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PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.



MR. LL—D G—RGE: You'll have to pay the piper, though you sha'n't call the tune!

[Both Liberal and Conservative papers are recommending the payment of Members of Parliament.]

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this light, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

In the Review of Reviews for September Mr. Lloyd George is quoted as saying in an interview that "if the Conciliation Bill had been capable of amendment so as to enfranchise the wives of all householders it might have been sent up to the House of Lords without any serious opposition." This is sheer nonsense, as Mr. Lloyd George quite well knows. Such a proposal would at once detach

from among the supporters the bulk, if not the whole, of the Conservatives who voted for it, a section of the Irish, and a considerable number of Liberals whose views coincide with those of Mr. Birrell. It would leave behind a small minority of Liberals, Labour and Irishmen, and even the magnificent support of Mr. Lloyd George (if it were actually given when the time came) would not make up for a defeat on the second reading. No, no, Mr. Lloyd George, women are not so easily fooled as you think! They remember your own words in dealing with those who proposed to enlarge greatly the scope of your Old-Age Pensions scheme: "That is their way of trying to kill Old-Age Pensions. I invite the supporters of Old-Age Pensions not to fall into the trap."

Mrs. Pankhurst in Scotland.

Mrs. Pankhurst continues her triumphant tour through the Scottish highlands, and from our account on another page it will be seen that this tour is productive of an immense amount of good. New friends have been made, old prejudices have been swept away, and the movement has taken deep hold on the Scottish women. Mrs. Pankhurst is speaking to-day at Wick, and meetings are arranged for Thurso, Dornoch, and elsewhere. Details of these and of the tour itself will be found on page 811.

In Support of the Women's Bill.

As part of the vigorous autumn campaign, the object of which is to urge the Government to allow time for the further stages of the Conciliation Committee's Bill this session, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is addressing a number of

meetings during September. The first of these, held in Yarmouth on Thursday last, was in every way successful, the crowded meeting, composed almost entirely of those previously ignorant of the movement, became gradually more and more interested and at the close was thoroughly enthusiastic. Mrs. Lawrence is also speaking at Ilkley to-day; at Herne Bay on Wednesday, September 21; at Eastbourne on Friday, September 23; and at St. Leonards on Wednesday, September 28. A very large number of other meetings will also take place, and details of these will be found on other pages. We recommend those responsible for organising these meetings to put a resolution at the close, supporting the Conciliation Bill, and asking for further facilities for its passage this Session. When carried, a copy of the resolution should be sent to the local Member of Parliament and to the Prime Minister. Conveners of meetings are also requested to keep a list of impromptu meetings—other than those definitely entered in the W.S.P.U. Programme—and to send this to Miss Christabel Pankhurst, at 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Mr. Shackleton on Cabinet Rule.

Mr. David Shackleton was the principal speaker at a W.S.P.U. At Home in Sheffield on Monday last, and dealt with the theory that nothing could be done in Parliament on woman suffrage because there was dissension about it in the Cabinet. That was a theory, he pointed out, which applied to other subjects besides woman suffrage, and he for one could not agree with it. Cabinets would have to be governed, like other organisations, by the majority, and

important questions demanded by the electorate and by M.P.s. would have to be carried whether the Cabinet liked it or not.

Comparative Values.

While Anti-Suffragists and those who support the Government in their policy of opposition to the women's claim continue to point out how little use the vote would be to women if they got it, a very different view is taken when the votes of men are under consideration.

Married Women and the Municipal Vote.

Prior to the passing of the Bill enabling women to sit on Municipal Councils the law as to the rights of married women to the municipal franchise was fairly clear.

Needs or Words?

Threats of militant action have been freely indulged in lately by landowners objecting to the Land Taxes and the Land Tax forms, and also by trade unionists demanding legislative reversal of the Osborne judgment.

The Living-in System.

Without direct parliamentary representation it is useless to go on agitating for social reforms. This is why protests against the living-in system in shops are of perennial occurrence.

Votes for Women in America.

The New-York correspondent of the Evening Standard states that Dr. Anna Shaw, President of the National Suffrage Association, has announced that the militant methods of the English Suffragettes will in a measure be adopted in America.

The Albert Hall Meeting.

Judging by the rapidity with which the reserved tickets for the Albert Hall meeting on Thursday, November 10, are being already taken up there seems every prospect that the hall will be packed on that occasion as on the famous June 18.

Great Exhibition in Lancashire.

Next December there will take place in Southport a specially interesting exhibition and pageant, towards the success of which women in many parts of the country have been working all through the summer.

generally to assist those who are already doing so much, to make this exhibition as signal a success as the one held in Glasgow during the spring of this year.

Items of Interest.

At the King's College Convocation at Windsor, Nova Scotia, on September 8, the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law was for the first time conferred upon a woman.

Readers are specially invited to make use of the last few weeks of the Paper Selling Competition to get the forms filled in for new permanent readers.

Mr. Devlin, M.P., made a special reference to Woman Suffrage in a speech on the sweating in the linen trade of Belfast. An extract is given on page 812.

In the Edinburgh printing dispute the men have refused the proposals of the employers and demand more complete exclusion of women.

Considerable interest continues to be taken in the dispute in Cradley Heath, and the women are making headway. Support has been promised by the Trade Union Congress.

The evasions of the Truck Act are referred to in the annual report of the Women's Trade Union League. It is pointed out that Mr. Masterman has admitted that the law is in an abominable condition, but he has given no promise to see to its being altered.

The proposal to take a plebiscite of the male voters of the Hornsey division on the question of Woman Suffrage is still under discussion. It is estimated that it would cost about £100.

