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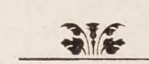
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The Association consists of men and women who have qualified for membership by payment of a Registration fee of one shilling. It is earnestly hoped that members will also subscribe annually towards the expenses of the Association.

Subscribers of five shillings or more shall receive notices of public meetings.  
Members who subscribe not less than one guinea will be eligible for election on the Women's Council.

Badges of membership one shilling each.

**OBJECTS.**

- (1) To form a bond of union between all Conservatives and Unionists who are in favour of the removal of the sex disqualification and the extension of the Franchise to all duly-qualified women.
- (2) To convince members of the Conservative and Unionist party of the desirability of this policy, and as far as is possible to give active support to official candidates at elections when they are in favour of the Enfranchisement of Women.†
- (3) To work for Women's Enfranchisement by Educative and Constitutional methods consistent with Unionist principles.
- (4) To hold meetings and to arrange for lectures in furtherance of the above aims, and to provide literature on the subject.
- (5) To maintain the principles of the Conservative and Unionist party with regard to the basis on which the Franchise should rest and to oppose Universal Suffrage in any form.

† This Association, though pledging itself not to oppose any official Unionist Candidate, yet will not work as an Association for any Candidate who is opposed to Women's Franchise.

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**The Outlook.**

It is with great pleasure that we are issuing a paper for our members and friends. We feel that the more people realise the strenuous work that is necessary for advancing the cause of the political enfranchisement of women, the more sincere will their sympathy become; and this sympathy, we confidently hope, will be turned into active help if they hear from time to time of the work, the difficulties, and the responsibilities which fall to the lot of this Association.

The Conservative and Unionist Association was started just a year ago, because it was realised that the large majority of Conservative and Unionist women would only work on constitutional lines; and, keen as they might be on this reform (which must come with the increase of women's independence in civilised countries), yet they could only advance it on the political lines which they believe to be best for the good of the country. Therefore, as an Association, we shall never oppose a Conservative candidate, but if he be an opponent, we shall try by every means in our power to make him understand the justice of our claims. The last century brought so many alterations in the position of men and women that it seems undesirable any longer to expect one sex to have their duties narrowly defined, and we all feel that though a woman does not fight for her country, she risks her life for the welfare and continuance of the race. As her responsibilities are increased, so will her moral qualities deepen and develop, and thus the training of the young will become to her not only an occupation, but a chance of helping forward the progress of humanity. Social and domestic matters have of late years been so woven into the political life of the country that it seems to us that women's sphere is quite as much legislated for as are larger Imperial questions; therefore, the fact of helping to return a representative to Parliament who would uphold their views and interests would encourage women to study these matters in a systematic and intelligent manner. We have started this paper that we may be able to

inform our supporters of all the activities we are undertaking, and we hope that they will join with us in forwarding the cause. Our work will consist not only in advocating the political enfranchisement of duly qualified women, but also in giving opportunities for obtaining information on all the important social and political questions of the day which indirectly bear on the great object for which our Association was formed—Women's Suffrage. We have organised classes on several of the burning questions of the moment, details of which will be seen in the announcements on another page. We hope many of our readers will attend these lectures, and we would beg all our supporters to give a portion of their time to the consideration of subjects which deal directly with the welfare of the country and about which it is most desirable that well-informed women should be able to give advice when asked. It seems a strange anomaly that 215,300 women have been enrolled by the various political organisations to canvass and bring voters to the poll, and yet that they should not be considered capable of recording their judgments by means of the Parliamentary vote.

We have great hopes that this paper may be of real use to our supporters in bringing them into communication with each other, and we can assure them that any difficulties they may feel, or any help they may require will have sympathetic consideration at the offices of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association.

We hope that all our members will help us in making our paper widely known, for a large circulation is of great importance. Who will undertake to supply a copy to the public libraries and clubs of their towns? Subscriptions 1/- yearly, post free.

