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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.

St. Joan's Quincentenary Celebrations.

Appeal for an Amende Honorable from England.

On May 30th, 1931, five hundred years will have passed since a great crowd gathered in the market-place of Rouen to witness the martyrdom of the young peasant girl of Domrémy. On this five hundredth anniversary of her death, the Archbishop of Rouen will, in that same market-place, lay the foundation stone of a church dedicated to St. Joan of Arc.

Many people in England have expressed the wish that some portion of this memorial may be given by the English nation in atonement for the part which their country played in the burning of St. Joan. A committee has been formed representing societies of Catholic women and has undertaken the work of organizing this appeal to the whole nation. The proposal has already gained wide support.

After consultation with the memorial committee in Rouen, it is proposed that the gift from the people of England be either the main door to the church with a representation of St. Joan as part of the decoration, or a stained glass window. To either of these gifts a suitable inscription will be added.

The simplicity of St. Joan's character, the holiness and beauty of her life, the wonder of her achievements and her extreme youth (she was but nineteen when, having saved France, she died at the stake) make her a unique figure in the annals of the human race.

To this generation has come the opportunity of giving expression to the sorrow of the people of this country for their share in her tragic death.

ARCHITECT'S NOTE.

The memorial chapel of Saint Joan of Arc will be built on the site of the block of houses which form the west side of the old market-place, between the rue Thomas-Corneille and the rue de Crosne and twentyfive metres away from the stake.

The chapel will be thirty metres long by fifteen metres wide, and its height will

be thirty-seven metres, measured from the top of the spire.

The design has been conceived in the spirit of the art of Rouen in the fifteenth century, in order that it may fit into the mediæval frame of the square, where the chapel will stand near the Hôtel de la Couronne, the Ecu de France, and the reconstructed old Boucherie. Its outline will recall the church of Saint Sauveur and its structure the lovely church of Saint Catherine in Honfleur.

Its base will be of cut stone and flint, its upper portion of timber boards, its roof

of old tiles, its porch of carved wood.

The statues, the windows and the ornaments will be in keeping with this strictly local architecture, while they symbolize the life, the death, and the glory of the saint and heroine.

ANDRE ROBBINE.

THE ENGLISH APPEAL.

This appeal is issued under the presidency of His Eminence Cardinal Bourne, and with the distinguished support of men and women of all classes without distinc-

All donations should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith, c/o St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, at 55 Berners Street, London, W.1.



FACSIMILE OF COLLECTING CARD.

(Consisting of 20 faggots to be sold at 3d. each.) Actual size of card 71 ins. x 6 ins.

We hope that all our readers will have their names in the Golden Book of St. Joan -an honour reserved for those who contribute 5s. or over to the Quincentenary Appeal. This book will be placed on the foundation stone of St. Joan's Memorial perpetuity in her church.

Contributions may be either personal donations, or the proceeds of the sale of twenty faggots from the collecting cards, a facsimile of which is shown above.

Donations, or requests for collecting cards. should be sent at once to Miss Sheila Kaye Church in Rouen, and afterwards kept in Smith, Hon. Treasurer, c/o St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance.

Notes and Comments.

We are glad to note that Mr. Clynes to be made. We ask that the persons now fifty, a totally inadequate number. By shows that the women have made good, and it is to be hoped the fact will be noted in the Provinces. St. Joan's S.P.A., as may be seen by the resolution passed at the policewomen.

Whatever opinion one may hold on the disputed question of capital punishment, no one can wish a sentence of death to be passed on a pregnant woman even though never carried out, but commuted to a life sentence. We are glad, therefore, to see that the Government is to give time, and support, to Miss Picton Turbervill's Bill, which provides that the death sentence shall no longer be passed on an expectant mother. There is no opposition to such a change in the law. * * * *

Our member, Mlle. Lenoel, represented St. Joan's S.P.A. at the Annual Congress of the Union Féminine Civique et Sociale, Paris, and read on our behalf a report dealing with the question of married women's work in England.

