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LADY ASTOR, M.P.

ONLY THESE
FOUR WOMEN
M.P.s. IN THE



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HOUSE.



JOIN THE WOMEN'S
FREEDOM LEAGUE
AND SEND OTHERS
TO HELP THEM.



MRS. PHILIPSON, M.P.



MISS WILKINSON, M.P.

WOMEN'S WORK at EAST MIDDLESBROUGH

Of course we are delighted with the result in Middlesbrough East. Miss Ellen Wilkinson has been a splendid candidate. Small and frail in appearance, she is unsparing of herself, and is full of sound logic and good sense.

Her meetings were always crowded, and her audiences delighted. The constituency is mostly working class, and the people soon claimed Miss Wilkinson as "Our Ellen." At the same time, it must be stated, the business centre is in Middlesbrough East, and also the suburb containing the largest houses.

There never has been an election with a more devoted and enthusiastic body of workers, and everything ran most smoothly.

There is no doubt it has been a real "women's election," for the candidate, on every occasion, mentioned her intention to achieve the objects of the Women's Freedom League, and in every ward the women turned out in large numbers to hear her and work for her. Our Women's Freedom Leaguers were up early and late, delivering literature, selling THE VOTE, and canvassing in the more difficult districts. Many homes have "carried on" with "Mother out" during the last few weeks, but the result justified her absence.

The men, too, were just as keenly enthusiastic. Never, once, was there sign of sex prejudice, and we of the Women's Freedom League claim that this is in very large measure due to our years of work here within our own League, at street corners, at large public meetings, and on public bodies.

This is the first time a woman has stood as Parliamentary candidate here, and we have got her in!

The Women's Freedom League and the Labour women are very proud.

Alice Schofield Coates.

WOMEN'S BAR SUCCESSES.

Eighteen women were successful in the recent Michaelmas Bar Examinations. Four women were successful in Roman Law: Miss Jessie Elliot Alderson (Lincoln's Inn), who gained a Second Class, the Misses Marion Graeme Billson, Winifrede Botterell McConnell (Inner Temple), and Kathleen Anna Burgess (Middle Temple). Three women were successful in Constitutional Law (English and Colonial) and Legal History: Miss Vera Beatrice Marjorie Meiklejohn (Middle Temple), who gained a Second Class, the Misses Marion Graeme Billson, and Marjorie Owen (Inner Temple). Two women were successful in Criminal Law and Procedure: Miss May Louise Gordon Williams (Gray's Inn), who gained a Second Class, and Miss Edna Ellen McKeown (Inner Temple). Four women were successful in Real Property and Conveyancing: the Misses Dorothy Mary Griffith (Middle Temple), Muriel Maude Wells (Gray's Inn), who gained Second Classes, Baroness Elizabeth Adeline Mary Bligh Clifton, and Miss Violet Mary Hume (Lincoln's Inn). Six women were successful in the Final Examination: Miss Emily Frost Phipps (Middle Temple), the Misses Kathleen Maria Margaret Sissmore, Venetia Josephine Mary Stephenson, and Dorothy Foster Jeffery (Gray's Inn), all of whom gained Second Classes, and the Misses Elsie Edith Bowerman, and Anne Elizabeth Smith (Middle Temple). The total number of women called to the Bar, or qualified for call, is now 47.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

Last Tuesday night, the King accepted the resignation of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and sent for Mr. Baldwin, who accepted his invitation to form an Administration. Later, Mr. Baldwin said that he hoped to have the list of his Cabinet complete by Friday (to-day).

WOMEN AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Mayor's Salary as Prize.

Ramsgate's "Lady Bountiful," Dame Janet Stancomb-Wills, is commemorating her year of office as Mayor by presenting the town with a recreation ground of over 50 acres, and £1,000 to lay it out. She is also giving her mayoral salary as a prize for a pictorial poster advertising Ramsgate. Three years ago, Dame Janet Stancomb-Wills gave £15,000 to provide work for the unemployed in beautifying the East Cliff extension, and has given generously to Ramsgate Hospital.

Twin Sister Barristers.

The *Catholic Herald* reports that the Misses Curnane, twin sisters in a noted Catholic family in Massachusetts, are now both barristers, thereby establishing a world record, so far as the legal profession is concerned. One of them, Miss Hazel Curnane has been practising as a barrister for three years. Her sister, having passed her final, has now also been "called." Forensic ability seems to run in the family, for their father is a successful solicitor.

Japanese Airwoman.

