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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.

The Progress of Family Endowment.

By COUNCILLOR MRS. V. M. CRAWFORD.

It is difficult to account for the fact that up till now, Family Endowment, in spite of all the skilful propaganda by which it has been served during the last two years, has quite failed to capture the imagination of the average Englishwoman. Yet it is she, in her capacity of wife and mother, who would profit by this reform more than any one else; indeed it has been planned in great measure for the special benefit of her and her children. Everyone nowadays is agreed that allowances should invariably be paid to the mother direct, and that it is she who is to have the spending of them. They are not part of her husband's earnings; they are a contribution towards the health and the welfare of the children, and through them the burden of child-rearing should be substantially lightened. Moreover, the plan offers seemingly the only practical way of bringing about equal pay for equal work as between men and women, and it is on these grounds that the Irish Free State is introducing the scheme into its Civil Service, paying unmarried male and female officials a similar basic salary with substantial increases for wife and children. None the less, Englishwomen of all classes and all political views, still regard the scheme with coldness.

Two rather obvious explanations suggest themselves for this. Family Endowment

offers, of course, no remedy for unemployment, and at present in England, unemployment is the first and greatest of the evils from which the worker suffers, and nothing seems much worth troubling about which fails to provide more work. The second reason is that some people look askance at any scheme that seems to be designed specially to favour large families. As a matter of fact there is as yet no evidence from France that Family Endowment, which now benefits the families of some three and a half millions of workers, has had any favourable effect on the birth-rate. None the less, critics of the scheme invariably bring forward that argument.

A more forcible objection is to be found in the fact that until recently no definite form of Family Endowment, applicable to England, had been scientifically worked out. The Family Endowment Society, quite rightly, has not pledged itself to any one set of proposals. Its special function is to spread accurate information on the subject and educate people's minds in the need for some better provision for childhood than is supplied by the wages method of our industrial system. Personally I have always had a predilection for the French method by which federations of employers pay children's allowances from an equalisation fund to which they have all contributed, if

only because the solution was worked out by Catholic sociologists in close conformity to the teachings of the *Rerum Novarum* concerning a living wage. But I recognise that varying economic circumstances and a different social outlook would render its adoption rather hazardous in this country, and am entirely at one with Miss Rathbone when she urges that an experiment should be made here on the French lines in some selected industry or profession in order to see how it would work, and her persistent advocacy of this idea finds most emphatic support in the newly issued Report of the Coal Commission in which Family Endowment is given its place among the various recommendations made for the stabilisation of the industry. This, it need hardly be said, is by far the most weighty approval yet accorded to Family Endowment on this side of the Channel, and will doubtless exert an important influence on its fortunes in the near future.

Meanwhile Mr. J. L. Cohen, of Cambridge University, has worked out (Family Income Insurance, King and Son, 1s.) a scheme by which the benefits of Family Endowment would be secured by a development of our compulsory insurance system. The author bases the need for what he prefers to call Family Income Insurance on all the arguments and facts with which Miss Rathbone has made us familiar, and maintains that if the benefits could be secured by insurance some of the main objections to the scheme would vanish. The worker with children would gain a definite right to a definite sum. It would be a sum quite apart from wages and received from a different source, so that while the wages of married and unmarried men would remain the same their incomes would vary. Administratively it would be comparatively easy to organise, and it would carry a step further the growing custom of including in a man's insurance benefits some provision for his dependants. In theory at least a family insurance scheme should offer no insuperable difficulties, and though Mr. Cohen rightly warns us that it would not solve the wages problem he maintains truly, I think, that "if adopted, it will help to ease every wages question by eliminating the confusing conception of the mythical family of five. Industry will no longer be called upon to set itself the impossible task of providing for the needs of rather more than

three times the number of actually existing children."

As for the cost of family insurance, Mr. Cohen dispassionately gives us a choice of schemes with a variety of contributions and benefits. He assumes, of course, that "the whole insured population should make contributions throughout their working life," *i.e.* from 16 to 65, and that these should be collected by the familiar method of insurance stamps. On this basis it has been estimated that the cheapest scheme worth considering, *i.e.*, one giving a flat rate benefit of 3s. per week for each child under 15, would cost £76,000,000 a year, and the dearest that has been worked out, giving higher and varied benefits, £184,000,000. In the case of the lowest the cost to be divided equally between the employer, the worker and the State, would be 2s. 6d. a week; in that of the highest it would amount to 5s. 9½d. per week. The first difficulty about this would seem to be that with Widow's Pensions added so recently to the insurance burdens, any further addition is impracticable for some years to come. On the other hand, when the much needed unification of all our insurance agencies under one government scheme is brought about, it is more than probable that larger benefits at a very small extra cost may become available for all.