We would especially call our readers' attention to a new leaflet we are issuing on the industrial position of women. We have had so many requests for a publication dealing with this aspect of the Suffrage question that we feel it will be greatly welcomed. The price is 3d. per dozen copies.

We are glad to be able to say that Miss Pullen Burry, F.R.A.S., has consented to speak at one of our evening At Homes. She is a well-known anthropologist, traveller, and writer, and is the author of a recent book, entitled "In a German Colony." The short sketch she promises us on the "Evolution of Woman" will be deeply interesting.

Another lady who has promised to address us is Miss Maud Meredith, Assistant Editor of *The Englishwoman*. We have also had promises of help from Lady Knightley, Miss Garrett Anderson, M.D., who will speak on "Women's Suffrage in Relation to Health"; and Miss Andrews, late Headmistress of the Maida Vale High School for Girls.

The appeal for books of reference has been well responded to by many ladies. We still need a great number of books and pamphlets on Women's Work and interests, details of which can be obtained at the office.

## Our Work.

## Central Office Report

THE Association was formed in London in November, 1908. Public meetings have taken place at the Westminster Palace Hotel and at the Wharnclyffe Rooms, and also Drawing-room Meetings, arranged by Viscountess Gort, Lady Betty Balfour, Lady St. Helier, Lady Strachey, Mrs. Rowland Prothero, Mrs. Rawles, Mrs. Maurice Ruffer, and Mrs. Percy Boulnois. Lectures were given by Miss Packer, also by Mr. W. A. Bailward on "Women's Influence in Poor Law Administration"; by Sir John Cockburn on "Women and Imperial Defence"; by Mr. Cecil Chapman on the "Legal Side of Women's Suffrage"; by Professor Sadler on the "Crisis in Education and the need of Women's influence in Administration"; and by Dr. Mearns Fraser on "Women and the Public Health Service." The Association took part in a debate at Kensington Town Hall, in which the Women's Anti-Suffrage League and the London Society for Women's Suffrage were represented. Committees have been formed for Lectures, Literature, Finance, Parliamentary work, Canvassers' Classes, London organisation, and Country Circles, and there is also a Women's Council, which does excellent work in aiding us to organise our meetings and in initiating fresh activities. Our literature has achieved unique success, not only among our own members but with those of other societies. Since the Association was founded over 116 thousand leaflets have been issued. Notices of past and future work are sent regularly to the chief daily and weekly papers, and a lively correspondence has been carried on in the more important journals between some of our members and our Anti-Suffragist opponents. Hence it will be seen that one of the great objects of our Association—the political education of the future voter—has been kept steadily in view. Among those who have addressed our meetings or otherwise given us active help are the Viscountess Castlereagh, Viscountess Middleton, Lady Willoughby de Eresby, the Countess of Fingall, Winifred Countess of Arran, the Lady Betty Balfour, the Lady St. Helier, the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton, Lady Vaughan, Lady Strachey, Miss Alice Balfour, Miss Hutchinson Wright, Mrs. Roy Batty, Mrs. J. Boyd Carpenter, the Hon. Violet Douglas Pennant, Mrs. Percy Boulnois, Mrs. Rowland Prothero, Miss Minna Rathbone, Lady Wright, and many others, to whose untiring efforts the great success of our Association is so largely due.

LOUISE GILBERT SAMUEL.

Our Hon. Secretary asks us to state that she is always pleased to see visitors at the offices, 48, Dover Street, in the morning. She would be glad however to receive notice of any appointments that may be desired, as her time is much taken up with committee meetings and other work.

THE first Council Meeting of the Winter Session was held on Tuesday, October 12th, at 10, John St., Mayfair. Considering the fact that many members were still out of town, the attendance was most encouraging and the discussions evolved some extremely useful and practical suggestions for the immediate work of our Association. Lady Middleton presided, and several members from distant branches were present. The keenest interest was shown in every aspect of the Suffrage question, and a long Agenda was under consideration.