* * * * Miss Chrystal Macmillan, representing the Open Door Council, St. Joan's S.P.A., and nine other organizations, gave evidence before the Committee on Powers of Ministers, which is to report upon what safeguards are desirable or necessary to secure the constitutional principles of the sovereignty of Parliament and the supremacy of the law. As Miss Macmillan emphasized in her evidence, the autocratic powers given to Ministers are a menace to women in industry.

The arrest of a perfectly respectable woman in the Strand, and her detention in the cells till 12-25 a.m., on the charge of annoying men, could not have happened if the change in the law, for which St. Joan's and other societies have been asking, were R.I.P.

intends to double the number of women annoyed should be brought into Court, to police in the Metropolitan area. There are give evidence; in this case, if the men said by the police to have been annoyed, had increasing the number the Home Office been questioned, this gross injustice to an innocent woman, who was waiting for her husband, would have been impossible. We hope the Home Office will take this case into consideration; it is abundantly clear Annual Meeting, desires the Government to that the state of the law is unsatisfactory. make it compulsory for Watch Committees We think this was a case for compensation, and Standing Joint Committees to appoint or at least the victim of the blunder should have had costs.

> The Open Door International is holding its second conference in Stockholm this vear, August 17th-21st, after which a Summer School, at Sigtuna, will be held from August 24th-29th. * * *

> It is to be hoped that all our members will make a special effort to take part in the Pilgrimage to Rouen as an act of reparation to St. Joan. The Catholic Association, so well-known for their excellent travel arrangements, are organizing the pilgrimage, full particulars of which will be found on the last page. * * * *

> We are glad that the Birmingham Council, following on a report from the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. H. P. Newsholme, rejected a request that instruction in birth control should be given at the Municipal Infant Welfare centres. National Life, March, reprints from the Birmingham Post, a summary of Dr. Newsholme's excellent report, which led to this rejection. * * * *

> We offer our sincere congratulations to Mr. H. S. Dean, Editor of the Universe, on whom the Holy Father has conferred the Knighthood of St. Gregory. * * * *

> We ask the prayers of our readers for the repose of the soul of Mr. Lionel de Silva, husband of our member Mrs. de Silva, of Ceylon, to whom we offer our deep sympathy; and for Professor Hugh Ryan, father of our member, Miss B. Ryan, to whom we also offer deep sympathy.-

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Women and the Law.

to Women (The Solicitors' Law Stationery Society Ltd., 8s. 6d. net), deals mainly with married women, single women have at least the joy of knowing that they are responsible for their own acts, that they are individuals, and as regards the law in much the same position as man. The law is changing for wives, it has changed, indeed, in the last fifty years, as this book bears witness. At Common Law husband and wife were regarded as forming but one person-the husband; but if he was responsible for her acts, he could likewise lay hands on all her property, even wages earned by the sweat of her brow. The Married Women's Property Act, 1882, has altered that; and we hear complaints that the Law was not amended to meet the change, and that men are now unfairly treated. We do not want men to be treated unjustly, and trust their wrongs may be righted, but if we appear a little blind to the injustice we may be forgiven, for the age-long wrongs inflicted on women are still heavy upon us. The power of the husband was such that, as Mr. Ling-Mallison reminds us, there was an offence which could not be committed against a wife-larceny. The disqualification of a married woman with regard to the ownership of property had its effect on the criminal law; and so we find that in the olden days the larceny of the goods forming the estate of a married woman had to be alleged as larceny of her husband's goods, as they belonged to him in Law. Many of us remember the story, told with inimitable humour, by Dame Milli- legal profession,

Mr. Ling-Mallison's book on Law relating cent Fawcett, of the theft of her purse, the charge being "the theft of a purse from the person of Mrs. Fawcett, being the property of her husband, Mr. Fawcett." Not such very olden days after all.

