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THE COMING TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS.



"It is the duty of the National League for Opposing Woman Suffrage to stir up people from their apathy . . . there is very great risk that the Conciliation Bill will be rushed through Parliament . . ."

—LORD CROMER.

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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 fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

This paper will fall into the hands of many people who have never read a copy of VOTES FOR WOMEN before. They will be anxious to find out from it the answer to several questions. In the first place they will want to know the party complexion of those who have charge of it; is it true that they are all Tories, or is it true that they are all Socialists, or are they all Radicals? Then again they will want to know why women think the vote so important as to carry on this great campaign on its behalf. And, finally, they will expect to learn from it the nature of the Bill which it

is hoped to carry through Parliament, the number of women it will enfranchise, and what are its prospects of success.

To What Political Party do we belong?

A glance at the pages of this paper will be perhaps sufficient to answer the first question. On one page will be found the report of a speech, at a meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union which controls the paper do not belong to any political party; some of them were members of the Liberal party, others were members of the Conservative party, others of the Labour party, others of the Irish party. All of them have left their party to stand shoulder to shoulder in fighting the great battle of women's enfranchisement.

Why Do Women Want the Vote?

The second question cannot be answered completely within the compass of a single issue of this paper. One aspect is given in the speech of Mr. Ponsonby, M.P., reported on page 677, another in the leading article by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, a third in the review of Mrs. Gilman's book on page 674, a fourth in our criticism which appears in another column on the position of women under the Insurance Bill. Broadly it may be said that women want the vote for two reasons: firstly,

in order that their point of view may be brought to bear on the problems which confront the Government of the country—problems of poverty, of sickness, of crime, of infant mortality, and many others too numerous to name—and, secondly, in order that the laws may be made and administered fairly as between men and women, and that the status of women in the country may be put on a proper level. It is only by following this movement closely, by reading the columns of this paper regularly week by week, that the full meaning and value of the enfranchisement of women will be appreciated.

What Women Will be Enfranchised?

The third question we set ourselves to answer relates to the Woman Suffrage Bill at present before Parliament. It is not a Bill prepared by the Woman Suffrage societies, but by a committee of Members of Parliament drawn from all political parties. It is known as the Conciliation Bill, and its effect would be to enfranchise women householders who number in all about a million women. When it is remembered that there are seven and a-half million men on the register it will be seen that the Bill is moderate. When it is realised that eighty per cent. of the women householders of the country belong to the working classes it will be seen that the Bill is democratic.

Prospects of Success.

The main obstacle to the passage of a Woman Suffrage Bill in the past has been the opposition of the Government, which has refused to allow the time of the House of Commons to be devoted to it, so that, though it has

repeatedly passed its second reading by an overwhelming majority, it has gone no further. This obstacle has now been removed by Mr. Asquith so far as the Session of 1912 is concerned; and therefore we are confident that next year will see the Bill carried into law.

Support in the Country.

In addition to the evidence of support provided by the Woman Suffrage Societies, who have demonstrated in enormous numbers, practically every organised body of women has expressed itself either by petition or resolution in favour of the Bill. Moreover, more than 90 city and town councils and 30 district councils, including the important councils of Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Birmingham, Bangor, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, and Cork, have passed resolutions urging its passage into law. During the past week this list has been augmented by the County Council of Carnarvonshire, which has carried a resolution praying that the Bill may be carried in 1912. The latest addition is Porthcawl. At the By-elections where the W.S.P.U. is conducting a vigorous campaign there are strong evidences that the electors support the women's claim; particulars of the campaign will be found on page 672.

The Insurance Bill.

We have already referred to the Insurance Bill as an illustration of the need of women for the Parliamentary vote. During the past week this Bill has been under the consideration of the members of the House of Commons, and several clauses, including many that affect women, have been carried through Committee. It is not possible for us to follow in detail the deliberations of that Chamber, but we may say that, so far as women are concerned, the Bill remains substantially as it was originally drafted. Mr. Lloyd George rejecting, and insisting the House of Commons to reject amendments by which their position would have been improved by telling the House that he could not find the money necessary for the purpose.

How the Bill Treats Married Women.

The most important point on which the Bill differentiates between men and women occurs in the case of the married woman who gives up her whole life to the care of her home and her children. She is penalised absolutely by this provision, being totally excluded from its provisions. Mr. Lloyd George has already specifically rejected an amendment which would have made it possible at a later stage of the Bill to include her among insured persons. When she is insured there will be, in the first place, no benefit money, therefore, if as she is, she will have to drag herself through her whole round of household duties because she cannot afford to pay anyone else to do her work. In the second place there will be no free medical attendance, therefore, to a large extent, she will be unattended to; an amendment to provide medical attendance for the wives of insured persons was specifically rejected by Mr. Lloyd George on the ground of cost. If she is consumptive she is forbidden the use of the sanatoria, and will, therefore, remain in the home, to the great detriment of herself and her whole family.

Women Obtain a Lower Scale of Benefit.

Another serious blot on the Bill is the lower scale of benefit which is given to the woman who out of her own earnings becomes an insured person. Where the man is entitled to 10s. a week, the woman only obtains 7s. 6d. a week. It is said in answer to this that the woman pays a smaller premium, but this is not true in the vast majority of cases, for where a woman earns less than 15s. a week in wages (and the number of women who earn more than this is comparatively few) she pays precisely the same premium as the man who is earning a similar amount. Mr. Lloyd George defends the differentiation on the ground that the women will cost more to insure, and argues that as the men's and women's funds will be kept separate there can be no injustice. But the fallacy of this reasoning lies in the assumption that it is just to throw the whole burden of insuring the widows on to the women's side of the account. They have grown old in caring for their home and family, and have been prohibited from contributing during their healthy years as wife and mother. What is needed for their insurance after their husband has been taken away ought to fall partly, at any rate, on the money paid by men.

The Treatment of Domestic Servants.

Domestic servants and their employers are compelled to pay the insurance premium, but neither the one nor the other reap any benefit from the Bill under ordinary circumstances. This is the result of a provision by which no benefits are given where the employee receives board and lodging from the employer. A slight concession has been made in this clause in Committee, Mr. Lloyd George having agreed to reduce the servant's contribution by 1d. and the employer's by the same amount where a definite contract to provide board and lodging has been made. But even if this contract be made, which will only happen occasionally, our statement remains the same; for it has been the custom hitherto for a servant who is ill to remain in the house of her employer and to be provided by him with medical attendance. She will therefore gain nothing by the Bill, while her wages will be docked to the amount of 2d. or 3d. a week as the case may be.

Other Grave Defects.

We very much regret that the space at our disposal this week prohibits us from dealing with many other grave defects which are to be found in the Bill so far as women are concerned. There is the question of maternity benefit, of women nurses, of unmarried mothers, of the treatment of women under the Post Office scheme, &c., &c., all of which reinforce our argument that a better and fairer Bill would have been produced if women had had the same power to enforce their point of view which men possess in the Parliamentary vote. We also have a weighty letter sent to us by the Countess of Selborne and others dealing with this Bill, as well as one from Miss Juliette Heale. These we are unavoidably obliged to hold over to next week, when we hope to be in a position to print them in full. We shall also publish a special article dealing with the position of women under the Bill.

Items of Interest.

Mr. McGowan, Prime Minister of New South Wales, speaking recently at Oldham, said that the idea that women would become less womanly when they had the vote had been completely disproved by the experience of Australia, where women were as good mothers as ever. The woman's vote had brought a new moral quality into political affairs. We regret that owing to lack of space several valuable articles, letters and reports are held over to next week.

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" WEEK.

The members and friends of the W.S.P.U. are working with redoubled vigour during the coming week (July 13-20), their object being to secure 1,000 new permanent readers for VOTES FOR WOMEN. Last week we published messages of encouragement from Lady Robert Cecil, Mr. Israel Langwith, Mr. Albert Dawson, Princess Bariantsky, and others. We have also messages from Lady Sybil Smith, Miss Elizabeth Hobins, Lady Muir-Mackenzie, Miss Evelyn Sharp, and others, which we hope to publish next week.

"VOTES."

It flutters in their faces, it lurks in queer places, It whispers from under the floor, Appealing and smiling it scatters the tiling, And thunders at Downing-street door: From cobwebs and ceilings it works on their feelings, In sky and in water it floats, They may run like a hare, they may speed through the air, But they can't get away from the "VOTES."

They may screw up the casements, and clear out the basements, To keep every woman aloof, Down passages sneaking, they've scarce begun speaking, When it chirps like a bird from the roof; Through grille bars it flutters, it stands in the gutters, It drives in "Maria," it moans, They may build themselves round, they may crawl underground, But they'll always run up against "VOTES."

It springs like a rocket from Elibank's pocket If Ministers ask for advice, It comforts their dry days, it's served up on Fridays For breakfast with Suffragette epics; When muffins are toasted, and sentries are posted, The Premier on reading it gloats, Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, when left in the lurch It cry out for the helping of "VOTES."

