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To the brave women who to-day are lighting 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.

We wish our readers a very happy year in 1912! May it be a year not merely full of personal happiness but also fruitful for the cause we all have at heart! May the New Year bring Votes to Women, and may the old sex inequality be altogether swept away!

Mr. Lloyd George at Cardiff.

Suffragist members of the Cabinet who had con-sented to the betrayal of the pledge in respect of the Conciliation Bill given by the Government as a whole,

found a convenient escape from responsibility in a promise to advocate woman suffrage from the public platform. Women suffragists, who have been taught practical politics by hard experience, were never greatly impressed by the value of such an offer. We are not surprised that Mr. Lloyd George, who opposed the Conciliation Bill with all his eloquence in 1910, and "torpedoed" it in 1911, should have apparently forgotten all about Votes for Women when speaking at Cardiff last Friday. The problems of poverty, wretchedness, and bad housing could only be dealt with by the community as a community, he reminded his audience; but he failed to point out that up to the present time one entire half of the community has been arbitrarily excluded from any power to deal with these evils by national endeavour.

"Put Not your Trust..."

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He spoke of "cottages reeking with tuberculosis," of "damp, wretched, dark dismal" abodes; he spoke of "women condemned to death for the sole crime of sticking to their homes," and of "little children who have the germs of death sown into their system by abominable housing accommodation." But not one word did Mr. Lloyd George utter of the cruelty and crime of depriving women of the vote—that means of protecting themselves and their children—which he lauded to the skies when speaking to men a short while ago anent the blessings conferred upon them by the Liberal Government! There could have been no more fitting occasion for referring to this "non-party" question of Votes for Women or for expounding its ethical and moral significance. It is exceedingly fortunate for the Woman's Movement that it does not depend upon the advocacy of Cabinet Ministers. The country has been converted to Woman Suffrage already: all that is necessary for Suffragist members of the Liberal Government to do is to make an explicit declaration of the

The Political Prospect.

Never was the political situation more complex than it is at the present moment, never were the prospects of a new session more uncertain. On the face of it there is a very serious divergence of opinion in the Cabinet on the subject of Votes for Women, which we are told is to be settled by an "open" vote in the House of Commons. "And as Woman Suffragists are in a majority in the House," we are further told "the vote is sure to be favourable to women and the hostile majority in the Cabinet will then fall into line." We have never disguised from our readers our entire incredulity in the Prospect of this solution; and it is interesting to note that The Nation is evidently also uneasy with regard to it. It says:

The trouble will come when the public realises, amid the dangerous strain of an overloaded programme, the division in the Cabinet or Woman Suffrage. . . . We confess that we see with some foroboding a Prime Minister pledged to an active prosecution of his view on the Suffrage and his two most powerful lieutenants committed to an equally active furtherance of their caposite opinion, the two forces meeting in full clash on the floor of the House of Commons and then turning to each other in dramatic reconciliation and self-surrender over the victorious cause.

And there are indications that other Liberal papers hold a similar view.

Four Possible Endings to the Session.

For our own part we frankly do not believe that any such solution is compatible with a logical sequence of political events. We see, instead, four possible alternative ways in which the present imbroglio may end. Firstly, the Anti-Suffrage element in the Cabinet inay be brought into line with the Suffrage element. Or, secondly, the so-called dissensions in the Cabinet may be more apparent than real, and the whole Cabinet

The solution for which we are working is the capitu The solution for which we say consider the solution of the Anti-Suffrage Ministers and the acceptance by the Cabinet as a whole of Woman Suffrage, with the necessary corollary that the Manhood Suffrage Bill be dropped, and a Bill giving equal franchise rights to men and women be substituted in its place and pressed through Parliament with all the power of the Governthrough Parliament with all the power of the Government. This solution will not be brought about by the forces within the Cabinet. It can only be produced by pressure from outside, to be applied not merely to the avowed Anti-Suffragists in the Cabinet, but also to those professing Suffragists who can only show their sinearity in one way, which hitherto they have refused to take. The welding together of the Cabinet is not an easy matter—it may involve even one or two resignations—but it is absolutely necessary if success is to be achieved; that is why the pressure exerted has to be vigorous and determined.

The Suffrage Ministers may Give Way.

The second solution would have been an easy matter if all Suffragists had accepted trustfully the offer made to them. The Suffrage Ministers would have put up a great fight—some of them in all sincerity, others in all insincerity—but in the end the foregone

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may really be willing to acquiesce in a settlement from which women continue to be shut out. Or, thirdly, the Cabinet may go to pieces on the question of Woman Suffrage or, fourthly, Parliament may be dissolved before the crisis on Woman Suffrage be reached. Let us consider each of these alternatives a little more in detail.

Anti-Suffrage Ministers may Give Way.

The absurd excuse is made excuse is made against their conduct, the fact that they are not called on to do prison work is being counted against them. This is a disgraceful quibble. The dates of their release are given on page 226.

