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WHAT WE EXPECT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

"It will be the duty of the New Government to remove all existing inequalities of the law as between men and women."

ELECTION MANIFESTO, signed by
MR. LLOYD GEORGE,
Prime Minister.
MR. BONAR LAW,
Chancellor of the Exchequer.

NO SHIRKING!

A GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE CALLS FOR WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

THE REPORT OF THE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION, PUBLISHED ON JAN. 6, 1919.

Our terms of reference entrust us with the duty of advising "in what manner the exercise and distribution by the Government of its functions should be improved," and we are strongly of the opinion that among the changes that should be made as conducive to this end must certainly be included an extension of the range and variety of the duties entrusted to women in the Civil Service and in practically all Departments.

The absence of any substantial recourse to the services of women in the administrative staffs of Departments, and still more in the intelligence branches, has in the past deprived the public of a vast store of knowledge, experience, and fresh ideas, some of which would for particular purposes have been far more valuable and relevant than those of even the ablest men in the Civil Service.

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REGISTRATION GUIDE.

The new register of Parliamentary and Local Government voters is now being made up. The qualifying period of residence is the six months ending January 15, 1919.

Borough authorities are employing official canvassers to enquire at every house and gain exact information about qualified electors in order to make the new register complete. This canvass is not being carried out everywhere, so we urge women not to wait for the official visitor, who may not come or may make a mistake. If you are not on the last register get a form at once from your Town Hall, fill it up, and return it to the Town Clerk. Do not wait until February 1, when the register is to be published, and you will have to send in a claim if your name is missing.

In any difficulty write to us, addressing your letter to the Registration Guide, Women's Freedom League, 144, High Holborn, W.C. 1.

W.F.L. Organiser's Work.

Miss Gaynor Roberts is now in Scotland, and we hope to have good news of continued activity in our Scottish branches during the coming months. Miss White is organising for us in Ashford (Kent), Bexhill and Hastings; and we hope that before long she will begin work again in Brighton and Eastbourne.

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BRANCH NOTES.

Ashford.

Mrs. Mustard gave an inspiring address on "Woman the Helpmate" at the P.S.A. last Sunday afternoon. She pointed out how women as well as men must deal with all the intricate problems facing the future. The health of the nation appealed to women even more than to men. On the housing problem she gave some interesting facts. As an instance of the present hopeless state of affairs she mentioned that in one street in Hoxton 50 families are living in seven houses. Our special thanks are due to Mr. Lee for his help to the branch in allowing us to send speakers to the P.S.A. He is a good friend to the League in many ways. Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck's many friends at Ashford will be glad to hear that she is shortly to speak at the P.S.A. on "Penal Reform." A Speakers' Class is being formed for next month; we are fortunate in having secured Mrs. Pertwee to take it. She is coming once a month throughout the winter. Each member will be asked to pay 3d. a week towards the expenses of the class. The organiser has several names of those wishing to join, but will be glad to hear of others.

Glasgow.

A very successful Branch Party was held on January 9, which was largely attended in spite of bad weather. Games, music, and refreshments were much enjoyed, and a good collection was taken in aid of the branch funds.

Hackney.

By kind invitation of Mrs. Mustard, 49, Moresby-road, Upper Clapton, a drawing-room meeting was held on January 5, 4 p.m. Miss Underwood gave a most informative address on the work of the League in the past and its intended future activities. Mrs. Mustard was in the chair. A new member joined us, and THE VOTE sold well.

Hastings.

Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck spoke at the Sisterhood on January 6, and the large number of women present followed her remarks with the closest attention. The keynote was "Each for all and all for each," and Mrs. Bentinck urged all to go forward with unflinching steps, undismayed by whatever happened. A lady who was present spoke to the organiser after the meeting, and suggested that a Progressive Club for working women was very badly needed at Hastings; she promised plenty of help if one could be formed. The idea has caught on, and soon we hope to have a committee of working women managing such a club. A Speakers' Class is in process of formation. Special thanks to Mrs. Jowers, who is kindly holding the first class at her house on the Marina.

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