The whole subject, brought to-day by the Coal Commissioners well within the range of practical politics, is one to which women of all classes should pay very special attention and concerning which they should study some of the excellent literature brought out by the Family Endowment Society. Women voters simply cannot afford to have no views on a subject so vitally important to themselves.

Franchise Demonstration.

On Saturday, July 3, in Hyde Park, there will be a Mass Meeting of Women's Organisations to demand Equal Political Rights for men and women, preceded by a Procession from the Embankment. Over 20 Organisations have agreed to co-operate.

St. Joan's S.P.A. will have its own platform and speakers in Hyde Park, and its own contingent in the Procession. Please book the date now.

Notes and Comments.

We again call the attention of our readers to the meeting for Equal Franchise to be held at the Caxton Hall on April 29, under the auspices of St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, of which full particulars are given in the advertisement columns. The Premier's answers to the questions asked by our friends in the House are very unsatisfactory, and the only means of bringing pressure to bear on Mr. Baldwin, to induce him to redeem his pledge, is to prove that public opinion expects him to do his duty.

We hope all members will make it a point of honour to come to the Caxton Hall on April 29, to give a hearty welcome to our distinguished speakers. His Lordship the Bishop of Pella has always befriended the Alliance; Dame Millicent Fawcett has spent her life in raising the status of women; Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., has championed the cause of women in the House of Commons. Women in Industry, Women Police, Widows' Pensions, Equal Franchise, Miss Wilkinson is always ready to fight in support of these and other feminist questions. Sir Robert Newman, N. Exeter, is a life-long suffragist, who in the good old days was President of the Exeter Suffrage Society. Sir Robert Newman is always ready to help with questions connected with the Equal Moral Standard, and women have to thank him, too, for his work in connection with the Separation and Maintenance Orders Bill.

Then we have Miss Barclay-Carter, one of our under-thirties, who will speak for young unenfranchised women. The Chairman of the Alliance, Mrs. V. M. Crawford, will preside. Those who have not yet taken tickets should apply to 55 Berners Street without delay.

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Miss Fedden represented the Alliance on the Deputation to the Home Secretary, organised by the National Council of Women, on the supervision of Women in Police Cells, and to urge the appointment of more women police by the issue of statutory regulations. The Home Secretary, in thanking Miss Tancred for her admirable statement on the custody of women in police cells, said that a Committee had recently been appointed on the construction of police cells, and he would see that the recommendations were carried

into operation. He was not in favour of making the appointment of women police obligatory, but was prepared to issue yet another circular stating that in his opinion the appointment of women police was desirable. He proposed to increase the number of policewomen in London.

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It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of Lady Wright. Lady Wright took a great interest in our Society, and helped us financially in our early struggles. She is a great loss to the Woman's movement.—R.I.P.

Paris Congress.

On Friday, March 12, Mrs. Roskill gave an "At Home" to enable journalists to meet the President of the International Women Suffrage Alliance, and to hear something of the Paris Congress. Mrs. Corbett Ashby in an interesting speech, ran through the extensive programme of the Congress, and said how much French women were counting on the Congress to bring them their enfranchisement. There would be some 500 delegates from 43 countries, every creed, every class, and every profession, will be represented. Besides the business sessions, public meetings had been arranged in connection with the Congress, and many receptions and excursions. Delegates would be received by the French Government and the Municipality. The Opera had offered a gala night. Mrs. Corbett Ashby spoke of the great meeting for Peace, with which the Congress is to be closed, at which representatives of all the countries involved in the late war would speak. The full programme of the Congress is published in the current number of the *International Woman Suffrage News*. Mrs. Crawford and Miss Barry will be our delegates at the Paris Congress. Miss de Alberti will be present at the Congress, as Editor of the *International Woman Suffrage News*, and as fraternal delegate for the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. We hope other members of the Committee, and of the Alliance, will attend as visitors. Full particulars may be had on application to Miss Barry, at 55 Berners Street, W. 1.