We can do without Cromer and Herbert Mienomen, We can do without Wardenian tracts, We can do without Curzon, Orientalised person, And Fifteen or fifty odd Facts, And Home Office messes, and A with two SS, Whatever that spelling denotes, We can do without Anting and Adulterant canting, But what should we do without "VOTES"?

H. W. N.

MADAME LIZA LEHMANN.

I have the greatest pleasure in telling you that, in my humble opinion, the paper VOTES FOR WOMEN is inspired and inspiring. I can say no more!

THE EARL OF LYTON.

In view of your special effort at this moment to extend the circulation of VOTES FOR WOMEN, I should be glad if you will allow me to state briefly what I conceive to be the value of your paper to the Suffrage movement. For my part I value it for its news, since it is the only publication having a wide circulation which gives anything like an adequate account of the growth of the Woman Suffrage movement from week to week. The leading daily papers, being avowedly organs of party opinion, studiously avoid giving any information concerning this non-party movement, and one may search their columns in vain for any indication of the astounding progress which it has made in the last five years. Editorial comment is of little value in the formation of public opinion, but knowledge of facts is essential, and for an accurate knowledge of the facts of the Woman Suffrage agitation your paper is indispensable. Only those who read it regularly can know the extent and the intensity of the demand for this reform throughout the country, and for this reason alone Suffragists of all shades of opinion, whether they support the policy of your Union or not, should take it in. Personally, I could not do without it, being entirely dependent upon it for my knowledge of the progress of the movement.

MRS. WOLSTENHOLME ELMY.

I want to congratulate you on the effective service now being rendered to the cause of justice between the sexes by your admirable paper VOTES FOR WOMEN, which I read every week with increasing pleasure. This paper is undoubtedly rendering immense service to the cause of the speedy enfranchisement of women which I regard as absolutely essential to the effective establishment of that justice between the sexes from which shall assuredly spring all other social and political justice. The establishment of that justice here will speedily be followed by its establishment in all other civilised lands, and will mean in its final development the recognition and quickening to their fullest development of the three great moral forces of Justice, Truth, and Love.

MRS. ANNIE BESANT.

The value of the present political movement among women seems to me to be that it brings into political life, in an open and legitimate way, a force differing in quality, and not only in degree, from the forces already there. The woman's view of life, her sense of duty, her mingled strength and tenderness, are complementary to the masculine view which is now supreme. Women understand far better than do men that the object of government is the happiness of the governed, and that unbridled liberty to waste one's own life and to sadden the lives of others is not conducive to happiness either for the waster or his surroundings. Woman is essentially an educator, and is far more practical than man. Her educational powers applied to human needs will

solve many of the practical problems which confront us, and, as she is winning her place by self-sacrifice, she is building the character of the true ruler, and will, we may hope, replace the idea of Rights by that of Duty.

MISS ETHEL SMYTH, Mus.Doc.

The reason why VOTES FOR WOMEN is so engrossing is, I believe, because it not only registers faithfully the invasion of every province of life by a new spiritual force, but directs and stimulates this force in exactly the right way. Clever, amusing, exciting, it is equally strong, grave, uncompromising; at times, when occasion demands, even portentous. I read, and often re-read, every word of each number; and for it is a sign of infatuation or mental debility, it is one common to many of our readers!

MR. LAURENCE HOUSMAN.

To a living movement every fresh form of service asked for and given adds life. For it is a virtue in human nature that service makes us keen. VOTES FOR WOMEN, by its constant demands, has been a great instrument in producing keen workers for the cause. Every VOTES seller in the street has become more deeply in earnest through undertaking a work which at first was distasteful. It is this contagious spirit planting itself at street corners, going through all ranks, which gives to the movement its perfect circulation and its health. That is why I see in each VOTES seller a standard of victory. That is why I wish to see more.

THE COUNTESS OF SELBORNE.

I think every woman who is anxious to see her sex enfranchised must feel what a debt of gratitude we owe to the suffrage papers. The weekly VOTES FOR WOMEN is a means of reaching thousands of women who do not go to public meetings. We Conservatives feel that the great moderation in the tone of the paper, and the generous desire to sink all differences on other political questions, in order to bring all opinions favourable to women's suffrage to a focus, merit our gratitude, and although we differ as to the means by which the vote should be obtained, we hope that troublous days are past, and that it will be possible in the future for all suffrage societies to work in complete unison until the vote is granted.

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VOTES FOR WOMEN WEEK.

July 13 to July 20.

As is ever the case with the Women's Social and Political Union, members are taking up the plans for the next important piece of work with enthusiasm, and the success of VOTES FOR WOMEN week is already assured. Though the week proper has not yet commenced, between 50 and 100 new subscribers have been already sent in, and promises to obtain over 250 more have already reached the office. I am confident we shall reach and overpass the figure of a thousand promises for new subscribers.

How splendidly members are responding to the appeal for spreading the knowledge of the paper is shown by letters which are coming by every post. One tells of a special VOTES FOR WOMEN campaign which is being conducted among her neighbours by a working woman who walked in the London Procession under the banner of Newcastle. She holds kitchen meetings and crams 30 to 35 into her kitchen while she explains to them the meaning of the movement. On these days she gets up at 4.30 to do her washing and her housework. She regards herself as fully rewarded by securing the sale of six dozen copies of the paper every week.

Another letter is from a London member, Mrs. Hartley Withers, who writes:— I have been ill and confined to bed for a fortnight with two nurses and much medical attendance. I am subscribing to twelve copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN, and enclose the order forms and a cheque for the amount. This is all I can do for the moment, but I will spread our literature and preach our gospel as much as I can.

It is because members of the Union feel and act like this with regard to the paper that no task is beyond accomplishment. In addition to the direct individual work of securing new subscribers there are other ways of rendering invaluable assistance to the paper. Some members are promising to give a certain number of hours regularly each week to selling in the street. Others are promising to canvass certain streets. Another important thing is to deal only with firms advertising in the paper, and thereby assist the advertisement revenue. Special schemes of work are being undertaken during the week.

In London a special house-to-house canvass is being undertaken, with a view to securing new subscribers. On both Thursdays there is to be a great paper-selling brigade, which will start out from the Woman's Press at 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Every member is invited to take part in this. All those who cannot come at the above mentioned times are asked to give what time they can during the day. On the Saturday and the Wednesday a Procession of Press Cards will leave the Woman's Press at 12 noon. A great number of paper-sellers dressed in white and wearing the colours are needed to fill two of these carts. The rest of the procession will be through the West End, and as it passes each theatre two or three of the sellers will descend to sell papers to the people in the queues.

The programme of work which is being carried out in other parts of the country will be found in detail on pages 680 of seq. under "Campaign Notes." Last, but not least, every member of the Union is asked to hang out from her window either a flag or a banner to advertise the paper. These banners and any further particulars can be obtained from Miss Craggs, at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road. Tel., 3,961 City.

F. W. P. L.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus.

Come to the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, next Monday afternoon! On July 17, 24, and 31 the usual weekly Monday afternoon meetings will be held there. After July these meetings will be discontinued for the holidays, but will recommence at the London Pavilion on Monday, October 2, at 3 p.m. for 3.15. Next Monday, July 17, one of the speakers will probably be a Unionist Member of Parliament. F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq., will also speak. Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., will take the chair. Two Liberal Members, Sir Alfred Mond and Mr. Walter Ruch, have consented to speak on July 24 and 31 respectively. On Thursday, July 20, the speakers at the Steinway Hall at 8 p.m. will be Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Dr. L. D. Fairfield, and others. Similar meetings are held throughout the country in all centres where the Union is represented.

Mrs. Pankhurst's Tour in Wales.

Miss Barrett, 104, Cathedral Road, Cardiff, would be glad of more offers of help with the meetings arranged during Mrs. Pankhurst's tour in Wales. Offers of hospitality would also greatly facilitate arrangements. During the tour Mrs. Pankhurst will speak at the Coliseum, Aberystwyth, on Friday, July 21, at 8.15 p.m.; at the Assembly Hall, Barmouth, on Monday, July 24, at 8.15 p.m.; at the Town Hall, Rhyl, on Wednesday, July 26, at 8.15 p.m.; at the Public Hall, Colwyn Bay, on Friday, July 28, at 3 p.m.; and at the Town Hall, Llandudno, the same evening at 8.15 p.m., at the Albert Hall, Llandrindod Wells, on Tuesday, August 1, at 8.15 p.m.; at the Victoria Hall, Llanwrtyd Wells, on Wednesday, August 2, at 8 p.m., and at the Gatehouse Assembly Rooms, Tenby, on Friday, August 4, at 8 p.m.

Albert Hall Meeting in November.

In order that members may have the opportunity of inviting friends whom they meet on their holiday, the announcement of the next great meeting in the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday evening, November 16, has already been made. Tickets are now ready, and can be obtained by members of the W.S.P.U. for themselves and their friends (men or women) from Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Prices:—Stalls, 2s. 6d.; arena: blocks A and F, 2s.; blocks B, G, D, E, 1s.; balcony: first two rows, 1s.; other rows, 6d.; upper orchestra, 6d.; boxes, £1 10s., £1 1s., and 12s. 6d.