Miss Shigeno Kibe, who will shortly complete her training at the Munesato Aviation School, near Tokyo, is reported by the *Christian Science Monitor* to be Japan's first airwoman. Miss Kibe hopes to take part this autumn in the aerial competition to be held by the Imperial Aviation Association, and will later go to Mukden to join the air forces of Chang Tso-lin.

Russian Woman Navigator.

Amongst the crew of the Russian ship "Iovaritsch," which recently put into harbour at Port Talbot, was a pretty Russian girl of 23, who acted as fourth officer. She was a practical navigator, and intends to travel all round the world, before eventually commanding a Soviet merchantman.

Swedish Policewomen.

Stockholm has six women police, whom Mr. Harleman, Stockholm's Chief of Police, says have greatly benefited the police service in that city. These women police occupy themselves mainly with work amongst women and children, and also with detective work.

No Norwegian Woman M.P.s.

In spite of the fact that women voters in Christiania are in a majority by 23,000, no women M.P.s were elected at the recent Storting elections in Norway.

MOTHERS AND THE LAW.

We are glad to see that what we considered was a grave miscarriage of justice has been rectified by the Recorder of Hull. Recently, two married women, one the mother of eight children, and the other of eleven children, had sentences of 21 days' imprisonment passed upon them at the police court, where they were each charged with receiving a pair of boots, knowing them to have been stolen. The boots were sold to them by Hull girls, who hawked them round in a perambulator, explaining that their mother had a second-hand shop. Friends helped these women to appeal against this sentence, and their appeal came before the Recorder at Hull Quarter Sessions last week. One of the women told him that she had no suspicion that the boots were stolen, and she complained that she was not asked to go into the witness box at the police court, where she was not represented. The Recorder said that he thought that if the magistrates had had the explanation before them they would have acted differently. He was sure that no jury would have convicted these women. The conviction was quashed by the Recorder, and his decision was received with great satisfaction by a crowded Court.

GREEN, WHITE, AND GOLD FAIR.

The Annual Green, White, and Gold Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 28th and 29th, in the Basement Hall, at the Central Hall, Westminster, and will be formally opened each day at 3 p.m.—on Friday, November 28th, by Mrs. Hilton Philipson, M.P., and on Saturday, November 29th, by Miss Susan Lawrence. The Fair will remain open each evening until 9 p.m., and will be open on Saturday, November 29th, from 11 a.m.

The Chair will be taken on Friday by Mrs. Juson Kerr, J.P., and on Saturday by Councillor Mrs. Schofield Coates, J.P.

STALLS AND STALLHOLDERS.

The Stalls at present arranged for the League are:—
Hampstead Branch.—Handkerchiefs, Soap, Scent, Antiques, and White Elephants. Miss Goodiffe, Miss Lyndon, Miss Vibert, and Miss Elsie Armstrong.
Letchworth Branch.—Lavender Stall. Mrs. Lynn, Miss Ironside, Mrs. Muncoster, Miss Perry, and Miss Sugden.
Middlesbrough Branch.—Councillor Mrs. Schofield Coates and Members.
Montgomery Boroughs Branch.—Welsh Produce and General Stalls. Miss Alix Clark and Friends.
Portsmouth Branch.—Household Goods. Mrs. Whetton, Mrs. Brading, and Miss Mottershall.
South-Eastern Branches.—General Stall. Miss White, Mrs. Asser, Mrs. Kither, and Miss Margery Dunhill.
Children's Clothing, Overalls, and Aprons (supported by the Thames Valley Branch).—Miss A. Underwood, Mrs. Brewer, Miss Brewer, Miss Double, Mrs. Foster Lumb, Mrs. Nicholls, Miss Stone, Mrs. Turriff, and Miss Warriner.
Shilling Stall (supported by the Minerva Club Branch).—Mrs. Delbanco, Mrs. Armev, Miss Atkinson, and Mrs. Jacoby.
Scotch Stall.—Cushions, Tea-cosies, and Haberdashery.—Mrs. Mustard, Mrs. Lindus, Mrs. Rose, Miss D. Sidley, and Miss Steven.
Grocery Stall.—Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Charles Sutherland, Mrs. Padfield, and Mrs. Watts.
Hygiene Stall & Pottery.—Dr. Octavia Lewin and Friends.
Literature Stall.—Miss Harverson and Miss M. Pierotti.
Sweet Stall.—Miss Mary Knight and Friends.
Toy Stall.—Mrs. Knight and Friends.
White Stall.—Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Trafford Williams.
"Vote" Stall.—Toilet and Chemists' Goods.—Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Flowers, Mrs. Clifford Jones, Mrs. Newsome, Mrs. Northcroft, and Miss Sutherland.