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Progress in 1925.

St. Joan's S.P.A. held its Fourteenth Annual Meeting on March 13. Like all other feminist societies, the annual stock-taking showed some substantial gains. Partial victories have been won this year in the fields of Widows' Pensions, Equal Guardianship of Infants, Civil Service, and on the question of Separation and Maintenance. How much still remains to be done may be seen by the list of resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting, and appended to this brief summary of work. First comes the question of Equal Franchise: as our readers know by now, the feminist societies are concentrating this year upon this reform, long promised, and so frequently shelved. The list of resolutions shows also how many questions must come under an equality programme.

The Equal Moral Standard leads to a demand for the abolition of State Regulation of Vice, and for the repeal of laws specially directed against prostitutes. Every man or woman is entitled to equal justice.

Turning to Equal Pay and Opportunities. St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government and Local Authorities to set the pace to private employers, by establishing equal pay and opportunities for men and women. This year, as we recorded in our Annual Report, certain examinations were open to women in the Administrative Branch of the Civil Service, and several women came out high on the list in competition with their men colleagues.

It has recently become known that the legal age of marriage for girls in this country is 12. We believe that this was a shock even to certain persons in high places, and that it is only necessary to call attention to the deplorable fact for the matter to be remedied. In international enquiries on this subject, the fact that Great Britain permits the marriage of girls of 12, becomes an excuse for not raising the age in other countries. This is not an equality question, but it is one that any society of women must feel it to be their duty to take up.

We have again entered our protest against the proposal that Local Authorities should be permitted to remove the ban against the giving of information on Artificial Birth Control at Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics in receipt of public funds.

We do this not only as Catholics, though primarily as such, but also as feminists. The feminist demand has always been for a high and equal moral standard for both sexes. We know that propaganda for artificial birth control cuts at the very root of an equal moral standard, inasmuch as it shows a disbelief in the possibility of self-control for men. It is that disbelief which has given rise to State Regulation of Vice and all its concomitant horrors. St. Joan's S.P.A. greatly deplors the attempt being made to foist the question of Artificial Birth Control on to the feminist movement.

L. DE ALBERTI.

Resolutions passed at 14th Annual Meeting,
March 13th, 1926,

at St. Patrick's Club Room, Soho Square, W. 1.

1.—EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS.

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government, in accordance with the pledge given by the Prime Minister at the General Election that: "The Unionist Party is in favour of Equal Political Rights for men and women."

(a) *Equal Franchise*. To introduce and pass without delay, a Bill giving votes to women at the age of 21 and on the same terms as to men.

(b) *Women in the House of Lords*. To further legislation to enable Peeresses in their own right to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

2.—EQUAL MORAL STANDARD.

(a) *Solicitation Laws*. St. Joan's S.P.A., believing that the laws and their administration should uphold the Equal Moral Standard, asks the Government to appoint a Public Committee of Enquiry into the whole subject of the laws dealing with street solicitation. They are further of the opinion that sections specially directed against "common prostitutes" should be repealed and an equal law be substituted applicable to all persons who annoy or molest others in the streets or public places.

(b) *State Regulation of Vice*. St. Joan's S.P.A. urges the Government to extend the Hong Kong and any other British Crown Colonies where the system of recognised brothels exists, the main recommendations of the first report of the Colonial Office Advisory Committee on Social Hygiene.

3.—EQUAL PAY AND OPPORTUNITIES.

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government and Local Authorities to establish among their employees a system of equal pay and opportunities for men and women, thus setting an example to other employers throughout the country.

(b) *Employment of Married Women*. Believing that women should have the right to decide for themselves whether or not they should engage in paid employment after marriage, St. Joan's S.P.A. demands the abolition of all regulations restricting such a right whether issued by State or Local Authorities.

(c) *"Protective" Legislation*. St. Joan's S.P.A. stands for equality as between men and women in industrial legislation. It opposes all so-called "protective" legislation applied to women and not to men, such legislation tending to handicap women in earning their livelihood rather than to protect them. We believe that all such restrictions should be based on the type of work and not on the sex of the worker, and call upon the Government to apply this principle to the promised new Factories Bill.