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

"The Master of Mrs. Chivers," by Jerome K. Jerome, has been added to the list of books on sale at the Woman's Press, price 2s. 6d. net. A new pamphlet entitled "In Defence of the Conciliation Bill," by Philip Snowden, M.P., is also on sale, price 1d. The Woman's Press have on sale a splendid series of new photos of the Procession of June 17, unmounted, and measuring three and a-half by six inches, 6d. each. The photos are of the W.S.P.U. leaders, the Indian, Welsh and Finnish contingents, the Scotch Pipers, the Abbesses, and the Pageant societies (separate photo of each section), also photos of Bonkew, Russell, the Empire Car, and others.

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THE W.S.P.U. AND THE BY-ELECTIONS.

The Policy Explained: Great Propaganda Campaigns.

During previous years the policy of the Women's Social and Political Union at by-elections has been anti-Government; the Union called upon electors to reject the nominees of the Government on the ground that his return to Parliament would strengthen the opposition of the Government to women's enfranchisement.

This policy was necessary because it was owing to the obstructive tactics of the Government that a Woman Suffrage Bill could not be carried through the House of Commons, for while declining to introduce and carry a Woman Suffrage Bill of their own, they also refused to allow the time of the House to be devoted to the passage of a Bill introduced by a private member, even though such a Bill passed its second reading by an overwhelming majority. Accordingly, the Union called upon the electors to show by their votes that this policy was displeasing to them.

A few weeks ago Mr. Asquith made a statement on behalf of the Government promising effective facilities during the session of 1912 for the full discussion of all stages of the Conciliation Bill for giving women householders the Parliamentary vote. Therefore, because of this promise the situation has been changed and the Women's Social and Political Union has suspended its anti-Government election policy, and is turning its attention to the attitude of private Members, upon whom devolves the duty of availing themselves of the promised facilities by carrying the Conciliation Bill into law during the time which the Government will set apart for this purpose. The reason why electoral hostilities with the Government have been suspended is that the Government, by promising facilities, have made an important concession to the W.S.P.U. demand. The practical value of this concession will be tested next Session, and if when that time comes the concession were to prove insufficient to secure the enfranchisement of women, then the anti-Government policy, by means of which so much has already been achieved, would naturally be resumed. If the mere provision of facilities should turn out to be inadequate, this would be due to lack of Government authority and driving force behind the Bill, and the Women's Social and Political Union would then call upon the Government to shoulder full responsibility, and themselves to introduce and carry into law a Women's Enfranchisement Bill.

But it is not anticipated that there will be any check to the progress of the Conciliation Bill. On the contrary, members of this Union expect that the Bill will be carried with ease, and comparatively early in the coming Session. It is in order to make certain of this happy ending to the struggle for Woman Suffrage that at by-elections Parliamentary candidates of all parties are asked to pledge themselves, not only to vote for the Woman Suffrage Bill, but to vote against any amendments which in the opinion of the Conciliation Committee would endanger the passage of the Bill. The majority for the second reading is assured; the real difficulty will arise in Committee, when certain members of the House of Commons will be tempted to vote as their own particular fancy prompts, for amendments which, however desirable in theory, cannot, in the state of opinion in the House of Commons, be carried into law. In order to guard against the splitting up of the great Suffragist majority, some lead must be given, and some discipline maintained. As the Government have declined to accept the responsibility of doing this, the Conciliation Committee will naturally undertake the task of piloting the Woman Suffrage Bill. It will be their duty to state what amendments are dangerous to the Bill, and women are entitled to demand that every Member of Parliament who claims to be a Suffragist shall give heed to this warning, and vote against amendments which the Conciliation Committee condemn as dangerous.

Dangerous amendments are clearly defined by Mr. Pensonby, M.P., in a speech reported elsewhere, as being amendments which, while they procure no additional support for the Bill, will rob it of support which it would otherwise obtain. Some of the amendments favoured by certain Liberal M.P.'s would have this effect, and these amendments advanced politicians

such as Mr. Pensonby and Mr. Philip Snowden intend to oppose. We claim that the example which they set shall be followed by others, and our action at the recent and pending by-elections is mainly directed towards this end. Thus, where a candidate refuses to follow the lead of the Conciliation Committee, the W.S.P.U. works against him, provided his opponent is a follower of the Conciliation Committee. Where one candidate is an Anti-Suffragist, and the other, while professing Suffragist views, will not undertake to be loyal to the Conciliation Committee, the W.S.P.U. adopts a neutral attitude, believing that a member who will vote for wrecking amendments is quite as dangerous as one who is an open and direct opponent of the Bill.

WEST SOMERSET.

Polling Day, Friday, July 21.

W.S.P.U. Organiser: Miss Annie Kenney. W.S.P.U. Convention Rooms, Bulford House, Wellington.

Candidates.

Mr. Dudley Ward, (L.)
Col. Byles, (C.)

Result in December: Sir A. F. Acland Hodge returned unopposed.

MEETINGS ARRANGED.

The following meetings have been arranged—
Friday, July 14.—Wellington.
Saturday, July 15.—Wivelcome, Mr. Bradford.

In addition, a large number of meetings are being held in towns and villages in the constituency.

Both candidates have been approached by the W.S.P.U. Colonel Byles has promised to do all in his power to get the Conciliation Bill passed into law next year. Mr. Dudley Ward declares himself an Anti-Suffragist, and will give no undertaking with regard to the Conciliation Bill, to which we understand he is opposed.

The W.S.P.U. are accordingly throwing their influence against the Liberal candidate, Mr. Dudley Ward, who would help to wreck the Bill if returned to Parliament, and to assist in securing the return of the Conservative, Colonel Byles.

From Our Special Correspondent, Tuesday, July 11.

"Mrs. Pankhurst is the finest speaker in the election"—that is the opinion freely expressed by people who attended the two public meetings at Wellington and Minehead. Though everyone had to pay for admission the rooms were full. One gentleman in the audience at Minehead got up when the meeting was drawing to a close and said he should like to move a vote of thanks to Mrs. Pankhurst for having come, and for having made it so clear to them what the movement really means. This was quickly seconded. Another man, when leaving the hall, said, "Oh, she's the finest speaker I have ever heard of. Byles nor Ward can touch her." Another man on being asked to vote for Votes for Women, said, "Not now, I have had enough for one night." He then declared that he would not vote for Byles. "I mean she told us such a lot; she is fine I want to have time to think it all over." The stewards, too, told how the people, in leaving the hall, said not only how they had enjoyed the meeting, but how they saw the whole movement in a different light. Many questions were put at each meeting, and question time was most interesting.

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VOTES FOR WOMEN IS SELLING WELL. The local papers are reporting our songs and the Press generally, both local and Bristol, have made it clear to the public why we are working against the Liberal and supporting the Conservative.

Mrs. Pankhurst's Meeting.

The Somerset County Gazette gives an excellent report of Mrs. Pankhurst's Wellington meeting last Friday, referring to her as the celebrated founder of the society, and relating how copies of the address to the electors of West Somerset, which were distributed in the hall, explained the policy of the Women's Social and Political Union. "With her persuasive eloquence and clear reasoning," says the Gazette, "Mrs. Pankhurst evidently won a

great deal of sympathy from many in the hall, who came, perhaps, in rather a hostile spirit, and her ready answers to all the questions were heartily applauded." The report proceeds:—"Mrs. Dove Wilcox of Bristol, organiser for Wiltshire, presided, and in briefly opening the meeting she said women were taxed, but not represented, and the women of the Social and Political Union were the truest Liberals in the country to-day, because they insisted on that great Liberal principle. (Applause.)

"Mrs. Pankhurst, in the course of a very able address, said they were there taking part in that election because the result of their long struggle for Woman Suffrage had now become a matter of practical politics. They were to have under present conditions a hopeless battle, but of people just on the edge of victory. After five years of ceaseless effort they had obtained the pledge from the Prime Minister that next year if a Women's Suffrage Bill passed its second reading he would not block the way, but would allow enough of Government time for the third reading. That being the case they wanted to make sure of their victory, and at every by-election they approached the candidates to ascertain whether they were in favour of the Bill, and supported one or both according to their answers. Owing to the objection of Radical members of Parliament to any extension of the property qualification the measure was made one of household suffrage, and was the most democratic they could have under present conditions.

Not now Fighting the Government. Having got the Government to grant facilities, they were not fighting the Government; all they were doing was to oppose the man who was against them, and support the man who favoured them. In that particular contest they had two candidates. The Conservative promised to vote for the Bill in all its stages and to do all in his power to get the Conciliation Bill passed into law next year. Mr. Dudley Ward declares himself an Anti-Suffragist, and will give no undertaking with regard to the Conciliation Bill, to which we understand he is opposed.

The W.S.P.U. are accordingly throwing their influence against the Liberal candidate, Mr. Dudley Ward, who would help to wreck the Bill if returned to Parliament, and to assist in securing the return of the Conservative, Colonel Byles.

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NORTH WEST HAM.