Since the famous Jackson case, 1891, a husband may no longer detain his wife's person. She can obtain a habeas corpus for her liberty, but cannot get damages for the detention (idem) as such an action would not be for the protection of her property. Do we, as a nation, value property more than liberty? It certainly figures large in

The chapter on Nationality, Domicile and Nomeris is of great interest, since though the legal position of a wife has changed these problems are still with us; but it is the chapter on Employment which is the most important, as it affects all industrial women workers, married or single, and affects them all the time in their efforts to earn a livelihood. Let anyone who may be doubtful as to the wisdom of those who would abolish special restrictions on women's work, read this chapter with an open mind. It seems strange that employers trouble to employ women at all, unless it is that they provide cheap labour. The demand that regulations and restrictions should be based on the nature of the work, and not on the sex of the worker, is indeed a wise demand.

Mr. Ling-Mallison may rest assured that his hope, expressed in the preface, will be fulfilled, there can be no doubt that his valuable book will be a help to numbers of women, and a guide to members of the L. DE ALBERTI.

International Notes.

Lutfie Bechir Hanem, president of the Union of Turkish Women, has issued the following statement: "We have approached Ismet Pasha and Kiazim Pasha in order to obtain political rights for women. The right to participate as candidates in municipal elections has already been granted to women. We now ask that we may be able to take part in political elections, and we will not cease to make every effort to attain this

Turkey has now a woman surgeon, Mme. Hanem, a young married woman. She passed brilliantly, and is now practising surgery successfully.

La Vie Catholique gives an account of an interesting address given in Paris recently by Sister Marie-André, of the White Sisters, dealing with the work of her Order among the native women of Northern Africa and other places, mostly Mahommedan. The Sisters have opened a number of schools where the girls are trained, and the soil prepared, for conversion to Christianity. The work of the Sisters during the last sixty years has been wonderful, but they cannot, for want of funds, always respond to the appeals sent them for schools, and still more schools. Signs are not lacking to show that the work of these devoted nuns is gradually improving the position of the Mahommedan woman in Northern Africa.

BERMUDA. This oldest British colony has enjoyed a form of representative government for more than three centuries, and has apparently determined that what was good enough for men-and women-three hundred years ago, is good enough for men and women—now. The persistent refusal of the Legislature to consider granting suffrage to women, recently led Mrs. Morrell, a real suffrage pioneer, to refuse to pay taxes, on the old ground that "taxation without representation is tyranny." As Mrs. Morrell is a property owner, the proper course was for the authorities to distrain on her property; instead they summoned her to Court—a procedure which is only adopted for those without property. She attended

to make a protest against this incorrect procedure. No notice was taken, but the Court gave her three months in which to pay. She did not do so, and on being again summoned, refused to attend, and invited the authorities to arrest her. Apparently they did not venture to take a course which might well have aroused public opinion, and preferred to let the matter drop. But strong feeling has been awakened among the women. Will Burmuda be the scene of a militant suffrage campaign? Appeals to the Colonial Office and questions asked in the Imperial Parliament have had no effect. What steps will the women of Bermuda take to rouse their Rip van Winkels from their centuries of slumber?

(Int. A.W.S.E.C. Press Bulletin.)

We are glad to read in Vida Social Fem nina, Barcelona, that there is a movement in Spain to educate and train women for country life, and to bring means of culture to the remotest villages, making rural

L'Eyptienne reports that Persian women are working for the same object. Once again we see that the feminist movement encounters the same problems in every country. * * * *

We much regret to see that the Upper House, Tokio, has once again thrown out a Bill, passed by the House of Representatives, giving women the municipal franchise.

Stri Dharma, India, publishes the resolutions passed at the first All-Asian Women's Conference held recently. Amongst others we have resolutions dealing with the Equality of status of men and women, Equal Moral Standard, World Peace, etc. Another Conference is to be held in two or three years, and a committee has been appointed to carry on the work.

Another woman judge, Mme. Wanda Kaminska, has been appointed to the Children's Court at Warsaw.