4.—NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

St. Joan's S.P.A. notes with satisfaction that an increasing number of countries make it possible for women to retain their own nationality on marriage, and urges the Government to recommend to the Forthcoming Imperial Conference, the adoption throughout the Empire of legislation to give effect to the resolution adopted by the House of Commons on February 18, 1925, viz.: "that in the opinion of the House, a British woman shall not lose or be deemed to lose her nationality by the mere act of marriage with an alien, but that it should be open to her to make a declaration of alienage."

5.—AGE OF MARRIAGE.

St. Joan's S.P.A. begs to draw the attention of the Government to the deplorable fact that 12 is still the legal age of marriage for girls and urges immediate legislation to remedy this evil.

6.—LEGITIMACY.

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to introduce and pass without delay a bill to legitimate children on the subsequent marriage or their parents.

7.—SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST YOUNG PERSONS.

St. Joan's S.P.A. welcomes the report of the Departmental Committee on Sexual Offences against Young Persons, and urges the Government to give legislative effect to its main recommendations at the earliest possible moment.

8.—WOMEN POLICE.

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to further legislation making it compulsory on Watch Committees and Standing Joint Committees to appoint a sufficient number of Women Police.

9.—INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to include a woman delegate in the British delegation to the International Labour Conference which is to consider the question of Emigration at Geneva in May.

10.—ARTIFICIAL BIRTH CONTROL.

St. Joan's S.P.A. expresses its satisfaction at the defeat of the Local Authorities (Birth Control) Enabling Bill, introduced by Mr. Thurtle in the House of Commons, and calls upon the Members of the House of Lords to oppose any similar bill when introduced in that House.

11.—CATHOLIC DISABILITIES.

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to grant facilities for the passage into law of Mr. Dennis Herbert's "Roman Catholic Relief Bill."

Annual Meeting of St. Joan's S.P.A.

The Annual Meeting was held on March 13, at St. Patrick's, Soho, Mrs. V. M. Crawford presiding. There was a good attendance of members. The adoption of the Annual Report was moved by Miss K. Donovan, who dwelt on the amount of work accomplished in the year, on so small a sum of money; it was a marvellous achievement. Miss Watts, in seconding, said that younger members joining the Society now, should remember the early days, the courage and the sacrifice for ideals it had drawn from those who had been members from the beginning. Miss Demery, in moving the adoption of the Financial Statement, referred to a remark in the Report, to the effect that economy had been reduced to a fine art, and asked the audience to remember the anxiety and trouble this entailed, and to lighten the burden of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer by contributing more generously to the funds. Mrs. Liveing, in seconding, made an appeal to all members of the Alliance to subscribe to the *Catholic Citizen*, and to make it self-supporting. Mrs. Liveing spoke eloquently of our Patron, St. Joan, and said that just as she was never daunted by fear in carrying through her plan of campaign, so the Alliance never hesitated in taking up any work that needed doing, and managed to find means of carrying it out. The Chairman, in addressing the meeting, said she was glad to welcome so many members. The year 1926 promised to be a very important one; in the first place the feminist societies were to fight for their chief aim—Equal Franchise. St. Joan's S.P.A. must take a full share in the final fight, and would hold a meeting on Equal Franchise on April 29, when the Bishop of Pella, Dame Millicent Fawcett, Miss Wilkinson, M.P., and Sir Robert Newman, would be the chief speakers. Then there would be the Hyde Park Demonstration on July 3, and it was hoped St. Joan's would send a very large contingent. She (the speaker) was particularly interested in the international side of St. Joan's work, and the Paris Congress in May provided an opportunity for making the Alliance's influence felt internationally. St. Joan's, as a society of Catholic women, had a definite part to play in international feminism, especially in the Latin countries.

Miss Eleanor FitzGerald made a witty appeal for funds, calling upon all members to cure St. Joan's S.P.A. from the malady of poverty. The appeal met with a generous response. A vacancy having occurred on the Committee, by the resignation of Miss Whately, Miss Douglas Irvine and Miss Hynes were nominated. The Committee received Miss Whately's resignation with great regret, and we thank her for her work for the Alliance. Miss de Alberti moved and Miss Donovan seconded, that the Committee be enlarged by one, this being put to the meeting and carried, the two candidates were elected. Mrs. V. M. Crawford was re-elected Chairman. In another column we give the resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting. We feel that the meeting was in every way a success. We have to offer our cordial thanks to Miss Gorry, under whose superintendence a delightful tea was provided, which added to the funds.