Result.
Baron de Forest (L.) 5,607
Sir Ernest Wright (C.) 5,778

Lib. Maj. 4,034
Result in Dec., 1910. (L.) 5,657; (C.) 5,760; Maj. 897.

In North-West Ham the W.S.P.U. carried on a propaganda campaign for neither candidate was satisfactory. The Conservative declared himself against Woman Suffrage, while the Liberal refused to make any promise to give loyal support to the Conciliation Committee. Although the Suffragettes had only been in the constituency four days, it seemed as if the voters of West Ham thoroughly understood the attitude of the W.S.P.U. One meeting was kept on nearly the whole of the day, and an interesting crowd stood for hours listening to what the women had to say. The colours were everywhere, and two shopkeepers in the High Street offered to put up a string of electric wires connected with the trams this could not be done.

The following resolution was passed at five magnificent open-air meetings on the day preceding the poll, at three unanimously, and at two with only two or three dissentients:—"As a condition of our support we, the voters in this meeting, call on Baron de Forest to pledge himself to vote for the Conciliation Bill as it stands, and to avoid voting for any widening amendment which the Conciliation Committee consider will wreck the Government's measure. Will they who are abstain from voting."

BEDEFORDSHIRE SOUTH.
W.S.P.U. Organiser: Miss Jessie Kenney. W.S.P.U. Convention Rooms, London, W.C.
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Candidates.
Mr. Cecil Harcourt (L)
Mr. J. O. Hickman (U)

Result in Dec., 1910. (L.) 7,601; (C.) 6,698. Maj. 903.

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A copy of the resolution was sent to Baron de Forest.

Miss Pankhurst's Meeting.
Long before Miss Pankhurst's meeting of Thursday last was timed to commence, the Tramway Avenue Skating Rink was filled to overflowing, and the appearance of the members of the platform was the signal for a long and enthusiastic outburst of applause. Miss Douglas Smith, who was in the chair, spoke of the urgent need for the enfranchisement of women. Legislation, she said, was encroaching day by day on the sphere of the home, and if the interests of working women were to be protected, it was absolutely necessary that they should have the vote.

Miss Pankhurst, in arguing the case for votes for women, said that if women were physically and mentally fit to work, pay their rates and taxes, and bear all the responsibility of citizenship, they were physically and mentally fit to share in the privileges which, as citizens, they were entitled. Anti-Suffragists objected that women would not know how to use the vote if they had it. As every working man in West Ham knew, women were quite as capable of forming a sound political judgment as the men themselves, and it was only fair that they should be given the vote.

Fair Play for the Bill.
"What they asked now was that their Bill should be given a fair chance. The great difficulty all along had been the veto of the Cabinet. The Government had promised to take away the veto, and it now remained for the private Members of Parliament, and the people of the country, to see that the wrecking tactics of the enemy should not prove successful. It was not only the women who needed Votes for Women, but the men needed it also. They had only to look round them to see that West Ham was not such a very great improvement on the rest of the country. What women wanted was not a very great improvement, but a good spring cleaning. That was what women wanted, to put things straight. But they could never do it until they had the power of the vote behind them. So in their own interests, if for no other reason, she called upon the electors to help the women to do this. What she wanted them to do was this: Go to the candidates and make them promise to vote for the Women's Bill. If they would not do this, she then refused to give their support to either of them. Votes for Women was the question of the hour, and a candidate who would not vote straight on that issue ought not to be returned to Parliament.

If the Bill did not pass into law next year, the Suffragettes would again insist upon their taking the question up, and the policy of "keeping the Liberal out" would once more be adopted. She therefore called upon every Liberal present, in the interests of his own party, to bring his candidate into line and get him to say, before polling day, that he would vote for the Bill, the whole Bill, and nothing but the Bill.

Question time followed, and the many inquiries which were made showed that the audience took the keenest interest in the movement. The meeting eventually broke up with "Three cheers for Mrs. Pankhurst," and "Three cheers for the other lady," which were repeated again and again.

After the meeting men and women were heard to say that Parliamentary candidates never came down and talked to them like this. Speaking of Miss Pankhurst, one working man said, "She is better than the whole lot of them, all put together." "Having touched on other points of special interest to women, Mrs. Pankhurst concluded with an eloquent exposition of the reasons that govern the action of women in demanding the vote," she declared, "that their own best interests, and that they should not be excluded from the citizenship of their country while the men could become voters and could even enter Parliament and make laws for British women. She protested against that injustice, and felt confident that the more fair-minded men considered at the more they were ready to urge its removal. She hoped Liberal voters in that division would bring their candidates to the Conciliation Committee, and their demands. ... If they succeeded in bringing him round to make the same pledge as his opponent had given, then the task of the women in this election would be a pleasant one. They did not want to fight candidates, and particularly did not want to oppose Liberal candidates, but they wanted to see a great Liberal principle, which they had stood by in the face of much misrepresentation and misunderstanding."

GLASGOW (TRADESTON).
Result.
Mr. J. Dundas Whyte (L.) 3,488
Mr. J. H. Watts (C.) 2,783

Lib. Maj. 1,046
Result in Dec., 1910. (L.) 4,811; (L.U.) 4,517; Maj. 1,294.

The campaign was a great success. The conditions were somewhat similar to those at North West Ham, and neither candidate being particularly satisfactory with regard to the Conciliation Bill, the W.S.P.U. workers devoted themselves to vigorous propaganda. On Wednesday alone the day before polling day, ten meetings were held in the constituency. It is impossible to thank everyone who helped splendidly, but special thanks are due to Mrs. John and Miss Gouper and others who took the chair for the first time, and also to those members who kept the question so well to the front by heckling at the candidates' meetings. Many thanks to the men who helped us in this. Mr. Watts persistently refused an answer at his meetings, alleging that he had already received a deposition. Miss Jessie Whyte, however, succeeded in forcing a statement from him. The sympathy of the audience was evident when she rose and demanded an answer "as a ratepayer and a wage-earner."

CENTRAL HULL.
Result.
Mr. Mark Sykes (C.) 3,823
Sir R. W. A. G. King (L.) 3,425

Cons. Maj. 576
Result in Dec., 1910. Sir R. W. A. G. King, C., 6,232; Dr. R. W. A. G. King, L., 5,118. Maj. 807.

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A FRESH START.

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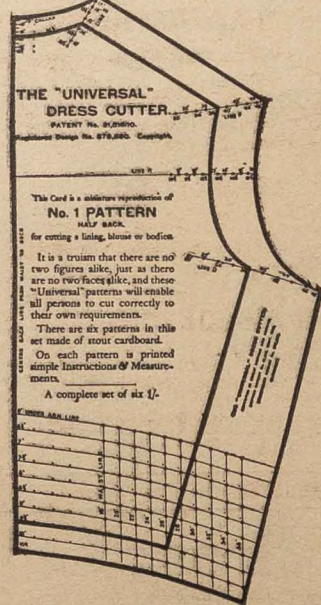
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That which we have grown accustomed to we are only too apt to consider right, and it does us a world of good to be dragged away from our complacent view points, and to be shown that things are quite different when we regard them from another side. This is one of the greatest advantages of the woman's movement. Analysing here and comparing there, looking at things from a woman's point of view, contrasting what is with what ought to be, one woman after another gains a wider outlook, and gives a standpoint to others. Suddenly a woman says, "Has it ever occurred to you that—?" and we are brought to realise a fact which was always before us, but which, being so familiar, we had ignored.

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Not that man has done so badly! Mrs. Gilman is no man-hater, and she admits that the world has progressed in great human ideas, sometimes by the help of man, sometimes in spite of him. Her book shows only that man usurped the rights that should have been common to both man and woman, and she shadows forth in conclusion what the world will be now the women are coming into their own. When the world is human, when women are free and independent, marrying only for love, and able to choose their mates, "a new sense of the power and pride of womanhood would waken; a womanhood no longer sunk in helpless dependence upon men; no longer limited to mere unpaid house service; no longer blinded by the false morality which subjects even motherhood to man's dominance; but a womanhood which will recognise its pre-eminence responsibility to the human race, and live up to it. . . . A higher standard of happiness will result; equality and mutual respect between parents; pure love, undefiled by self-interest on either side; and a new respect for childhood."

Why does the world need the woman's hand too? We could answer, *circumspice*, but if there are any who do not understand, let them read this clear, logical, and perfectly just indictment by Mrs. Gilman. She shows how the three essentially masculine characteristics—desire, combat, and self-expression (all legitimate in their proper use) have impressed themselves on all phases of life, leaving out the woman half of the human race, with all its great capacities for care, education, and love.

In the family the man is the owner. First he chooses the woman, then he keeps her in his service. This has restricted her advance, and with it the advance of the whole world, and he, too, has been held back. The power of selection, given by Nature to the woman and wrested from her by the man, has resulted in a feminine type physically and mentally inferior, pleasing to him, but not an upward evolution from a racial standpoint. In art, too, we find everywhere the masculine note, not the human one; in literature a record of war, destruction, triumph, not a history of human progress; and an imaginative literature that treats mainly of one short aspect of life, man's pursuit of woman, and stops short when he has won her! Most of all, perhaps, in education is the one-sidedness seen. For centuries education was reserved only for men, and the women who desired it were "unsexed." Society, fashion, dress—these worlds still termed feminine—were instituted by men and are preserved for men.