Gur Wesson in 1912

Additum of Bismarck. Peace with honour can only be attained in the way set forth in that article, and our only weapon in 1912, as in former years, until our demand is conceded, is militancy.

Contents of this Issue.

We begin this week a valuable series of articles on Yotes for Women in New Zealand, by Lady Stout. By special permission of the proprietors of Punch we reproduce a delightful carton on mage 220. We also the content of the series of atticles on the proprietors of Punch we reproduce a delightful carton on mage 220.

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Our Weapon in 1912.

Among the contents of this issue we draw special attention to the leading article, based on a political shall welcome home at the London Pavilion on Jan. 15.

POLITICAL SENTIMENTALISTS.

By Laurence Housman.

(A Speech made at the John Hampden Dinner of the Tax-Resistance League.)

"Distance," we are told, "lends enchantment to the view": more especially, perhaps, to the view of political sentimentalists, conspicuous among whom, in our own day, stand the Anti-Suffragists. I am afraid, therefore, that I cannot present to these political sentimental- right—that was decided for him in the High Court ists so alluring a view of John Hampden's most when judgment went against Hampden-to extend the recent successors in Tax-Resistance as that which they draw for themselves of a John Hampden comfortably Parliament, just as Parliament to-day has the right

matter if all Suffragests had accepted trustfully the offer made to them. The Suffrage Ministers would have put up a great ight—some of them in all sincerticothers in all insincerity—but in the end the conclusion, arranged by Mr. Asquith, and Mr. Loyd George, would have been reached: the Suffrage Bill carried. This solution has been different of attainment owing to be the manufacture of the plan of campaign by the SPLU, but the Spectator of attainment owing to Mr. Asquith is the most ill believes it will be reached. "Mr. Asquith is the most actual to of warping the prevented by determined and vigorous can only be prevented by determined and vigorous only be prevented by determined and vigorous can only be prevented by determined and vigorous on this question. This is the view taken by some Conservative papers. Thus the Brimingham Daily Mail, in its leading article, says:

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IN MEMORIAM.

January 5, 1912.

Another name has been added to the roll of those who have given their lives for the cause of women's emancipation. Miss Cecilia Wolseley Haig, after a year's painful illness brought on in consequence of the terrible treatment to which she was subjected on Black Friday, passed from this life on Sunday last. When she went on the Deputation, on November 18, 1910, Miss Haig beputation, or twoember 19, 1917, ariss Haig was entirely unaware of the presence of any illness, and, indeed, felt quite well. But on Black Friday she was not only subjected to assault of a most disgraceful kind, but was also trampled upon. Although Miss Haig was perhaps better known in Edinburgh, where she and her sisters worked unremittingly for the cause from the time of the imprisonment of their sister, Miss Florence Haig, the influence of her life extend far beyond any boundaries of place or time, and the thought that will be in the minds of all members of the W.S.P.U. to-day will be: How long are such sacrifices to be demanded? Her sympathies went out specially to helpless young girls. Shortly before her death she asked "Who will take care of the unprotected girls?" The sympathies of all will be with Miss Florence Haig, who nursed her sister with devoted care, and with the other members of the family. The funeral took place at Highgate Cemetery on Wednesday. Representatives of the W.S.P.U. were present, and among the wreaths was a beautiful one, in the colours of the Union, from the Committee. On a card were the words:

"Our many thoughts and deeds, our life and love, Our happiness, and all that we have been Immortally must live, and burn and move, When we shall be no more." ong are such sacrifices to be demanded? Her

A wreath was also sent by the M.P.U.

THE EXPERIENCE OF FINLAND.

In a letter to the *Times* (December 28) the following necessing views with regard to the position of women n Finland are given by J. N. Reuter:—

Finland gave the vote to women for the asking. . . . ough I have no figures at hand, I think I am not far m the truth in saying that the electorate in Finland male and female constitutes some 45 per cent. of the whol pulation, with some preponderance of female electors here statistics concerning the attendance at the poll of where statistics concerning the attendance at the poll of male and female voters are accessible—which is not everywhere the case—it appears that a somewhat greater ercentage of the men electors go to the poll, which considerably reduces the majority of the female vote, indeed such majority exists as the final result.

"Since the ballot is secret, and considering that the inroduction of female suffrage, in 1906, coincided with many ther very important changes, above all a vast extension of

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AN INTERLUDE.

Our village is hidden away from the world by still woods and hills outlined with ridges of dark pine. It never, it avers, saw a Suffraged to until a few months ago, when Miss Dorotity Pethick, with a handful of helpers, each a fluir increase of a trained expert of the reads a fluir increase in the strength of the research of the rese

of dark pine. It never, it avers, saw a Suffrage de until a few months ago, when Miss Dorothy Pethick, with a handful of helpers, made a flying incursion into its preserves and held a meeting which is still a theme of conversation when news filters through of stormy doings in London. They seem to be quite unaware in our village of the pain and sorrows, the turnoil and struggle of life. True, the men go every morning to the town fave miles away; one sees them pass attains. But to do my siker as the of emiles away; one sees them pass attains. But the men go every morning to the town fave were a more dark of the women—how the they contrive to fritter away the long, qut, precious hours between and a first them the precious hours between away the long, qut, precious hours between a long to the town far away the long, qut, precious hours between a long to the long the same transmitted that the precious hours between a long to the long the long to the long the same transmitted to a small and precious hours between a long to the long the long that the long like of an entire of a small are the long like of an entire of a long that the long like of the like and the long like of the like and the long the long that the long like of the like and the long like of th

THE JUDGMENT OF PARISETTE.