A. B. B.

Twentieth Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting was held at St. Patrick's Club, Soho Square, on Saturday, March 14th, Miss C. M. Gordon, M.A., presiding. The adoption of the Annual Report, read by Miss Monica O'Connor, was moved by Miss Eleanor FitzGerald, in the absence of Miss Somers from illness. Miss FitzGerald, in commenting on the amount of work achieved in the year, reminded her audience that a great deal of work remained to keep the feminists societies in being, injustices to be removed in many walks of life, which kept women back. St. Jean's S.P.A. was ever viligant, and no opportunity of advancing was missed.

Miss Nancy Stewart Parnell, who had come from Liverpool with seven companions, in seconding the adoption of the Report, brought cordial greetings from our flourishing Northern Branch. It was good, she said, to belong to the woman's movement, the Report was stirring and stimulating. It was a proof, if proof were needed, of the need of such a society as St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance. A great deal of unnecessary suffering still existed, of which women and children were victims; for instance, the high rate of maternal mortality, which had been proved to be largely preventable, was a disgrace to our country. To turn to her own profession, women teachers were victimized, and there was a prospect of a lowering of salaries, by which the scales between men and women teachers would be differentiated even more than at present. She urged all members to take a share in the work of St. Joan's S.P.A.

Miss C. Madden, in moving the adoption of the financial statement, said that the amount of work done on so small an income was a remarkable achievement, but it entailed rigid economy and much sacrifice. The Alliance must not be held back by a lack of funds, and every member should help. Miss Gunning, in seconding the adoption of the financial statement, appealed for paper sellers, and subscribers to the CATHOLIC CITIZEN. The paper should have a wider circulation, and the gratitude of the Alliance was due to Miss Butler-Bowdon, to whose work we owed the increase in advertisements.

The Financial Statement was read by the Chairman, and Mrs. Laughton Mathews appealed for funds, which met with a generous response

The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the Alliance in again welcoming a contingent from Liverpool, and hoped it would be stronger each year.

As a result of the ballot for Committee, Miss C. Madden and Dr. Shattock were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Miss C. M. Gordon and Mrs. MacMahon, who are leaving London. It was announced that Miss Douglas Irvine, M.A., had been elected Chairman.

We take this opportunity of expressing our deep gratitude to Miss C. M. Gordon for her devoted work as Chairman during the last two years.

We also thank Mrs. Laughton Mathews for her work as Hon. Treasurer, from which office she has resigned this year. Miss Brandt has kindly consented to act as Hon. Treasurer, and Miss Barclay Carter as Hon. Press Secretary. The list of the new Committee is given on p. 32.

The following resolutions were put to the meeting and carried:

1. EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS.

Women in the House of Lords. St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance demands that peeresses, in their own right, should have a seat and vote in the House of Lords, and further, that in any measure designed to reform the Second Chamber men and women should have the same right to sit and be elected.

2. EQUAL MORAL STANDARD.

(a) Solicitation Laws. St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance regrets that the Government has taken no action to remedy the present unjust Solicitation Laws, calls for their repeal and the substitution of a measure on the lines of the Public Places (Order) Bill, which deals with street solicitation by general legislation against annoyance or molestation, and under which the evidence of the person annoyed or molested would be necessary in order to obtain a conviction.

(b) State Regulation of Vice. St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to hasten the abolition of all brothels known to the Authorities within the jurisdiction of the British Empire.

(c) Illegitimate Children. St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to introduce and pass without delay a Bill providing for the

enforcement of Affiliation Orders overseas on similar lines to the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920.

(d) Compulsory Repatriation of Prostitutes. Whilst emphasizing its desire that the League of Nation's Advisory Committee on Traffic in Women should take all possible steps to ensure that women and minor girls should be given an opportunity of repatriation to their own country if they desire it; St. Joan's S.P.A. re-affirms its opposition to any legislation directed against prostitutes only as being opposed to the principles of justice, and contrary to an equal standard of morality. It therefore calls upon the British Delegation to the League of Nations to oppose any proposals for an International Convention for the compulsory repatriation of prostitutes.

3. EQUAL PAY AND OPPORTUNITIES.

(a) 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, and freedom for married women to decide for themselves whether or not they shall engage in paid employment after marriage.