Most illuminating are the chapters on government and on punishment; government which should mean mutual love and service, has become authority, a desire to control by force and to gain personal advantage by so doing! Women are fitter than men for the administration of constructive social interests, yet they are left out of government. Punishment as retaliation, a blow for a blow, is a masculine method; the woman mind asks why wrong was done, and seeks to cure those who are morally sick. Combat, always combat, in the masculine arrangements! Even industry is not valued for its own advance, it is competition, victory over another.

All these things will change when the masculine and feminine elements work together for human ends. This notable book is a signpost pointing behind to What Was, and forward to What Will Be.

S. B.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Irish Nationality." By Mrs. J. B. Green. London: Williams and Norgate. 1s. net.
"In Defence of the Conciliation Bill." By Philip Snowden, M.P. London: Wadsworth and Co. 1d. (On sale at the Woman's Press.)
"Vanities Types." By Frank Rutter. London: Simpkin Marshall. 3s. net.
"Five Women and a Caravan." By Countess Russell. London: Eveleigh Nash. 5s. net.
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THE TRACHINIE OF SOPHOCLES.

Women are proving their powers in every direction to-day. In the fields of science, mathematics, and art they are winning their laurels. In the drama it has lately been noted that women are taking a foremost place as playwrights and managers, having long given proof of their histrionic power. But it remained for some of the descendants of the pioneers of higher education for women to justify that step forward by showing that women could give to the modern stage a representation of one of the gems of ancient Greek literature. The performances given on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday by the Council and Greek Play Committee of Bedford College, London, have won laurels both for themselves and for women in general. This particular play by Sophocles has never been rendered by either Bradford College nor at Cambridge, no doubt owing to the difficulty of providing the Chorus of Trachinian Maidens. But this want has now been supplied by women themselves; the result has proved that women can produce an ancient Greek tragedy just as well as the men.

The faithful, devoted Deianira, wife won in fierce fight by the hero Herakles, in a moving exordium, gives us a picture of the frequent fate of the married woman in the old days of wars and rumours of wars, remaining at home and occupying herself at her housewife task whilst eating her heart out for anxiety as to her husband's fate. The anti-Suffragist argument that women do not fight receives its criticism in this play as elsewhere. Miss E. B. Abrahams gave a moving interpretation of the part. This is no hysterical woman driven to crime by jealousy. Even when she learns that Iolo, the captive maiden, who shrinks from her and whom she pities, is a rival for the affections of her husband, she is not stung to mad desire for vengeance. She says in magnanimous, albeit despairing, mood:—

Thou tell'st thy tale For Herakles, that never through the eye Shall he receive another love than thine.

and at once sets to work to consider the remedy. Then she remembers the gift of the Centaur Nessus, bequeathed to her by him when slain by fierce Herakles for wantonly, as ferryman, touching his bride. The gore of the weird Thing she had carefully collected at his bidding:—

Thou shalt have this as a charm of soul For Herakles, that never through the eye Shall he receive another love than thine.

The ominous garment is sent forth, the vengeance of the Centaur accomplished, and, too late, Deianira by chance discovers the terrible potentialities of the gore. Her forebodings are proved by the dramatic return of her son Hyllus, who utters some of the most terrible words of the play:—

O Mother, Mother! I would to heaven one of three things were true: Either that thou wert dead, or living, wert No mother to me, or had'st gained a mind Furnished with better thoughts than thou hast now!

His description of the putting on of the garment by Herakles and of the terrible scene which ensued enchain attention far more than the almost unseemly ravings of the dying hero, when in the Exodos he is carried on to the stage. Up to that moment every incident had borne a high and tragic note. Herakles, who till then had been a heroic figure, is lowered in our eyes by his hysterical ravings against his wife, his agony and fate. As a point of fact, Herakles is an admirable exposition of the failure and inadequacy of Brute Force, and Sophocles' Exodos forms an excellent suffragist argument. Far more sublime is the figure of unhappy Deianira, as described in the powerful words of the Nurse, deliberately, quietly and tragically preparing for her death:—

Meanwhile, Ere we could come again, the fatal blow Fell, and we saw the wound.

How much more dignified is this than the long drawn out hysterical lamentations of the old warrior, who cries:—

Nay, shrink not, son, but pity me, whom all May pity—me, who, like a tender girl, Am heard to weep aloud!

and who forces his son to promise to wed the mistress whose advent in the home was the source of the tragedy. Happily the ideals of manhood have been humanised and elevated since the days of Sophocles. The acting throughout was admirable, the "new" enunciation pleasing, special praise being due to Miss E. B. Abrahams as Deianira, and Mr. A. G. R. Garrod as Hyllus. The chorus of Trachinian Maidens showed grace of gesture, dignity of movement, and a strong sense of the classic ideal of art.

The play left us with the feeling that the hopes of the present are higher than the fatalism of a past when the great dramatist wrote:—

Though the future none can tell, Yet the present is not well: Sore for him who bears the blow, Sad for us who feel his woe, Shameful to the gods, we trow—

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UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH. "Monstrous wrongs have been done in the past to those who are voiceless; monstrous wrongs are done to women still."

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been so deeply wronged that pity is her due. This mother must not be put to death. She must be restored to her children. Else shall men's "written law" be cursed once again as a travesty of human justice.

Why is the law that governs men and women and affects the deepest interests of the children—why is the law relating to the welfare of the family and the purity of the race determined by men only? Why in the regulations of public morality is the point of view of woman left out?

There are thousands of women in this and every other country who, unprotected by the law, find themselves in the power of evil men—men who live upon their shame. From time to time Bills are brought into Parliament by politicians who realise something of the ghastly tragedy of the present state of things.

A Bill has been brought into Parliament this Session called the Prevention of Immorality Bill, or the Bill "to make further provision for the protection of women and girls." One of the clauses of that Bill is to render it illegal for a man to live upon the immoral earnings of women, or exploit a woman's shame for his own gain.

Amongst the Unionists, who number, I think, something like 80, we have got to take this into account—that there are many of them whose fear of an extension of the franchise is greater than their desire for Woman Suffrage.

There are crimes done upon children that women regard as infamous beyond all comparison. How are such crimes dealt with by the "written law"?

On June 28 a man was convicted at the Old Bailey of an atrocious criminal assault upon a little girl. The case was about as bad as it could be. It was so bad that it could not be reported in the Press.

What punishment devised by men's written law could fit a crime so cowardly and so wholly vile, and serve to protect other helpless little girls from the terror and suffering endured by a child who is robbed for ever of the joy and innocence of childhood?

A case was reported in the Daily News last Saturday of a poor deserted woman who, unable to support her illegitimate child, had abandoned it, leaving it with a week's payment in advance with her landlady, who took it to the workhouse. When charged with this crime she admitted it, saying: "If the man hadn't deserted me, I should not have done such a thing. I was at my wits' end." She too was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Your movement is in an exceptionally hopeful position. The splendid courage and work that has been put into it by your Union has very largely contributed to the hopeful position that we have at the present time.

I think it would be presumptuous on my part to give you anything like a speech on the question of Woman Suffrage, but there are one or two points with regard to it I should like specially to dwell upon.

The irresponsibility of the man is tacitly emphasised on a national scale by the way in which the new Insurance Bill is drafted. The man's fund is immune from any claim for maternity insurance in the case of the unwedded mother.

The Napolitano came to Canada from Italy about 10 years ago, and settled at Saint Ste. Marie, Ontario. The husband was employed in the steel mills, and they lived happily together until last October, when Napolitano said that he was tired of working, and suggested to his wife that she should earn her living in an immoral manner.

The dominant classes who made the laws from their own point of view in the past were not conscious of doing monstrous wrong. They would have defended themselves strenuously against any such accusation.

The majority of men in this country to-day are equally blind to the monstrous wrong that is done to women by the "written law" which is determined by one sex alone.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

WHY I SUPPORT THE BILL.

By ARTHUR PONSONBY, M.P.

Extracts from a Speech at the London Pavilion, July 10, 1911.

I come here as a Liberal Member of Parliament and as an Adult Suffragist, but at the same time as one who has always consistently supported the cause of Woman Suffrage, and who supported the Conciliation Bill both by votes and by speech in the House of Commons.

I do not represent any committee; I am not even on the Conciliation Committee. This Conciliation Bill, I frankly own, is not a Bill that I care about. But I am sure that there are a good many of you who feel as I do. It was passed through the House of Commons by a composite majority, consisting of Liberals, Labour members, and Unionists.

Amongst the Unionists, who number, I think, something like 80, we have got to take this into account—that there are many of them whose fear of an extension of the franchise is greater than their desire for Woman Suffrage.

