was going on in our midst, building up and healing when so much was being destroyed and torn.

This account of a marvellous undertaking has been prepared under the direction of the Apostolic Delegation in Great Britain. Miss Nesta de Robeck has most ably translated much of the matter and arranged it for publication.

All those, all over the world, who undertook to be the ministers of Papal Relief Work "have the satisfaction of knowing that they gave comfort and help to thousands of anxious hearts and that they had a share in the fatherly charity of His Holiness Pope Pius XII." The work has not yet ended—it still continues for the sake of the multitudes of prisoners and homeless in Europe. For "everything has to be remade at a moment when the world has bled itself almost white with war."

CHRISTINE SPENDER.

## International Notes

**United Nations.** *Human Rights and Polygamy.* It is interesting to note that the Sub-Commission on the Status of Women voted unanimously that the "dignity of the wife" implied "monogamy"—and that a recommendation to that effect was accordingly put forward. During the discussion Miss Jurdak (Lebanon) and Mrs. Mehta (India) ably defended the position that monogamy is necessary to the "dignity of the wife." This is a real victory for those who believe that old customs and beliefs are not necessarily sacrosanct where they infringe fundamental human rights, for unanimity was only achieved after some opposition on these lines had been overcome.

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**Brazil.** Good news comes from *L'Alliance Santa Joanna d'Arc*. The new Brazilian Constitution was promulgated on September 18th—without facilities for divorce, and with Religious instruction established in the Government Schools on "more practical lines." All credit is due to the Catholic M.P.s who put up such a good fight—*L'Alliance* had the satisfaction of giving them practical support and, in the case of religious education, of suggesting an amendment which was adopted.

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**Hawaii.** From the *Bulletin Abolitionniste* we learn that the 20 houses of prostitution in the Ile d'Oahu (where Honolulu, the play-time paradise, is the largest town) have been closed by order of the Governor with the collaboration of the naval and military authorities. This follows an enquiry by a special Committee of Social Protection which was set up at the instance of the Community War Services (U.S.A.).

The findings show the reverse side of the Hollywood picture of Hawaii. In this territory the proceeds of vice were nearly equal to the whole revenue gained from the tourist traffic before the war.

The results of closing the houses "have been excellent" contrary, as usual, to the pessimistic prognostications of interested persons.

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**Nigeria.** From the *News Letter* of the League of Coloured Peoples we learn that the Egba Women's Union have put forward, amongst other demands, the following: "Inasmuch as the Egba women pay taxes, we, too, desire to have a say in the management of the country, because a taxpayer should have a voice in the spending of the taxes. We therefore request you please to give consideration to our being represented in the Council by our own representative at the next General Election." (*Southern Nigerian Defender.*)

From the *News Letter* we quote: "Miss Audrey Jeffers, M.B.E., made history when she was sworn

in recently as the first woman member of the Legislative Council (Nigeria). The elected members of the Council have been returned under the universal adult franchise system, recently introduced into the Colony."

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**S. Africa.** A Commission to enquire into the question of the Legal Disabilities of women has been set up. The Commission consists of two men, Mr. R. H. Chenoweth and Mr. L. Cancy, K.C., and three women, Mrs. Reitz, Mrs. Bertha Solomon, and Mrs. van der Lingen, under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Twentyman Jones. The terms of reference will be: "To enquire generally into the inequalities in the law which still exist between men and women—more particularly with regard to marriage, its economic effects on the spouses, the question of the guardianship of children and the marital power of the husband; and to report what measures should be taken for the removal of such inequalities."

Some idea of what the legal disabilities of women mean may be gleaned from the following extracts from a leader in the *Rand Daily Mail*, under the heading "Subject Sex." The cutting was kindly sent us by our member Miss Hope Jones.

"... An adult woman who marries automatically descends to the status of a minor . . . theoretically her possessions go into a joint estate with her husband—in practice he alone has the right to administer or employ, or, to put it bluntly, to spend or even squander her possessions . . . he, not the wife, is the legal guardian of their children, and he can award by will their guardianship to some one other than the mother, if he chooses."

The usual arguments are brought forward in opposition to any change of the *status quo*. The husband's control of the property "holds together the stones of our national life . . . the principle that the father is the head of the household is one of the corner-stones of the Calvinist faith."

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**Switzerland.** *Le Mouvement Féministe* reports that once more the electors of Geneva have rejected Woman Suffrage. However, our Swiss colleagues are in good heart as the number of votes in favour has increased.