[LORD HALDANE, SIR EDWARD GREY, and MR. LLOYD GEORGE compete for the Championship of the Women's Cause.]

MILITANT SUFFRAGIST: "Now, let me see, which of these three is my best friend, that I may hurl the apple at him?"

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AS THE NEW YEAR DAWNS.

An interesting article, "The Position of Women as the New Year Dawns," appears in the Christine Commonwealth for January 5. It begins as follows:—

"Although the New Year finds women still manchenoledged citiesns, a glance at the events of the past twelve months show that we are entering with amazing rapidity upon a life of larger opportunities, privaleges, and responsibilities. All the forces of reaction, tradition, and prejudice are still discontinuous to be a safe to be cleared to be cleared to be cleared to be cleared to be a safe to be cleared to be a safe to be cleared to

THE MORAL ASPECT OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE. By Elizabeth Redfern.

January 5, 1912.

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The present status of women is the direct and of their subjection as a sex, and physical activation and the subjection of women are turally and closely allied. This is proved medical and other scientific authorities, but the scope of a short article it is only received to point out that in the home, the hool, the business place, the process of seripjection is still at work.

Nowadays the process begins at home, rom birth a girl is mentally and morally legated to the sphere of ultimate subservience of man, and the Church imposes upon her bedience in marriage, and a submission and amility which are at once immoral and soul astroying. In support of man's selfish and naterial interests the law has placed women in the category of a man's possessions, the latural result of which is a low standard of value setupon fernal elife. Under the marriage and the redirection is our true intent, To whisper it—on politics we're bent. While preachers rarely to performance reach, wat one blow shall both perform and siness place, the process of sexilial a work. The process of sexilial at work. The process of sexilial at work where process begins at home, girl is mentally and morally esphere of ultimate subservience the Church imposes upon her narriage, and a submission and a har act at one immoral and soul near the process of the place of which is a low standard of which is a low standard of the process of the place of which is a low standard of the propose of the place of which is a low standard of the propose of the place of the place of the propose of the propose of the place of the place of the propose of the place of the propose of the place of the place

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truth's,

His heroines were played by beardless

lords, Making sad mischief with their stupid swords.

The time is out of joint—let's set it right,

Not whine and wail with Hamlet "cursed

Not whine and wail with Hamlet "curses spite."

That cry was merely masculine hysteria, For real statesmanship you need Egeria. But Hamlet was so hard soliloquising, He had no ear for feminine advising. Ah, if instead of suicide-suggestion, To yote or not to vote? had been thequestion, Ophelia had met, with mecking flout, Hamlet's male insolence of sneer and doubt. Nunnery forsooth! When she at Hamlet's fat form

ould thunder suffrage from the castle-plat-

The time is out of joint"? Then what's the

MRS. PANKHURST'S TOUR. Notes from Canada and U.S.A.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence has received from the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, a copy of the following cable to Mr. Asquith: "Premier Asquith, 10, Downing Street, London, England, The National American Woman Suffrage Association protests against the introduction by the Government of a Manhood Suffrage Bill, and urges the introduction of a full Suffrage Bill that shall include women."

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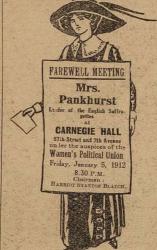
include women."

Mrs. Pankhurst's, visit to Canada a part of our own Empire, has been even more effective than her visit to the States, and that is saying much. Her quiet, convincing arguments have won many converts, and a significant and happy sign is the fair tone of the Press extracts, of which we quote a few below:

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A Canadian correspondent writes:



The handbill, designed by Miss Marjorie Hamilton, used for advertising the great procession of June 21, 1911, in London, was copied by our American friends for Mrs. Pankburst's farewell meeting. It was printed in purple and green.

"UNTIL THE LAST!"

"WOMEN WOULD NOT USE THE VOTE"

The critics are not infallible: they are but mortals, and as such liable to the aphorism that second thoughts are often best. Sir Herbert Tree, in his cration to the enthusiastic audience which called for "Author!" and "Speech!" at the conclusion of the first evening performance of Mr. Israel Zangwill's new experiment in dramatic art referred to this fact, and explained it by the suggestion that new departures into any field of art invariably had to stand a considerable amount of adverse criticism at first. Thus the author and the producer felt a glow of triumph at the justification of their persistence in spite of opposition. It was, moreover, an audience worth convincing which gathered at His Majesty's that Saturday night. As Sir Herbert Tree said, they sat entranced for nearly three hours and then recorded their gratitude in sincere applaase.