The Colne Valley Women's Liberal Association has passed a resolution urging the Government to give further facilities for the Conciliation Bill.

Treasurer's Note.

A very long stride has been made during the past week towards the 75th milestone of our £100,000 race course. In the space of six days we have raised over £400. Can we during the present week raise as much as £328 and thus complete another cycle?

E. P. L.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND. September 5 to Sept. 10.

Table with columns for names and amounts, including entries like Miss Alice Heale (2 2 0), Miss Juliette Heale (2 2 0), and a total of £74,672 13 3.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS. IN SEPTEMBER.

Friday, 16.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Wick, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Ilkley.

Saturday, 17.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Thurso.

Sunday, 18.—Meetings in London Parks.

Monday, 19.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Dornoch.

Wednesday, 21.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Horne Bay.

Thursday, 22.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Loch Inver.

Friday, 23.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Eastbourne.

Wednesday, 28.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at St. Leonards.

IN OCTOBER.

Monday, 3.—The Earl of Lytton, Chairman of the Conciliation Committee, at Queen's Hall, Langham Place, London, at 3 p.m.; Mrs. Pankhurst at Cork.

Tuesday, 4.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Dublin, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Bradford.

Wednesday, 5.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Dundalk; Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Bradford.

Thursday, 6.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Belfast.

Friday, 7.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Derry.

Tuesday, 18.—Mrs. Pankhurst at Birmingham.

IN NOVEMBER.

Thursday, 10.—Great Meeting at the Albert Hall.

Tuesday, 15.—Parliament meets.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

A new leaflet, "Why I Believe in Woman Suffrage," by a Non-Militant Conservative Suffragist, is on sale at the Woman's Press, price 9d. per 100, 6s. per 1,000, post free.

*Those who wish to be present should secure tickets without delay, as they are selling rapidly.

HOLIDAY NOTES.

SCENE: A street in St. Andrews, the morning after Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting. Two lady cyclists spinning down the hill pass a Suffragette toiling up, and she hears this scrap of conversation—

"Were you at the meeting last night?" "No." "Oh! you should have been there; it was simply splendid!"

FROM THE DIARY OF A PAPER SELLER.

I had set my heart on walking in that Procession, but Fate and Cook's Young Man had decreed otherwise. My programme was arranged this way—

July 23.—Suffrage Procession. July 25.—Sail for Lisbon.

Cook's Young Man's programme left out the Procession altogether. He preferred that I should leave the day before.

He was quite determined, but I was determined too. I said "I cannot miss the Procession. I will find a boat which sails on the 25th, and I did in spite of him, and was rather over-acted about it, until I made the further discovery that, though the boat went, it never came back again.

Once in Lisbon, there was little I could do, for alas I had practically only one language. I was heart-breaking. There was the material, all ready to be worked upon, and there was I—dumb as a fish, with my tongue done up in knots, which refused to be untied.

What the poster means. Miss Annie Kenney, who has just concluded a short campaign in Dorsetshire, writes that the sight of the Votes for Women poster in the various places she visited was the source of the greatest cheer and encouragement.

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She won! At a fancy dress ball in a Swiss hotel a lady of "Anti" sympathies, thinking to rouse laughter at the expense of the Suffragettes, decks herself in purple, white and green, with "Votes for Women" written on dress and hat.

TESTIMONIAL TO MRS. ELMY.

Mrs. Martindale reports that the total amount so far subscribed to the Mrs. Elmy Testimonial now stands at £102 6s. 5d.

MRS. PANKHURST'S VISIT TO IRELAND.

Irish Suffragists are invited to volunteer help of every kind in making Mrs. Pankhurst's visit to Ireland as great a success as her tour in the Scottish Highlands.

CHAIN MAKING A PENNY A YARD.

The Standing Orders of the Trade Union Congress were suspended during Tuesday afternoon in order that a deputation representing the women chainmakers of Cradley Heath might be received.

A resolution was adopted expressing the sympathy of the Congress with the chainmakers in their plucky fight, and promising them the financial and moral support of the organised labour movement.

A WOMAN UNDERSTANDS.

The following anecdote has been sent us by an Edinburgh lady, who tells us it is "word for word perfectly true."

Grateful thanks to Miss Murray, who organised the meeting, and Mrs. Macpherson for her kind hospitality; also Miss McKewon and Miss Reid for stewarding so splendidly.

THE VALUE OF A DOOR-MAT.

In the eyes of the male administrators of man-made law, a door-mat is presumably eight times as valuable as the bodies and souls of four women, and a wretched woman who pilfers to obtain food a greater social menace than men who for the purpose of gain, defraud women of their honour as well as of their earnings!

At the Staffordshire Quarter Sessions yesterday Bridget Warrilow, aged 49, was sentenced by the Recorder, Mr. W. H. Clay, to four years' penal servitude for stealing a door-mat from a backyard at Stoke.

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On Tuesday afternoon in last week Mrs. Auchterlony entertained nearly a hundred friends at her place in Forfarshire to hear Mrs. Pankhurst, some motoring over 20 miles. The majority had never before heard the case really explained.

A PRESS STATEMENT.

The best way to advance the cause of woman's rights is by such meetings as that addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst in the music hall last night. And if the political enfranchisement for women is to be fought down it can only be by a counter-campaign, conducted on similar lines.

A SEX WAR?

The women were accused of beginning a sex war. They were trying to end a sex war. If working women had a grievance they would look in vain for help from their brothers who worked alongside them.

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MRS. PANKHURST AT INVERNESS.

Mrs. Pankhurst, addressing a meeting in the Inverness Music Hall last Friday, said all they were asking was that each in itself should not be a disability as regards political power.