I have explained to you exactly my position with regard to the Conciliation Bill. You certainly will see my name in the Aye Division Lobby when that Bill comes on. Ladies and gentlemen, in the interests of human development, in the interests of democratic progress, and in the interests of good government women should be allowed at the earliest possible moment to exercise the vote and express their opinion by their voting on all the great public questions of the day.

All I have read about it makes me feel that it has helped your cause as much as anything could have. Now, we men, no doubt, are very important. We put on our top hat and take up our bundle of papers, or we put on our cap and take up our bundle of tools; and we go out to do what is called the work of the world, and we come back at night tired and cross. The woman is left at home to mind the house and look after the children. Ladies and gentlemen, there is no task in the whole world that is more difficult or more important. I tried to teach my children something. I had not the patience. We talk about education. We have all sorts of big institutions and schools, governed by rules and regulations. They are all more or less of a failure. The mother's instinct, helping the child from the earliest age—think of the delicacy of that extraordinary function—there is nothing to equal it throughout the whole of humanity.

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THE DEPUTATION.

The latest volunteers for the deputation include a member of the Tax Resistance League, who, in addition to refusing to pay taxes, is having her goods seized and sold, and in consequence is determined to resort to a yet more militant form of protest if the Conciliation Bill is not carried.

If it becomes necessary to send another deputation to the House of Commons, I should like to be one of you. I have not sent in my name before because I have been recovering from an operation, and it is against the doctor's orders, but I am so much better now and I wish to go with you.

Volunteers for the deputation are asked to send in their names to 4, Clements Inn.

MANY A MICKLE.

Mrs. Rachel Neal has won the first prize of £3 from the Co-operative Union in the Essay Competition entitled "Women Co-operators: Their Place and Work in the Movement." She has forwarded it to the Treasurer of the W.S.P.U. with the following note: "I have the keenest pleasure in forwarding £3 just received as first prize for essay. It was only the hope of helping the Cause of women in any way that induced me to enter the competition, and I determined that, if so fortunate as to win a prize, the money should go to the Cause I have most at heart, though I am not able to be very active in it."

A pavement artist has sent a donation to the funds of 1s. in stamps. On the day of the Procession a member of the Union had a talk with her, and suggested that she should do her share on that occasion by taking a pitch near the Embankment and using the colours of the Union for her pictures. This she did. She takes VOTES FOR WOMEN every week and reads it with the greatest interest.

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THE STORY OF "VOTES FOR WOMEN" NEWSPAPER.



FACSIMILE OF THE COVER OF THE FIRST NUMBER, NOVEMBER, 1907.

To trace back the paper VOTES FOR WOMEN to its origin it is necessary to go back to a day in March, 1906. I well remember that day, because it was the first occasion on which my wife and I met Mrs. Pankhurst. We had recently returned from a visit to South Africa, and the founder of the Women's Social and Political Union had come to us with a letter of introduction in order to enlist our active co-operation. We heard from her the authentic story of the origin of the militant tactics in the previous October, and became convinced that it was along these lines alone that a successful campaign for woman suffrage was to be undertaken.

After Mrs. Pankhurst had left us we discussed in that way we could help the movement, and I made



MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE IN HER OFFICE.

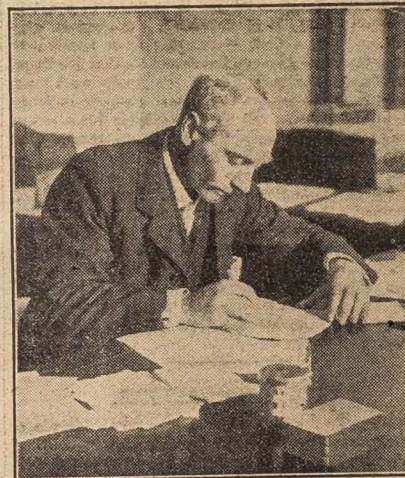
the suggestion to my wife that we should start and edit a paper devoted to the cause. As up till a few months previously I had been editor of a London evening paper, I thought that this would probably be our most effective contribution to the campaign.

We did not, however, proceed with the idea at the time. The new awakening of women was as yet in its infancy; there was neither a continuous chain of events to chronicle nor more than a handful of possible readers to make a circulation. Instead of a "chronicler" my wife became an "active combatant" in the campaign, and took that part in building up the National Organisation of the W.S.P.U. which she has continued to this day.

It was not till eighteen months afterwards, in the autumn of 1907, that our original idea took concrete shape. A short time before, another paper had been started, called *Woman's Franchise*, which combined

reports from the different suffrage societies. Valuable as this was at first, it speedily became unworkable owing to the divergence of policy among the contributors, and my wife and I saw that the time had come to have a paper of our own. Within ten days of our decision the first issue of VOTES FOR WOMEN made its appearance.

There is something organic and individual about a newspaper, and my co-editor and myself looked forward to the birth of our venture with parental anxiety. It was to be a monthly paper containing articles of general interest, with a weekly supplement of a more intimate kind for those within the inner circle of the organisation. It was to be a 12-page paper, with a cover (each page being about half the size of the present page), and the front cover page was to be ornamented with a design. A facsimile of the cover of the first issue, October, 1907, is reproduced above. The



MR. PETHICK LAWRENCE IN HIS OFFICE.

original dedication of the paper is still preserved each week in front of "The Outlook." All the editorial work of the first paper was done by my wife and myself, but there were also articles by Christabel Pankhurst and Sylvia Pankhurst, and a speech by Annie Kenney. The circulation of the first number was 2,000 copies, and the paper had no advertisements.

The paper ran for five months in the form in which it was started. At the end of April, 1908, the pressure on its space had become so great that it was found necessary to publish it every week. At this time the circulation was about 5,000 copies, and a few advertisements had begun to take their place in its columns. June, 1908, saw the first great Hyde Park Demonstration, which took London by storm and established the Suffragettes as a great political movement; during that month the circulation rose up to 10,000, which was again increased to 15,000 during the exciting events of the succeeding autumn, when the famous trial of Mrs. Pankhurst, Christabel Pankhurst, and Mrs. Drummond took place at Bow Street.

Up to this time my wife and I had regarded the paper as

an experiment, and had undertaken all financial liability ourselves, but with the commencement of the year 1909 we decided that the paper was now sufficiently established, and handed it over to the Women's Social and Political Union. A little later the weekly cartoon was introduced as a regular feature of the paper. My wife's arrest and imprisonment in February of that year, and the trial of Mrs. Pankhurst in May stimulated all friends of the movement to fresh activities, and the paper rapidly increased in circulation and in prestige.

In October, 1909, the paper was permanently enlarged to its present form, and the advertisement revenue (supported by the determination of readers to deal solely with advertisers) was placed on an entirely new basis. Since then many developments have been undertaken with a view to improving the paper and to increasing the circulation, which is now over 30,000 copies a week. I estimate that each issue to-day contains about six times the amount of matter that appeared in the first number, and as the paper is published weekly instead of monthly the actual work involved in the editorial, composing, and advertisement side is nearly twenty-four times as great as it was originally. On the printing and publishing side, the circulation has grown fifteen-fold, the actual labour has been multiplied by nearly sixty. Naturally, this great increase has necessitated a staff and offices competent to cope with it.

With a view to giving our readers an idea of the organisation which lies behind the production of a great weekly paper such as VOTES FOR WOMEN, we reproduce a few photographs taken of the different stages of production. On the present page will be seen pictures of the editors in their offices, and of the editorial staff in the main editorial office; the large table in the foreground plays an important part in "making up" the paper, each page having its special place on the table. The first illustration on the opposite page shows members of the advertising and book-keeping staff. The second and third shows the printing, which is done by the St. Clements Press, a few doors away from our editorial offices. No. 2 is the staff of the composing room, but it has not been possible to show in the photograph the linotype machines on which a large part of the paper is "set up." No. 3 is the big rotary machine on which between 30,000 and 40,000 copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN are printed off in the early hours of Thursday morning. The fourth photograph on the opposite page shows our VOTES FOR WOMEN publishing staff engaged in publishing the paper in our basement office in Clements Inn. The largest customer is the Woman's Press, of 155, Charing Cross road, which takes regularly between 10,000 and 15,000 copies a week. Then there are the big wholesale houses—Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, Messrs. Horace Marshall and Son, Messrs. George Vickers, and others; and finally, several thousand copies have to be sent out individually by post.

We have not space to follow the paper to the packing department of the Woman's Press or of the other wholesale houses, though we hope to give a picture of the former in an article on "The Woman's Press" in a later issue. Our next picture is a photograph of the VOTES FOR WOMEN Press cart, with Miss Sheppard driving and Miss Helen Craggs, the VOTES FOR WOMEN organiser, on the box.