Undoubtedly Mr. Israel Zangwill has dared greatly in setting before the world the theme of the abolition of War and the inauguration of the reign of Love and Peace in a play. It has been asserted that the drama is too didactic in tendency. Anyone who holds this view has but to turn to Addison's "Cato," and he will woman. The RIDDLE.*

WOMAN: THE RIDDLE.*

bright, charty unusuations.

"Pixic Peol: A Mirage of Deeps and Shallows"; (Edmund Vale), is a small book of fairy stories, with illustrations by E.R. Herrmann. The stories are slight, graceful, and deal with Such poeticels subjects as Starbeams, Morning Waves, the Paughter of Sleep, the Tear Star.

great tragedy or importance.

As to the acting of the play itself great praise must be given to Mr. Arthur Bourchier as the War God, and Miss Lillah McCarthy as the Goddess of Anaroby. Sir Herbert Tree in his representation of the Saint Frithiof gave us an excellent blending of the patriots Tolstoi and Ferrer.

Is of the general,"
The play may, it is true, be "caviare to the general,"
It it has abundance of beauty and grandeur in it to but it has abundance impress the discerning public.

E. W. D.

"WOMEN'S WORK IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT."+

That women have the municipal franchise has That women have the municipal franchise has long been one of the stock arguments of the Suffrage orator. Nevertheless, it is probably true that only a small proportion of the men and women concerned possess a thorough knowledge of the tangle of local authorities and franchises, rights and disabilities which compose the municipal government of the country. Those whom choice or necessity may lead to take up the study of this question will find themselves under a debt of gratitude to the author of "Women's Work in Local Government" for her simple and straightforward Local Government" for her simple and straightforward exposition of this complicated subject, an exposition at once brief and comprehensive, covering all necessary-ground in the fewest possible words. Much useful information as to the functions and composition of the various local governing bodies and the qualifications of electors and candidates is here given lucidly, and for the most part accurately. An occasional slip occurs, as in the statement, on page 174, that "the first attempt to deal with pauperism by legislation is the Act of 1601." In reality this Act was merely an enlargement and codification of several earlier statutes. and codification of several earlier statutes.

A book so severely utilitarian in scope scarcely calls for criticism except in matters of fact, yet we find it difficult to close without protesting against the mis-chievous assumption running through the whole work that the sole justification for women's share in local government lies in their special fitness for the super-vision or performance of certain purely "womanly" activities. Women are human beings before they are women, and their claim to municipal rights, as to the Parliamentary franchise, rests upon the fact that as human beings they are entitled to the fullest possible

the woman's instinct is right.

Many things had amazed him—not the least of them the reflection that he had, been able and even content to stand on the threshold of his domestic Eden all these wasted years. For the financial bugbear, was spiked—quite spiked. In some inexplicable way she made his present eighteen shillings go garther and go better for a pair than his past pound had gone for one.

SHORT REVIEWS.

"The Human Compass." to By Bapers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these, Bart Kennedy, is papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these, Bart Kennedy, is papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these, Bart Kennedy, is papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these, Bart Kennedy, is papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these, Bart Kennedy, is papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these, Bart Kennedy, is papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these part kennedy, is papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous, co., of our human, well, com from these papers on the various points—the cynical, hun native, adventurous points—the cynical, hun native, adventure, advent

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"Cato" the lesson is crammed into the reader's ears against the stomach of his sense. But in this modern play the theories are living theories which are being evolved and argued out before our eyes.

Again, some critics have disliked the use of blank verse throughout a modern play. This is because some people have theorised blank verse into something divine. The best proof that blank verse is a serviceable literary weapon is proved by the way people unconsciously adopt it in speaking. It is a merely arbitrary criterion which relegates it only to scenes of great tragedy or importance.

WOMAN: THE RIDLE.

It has often been said that woman is a riddle no man can understand. Dr. Schirmacher in her latest work seis out to show us in the form of deftly worded aphorisms the cause of the riddle and its ultimate solution.

"This is a book of tears and indignation" is the motton of the play itself great praise must be shown in the form of deftly worded aphorisms the cause of the riddle and its ultimate solution.

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"Woman at Work: a Study of the Play Worded aphorisms the cause of the vari move all but the hardest hearts to "tears and indignation." For ages women have thought the things here revealed, but have not dared to speak their minds aloud. Now, thank God, they do dare. We are often told when we thus express ourselves that we are "antiman," and that we are creating a sex war. If there is a sex war, well, it is not of woman's making. No, it is only the pretence and hypocrisy of things we are so tired of, the endless talk of chivalry, protection and honour, of which we hear so much and see so little.

Frl. Schirmacher holds up a mirror for men to view themselves in, as regards their treatment of women all down the ages, and the reflection is not a pretty one. "Ecoism." says the writer, "your name is man."

one. "Egoism," says the writer, "your name is man."
And again she asks, "Who shall measure all the sins
against woman's love? Who shall number the broken pearts? Who collect the bitter tears? Is it not clear

chain she must be terrible?"