The decision of the Executive to venture upon a paper of our own was announced at the Council meeting and suggestions were invited. The possibility of the venture is due to the kindness of Lady Wright in starting it with a gift of £5. Our sincere thanks are also due to Mrs. Spens, the Hon. Sec. for Edinburgh, who promised a second £5 to ensure the continuance of the journal for at least two issues. We therefore hope to publish the second number by February 1st; and future issues will largely depend upon the support accorded to the first number. The chief object of our publication is not so much to compete with other similar journals, as to enable our leaders and officials to keep in close touch with our ever growing numbers in all parts of the Kingdom and the Empire. It is thought desirable also to have a paper in which we can give voice to the views of our own Conservative and Unionist Party on the subject of Women's Franchise.

Lady Betty Balfour and Mrs. Percy Boulnois have been asked to visit the North of England and the South of Scotland this autumn. Their tour is taking them to York, November 15th; Hull, November 17th; Edinburgh, November 19th; Glasgow, November 22nd; Liverpool, November 26th.

Space forbids our recounting in greater detail work that has been, or is being, accomplished during this our first year as an Association. Fuller information will be found in the Annual Report to which we must refer those who wish to know what has been done.

We would specially call our readers' attention to the meeting in the Kensington Town Hall on Dec. 8th, when we shall have Lady Knightley in the chair, and important speakers have promised to address us. Tickets 5/-, 2/6, 1/-, 6d., admission free. We hope all our friends will help us to make it a great success.

We desire to make known a very definite and practical "want." Our third room at the office is now in use, chiefly for interviews, and should present some appearance of comfort to the eyes of our visitors. At present a cork carpet and a desk are the sole luxuries. A rug, a small table for books and papers, and a set of bookshelves or a bureau with shelves would each and all be very welcome; but unless these things come as gifts we shall have to do without them, as funds are spent on sterner necessities.

## Notes and Comments.

*Authoritative Statement on the Question of Women's Suffrage issued by the Ladies' Grand Council of the Primrose League with the Approval of Grand Council, Primrose League, October, 1909.*

THE Primrose League was formed to maintain the three great principles of Religion, the Estates of the Realm and the Integrity of the Empire. The Grand Council considers that Women's Suffrage, being a question of opinion and not of principle, is outside the scope of the League as a body.

Any person holding these principles may therefore be a member of the Primrose League whether in favour of, or opposed to, women having the Parliamentary franchise. But members of the League are bound not to oppose official Unionist candidates, whatever the candidates' views may be on the question of Women's Suffrage.

Members of the League can attend Suffragist or Anti-Suffragist meetings and sign petitions on either side, so long as they do not attempt to injure the cause of any official Unionist candidate, whether he be in favour of, or whether he objects to, women having votes for Parliament.

We notice with regret that ladies were excluded from Mr. Walter Long's recent meeting at the Lambeth Baths. Considerable indignation has been aroused in South London over this matter. The object of the Meeting was to protest against the Socialist tendencies of the Budget; have not women taxpayers a right to hear what is said on a matter affecting them as nearly as men? But no; inquirers were told the Meeting was "for Electors"; not for the women who have been working so hard for their Party in the South London Unionist Campaign.

The Men's League for Women's Suffrage have started a monthly paper, price 1d., including postage. It gives an account of the splendid work which is being done for the Cause by members of this League. Apply to Hon. Secretary, 40, Museum Street, London, W.C.

It should be more generally known that the Conservative Party have, by a majority vote, definitely declared in favour of the enfranchisement of qualified women; the Conference of Conservative Associations held at Birmingham in 1907, and Cardiff in 1908, on each occasion passed a resolution in favour of this reform.

We are glad to be able to announce evening At Homes, particulars of which will be found further on in our columns. We believe they will meet a want in supplying that social element without which every human society must lack cohesion; and will also be valuable as a medium of instruction on the various aspects of the franchise question. Mrs. Fabian Ware's most excellently organized lectures by distinguished experts on social and other subjects, will also be resumed this season.