Many gifts are needed if these stalls are to be well stocked with useful and pretty Xmas gifts. The Shilling Stall should prove attractive to purchasers with light purse; therefore small articles are needed by Mrs. Delbanco for this stall, such as pincushions, photo frames, ash trays, needlebooks, inkpots, vases, lucky black cats, etc.—please remember this stall, it is sure to be a most popular one. Handkerchiefs of all descriptions are required for the Hampstead Stall, and every kind of handkerchief will be welcome, both large and small, fancy and white. Mrs. Whetton will gladly receive any articles suitable for the household, as for example dusters, tea cloths, towels, floor cloths, pots, pans, kettles, scrubbing brushes, etc. Cushions and tea-cosies are much needed for the Scotch Stall, also haberdashery. The Grocery Stall is very important—the goods most required by Mrs. Sutherland are tea, sugar, jam, currants, raisins, cake, butter, suet, etc. The Sweet Stall is much in need of support, and all kinds of sweets will be welcomed by Miss Mary Knight. Mrs. Holmes needs gifts for the White Stall—women's and children's underclothing, etc., will be much appreciated. Books, both new and second-hand, are wanted, including picture books and stories for children; please send all you want to keep yourselves, and keep all you want to send away!! The Toy Stall has again been undertaken by Mrs. Knight, who will be glad of any gifts, especially dolls, and toy animals, dolls-house furniture, bricks, balls, boxes of toy soldiers, puzzles, etc. Miss A. Underwood will be in charge of the Children's Clothing, Overalls, and Apron Stall, and will be supported by the Thames Valley Branch—but many goods are needed for this Stall. Mrs. Mustard will be in charge of the Scotch Stall, and will be very glad of gifts of haberdashery, cushions, or tea-cosies.

COMPETITIONS AND GAMES.

The Competitions and Games have been kindly undertaken by Mrs. Preece, and will include, among other attractions, a HIDDEN TREASURE HUNT.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Fair Committee have engaged Madame C. M. Carr's String Orchestra to play at intervals, from 3.45 until 8.30 p.m., on both days of the Fair. On Friday evening, at 6.30 p.m., little Miss Margery Dunhill (semi-finalist All-England Classical Dancing Competition, 1924) will give a Dancing Display; and on Saturday evening, Miss Grace Woollacott's little pupils will give two Dancing Displays at 6 and 7.30 p.m.

A THE CHANTANT will be held each day from 4 to 6 p.m.; the following have already kindly promised to assist—Miss Lucy D. Bell, Miss Beryl Brown, Mrs. Cunningham, Miss Barbara Davy, Miss Howells, Miss Lettice Newman, Mr. Eric Richmond, Miss Muriel Mollison, Mrs. Sparrow, and Mrs. Morris-Wood. There will be Character Readings by Mrs. Spon, and Phrenology by Mr. Sons.

TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS.

Mrs. Fisher has most kindly undertaken the teas and refreshments, and will be assisted by the staff of the Minerva Café and members of the Minerva Club. The teas will be served from 4 to 6 p.m., and refreshments will be served at moderate prices after 7 p.m.

Special arrangements will be made for "Tea Parties" for the "Thé Chantant," and tables can be reserved (for any number) if booked for a specified time beforehand.

The Bureau for the sale of tickets for Character-Reading, Phrenology, etc., will be in charge of Mrs. Pierotti.

SOCIETIES TAKING STALLS.

Council for International Service.
 St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance.
 The British Esperanto Association.
 The Food Education Society.
 The International New Thought Alliance.
 The London Association for the Blind.
 The Montessori Society.
 The New Education Fellowship.
 The League of the Church Militant.
 Miss Burwood (Beads).
 Miss E. Elin Carter (Decorative Leatherwork).
 Miss Maud F. Edwards (Handweaving).
 Miss Nettleton (Association for the Deaf and Dumb).
 Mrs. Rogers (South Indian Village Industries).
 Henry Farmer (Hand-made Pottery).

Tickets—(including Tax) 2s. 6d. the first day until 5 p.m.; after 5 p.m. and on the second day 1s. 2d. (including Tax)—will shortly be on sale at the Offices, 144, High Holborn, W.C. 1.

All communications, and also gifts, applications for Stalls, should be sent to Miss Elizabeth Berry, Hon. Fair Sec., at 144, High Holborn, W.C. 1.