Listen, Cabinet Ministers and Men in High Places who shed shocked tears on public platforms at the "insulting" behaviour of the militants; listen, you Members of Parliament who sign protests and wring your hands in pious horror at the deeds of women. Dr. Schirmacher would make a good advisor to many modern so-called statesmen. Would they could all read her book, "mark, learn, and inwardly digest it."

This mad race (the author continues) against the Empirich.

Town Hall, Thus-raiv, January 18: Baths Assembly Hall. Thus-raiv, January 18: Baths Assembly Hall.

This mad rage (the author continues) against the English Suffragettes is because they have taken the man-made idols of he ideal woman and hurled them from their altars.

When women put freedom before convention, when they lemand their human birthright, then they are rebels against man's authority. Muzzle them as you would mad dogs. And o it happened in the beginning of the 20th century. And that n' 'Free' England.

In this idol-breaking age some throw down the gods and have nothing else to put in their place. Not so Frl. Schirmacher, an idol-breaker in truth, but when Frl. Schirmacher, an idol-breaker in truth, but when she has finished she turns with gentler hand to put up something better. The book closes with an appeal to men to let their higher nature direct them to help woman to her freedom, and to let her work with man for the salvation of the world, not as a supplement but as a complement. The solution of the riddle is easy: "Woman is a riddle to those only who will not regard her in the light of a human being."

K. Douglas Smith

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THE SOCIAL CANKER.

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The saure of self-government, and to the exercise of all their powers in any way not injurious to the community.

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The simplest and most effective test of the quality of a novel is its effect on the reader. Do the characters live? If they are pictured in his mind, if at the end he feels he is parting with friends, then the author has folded a piece of real life within the pages. There is no doubt about the vitality of the people in Mr. Robert

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As there has been some misunderstanding of the position Iceland, it is interesting to learn from an authentic some that the Icelandic women have a good prospect of receivitheir citizen rights next year. All the parties are favour of full suffrage for women, but by the constitution the motion for adult suffrage, which was passed last springuist pass unchanged in two althings or Parliaments.

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In our issue of October 13 we gave an account of the ca of Miss Jessie Brown, who was charged and convicted 1907 of soliciting for prostitution; after producing medie evidence she succeeded in having the conviction quashe but received no compensation and no legal vindication the terrible charge. The Personal Rights Associatio 11, Abbeville Road, London, S.W., have worked bravely her behalf with no satisfactory result, and they have no printed the whole correspondence with the Government, pamphlet form. Mr. Mabon, of Glasgow, writes to us, als stating that Miss Brown's case was first purposely delay by the officials concerned, and that they how contend shas no claim as the did not bring the action within the statutory time.

An interesting survey of the feminist movement in rance, by Miss Constance Aston, appeared in the Standard 39, SOUTHAMPTON ROW, W.C. Woman's Platform on December 29.

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DO UT DES.

(I give that you may give.)

In a notable speech (September, 1878), the great Chancellor of the German Empire, Bismarck, pointed out to his Parliament that the basis of all political out to his Parliament that the basis of all political negotiation was the principle do ut des (I give that you may give). He proceeded to refute a statement made by Bebel concerning an alleged political understanding arrived at between himself (Bismarck) and the Socialist orator Lassalle, by saying: "He (Lassalle) had nothing which he could have given me as a Minister. . . He was not a man with whom definite agreements upon the basis of do ut des could be consolided."

that only one price would procure that support, it mediately opened negotiations with the Irish Party at only one price would procure that support, it mediately opened negotiations with the Irish Party dominited itself to the introduction of a Home at the Bill for Ireland. No principle other than the inciple of do ut des would have availed the Irish ople in their struggle for national self-government. Again, so long as the Welsh Party put loyalty to beralism glove every other political consideration as

reform, has a constitutional agitation been carried on that can be compared for organisation, for enthusiasm, or for national scope, with the women's agitation. Never or for national scope, with the women sagitation. Never have there been such representative or such great processions, never so many outdoor and indoor demonstrations, assisted by audiences so vast. A comparable agitation carried out by voters in whose power it lay to give or withhold electoral support to the Government would have been accompanied by success long before the movement could have reached the stage of development to which the Woman's Movement has now attained.

From the political point of view there is only one weak-ness in our constitutional agitation. It is that voteless women have next to nothing of political value to ion, the Government has little inducement to enter into any political treaty with us on the do ut des basis.

It is then essential that we obtain and hold posses-It is then essential that we obtain and none possession of some bargaining medium, either gift or weapon; something that the Government of the day desires to get from us, but can only get by political transaction. For so long as we come empty handed with our petitions, just so long shall we see ourselves passed over in favour of those who are able to confer support or to give trouble.