"*LIFE'S FITFUL FEVER.*" A volume of memories, by Margaret Wynne Nevinson. J.P. (A. and C. Black, Ltd.) Price 15s. net.

The writer of this book—a suffragist from the cradle—is well-known to all English-speaking feminists, who will doubtless not delay in purchasing the volume or ordering it at their libraries. It is replete with human interest from the first page to the last, and is one of those happy books which you take up to scan a page or so and find you have been charmed to reading on to the end of the chapter before putting it down.

Mrs. Nevinson tells of her childhood spent at a Leicester Vicarage in the mystical atmosphere of a High Church home, followed by the austerities of an Anglican Convent at Oxford and the monotony of a Paris Pensionnat. Then comes the struggle of an ambitious girl for higher education and self-expression. Follows her marriage and life in Whitechapel in connection with Toynbee Hall, and the difficulties and humours of housekeeping and child-rearing on a small income. We get happy glimpses of her distinguished son and clever daughter, her literary ambitions and achievements, foreign travel, Poor Law work, work as a Justice of the Peace, and above all, her magnificent contribution to the suffrage fight. The book—a veritable human document—is seasoned everywhere with a dry sense of humour, and quaint philosophisings on the paths and "cussedness" of life. If we have one criticism, it is that the volume is spread with a light veil of pessimism, but this is contradicted at the end by a note of hopefulness gathered from Pagan and Christian Philosophy. Catholics will note with pleasure Mrs. Nevinson's sympathetic attitude to their Church.

M. F.

Sixth International Congress for Peace.

A very attractive programme has already been issued for the Sixth International Democratic Congress for Peace to which St. Joan's always sends representatives, and which this year is to be held in France, at the Château de Bierville, a large estate some 40 miles from Paris. It has been selected in order that the gathering, on its social side, may partake of the advantages of a summer school. There will be ample

accommodation, in and around the château, to suit all purses, and the date, August 16 to 22, brings it well within the holiday period. Moreover, a modified form of congress with interesting excursions will go on all through the month, and visitors will be welcome for any period. Mgr. Julien, the well-known Bishop of Arras, will be the preacher at the High Mass on August 22. We very much hope some of our members will be drawn to this attractive gathering.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

Hon. Sec., Miss N. S. Parnell, B.A., 45 Falkner Street Liverpool.

The Branch held a very pleasant meeting at the Rushworth Rooms on March 18th, when Mrs. Corbett Ashby, President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, spoke on the forthcoming Paris Congress. The Branch was able to present her with three guineas towards the £700 needed for the expenses of the Congress.

Members of the Branch helped at the recent Guardian's elections. We congratulate Mrs. Gordon, our vice-chairman, on her re-election and regret the defeat of our member, Mrs. Hughes.

A Social will be held on April 19th when Miss Parnell will take the opportunity to explain to the members all about the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage.

International Notes.

Miss Bogórska kindly informs us that there are nine women members of Parliament in Poland, and three women Senators. They are all Catholics and Poles, with the exception of two. Though belonging to different political parties they unite in a common desire to work for the welfare of their country, and more especially for the benefit of Polish women and children.

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The women school-teachers in Czeko-Slovakia are having a hard fight for their rights. In 1919 they succeeded in getting the law abrogated which forbade them to marry, but it appears that expectant mothers throughout the civil service are allowed no leave of absence, a policy which is surely directly responsible for the fact that out of 1500 married women in the post-office only 135 have children.

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The women of Bombay are making a splendid fight for the suppression of brothels in Bombay. A resolution on this question is going to be moved in the Legislative Council.

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At the Annual Meeting on March 13, some £20 were subscribed or promised to the Alliance. This was a satisfactory result, for which I sincerely thank all the contributors. I now appeal to those who could not be present, and who have not already subscribed, to take up the burden this month. A minimum of £20 is needed every month to meet ordinary expenses, but this month there will be the extra expense of our Equal Franchise Meeting on April 29. The hire of the hall, printing and postage, for a big meeting are bound to make a heavy inroad on our slender purse; but this is a cause to which all should give with enthusiasm. For the honour of St. Joan's Alliance, the meeting must be an outstanding success of the Equal Franchise campaign.

G. JEFFERY.

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