A NOTED FRENCH SUFFRAGIST.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mme. de Witt Schlumberger, the noted French suffragist, on October 23rd. We are indebted to the current number of *Jus Suffragi* for the following notes on her life. Mme. de Witt Schlumberger's death is a great loss to the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, with which she has been connected since 1911, when she came to the Stockholm Congress as a delegate for France. She became a member of the Board of Officers of the Alliance in 1913, and was made its first vice-president at the Geneva Congress in 1920. From 1920 until the Rome Congress she acted as Chairman of the Equal Moral Standard Committee of the Alliance. As President of the Union Française pour le Suffrage des Femmes since 1912, she worked unceasingly for women's emancipation in France. She was also keenly interested in the work of the League of Nations, and was one of the French representatives at the International Conference on "Traffic in Women and Children" at Geneva in 1921.

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EDITORIAL.

The Editor is responsible for unsigned articles only. Articles, paragraphs, or cuttings dealing with matters of interest to women generally will be welcomed. Every effort will be made to return unsuitable MSS. if a stamped addressed envelope be enclosed, but the Editor cannot be responsible in case of loss.

THE ELECTION—AND AFTER?

Last week the electors of Great Britain returned to Parliament over 400 Conservatives, 150 Members of the Labour Party, 41 Liberals, and 7 Constitutionalists, thus heavily defeating the Labour Party which had held office for eight months, and very greatly reducing the Liberal Members in the House of Commons. The women's cause has lost some of its best champions in Parliament, notably Mrs. Wintringham, Miss Dorothy Jewson, Lady Terrington, and Mr. Isaac Foot. On the other hand, we rejoice in Lady Astor's return, and note with great satisfaction that Mrs. Philipson and the Duchess of Atholl have also been returned with increased majorities. We warmly welcome also another woman M.P., Miss Ellen Wilkinson, who, in a three-cornered contest, won a seat at East Middlesbrough, which was previously held by another Party, and we are confident that she will champion the cause of the unemployed woman in Parliament as she has done so consistently in Manchester and elsewhere. We are glad, too, to see that some of our best men friends retained their seats—Sir Robert Newman, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Captain Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Frank Briant, Mr. George Lansbury, Mr. John Scurr, Mr. William Lunn, and Mr. W. Adamson, who earlier in the year brought in the ill-fated Equal Franchise Bill. What are the chances of women's special interests in the new Parliament? We record with pleasure that Mr. Baldwin has expressed himself in favour of equal voting rights for women and men; and we earnestly hope that he will see his way to include an Equal Franchise Measure in the King's Speech, and that it will be one of the early measures introduced by the new Government. This measure of justice to women is long overdue, and it would remove a very great deal of intelligible discontent among the women, more especially the working and unemployed women. Even if its operation was postponed until the next General Election, the knowledge that such a measure was on the Statute Book would go a long way towards dispelling the dissatisfaction among so many of the five million voteless women over twenty-one years of age at present in this country. We believe that the majority of Conservative Members in the House of Commons are in favour of equal franchise, and all the Members of the Opposition are pledged to it, so that if the Government introduce such a measure at an early date it will easily be passed into law, with the consent and good will of all Parties in the House. All Parties have also expressed themselves in favour of equal rights of guardianship for mothers and fathers, and we have every hope that women's claim for equal opportunities and equal pay with men throughout the Civil Service and the teaching profession, indeed throughout all branches of our national life, will receive intelligent and sympathetic consideration from the new Government. We believe, too, that the present Opposition will, in these matters, prove more useful to us than at the time when they were in office. Therefore the Women's Freedom League is full of hope. We shall not for an instant relax our efforts to gain for women first of all equal franchise, and then equality of status,

opportunities, rewards, and responsibilities with men in all other directions. Will Mr. Baldwin include women in his Cabinet or in the Government? Mr. Ramsay MacDonald set an excellent example in this matter, and some sections of the Press have been asking if this example will be followed. We do not presume to make any suggestions to Mr. Baldwin in his work of Cabinet-making, but we confess we should very much like to see Lady Astor at the Ministry of Health, the Duchess of Atholl at the Board of Education, and Mrs. Philipson at the Home Office: whether as Heads of Departments or Under-Secretaries of State, these three women would bring to the work of these Departments more enlightened sympathy and helpful experience than most of the men who are usually freshly appointed to these positions. With Lady Astor at the Ministry of Health we are certain that the housing problem would be attacked with vigour and understanding. No one can deny the Duchess of Atholl's qualifications for the Board of Education, and we are convinced that if Mrs. Philipson had much to do with the Home Office, it would not take her long to realise the necessity for appointing women as governors and deputy-governors of all women's prisons and women's sections of prisons, as well as women inspectors and women medical inspectors of women's prisons.