It was the instinctive realisation of the underlying rinciple of do ut des in all practical politics that led o the adoption of militant tactics in 1905, and to the subsequent militant campaign in the succeeding six years. Militancy is a weapon that the Government would fain induce us to hand over. True, it is a weapon with a double edge, and wounds the hand that uses it; but that is the accepted price of its acquirement. It hurts the Government above and beyond any power of retaliation which the Government possesses. The very

cluded."

In other words, he who has nothing in his hand of political value to give or to withhold, is without the means of entering into any political transaction with the Government of the day. It stands to reason that his claims will be passed over in favour of the claims of those who have it in their power to strengthen or to weaken the Ministry.

We see the dictum of Prince Bismarck concerning the do ut des principle of practical politics exemplified on every hand in the political world at the present time. Two or three cases drawn from the immediate situation at home will suffice to illustrate the fact.

When the Liberal Party in 1906 found themselves in series of pledges was made. A vague promise was

at home will suffice to illustrate the fact.

When the Liberal Party in 1906 found themselves in power with a majority so great that they were independent of the Irish vote in the House of Commons, they showed no disposition whatever to touch the question of Home Rule or to commit themselves in any way to the Irish Party. But when in 1910 the Government realised that, owing to the heavy reduction of its majority, it was in the power of the Irish Party to give or to withhold the support which was necessary to its secure tenure of office, when it realised, moreover, that only one price would procure that support, it

Rule Bill for Ireland. No principle other than the principle of do ut des would have availed the Irish people in their struggle for national self-government.

Again, so long as the Welsh Party put loyalty to Liberalism above every other political consideration, so long as they were prepared to give political support without exacting political dues, just so long was their demand for Welsh Disestablishment practically ignored. But when the Welsh deputation said, in effect, to the Prime Minister: "We have given, in the belief that you were prepared to give; henceforward we shall withhold if you withhold," on that day Welsh Disestablishment became practical politics.

The negotiations that took place prior to the introduction of Mr. Lloyd George's National Insurance Bill afford a third obvious illustration of the working of the do ut des principle. It was essential to the Government to gain the support of the Friendly Societies, with their hundreds of thousands of organised voters who comprise their membership. For this support the Government had to make great concessions and to give large material benefits; indeed, to a very large extent, the Friendly Societies were able to dictate the terms of the Bill. This fact has been a main cause of the trouble that has arisen with respect to the medical profession. At a somewhat late hour of the day the doctors have discovered the do ut des principle. It has dawned upon them that it is in their power to give or withhold that co-operation which is indispensable to the success of the Siekness Insurance scheme. If they are united and determined we shall see the Government inserts a clause giving equal franchise rights to men and women as a part of its Reform the Government inserts a clause giving equal franchise rights to men and women as a part of its Reform the Government inserts a clause giving equal franchise rights to men and women as a part of its Reform the Government inserts a clause giving equal franchise will be able to conclude an honourable and a lasting peace upon

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

By Lady Stout (wife of the Chief Justice of the Country).

From time to time one is met by the statement that | The National Provident Fund Act provides for a he enfranchisement of New Zealand women has had no effect except on Temperance Reform. When legislation affecting women and children is mentioned, one finds that complete ignorance of its significance and purport prevails amongst otherwise well-informed people. One reason is that law-abiding persons and others whose ason is that law-abiding persons and others whose interests are confined to their own pursuits and amusements do not take the trouble to investigate the conditions of life by which they are surrounded. Another act, the divorce can be refused. In the case of the wife suing for divorce the same rule applies. ions of life by which they are surrounded. Another

January 5, 1912.

never been a "sex vote;" and was secured by the goodwill and co-operation of men and women without arousing any bitter sex antagonism.

Men of worth of both parties have always been ready and willing to develop the woman's point of
view in legislation for the improvment of the social,
economic, and industrial conditions of women and
children. Any restrictions, and there are many, that
have been imposed upon women's labour and hours of
work have been in the interest and with the full conwork have been in the interest and with the full conence of the workers themselves.

The following list of Acts will show that it is well for the home and the State to be governed by the united ote of men and women :-

An Act to admit women to practise at the Bar. University Act, making absolute equality for men and women in education, scholarship and degrees.

Education Act—equality of both sexes. (Co-lucation which is universal in the Primary, Secondary dd University education, except in High Schools and rivate Schools, has proved an unqualified success.) Compulsory Attendance at Continuation Schools Act

lity for boys and girls.

mical Schools Act—equality for both sexes.