Before the referendum a public meeting on the Rôle of the Christian Woman in the National Community was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Renée Girod. The meeting was addressed by Monsignor Charrière, Bishop of Lausanne, Geneva, and Fribourg and by M. le Pasteur Cellérier, Moderator of the Protestant National Church of Geneva, who were both convinced that the Christian ideal would be more efficaciously upheld in the city if women voted.

## Reviews

**Through Windows of Memory** by William Francis Brown, Bishop of Pella (Sands, 15s. 0d.).

Bishop Brown looks back through his "Windows of Memory" over a long life during which he must have experienced much the same somewhat gloomy satisfaction as Cassandra. There is a kind of sanctified disillusionment running through the book—the Bishop never says "I told you so!" but those who have admired his perspicacity and unsentimental realism may perhaps be allowed to say it for him.

The book is disappointing to those who looked for more, but "sustained literary effort can seldom be achieved except by those who can write without interruption"—and certainly his busy and devoted life can have left him few continuous hours of peace. The greater part is given to chapters on outstanding men and women he has known—of them he writes with appreciation, sometimes with careful charity sometimes with humorous comprehension—always with restraint and judgment; the more serious chapters tell of his valuable work for St. Anne's, Vauxhall; of his services on Commissions on the Birthrate and Committees on the Cinema; of his battle for Housing, and above all for Catholic Education. His solution of this question in Scotland gave the Scottish Catholics "a better settlement of the Education Question than anywhere in the world." It was not his fault that a better solution was not achieved in England.

He does not say much of his work as a parish priest—but there is one sentence which will touch a good many chords—"If" he says, "a thing is done for people, they put up with a little testiness, knowing it is human!" Though he does not mention them we know that he sees some of the workers in the suffrage cause through his "Windows of Memory," the windows that have so long a vista and so wide a view. P. C. CHALLONER.

**If Their Mothers only Knew** by Shirley Joseph (Faber & Faber, 7s. 6d.).

The sub-title of Miss Joseph's book is "An Unofficial Account of Life in the Women's Land Army."

It deals mainly with the social and domestic side of work in the W.L.A. although it contains many useful passages on how to milk cows! One chapter deals entirely with the art of hitch-hiking at which Miss Joseph constituted herself the unofficial instructor to the rest of the girls in her hostel.

Life in the W.L.A. hostel is described with insight and vivacity and Miss Joseph's description serves to show the necessity for adaptability for all

would-be land workers. Conditions were often very unsatisfactory and the girls themselves were sometimes unkind and unfriendly to newcomers, to a surprising degree. Life was hedged round with many petty rules and restrictions which made it unattractive and monotonous.

Her final chapters deal with the Government treatment of the W.L.A. in post-war England. She points out how differently girls in the Land Army have been treated from those in the Regular Forces and emphasises the fact that although, during the war, these girls had the satisfaction of feeling that they were helping to bring about the peace, that can no longer be looked upon as an incentive to encourage them to continue in their work.

Miss Joseph is the daughter of Michael Joseph, the publisher, and has a command of English which makes her book extremely interesting reading.

K.R.D.

**The Rosary and the Grain of Wheat** by Father Denis Mooney, O.F.M. (Franciscan Press, Jerusalem, 1s. 0d.).

These are helpful meditations on the Fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary—"there should be an evident parallel between the development of the fifteen mysteries and the natural transformation of the grain of wheat," writes Father Mooney, and "a clear picture of this relationship may prove very helpful in the appreciation and practical application of the Rosary." As he very rightly says in order not to be paralysed by the routine of devotion one needs to acquire a lively appreciation of divine significance and this little booklet sets out to wake us up to the significance of the Mysteries of the Rosary. In this it is highly successful and those who read it may well find that their recitation of the Rosary will become more alive because of vivified contemplation. Ducketts are sole agents and the book may be obtained from them. C.S.

We have received several numbers of the **Bulletin of the Hroswitha Club**.

The Hroswitha Club was founded in Lucerne in 1932 in order to form a centre for a literary and artistic circle of Catholic women, and has many distinguished members. Its President is Madame Agnes von Segesser.

The last number of the *Bulletin* has an interesting article by Rosa Louis, the secretary-general of the Swiss Christian Social Workers, on the 14th Congress of the International Alliance of Women at Interlaken, deploring the fact that the "Swiss Catholic women were once more forced into the role of spectators" while "others labour to build the world afresh."