## The Suffrage in Foreign Lands.

THE recent granting of the Municipal Suffrage to Danish women has increased their desire for parliamentary representation. During the last year the National Woman Suffrage Association has risen from 4,000 to 10,000 members, and it has now 132 local branches. The last has just been formed at Horsens, Jutland, as the outcome of a lecture by Mrs. Rambusch, on "Women's duties in State Government."

The elections in Norway for parliamentary representatives are now taking place. It is two years since Norway enfranchised its women. The Bill was carried by the substantial majority of 96 votes to 25, and the terms of the measure grant the rights and privileges of citizenship and the franchise to women under the same conditions as now exist at municipal elections.

The French Association for Women's Suffrage is increasing rapidly, and includes women of all ranks and of all shades of religious and political beliefs. The Committee, under the presidency of Mme. Schmal, is doing excellent work, particularly in publishing literature and in collecting the opinions of prominent men. As a result, there is no doubt that the subject is now being carefully considered by many men whose opinions carry weight in the political and intellectual life of France. M. Buisson is bringing in a Bill to confer municipal Suffrage and eligibility on women, while M. Flash, Professor of the College de France is taking Woman Suffrage for the subject of his lectures this year.

The Bavarian Diet held a discussion on Woman Suffrage on October 1st. The Committee appointed to deal with the question advised that the women's claims should not be considered. A lively debate followed, but the motion of the Committee was passed. The cause is gaining many adherents in Bavaria. Municipal and Charity Councils have recently been instructed to appoint women on to boards dealing with public charities. This has been done at the express command of the Minister of the Interior, who considers that "The good results of the participation of women in the relief of the poor make it desirable that our Bavarian municipalities should avail themselves more and more of this valuable help."

We are informed that the headquarters of the National American Women's Suffrage Association have now been moved from Warren, Ohio, to 505, Fifth Avenue, New York. Miss Anna Shaw and Professor Frances Squire Potter are in charge. American Suffragists have lost two firm friends in the death of Governor Johnson and Mr. H. B. Blackwell. The former was a staunch supporter of our Cause and advocated it in public and private. Mr. Blackwell devoted his whole life to improving the position of women and to obtaining their political enfranchisement. He was Senior Editor of *The Woman's Journal*, Boston, a weekly publication that exists solely for forwarding women's interests; and which, by its fairness, dignity and moderation has done splendid work for the Cause.

## Under the Flag.

### Australian Premiers and Woman Suffrage.

OUR opponents are constantly publishing reports to try and prove that the granting of the Suffrage to women has been a failure in Australia. We therefore think our readers will be interested to hear the opinions of the various premiers on the subject.

Hon. Alfred Deakin, Ex-Premier of Federated Australia, wrote:—"The proceedings on election days appear more orderly. Meetings, too, especially when attended, as they usually are, by large numbers of women, have been quieter. There is now, I think, a closer attention paid in Parliament to matters especially affecting the sex, or interesting them. The general impression is that the temperance sentiment has been reinforced, while gambling and similar evils are being strictly dealt with. In any case it appears certain that whatever changes have been made by the addition of women voters to our electoral rolls are in the right direction. Election contests, while losing none of their zest, have, I think, distinctly gained in public interest."

The Premier of Queensland considered that "the result has shewn the utter groundlessness of the fears expressed by those who formerly opposed women having the franchise."

The Premier of South Australia's experience has been that "Woman's Suffrage has tended to improve the character of Parliament and the legislation of the country without causing the slightest evil. No attempt to repeal the law has ever been made." Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., late Agent-General for S. Australia, was even more emphatic. He said that "women sedulously exercise their voting power without neglecting a jot of their domestic duties, without engendering domestic jars and without any alteration of the previous relationships of the sexes. Intelligent interest in public affairs has been augmented and the great reform has been gain without one single drawback."

The Premier of New South Wales wrote that "The Enfranchisement of women in this State has been quite satisfactory. The new order of things electoral is working well."