(b) "Protective" Legislation. St. Joan's S.P.A., while believing that protection should be afforded to industrial workers, declares that to impose restrictions on women only, is to treat them permanently as minors, and to lower their status as workers.

It believes that the only policy which safeguards their individual liberty and responsibility is that of basing all labour regulations and restrictions upon the nature of the work and not upon the sex of the worker, and calls upon the Government to apply this principle to all legislation, and to instruct its Delegates to support it at all Conferences of the International Labour Office.

. NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

St. Joan's S.P.A. demands that a British woman should have restored to her the right of retaining her nationality on marriage with an alien, which was taken from her in 1870; and that, irrespective of marriage, she should have the same right as a man to retain or change her nationality. It calls upon the Government to pass legislation, embodying these principles, and to instruct the British Delegation to the 1931 Assembly of the League of Nations to support similar action.

5. SLAVERY

(a) St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to take all possible steps to discountenance among indigenous peoples any practices whatsoever involving the bartering of women and children into domestic or other forms of slavery.

(b) Mui Tsai. (1) St. Joan's S.P.A. demands that registration of Mui Tsai, including "adopted daughters," should be made compulsory; (2) that an adequate system of inspection, control and remuneration be enforced; (3) that all Mui Tsai be informed personally that they are now free, and that

proper accommodation and training for them be provided.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

St. Joan's S.P.A. notes with satisfaction the awakening of public opinion on the question of the high rate of maternal mortality. It calls upon the Ministry of Health to provide adequate maternity services throughout the country, and further urges upon its members the duty of pressing their Local Authorities to carrying out to the full their powers in this respect.

. INCOME TAX.

St. Joan's S.P.A. demands that the income of married persons should be separately assessed and separately taxed.

8. WOMEN POLICE.

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to further legislation making it compulsory for Watch Committees and standing Joint Committees to appoint a sufficient number of women police.

9. AGRICULTURE.

St. Joan's S.P.A. demands that in all schemes for the rehabilitation of agriculture equal treatment be accorded to men and women

10. UNEMPLOYMENT.

St. Joan's Social and Political Association calls upon the Government to allocate for the training and relief of unemployed women an equal sum of money in proportion to their numbers, as is expended upon men.

11. CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls for fair and adequate financial treatment of Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

12. BIRTH CONTROL.

St. Joan's S.P.A. deplores the change in the policy of the Ministry of Health in allowing, in certain cases, information on artificial birth control to be given at centres maintained out of public funds—thus contravening the pledge of the Ministry without any reference to Parliament. It urges its members to watch the matter in their Local Councils.

13. POLITICAL PARTIES.

St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance calls upon the political parties to embody the above reforms in their programmes.

OPEN DOOR COUNCIL. ANNUAL MEETING.

We call the attention of our readers to the notice of the Annual Meeting of the Open Door Council on Friday, April 24th (see advert.), and to the Public Dinner which is to follow.

Agriculture.

A public meeting, under the auspices of St. Joan's S.P.A., was held at St. Patrick's Club, Soho, on Saturday, March 14th, when Miss Pratt, M.A., spoke on "What Country Women do, and might do," Miss Douglas Irvine, M.A., presiding. Miss Pratt, who is an Inspector in the Ministry of Agriculture, and Inspector of Women Agriculturists in England and Wales, said that agriculture was the earliest profession for women, and at the present day absorbs some 300,000 women. These women not only work in the dairy, but on the land, and are particularly successful in the care of live stock. These agricultural workers, who had been more or less isolated, were now beginning to organize and improve their status, and this co-operation would have a wide effect on the industry. Miss C. M. Gordon, in moving a vote of thanks to Miss Pratt, gave practical examples of the success of women on her family estates, during and after the war, both in handling the live stock and on the land. In her opinion the feminist societies had concentrated too much on urban problems. It would be noted that a resolution on women in agriculture was among among those passed at the Annual Meeting of St. Joan's Alliance; the matter was important and urgent. Miss Barclay Carter seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

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