REVIEWS—continued from previous page

**Exclusive London.** Edited by Louise Andrée Coury (Coury Publishing Company, 47 FitzGeorge Avenue, W.14, 1s. 0d.).

This lively little magazine, edited by a member of St. Joan's Alliance, may be recommended to women. The August issue is very well illustrated with line drawings and, contains varied fare—articles on fashion trends, fashion designing, an article on Sweden, criticisms of plays and picture shows, besides articles in a light and amusing vein. It is of convenient pocket size. The advertisements are of interest as well as the reading matter.

C.S.

**The Green Years**, a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production is being shown at the Empire Cinema, Leicester Square. The "*Catholic Citizen*" received seats for the Première performance. Those who have read Cronin's book will delight to see on the screen the portrayal of the lively old Scots Grandfather (Charles Coburn) and his backing of the little half-Irish grandson, introduced into an alien and confusing household, who through this same Grandfather's generosity is later enabled to realise his ambition of becoming a doctor. Robbie is a Catholic and the few religious scenes when he is still a child have a touching sincerity, but later on the religious struggles of the adolescent are somewhat side-stepped. Neither religion nor the death of Robbie's best friend, Gavin, are really given enough significance on the screen, nevertheless the film maintains an unusual and sensitive atmosphere, and is very good entertainment.

C.S.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

*Dorothy Lenn in the "Catholic Citizen," October, 1921.*

Those interested in women's battle for freedom and equality are watching with great interest and some anxiety recent events in the Home Civil Service. The employment of women in large numbers on responsible work during the war has been of profound importance, in that it has brought about a marked change in the mental attitude of the women concerned.

Women are no longer obliged to plead that they could do the work if they were allowed to try, they can now point out that they have actually done the work satisfactorily and can therefore continue to do so. . . .

I think it is difficult to over-estimate the importance of this psychological factor in the situation. The abstract claims of justice are enormously reinforced by the self-confidence born of successful experience.—*Women in the Civil Service.*

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## INTERLAKEN CONGRESS

Two parties have recently been held in connection with the Interlaken Congress, both at the Minerva Club. The first was on September 23rd when the British Commonwealth League gave a Tea Party of Welcome to British and Dominion delegates to the first post-war Congress of the International Alliance of Women. Lady Pares was the chairman on this occasion and the speakers were Mrs. Corbett Ashby (President of Honour to the International Alliance), Mrs. Armitage (New Zealand); Miss F. Barry (United Kingdom); Miss M. Chave Collisson, M.A. (Australia) and Mrs. Guy Innes (Australia). In the absence of the Maharani Shri Vidyarati Devi of Vizianagram a young Indian colleague spoke representing India. There was a friendly, informal atmosphere at this party as though we were all glad to see each other again and the speeches were lively and amusing, though at the same time inspiring.

The second party took place on October 2nd, to meet Mrs. Corbett Ashby and the delegates and visitors to the Congress. It was held by kind hospitality of Miss Reeves under the auspices of the Women's Freedom League, the National Women Citizens' Association and St. Joan's Alliance. After an excellent Buffet supper, Miss Reeves introduced the speakers who were Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Miss Christine Spender, Lady Pares, Mrs. Spiller who made an appeal for the funds of the International Alliance, Miss Hamilton Smith who appealed for a wider circulation of the *International Women's News* and Mrs. Armitage proposing the vote of thanks, seconded by Mrs. Whittles. Various speakers from the "floor" of the meeting added to the friendly and informal atmosphere and the speeches gave a very good idea of the Congress at Interlaken. The proceeds of the party amounted to £12—which sum was immediately presented to the International Alliance of Women in fulfilment of the pledge of the British affiliated societies to contribute yearly to the funds.

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"... To me, what always seemed her outstanding quality, as a ruler with much power, was her conspicuous sense of justice in using authority... it is a great quality and, unfortunately, rather rare. It is comparatively easy to be kind and charitable, but it is hard to be just; because that means going against one's predilections and prejudices. There's the rub."—Bishop Brown on Mother Janet Stuart in *Windows of Memory*.

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- 10.45 a.m. **ANNUAL MEETING**—Livingstone Hall, Broadway Westminster.
- 1.0 p.m. **PUBLIC LUNCHEON**—Criterion Restaurant, Picadilly. To celebrate the abolition of State Regulated Prostitution in France. *Speakers:* Madame Legrand Falco and Madame Pesson Depret.
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