Old Age Pensions.

ts' Registry Office Act.—This Act, which makes Servants' Registry Office Act.—This Act, which makes teompulsory for Registry Offices to be licensed, ensures he safety of young girls and prevents the danger of shite slave traffic. A writer in the Morning Post, in elittling this Act, is evidently unaware of its significance. The Adoption of Children Act.—No premiums being allowed to adopting parents, and a magistrate's sanction prequired, safeguards children from cruelty and

The Protection of Children Act.—Strict regulations and the inspection of boarded-out children prevents

reasing individual responsibility.
The Testator's Family Maintenance Act empowers

the Supreme Court to cancel any will which does not ake sufficient provision for the testator's wife, hus-The Succession Act provides a fair division of pro-

perty to wife, husband, or family. There is no male entail, and landed as well as personal property can be e Inalienable Annuities Act ensures maintenance efective and invalid children, and prevents their

portion being seized for debt. the Maintenance Act provides for the maintenance wife and family, and makes provision for maintenate orders being enforced in adjacent colonies. It

aminal or neglected children, from which changes and out and their wages banked by the Government. Aubsidies are paid to private bodies which maintain adustrial schools and orphanages, but all such schools are formed in legislation which are making the Domir a paradise for men as well as women and children.

must be under Government inspection.

The Maternity Homes Act provides a fortnight's accommodation in a Maternity Home. Visiting midwives and maternity allowances to expectant mothers are provided for women in their own homes.

Subsidies are paid to the Salvation Army and other belies from the salvation from the sal

bodies for rescue and reformatory work.

A deserting husband or the putative father of an expected illegitimate child may be prevented from

unishment for sexual offences—from five years' to life aprisonment, with floggings, is given according to the prioring set of the offence and the age of the victim. (The indeterminate sentence makes possible life imprisonment for moral imbeciles, degenerates of both

xes, and habitual criminals.)

The Prison Reform Act substitutes reformatory for mittive methods in dealing with offenders.

The First Probation Offenders Act has been the

means of saving many offenders from a criminal career.
The Indecent Publication Act is used to suppress indecent pictures and immoral literature and plays.

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The influence of the women's vote is seen and felt in all our legislation, although no attempt has even been made to arouse sex antagonism. The sense of justice which prevails, and which insists upon the punishment of the guilty party instead of his victim, in cases of seduction, has attained a high level in New Zealand.

There are many cases in which the voice of honest indignation has been raised against the man whose neglect and selfishness have driven a shamed and hunted girl to desperation, which clearly prove that the tone of morality has been raised and the sense of

justice aroused in men as well as women.

The Factory Laws which provide equal pay for equal work for men and women, and ensure healthy conditions of work and a minimum wage of £1 5s. per week for women, which have made sweating impossible, show the benefits working women have received as the direct or indirect result of the power of the vote. I have the testimony of Mr. Tregear, who was head of the Government Labour Department for twenty years, to the effect that the present generation of women think that things were always as satisfactory, and have forgotten that their mothers had to work for so little wages and so long

The Destitute Persons Act makes the maintenance of relatives compulsory, and removes burdens from the Charitable Aid Boards and the ratepayers, besides increasing individual regressified to the compulsory of the women of the Dominion, was welcomed as a protection to their burden and so long the compulsory military. was welcomed as a protection to their homes. The provision in the Bill for the exclusion of alcohol from the military camps was insisted upon as a safeguard

from temptation to their sons. The Temperance regulations which have reduced crime and drunkenness in the districts in which they are enforced are an example of the voting woman's foresight and care for the future of her children and

Sir Joseph Ward has made a proposal to the New Zealand Parliament to add fifty per cent. to old age pensions, when the pensioners have children under pensions, when the pensioners have enharm under sixteen years of age, and to pay 7s. 6d. to 10s. per week to widows, irrespective of age, who have young children. No doubt the proposals will be carried as they are acceptable to women voters, who have to be reckoned with at the coming General Election.

also makes provision for wages to be paid to prisoners for the maintenance of wife and family. A woman can sue for maintenance while living with her husband. The Industrial Schools Act provides schools for criminal or neglected children, from which children are The real power of the woman's vote in New Zealand itself cannot stand, but the united and loyal comrade-ship of men and women have secured for New Zealand reforms in legislation which are making the Dominion

I am a tool in mighty hands;
Though of myself no strength have I,
Yet, if He strike with me, the lands Shall reel and the great mountains cry.

And if He use me as His torch,
My heat shall drink the eternal wave
And the hot tongue of flame shall scor
The hidden depths of ocean caves.

If as a lamp He make me shine,
My glow shall pale each fire afar,
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It has taken me four years to screw my courage to militant pitch, but it is done now. Miss Evelyn Sharp's speech at the Savoy Theatre finally shamed me out of my cowardice. I, too, am a writer, I have lived in imagination just those dark hours; I have been afraid of fear. One by one Miss Sharp knocked over the obstacles I had raised for myself—little nhiepins of art and temperament. They are gone; please put my name down for the next deputation.

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House of Commons has been pledged to this reform. But we are fully aware of the urgent need of making Woman Suffrage a Party question, and it is to that end that the antigonerment policy of the W.S.P.U. is directed. Every man and yoman believing in the enfranchisement of women ought to unite in this teffort to compel the Laberal leaders to embody Woman Suffrage in their Reform Bill.

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RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

THE WIND AND THE POSTER.

An Incident at a Country Station. By Elizabeth Kirk.

January 5, 1912.

Just then a man walked past. He held his hat on with one hand, and in the other he carried a stick, with which he slashed at the

carried a stick, with which he slashed at the Poster as he passed.