Just before the General Election of 1918, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George issued a joint Manifesto in which they said: "It will be the duty of the new Government to remove all existing inequalities of the law as between men and women." Now, six years later, another new Government is coming into power with a majority large enough to carry all the reforms they desire. We especially urge the merits and necessity of the reforms for which women's organisations have been working for so many years, in face of innumerable defeats. We hope that this new Government will see its way to granting them without delay. The granting of these reforms will do more than anything else to spread contentment amongst women and to bring about security and stability in the State, which is so much desired at the present time.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE STATEMENT

Last Friday, the political sub-committee issued the following statement to the Press:—

Dr. Octavia Lewin presided over the Women's Freedom League political committee meeting yesterday (Friday) afternoon, the members expressing great satisfaction that Lady Astor, the Duchess of Atholl, and Mrs. Hilton Philipson had been again returned to Parliament, and that Miss Ellen Wilkinson, who had gained a seat at East Middlesbrough, would add to the number of women in the House of Commons. While expressing sincere regret that the former Members—Mrs. Wintringham, Lady Terrington, Miss Margaret Bondfield, Miss Susan Lawrence, and Miss Dorothy Jewson—had been defeated at the polls, as well as twenty-two new women candidates, the Committee considered that the women candidates generally had polled splendidly at the recent very difficult Election. While most of the unsuccessful ones fell with the fortunes of the Parties to which they severally belonged, the successful Conservative women Members had considerably increased their poll and their majority, just as some of the men had done in the rising fortune of that political Party. One thing is clear: the women who were defeated were defeated, not because they were women, but because they shared with the men the chances of the Party to which they belonged. It is to be noted that only four women candidates have forfeited their deposit.

The political committee decided at once to write to Mr. Baldwin to ask if, in the event of his undertaking to form a Government, he will include in the King's Speech a measure to grant the Parliamentary franchise to women at the same age and on the same terms as the men exercise it.

WOMEN'S LUCK AT THE POLLS.

We warmly congratulate the survivors of the recent General Election—Lady Astor, the Duchess of Atholl, and Mrs. Hilton Philipson, who all considerably increased their majorities, as well as Miss Ellen Wilkinson, who won a seat at East Middlesbrough. The women's cause has suffered severely by the defeat of Mrs. Wintringham, Miss Dorothy Jewson, and Lady Terrington; but we hope it will not be long before they try their luck again at by-elections. All the women candidates had a very stiff fight at the recent Election; not one of them had even a comparatively "safe" seat; and the poll for most of the defeated candidates, as well as the successful ones, was extraordinarily heavy. In 1922, the total number

of votes polled by women was 228,000, last year it was 283,700, and last week it reached over 400,000. The average vote for the women candidates in 1922 was 6,900, last year it rose to 8,000, and last week it increased to over 9,700. Every woman who stands for election makes it easier for other women to come before the electorate. Women candidates are no longer novelties at elections, and their candidature is treated, both by the Parties for which they stand and by the men and women electors, as seriously as the candidature of men. We wish the elected women every possible success in the new Parliament; and we heartily hope that several of the unsuccessful women candidates will find their way to Westminster at by-elections during the life of this Parliament.