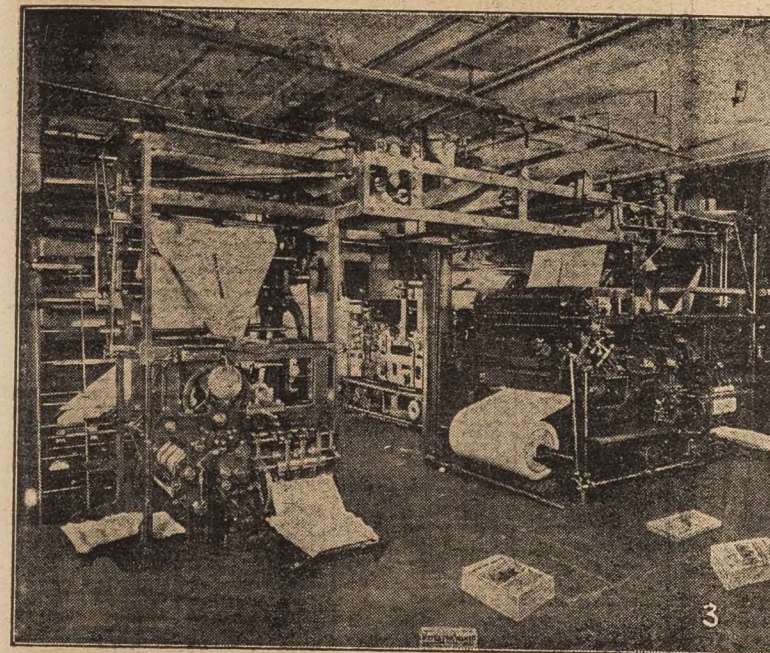
Finally, we come to the last picture, illustrating a unique feature in which VOTES FOR WOMEN stands out from all other journalistic ventures. Miss Kelly, the captain of the Charing Cross pitch, is representative of all the army of paper sellers up and down the country who by their untiring devotion have brought the paper to its present position. To this splendid army, and to the individual members who to-day are adding new readers one by one to swell the grand total of thousands, every worker for the paper and every worker for the cause owes that delightful gratitude which comes from fellowship in combined labour.

F. W. Pethick Lawrence.



THE EDITORIAL STAFF AT WORK.

HOW "VOTES FOR WOMEN" IS PRODUCED.



1. The Advertisement Manager's Office at 4, Clements Inn.
2. The Composing Room at St. Clements Press.
3. Printing "Votes for Women" on the Rotary Machine at St. Clements Press.
4. Thursday morning in the Publishing Office at Clements Inn.
5. The Press Cart ready to start from the Woman's Press, 155, Charing Cross Road, W.C.
6. A Champion "Votes for Women" Seller—Miss Kelly.

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BARNET. Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Stratford Road.

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CHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN. Shop and Office—308, King's Road.

CLAPHAM. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, 84, Elphinstone Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.

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EALING. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road.

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ILFORD. Hon. Sec.—Miss Haalam, 68, Cranbrook Road.

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KINGSLAND. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Gasterley.

LAWSON. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Boulter.

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LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

July 14, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo, 7.45 p.m.

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July 18, 2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo, 7.45 p.m.

effort for Votes for Women Week. It would be splendid if the rest of the members between themselves would subscribe the necessary 25s. in order that it may be sent to the Editor of the paper.

SVENDEHAM. Shop and Office—96, Kirkdale, Organiser—Miss Miller.

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HITCHIN, LETCHWORTH & DISTRICT. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. M. Price, "Hawthatch," Ickelwell Way, Letchworth; Mrs. E. B. Impey, 2, Whitehouse, Hitchin.

MAIDSTONE, NORTH KENT, AND ISLE OF THANET. Organiser—Miss Billing, 28, Dundonald Road, Ramsgate.

OXFORD. Hon. Sec.—Miss Graham, 27, Norman Road.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON. Organiser—Miss G. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, and 61, Oatford Street, Southampton.

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N.B.—During July the Monday afternoon meetings are being held in the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W.

Outwards should lose no time in communicating with Miss Fairman, who will gladly welcome any time they can give in getting up meetings, &c.

ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.
 Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. de Sauty Newby, 51, Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, Ilfracombe.
 Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Miss Bell, Nursing Home, 11, Larstone, Ilfracombe.
 Members will be glad to hear that Miss Sylvia Pankhurst will speak in Ilfracombe and Barnstaple next month; details will be given later. Gratefully acknowledged—Miss Curtis, 26, 6d.; Miss Wormall, 26, 9d.

Wales.

BARRY.
 Hon. Sec.—Miss Walton, 50, Park Avenue, Barry.
 Miss Cooper held a very successful open-air campaign in Barry last week. Meetings were held on the main, docks, and in the Town Square. The latter meetings were specially well attended by sympathetic and interested audiences. Many copies of the paper were sold.

Eastern Counties.

CLACTON-ON-SEA.
 Shop—47, Rosemary Road.
 Hon. Sec.—Miss Lilley, Holland House.
 Clacton is making a special effort to increase permanently the circulation of Votes for Women. Already promises are coming in from members who are helping in this way for the first time; and it is hoped that all will do what they can towards making this Votes for Women week a great success. Meetings in Clacton on July 25 and St. Osyth on July 26 are being arranged, and members are asked to make both widely known.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Shop—Dial Lane, Ipswich.
 Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silent Street, Ipswich. Shop Sec.—Miss King.
 Miss Margaret Pison asks every member to make her Votes for Women week a special success in this district. She will be glad to give help to any member who cannot sell, take extra copies to send to prominent people in the district, and convince yourself new subscribers? A thousand copies of the paper are being ordered and every member must make it her duty to see that not one copy is left unsold. Dr. J. W. Burn was the speaker at the Wednesday at Home and gave her impressions of the great procession. All members and sympathisers must make an effort to attend the United Demonstrations at Tynemouth on July 22, and at South Shields on July 23. Thanks to Mrs. Atkinson for a copy of "Women and Labour" for the library.
 Monday, July 19.—Heaton, Women's Co-operative Guild, 8 p.m.
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 Thursday, July 20.—Sunderland, North of England Club, Fawcett Street, 7.30 p.m.

audience listened with great interest to Dr. Marion Mackenzie's speech. Mrs. Slingby very kindly provided some new members were made. In the evening Dr. Helena Jones addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering in Salisbury Hotel. The collection amounted to £7, and a large amount of literature was sold at both meetings. Members are looking forward to the visit of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. The meeting will be held in the hall room of the Crown Hotel, tickets, 2s. 6d. (numbers) and 1s. (unnumbered, are now on sale at Mrs. Phillips, 21, Parliament Street, and may also be had at the Home Sec., and most of the local members. There will be a free free seats. Monday, July 17.—The Stray, Miss Mary Phillips, 7.30 p.m.

HULL.

Organiser—Miss Kay Jones.
 Hon. Sec.—Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.
 At a members meeting on July 7 it was decided to order 114 copies of Votes for Women for this week, and members to assist to help by applying for extra copies. A women householders' canvass has been started in Central Hull, but more helpers are wanted; also more paper-sellers for Saturdays. Many thanks to Dr. Murrell and Dr. Stacey for their splendid and successful At Home for Miss Adela Pankhurst on July 8.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.
 83, Great George Street.
 The open-air meetings continue to be successful. A large audience listened to Dr. Helena Jones last Saturday evening in Victoria Square, and the collection amounted to £5.21. Members are wanted especially to sell papers at Mrs. Beaman's meeting on Friday, July 21. Please meet at above address at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15.—Victoria Square, Miss Mary Phillips, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 19.—Woolhouse Moor, 7.30 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss A. Williams.
 The miners' annual gala days at Tynemouth to-morrow (Saturday) will afford a splendid opportunity for selling the paper. Will those who care to go call at the shop for their tickets? It is hoped that all who cannot sell, take extra copies to send to prominent people in the district, and convince yourself new subscribers? A thousand copies of the paper are being ordered and every member must make it her duty to see that not one copy is left unsold. Dr. J. W. Burn was the speaker at the Wednesday at Home and gave her impressions of the great procession. All members and sympathisers must make an effort to attend the United Demonstrations at Tynemouth on July 22, and at South Shields on July 23. Thanks to Mrs. Atkinson for a copy of "Women and Labour" for the library.
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SALTBURN AND REDCAR.

A holiday campaign will be opened in Saltburn-on-Sea and Redcar on August 1. Meetings will be held on the Front and in the neighbouring villages. It is hoped that Miss Vida Goldstein will speak some time towards the end of August, either in Saltburn or in Redcar. Will any friend in the neighbourhood who can help in any way please communicate with Miss Ainsworth, 17, Blackett Street, Newcastle. Help of all kind is wanted. Offers of drawing-rooms or gardens for meetings will be most helpful.

SCARBOROUGH.

Shop—29, Huntrix Row.
 Hon. Sec.—Miss Safford, 12, New Queen Street.
 Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley.
 An open-air meeting was held on Saturday on the Esplanade, addressed by Miss Safford, with Miss Hildred Harvey in the chair. Special thanks to Miss M. Wigney for the procession banner, also to Miss Hudson Harvey for her valuable aid during stocktaking. Some members who are forced to relinquish their shop duties during the season are taking six copies of Votes for Women to dispose of weekly every week. Other members please note. Sale of Dr. Mackenzie's goods will take place at 114, Westbourne, on Tuesday next, July 18, at 3.30 p.m. Present meeting will be held immediately after at St. Nicholas' Cliff.
 Saturday, July 15.—West Pier, open-air meeting, 3.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst. Hon. Treas.—Mrs. Archdale. Shop—26, 28, Chapel Walk, Sheffield. Tel. Central 2885.
 Miss Adela Pankhurst has been obliged to cancel all open-air speaking until September. Will other members who speak in the district during the

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YORK.