The Poster shivered. "They often do that," she said, "and the women's skiris brush against me, and I often hear." And the Station Master," shouted the Wind, "said something little girls ought not to hear, when they put you up this morning. I was quiet for a minute just then and heard." The Poster answered from the stones where she lay, face downwards, "It's nice to think of you quiet sometimes. I suppose, as you're so masterful, you can pick me up, now you're thrown me down."

"Oh! easily! You just see!" He hustled

so masterful, you can pick me up, now you've thrown me down."

"Oh! easily! You just see!" He hustled round the Poster, tossed it high in the air, and across to the other side of the station. Here the busy young man in charge of the bookstall hald his turn. He caught it on his stick, and tore it in two. The Wind then claimed it again, throw it into the sir, then flung what was left of it into the steaming face of the engine of the down train just coming in. The busy young man at the bookstall found time to look and laugh. The Wind whistled.

An hour later the Station Master came on to the platform and eyed the empty space. "One of your posters has gone." He addressed himself to the young man at the bookstall. "What with the Insurance Bill, the Durbar, the wreek of the Delhi, and the attack on the Chancellor of the Exchequer, we want all your posters now."

Oh, that one don't matter," said the busy g man; "that's only VOTES FOR

The two men looked at the empty space and laughed.

Ten minutes later a nice looking girl came on to the platform. Her coat and skirt were white, and she wore at her waist, and throat the colours of the Poster. She had kind, blue eyes, and pretty curly hair. Her eyes searched the station for something she could not see, so she went to the bookstall and held out a penny. "VOTES FOR WOMEN, please," she said. The busy young man eyed her, then from the depths of his stall he produced the paper. Le girl thanked him; then, "Where is our caster?" she asked.

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An Incident at a Country Station. By Elizabeth Kirk.

"I wish you wouldn't be so boisterous," said the Poster; "you almost blow me away. You hustle so."

"Well, I'm sure!" answered the Wind. "I like that! I thought you belonged to the people who're always being hustled! I see you are decorated with purple and green."

"Yes," replied the Poster, "so I do; tut you forget, we are not always hustled—only when we go to Westminster—"

"Oh! Stop!" roared the Wind. "Now you're going to begin Women's Suffrage, and politics. Blow your ideas. Keep them to yourself!"

"You are blowing them," answered the Poster, meekly.

"You'd get your vote much quicker if you had less to say," went on the Wind, who to-day was inclined to bluster. "Men don't like such a lot of talk. Few words, with a meaning, suits them better."

"Well, really,"said the Poster, with more spirit than she had yet shown, "I don't think you've used your eyes. There's not a poster on this station with fewer words than mine, and yet how much my five words mean: "How—we—slenced—Mr.—Asquith."

"Oh! be quiet, do,;" roared the Wind. "Who wants to know about, you and Mr.—Squith? You'd do well to keep clear of the whole thing, and let yourself out to some respectable paper."

"Like the Daily News or the Star?" suggested the Poster.

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The wind blows free across the downs And lays the heavens bare. What of the air in Holloway, That dead and deadening air?

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Yet would I give the light and sun,
The wind-swept country fuir,
For just one cell in Holloway
And the right to enter there.

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Saturday, 6	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Mrs. Kranich	8 p.m.
n 11	High Barnet, Market Place	Miss Glover	8 p.m.
9 H	Ilford, Balfour Road	Miss M. M. Rogers	8 p.m.
11 11 11	Kilburn, 215, High Road	Leadless Glaze Bazaar	o p.m.
		At Home, Miss Emily Davison, Miss	Charles III
11 11 111	H. 31 HILLIAM		
		Constance Coopman, Miss Sydney	
		Keith, Miss Dorothy Slade, Mr.	C-335
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to 15	Birchington Road	Miss Gwen Richard	8 p.m.
. 11 10 111	Wimbledon Broadway	Miss Lennox	7 p.m.
Monday, 8	Crouch End, 28, Weston Park	Committee Meeting	8 p.m.
	Croydon, 50, High Street	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.
uesday, 9	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.
Vednesday, 10	Barnet, 13, S rafford Road	Members' Conversazione	8 p.m.
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	Cedars Road and Queen's Road		6
	Bankardan Mana Park Bank		8 p.m.
	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Mrs. Penn Gaskell, Miss Bickerton	8 p.m.
11 11 10	Ilford, Earl of Essex (outside)	Miss M. Harvey	8 p.m.
11 11 m	Kilburn, Birchington Road	Miss H. Gargett, Miss Jacobs	8 p.m.
Thurst 11	West Ham, Earlham Hall	Members' Meeting	
Thursday, 11	Ilford, 68, Cranbrook Road		8 p.m.
11 11 110	Tollington Park, N., St. Mark's	Mrs. Furley Smith, Rev. F. M.	
	Church Room	Green	8 p.m.
Friday, 12	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.
11 11 11 111	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	N.W. London Members	8 p.m.

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