Herts, Watford:			
Herbert, Dennis (C.)	15,271		
Elvin, H. H. (Lab.)	7,417		
Ashby, Mrs. Corbett (L.)	5,205		
Plymouth, Sutton:			
Astor, Lady (C.)	18,174		
Brenan, G. W. (Lab.)	13,095		
Perth and Kinross:			
Atholl, Duchess of (C.)	13,565		
McDiarmid, J. (Lab.)	5,286		
Derbyshire, Ilkeston:			
Oliver, George (Lab.)	11,011		
Raikes, V. H. (C.)	9,203		
Barlow, Lady (L.)	4,320		
Islington, E.:			
Tasher, Major R. (C.)	14,174		
Bentham, Dr. Ethel (Lab.)	10,280		
Carr, A. S. Comyns (L.)	7,406		
Northampton:			
Holland, Gen. Sir A. (C.)	16,017		
Bondfield, Miss Margaret (Lab.)	15,046		
Manfield, J. (L.)	9,436		
Denbigh, Denbigh:			
Davies, Ellis, W. (L.)	12,671		
Brodrick, Hon. Mrs. L. (C.)	11,250		
Hackney, N.:			
Hudson, Captain A. (C.)	11,975		
Harris, J. H. (L.)	7,181		
Churchill, Dr. Stella (Lab.)	6,097		
Surrey, Farnham:			
Samuel, A. M. (C.)	18,272		
Corner, Mrs. A. (Lab.)	4,613		
Dumfries:			
Charteris, Gen. J. (C.)	12,718		
Chapple, Dr. W. A. (L.)	8,472		
Dollan, Mrs. A. (Lab.)	6,324		
Lewisham, W.:			
Dawson, Sir P. (C.)	19,723		
O'Malley, B. L. A. (L.)	6,756		
Drake, Mrs. Barbara (Lab.)	6,781		
Southwark, S.E.:			
Naylor, T. E. (Lab.)	11,635		
Lloyd, Geoffrey (C.)	7,387		
Elias, Mrs. T. (L.)	2,388		
Cheshire, Northwich:			
Stuart, Lord C. Crichton (C.)	14,545		
Gould, Mrs. Barbara (Lab.)	11,630		
Mort, A. (L.)	7,465		
Blackburn:			
Duckworth, J. (L.)	31,612		
Henn, Sir S. (C.)	31,347		
Hamilton, Mrs. Mary (Lab.)	24,330		
Derby:			
Thomas, Rt. Hon. J. H. (Lab.)	27,423		
Luce, Sir R. (C.)	25,425		
Raynes, W. R. (Lab.)	25,172		
Hulse, Mrs. E. J. (C.)	21,700		
Stewart, J. H. (L.)	7,083		
Norwich:			
Hilton-Young, Lieut.-Comdr. E. (L.)	28,842		
Fairfax, Captain G. (C.)	28,529		
Smith, W. R. (Lab.)	23,808		
Jewson, Miss Dorothea (Lab.)	22,931		
Manchester, Ardwick:			
Lowth, T. (Lab.)	15,941		
Jones, Miss M. L. K. (C.)	13,115		
East Ham, N.:			
Crook, C. W. (C.)	11,194		
Lawrence, Miss Susan (Lab.)	10,137		
Liverpool, Fairfield:			
Cohen, Major J. B. (C.)	14,277		
Mercer, Mrs. (Lab.)	8,412		
Northumberland, Wansbeck:			
Warne, G. H. (Lab.)	21,159		
Middleton, Mrs. Mary (C.)	18,875		
Lanark:			
Mitchell, S. (C.)	12,714		
Dickson, T. (Lab.)	11,426		
Mitchell, Miss S. B. (L.)	2,126		
Bournemouth:			
Croft, Brig.-Gen. Sir H. Page (C.)	20,620		
Pallister, Miss Minnie (Lab.)	7,735		
Leeds, N.E.:			
Birchall, Major J. D.	16,396		
Penny, Mrs. E. (Lab.)	8,984		
Woodcock, G. R. (L.)	3,007		
Northumberland, Berwick:			
Philipson, Mrs. Hilton (C.)	12,130		
Robson, Captain the Hon. H. (L.)	8,165		
Adams, J. (Lab.)	3,521		
St. Helens:			
Sexton, J. (Lab.)	21,313		
Pilkington, Miss E. (C.)	16,908		
Hastings:			
Percy, Lord Eustace (C.)	15,217		
Porter, Mrs. M. M. (Lab.)	6,082		
Middlesex, Acton:			
Brittain, Sir Harry (C.)	12,799		
Baldwin, H. A. (Lab.)	5,583		
Levinson, B. A. (L.)	3,974		
Richardson, Miss Mary (Ind.)	1,775		
Chelsea:			
Hoare, Rt. Hon. Sir S. (C.)	13,816		
Russell, Mrs. Bertrand (Lab.)	5,661		
Williams, I. A. (L.)	1,557		
Aberdeen, North:			
Rose, F. (Lab.)	13,249		
Sandeman, Dr. Laura (C.)	6,545		
Herts, Hemel Hempstead:			
Davidson, J. C. C. (C.)	12,985		
Dunn, J. F. (L.)	7,994		
Sayle, Miss A. (Lab.)	1,553		
Dorset, West:			
Colfox, Major W. P. (C.)	12,426		
Simpson, Mrs. L. (Lab.)	5,764		