Office—5, New Street, Telephone, 622.
 Organiser—Miss Kay Jones.
 Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coullate, 32, Melbourn Street.
 Promises have come in well for Votes for Women Week, and it is hoped much will be done to increase the paper sales. Those members who have not promised to help are asked to apply to the organiser for copies to sell. Open-air meetings are being arranged at Selby, Pocklington, and Bolton Percy. Dates will be announced next week.

North-Western Counties.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.
 Hon. Sec. (open air)—Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, 118, Dorset Street, Haigh, Bolton.
 Members are asked to do all they can to make Miss Goldstein's meeting on Wednesday a huge success.

They are also asked to attend the members' meeting on Monday, when final arrangements will be made.
 Monday, July 17.—118, Dorset Street, Haigh, Bolton. 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 19.—Bolton, Sale Rooms, Miss Vida Goldstein. Chair: Mrs. F. W. Coops, 7.30 p.m.

HALE, ALTRICHAM, AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Wild, 51, Lock Road, Altricham.
 Tuesday, July 18.—Altricham, near Moss Lane Bridge, Moss Lane, Miss V. H. Hughes, 8 p.m.

LANCASHIRE.

Head Office—17, St. Ann's Square, Manchester. Tel. 190 Central. Organiser—Miss V. H. Hughes.
 There will be a special Members' Meeting on Monday next (see below) for the purpose of making Manchester a local union and to elect officers. Nomination can be sent in beforehand, or will be accepted at the meeting. Members are asked to make the jubilee sale a success by contributing goods and helping to sell. Any money raised over £5 will be given to start the

local union. Members should be at Trer Street School on Friday at 6 o'clock to arrange the goods.
 Saturday, July 15.—Jubilee Sale, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Trer Street School, Trer Street, Manchester.
 Monday, July 17.—Special Members' Meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18.—St. Ann's Square, at Home, Miss Hughes, 4 to 5 p.m.; Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 6.30 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 19.—Speakers' Class, Miss Hughes, 8.45 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.
 Office—41, Renshaw Street, Tel.: 281 Royal.
 Organiser—Mrs. J. W. Clegg, 41, Renshaw Street.
 Mrs. Avery pleads very earnestly for more paper-sellers. It is hoped many members will devote some hours to-morrow (Saturday) and Monday to distributing handbills. The office will be open late.
 Monday, July 17.—Liverpool, Yarnon Cafe, Bold Street, Miss V. H. Hughes, 8 p.m.; Mrs. J. W. Clegg, 8 p.m.

ROCHDALE.
 Office—18, Ballin Street, Hon. Sec. Miss E. M. St. John, 18, Mayfair Gardens, Rochdale.
 Members meet to-morrow (Saturday) for paper selling at 2.30. Will each member try to get at least one new subscriber to the paper during this week. Miss Foss spoke excellently for an hour last Sunday. The paper justly meeting was held last Wednesday and reports show a small balance in hand, but this will need augmenting during the next two months.

SOUTHPORT.
 Office—1, Post Office Avenue, Lord Street.
 Hon. Sec.—Ethel Ashby.
 At the Shore meeting on Saturday, Miss Lillian Williams, Esq., spoke on the economic side of the question of "Votes for Women." Some new members were made, the stock of papers was sold out, and a collection taken. Will members who have not already paid their June and July subscriptions kindly do so? New helpers are needed for to-morrow's meeting.
 Saturday, July 15.—Shore, Mrs. J. W. Clegg, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 20.—1, Post Office Avenue, Members' Meeting.

STOCKPORT AND DISTRICT.
 Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Smith, "Seelwood," Bramhall Lane, Stockport.
 A meeting was held on Friday when Miss Hughes gave a most interesting address. A sale of water will be held on July 20 at "Seelwood." Will all subscribers and friends who have work in hand kindly complete and send in before that date?

WALLASEY.
 Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Hobbins, Burchingham, Liscard.
 Mrs. F. Hobbins, 21, Martins Lane, Liscard.
 Many thanks to all members who are sending Votes for Women weekly to the local organ and doctors. Still more youngsters are needed for the day of selling on the beach, through the energy of Miss Anderson, the sewing group, and the excellent weekly at Miss Grogan's, 111, Brighton St., Seacombe. Will members living near please deal there?

Scotland.

DUNDER AND EAST FIFE.
 Office—41, Waterloo, Dundee.
 Organiser—Miss Fraser-Smith, 41, Waterloo, Dundee.
 On July 5 a number of members and friends gathered in the office to hear about the great demonstration. Miss Cars Grant was in the chair, and Miss Fraser-Smith gave a most interesting account of June 11. Miss Fraser-Smith, fresh from the Dundee by-election, spoke of the work done there and the new by-election policy. Will every member who is going on holiday make a point of leaving her address at the office so that an extensive summer campaign may be arranged.
 Saturday, July 15.—Brook, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 19.—St. Andrews, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—3, Melville Place, Queensferry Street.
 Organiser—Miss Lillian Mitchell.
 Tel. 422 Central.
 Paper sellers wanted for the large open-air meetings to-morrow (Friday), for Prince Street and, especially for selling along the Royal Exchange on Monday, July 19. All members are asked to make this Votes for Women Week a record one. Let paper selling be a special feature in the streets during the day of the King and Queen, when the city will be crowded with visitors. A grand has been taken at St. Andrew Street for the Royal Procession. It will be decorated in purple, white and green, and those taking seats are requested to wear the colours. Tickets may be had at the office, price, 2s. 6d. each. Miss Cecil Watson is very kindly designing a large poster for the above window on which will be the words: "Honneur the Queens by submitting women." Miss Gorrie is starting on a fortnight's open

campaign on the Clyde. Will those members who are on holiday on the West Coast and willing to help in any way please send name and address to 2, Melville Place.
 Friday, July 14.—St. David Street, Miss A. Scott, Miss A. Walker, 8 p.m.; The Promenade, Miss M. Scott, Miss Hutton, 8 p.m.; West End, Miss May Gorrie, Miss Lillian Mitchell, 8 p.m.
 Saturday, July 15.—Falkirk, Miss Lillian Mitchell, Miss Wallace, 7.30 p.m.; Lanark, Miss Hutton, Miss M. Gorrie.
 Thursday, July 20.—2, Melville Place, at Home, Mrs. Fraser, Chair: Mrs. Chatterton, 8 p.m.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Election Mistress—Miss Rosa Lee, 43, Dalrymple Gardens, Edin. W.C.
 Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.
 These classes will take place every Friday evening at 7.30 during July, but will be discontinued during August. The subject for the night's class will be: "Current events which appear in the daily papers, showing how women need the protection of the vote." Miss Lee will form a course of Private Law in August if sufficient applications are made. Names should be sent in without delay to Miss Lee at the above address, and a stamped addressed envelope placed for reply. Everyone is asked to study the new by-election policy most carefully, because next week's class will take the form of a by-election, and members will have to be prepared to go through all that takes place at an election—addressing, open-air meetings, interviewing candidates with regard to "Votes for Women," &c., &c.

CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.: Miss Phyllis Arden, 23, South Road, West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Maguire, 11, Gavon Vale, Madia, S.W.
 Members are asked not to forget that this is Votes for Women Week. Will all those who have not yet sent in their money to Miss Maguire or Miss Arden stand what hours they have to give? Ample time will be held at 4, Clements Inn (Room 7), on Monday next, July 17, at 7 p.m., and all who are not contingents in last month's Procession are invited to attend.

THE ATTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

6, Robert Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 71.
 President—Mrs. Forbes Robertson.
 Organising Secretary—Miss Joan Dugdale.
 At a meeting at the Criterion Restaurant last Friday, Mr. Kerr advised Suffragettes and "girls" to keep their eye on elected persons, especially those in a Government office, for in this regard the victory, Mrs. Zangwill, commenting on the Anti-Suffrage Petition Government grumble, said it was no worse than former Government; the ideal to be attained being the Divided Skirt Government. Again, women were active service on the field of birth—a right absolutely necessary for the defence of the Empire, for industry was always the last defence—industry in arms! Mr. Walter Booth, M.P., discussing the future fortunes of the Constitution Bill, urged Suffrage speakers and workers throughout the country to concentrate on the Bill and obtain direct support at all meetings for the Bill which has been proposed. Miss Compton's charming speech from the chair was greatly appreciated, and Miss Alice Crawford did the honours most gracefully.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Office: Ancient Concert Buildings, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.
 A very successful meeting was held in Phoenix Park on Sunday, July 9, at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Bart occupied the chair, and the other speakers were Miss Callaghan and Mrs. Quinn. There was a large and appreciative audience. Seven dozen Votes for Women were sold. To-morrow (Saturday) and Sunday's meetings will be addressed by Dr. Marion Mackenzie.

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