Lanark, Bothwell:	
Robertson, J. (Lab.)	14,591
Shaw, Mrs. Helen (C.)	11,314
Devon, Totnes:	
Harvey, Major S. E. (C.)	19,771
Vivian, Henry (L.)	14,786
Spurrell, Miss K. (Lab.)	2,240
Portsmouth:	
Cayzer, Sir H. R. (C.)	22,423
Stephen, Miss Jessie (Lab.)	8,310
Edinburgh, North:	
Ford, P. J. (C.)	14,461
Stewart, Miss E. (Lab.)	8,192
Raffan, P. W. (L.)	6,669
Bucks, Wycombe:	
Knox, Maj.-Gen. Sir A. (C.)	20,820
Terrington, Lady (L.)	12,526
Young, G. (Lab.)	4,626
Gloucester, Stroud:	
Nelson, Sir Frank (C.)	15,973
Turbervill, Miss E. Picton (Lab.)	7,418
Stanton, A. W. (L.)	6,057
Camberwell, N.:	
Ammon, C. G. (Lab.)	11,300
Vaughan, Dame Helen Gwynne (C.)	7,564
Duval, Victor (L.)	1,029
Morpeth:	
Smillie, Robert (Lab.)	19,248
Ward, Miss Irene (C.)	10,828
Dodd, John (L.)	3,805
Middlesbrough, E.:	
Wilkinson, Miss E. (Lab.)	9,574
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THE RHODESIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

Rhodesia is not only the sole Province of South Africa where women are politically enfranchised, but it also boasts a woman Member of Parliament in the person of Mrs. Ethel Tawse Jollie, a well-known writer on English and South African conditions. It also has a flourishing Women's Society, formerly known as the Women's Enfranchisement League, and now called the Rhodesian Women's League.

In a recent interview with Mrs. Longden, the Society's first President, who is now in London, a representative of THE VOTE learned that even during the war the Rhodesian Women's League carried on its various activities. One of its most important pieces of work has been the circulation of a Petition, signed by women all over the country, pressing for equal legislation between the sexes with regard to inter-relationships between white people and natives. At present, a white woman, if found guilty of such a relationship, suffers a term of three years' imprisonment, whilst a white man goes free.

The Rhodesian Women's League urged this legislation not solely on moral grounds, but also for economic reasons, as special schools and other provision have to be arranged for the half-caste children, which are the product of these mixed relationships. As a result of this Petition, the Government appointed a Commission of Inquiry, but the matter is still in abeyance.

The Rhodesian Women's League has also carried out a good deal of active Temperance work, and has agitated to get women appointed on the Municipal Council, on Hospital Boards, etc. As a result, a woman has been put on the Public Libraries Board, and two women have been appointed on the School Board.

BOOK REVIEW.

Memories of a Militant. By Annie Kenney. (Arnold.) 16s. (Can be obtained at this Office.)

Annie Kenney writes in her introduction—"The Women's Movement appealed to the best and highest in me . . . the experience gained, the sacrifices made, the labours done, all for a big ideal, were the finest school for the building-up of those qualities which I needed to strengthen and evolve me as a human soul upon life's path . . . No companionship can ever surpass the companionship of the militants during the childhood and youth of the suffrage fight."

Indeed, the whole story is a record of what can be done by utter selflessness, disciplined to sacrifice and endurance by intense love and sympathy for the oppressed. Are not these qualities, and only these, always able to inspire a world, in itself full of toil and weariness, and almost content to nurse old ills lest worse be in store? The writer says, at the end of chapter xv., that the book is not a record of dates and names, but simply an account of events engraved on her heart—the imperishable record of her own soul, and as such it makes its great impression. The reader can almost see the eager little mill-girl, starting out on her quest, proving her powers of oratory, quivering with excitement at the commencement of each new journey, and all the while full to the brim with loyalty and devotion to her leaders and the cause, yet in no way losing her canny Lancashire common sense, and always ready to see the best, even in those who opposed her. We get inimitable pictures of those pioneers of militancy—the Pankhursts, the Pethick-Lawrences, Mrs. Flora Drummond, Mrs. Billington Greig—and the story of how the small band advanced from request to demand, from constitutional action to one form of militancy after another, is told with a simplicity and directness that makes each transition seem almost inevitable. The figure of Christabel dominates the picture, but the reader will, perhaps, study with more affection the hairbreadth escapes, the ingenious disguises, the many journeys undertaken by the tireless messenger, when as "mouse" she was being pursued by the vindictive "cat"—tireless, did I say? yet so wearied that the prison cell seemed a haven of rest!

The sketches of pit-brow women, fishwives, Lancashire workers in shawls and clogs, and the sweated women of the East End, are all equally delightful, but for clever characterisation and unerring divination of the weak points in the adversary, let us turn to her interviews with the leading statesmen of the day. For pure humour, Annie Kenney's visit to take sanctuary, according to ancient custom, with the horrified Archbishop of Canterbury can hardly be surpassed. The knowledge that all classes and ranks of women stood shoulder to shoulder, doctors and nurses, mill hands and scientists, artists and actresses, retiring middle-class spinsters leaving their sheltered dwellings, and noble ladies their aristocratic seclusion, to give and be given in the cause, united women as never before, and that this sisterhood was due to the initiative of two or three, of whom the simple mill-girl was one, gave tremendous power to those who were foremost in organising the fight.

All readers of THE VOTE, reading this book, should recapture some of the old burning enthusiasm, which found nothing too great or too small, which might help to free the oppressed. The absolute need of the mental, moral, and spiritual independence of women was felt by Annie Kenney and her fellow-workers, and this it was that spurred them on from small beginnings to a great end, and gave to the country a wonderful example of organisation, self-immolation and patient endurance, showing what wonderful abilities were to be found among the ranks of those so long contemptuously described as "mere women."

J. M. T.

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Monday, November 17th, at 3.30 p.m. "Fair" Sub-Committee at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.

Friday and Saturday, November 28th and 29th. Central Hall, Westminster. Green, White, and Gold Fair. To be opened on Friday, at 3 p.m., by Mrs. Hilton Philipson, M.P., and on Saturday, at 3 p.m., by Miss Susan Lawrence.

Saturday, November 29th, at 10 a.m. National Executive Committee Meeting, at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.

PROVINCES.

Friday, November 7th, at 7 p.m. Swansea. Whist Drive (by kind permission of Mrs. Hutton), at 9, Sketty Road. Tickets (2/6, including refreshments) from the Secretary and Members of the Committee.

Monday, November 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Bexhill. Public Meeting at Glyn Hall Hotel. Speaker: Miss Anna Munro. Subject: "The Political Situation."

Tuesday, November 18th, at 3.30 p.m. Hastings. Public Meeting at the Eversfield Hotel. Speaker: Miss Anna Munro. Chair: Mrs. Darent Harrison.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Wednesday, November 12th, at 8 p.m. Oak Room, Kingsway Hall, W.C. Women's League of Union. Speaker: Mrs. Barlow (Organising Secretary, National Women Citizens' Association). Subject: "The Russian and German Treaties."

Wednesday, November 12th, at 3.45 p.m. National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship. Reception to meet Mrs. Swanwick. Caxton Hall, Westminster. Tickets 2s. 6d.: from Secretary, N.U.S.E.C., 15, Dean's Yard, S.W. 1.

BRANCH NOTES.

ASHFORD.

At the monthly meeting of the Ashford (Kent) Branch, on Friday afternoon, October 31st, a delightful address was given by Mrs. Miles, Vice-President and organiser for Kent of the Women's Institutes, on "Handicrafts, and their effect on the mentality." The charm of hand-made laces, needle-run work, tapestries, weaving and spinning, and other art work, and the history of each was dwelt upon in a delightfully intriguing manner, and the effect of a quiet hour devoted to a hobby, and its power of soothing the whole nervous system, and brightening one's outlook, was given from a spiritual, medical, and scientific point of view. Mrs. Miles maintained that men possessed the faculty of "shutting off," and it was necessary that women should be able to find leisure for occupations which gave mental rest and pleasure. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded her, and a promise of a future visit gladly accepted.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Secretary will be pleased to receive contributions for the Portsmouth Stall at the Annual Fair in London. Towels, soap, pillowslips, or anything useful will be very welcome. Miss Mottershall and Mrs. Brading have kindly promised to help Mrs. Whetton at the Stall.

To Birthday Fund. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Merritt 5s. (Hon. Sec.) Mrs. WHETTON, 89, Festing Grove, Southsea.

In Memoriam.

DUVAL.—On October 31st, at her residence, 37, Park Road, S.W. 18, Mrs. Emily Duval.

We deeply regret to learn that our old friend and colleague, Mrs. Emily Duval, passed away at 37, Park Road, S.W. 18, last Friday morning. We offer our sincere sympathy to her husband, who helped us so gallantly in our struggle for the vote, as well as to her son and daughter, who also rendered yeoman service to our cause in pre-suffrage days. We hope to give a longer account of Mrs. Duval in next week's VOTE.

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