Those who are in a position to judge are therefore strongly of opinion that the vote has worked for good, both for the women themselves, and the welfare of the State.

In a future issue we propose to give a list of the reforms which have been brought about in Australia since women had a voice in the Government.

We are also told that women do not exercise the vote in Australia. It is, therefore, interesting to know that the Chief Secretary of New South Wales ordered an analysis of the voting in 1907 in connection with the General Election. The percentage of votes recorded to the number on the rolls were:—Males 72.11, females 60.78. In New South Wales the success of Women's Suffrage was so obvious that opponents rapidly became converts.

Chief among them was the Colonial Secretary, who honestly admitted that he "was one of those who opposed the change, but I must frankly state that I was mistaken. Women in this State exercise the franchise wisely."

An interesting speech was recently delivered in Wellington, New Zealand, by the Hon. Dr. Finlay, Attorney General, Colonial Secretary and Leader of the Legislative Council, at the New Zealand Club's luncheon. His ostensible text was "The racial characteristics of native born New Zealanders," but he spoke chiefly about the woman voter and the influence of her vote.

He believed that the future of New Zealand depended as much, if not more, upon the vote of woman than upon the vote of man. The general interest taken in politics in New Zealand was, he was told, greater than anywhere else in the world. In some electorates more women voted than men. Touching the domestic side of the subject, the speaker said that in New Zealand, the home was no longer the entire sphere of women; her sympathies and activities were widening; her increased desire to remedy social evils would reflect itself in action, and even if the control of politics by women increased, it would increase for the better. It might be that in the exercise of that social control the sphere of individuality would be circumscribed; that the freedom of the individual would be more subject to the control of the State and society, but if those were the cardinal features of the control, they could not go far astray. Dr. Finlay's fine speech concluded with the following words:—"I think and hope that woman's influence in politics will be one of the pronounced influences for good in this, or any other, country."

The International Council of Women, which was recently held in Toronto, was a great success in every way. The English delegates speak enthusiastically of the kindness and hospitality of their hosts, and of the pleasure and education it was to meet women from so many other countries working for the same Cause. The enthusiasm displayed over the Suffrage was remarkable, and when a Norwegian lady rose to tell how it had been obtained in her country she received a great ovation. The movement in favour of Women's Suffrage is gaining ground steadily and the Association which has been formed to advocate it has been increased during last year by many new societies, while the public meetings which have been held all over the country have been well attended. Bills for the enfranchisement of women have been presented in the Dominion Parliament and in nearly all provincial Legislatures, but they have invariably been voted down. Last March a petition signed by a hundred thousand persons in Ontario of every shade of political and religious opinion, was presented to the Premier; and Controller Hocken, in introducing the deputation, which represented fourteen different societies, remarked that the City Council of Toronto had already passed a resolution in favour of Women's Suffrage.

## Branch News.

BATH.—This Circle was formed on February 23rd, 1909, when Lady Knightley and Mrs. Ashworth Hallett spoke at a large meeting at the Guildhall. Miss M. Bernard in the chair. The local President is the Hon. Mrs. Paley. A general meeting of members will be held shortly to formulate a scheme of work for the winter and it is hoped that a large increase in membership will result.—MARGARET WALLER, *Hon. Sec.*, 29, *Stion Hill, Bath*.

BRISTOL.—Our Circle was inaugurated on February 22nd, at a crowded meeting at the Queen's Hall, Clifton, when the chief speakers were Lady Knightley and Mrs. Ashworth Hallett. Mrs. Gronow Davis in the chair. A strong Committee was elected and another meeting was held on April 27th. Active work is now in full swing and lectures are being given on political, social, and economic questions.—N. MARDON and E. H. SMITH, *Joint Hon. Secs.*, *Richmond House, Clifton Hill, Bristol*.

DUBLIN.—This branch of which Lady Arnott is President, was formed on March 13th at a largely attended meeting kindly held by Miss White, LL.D. An influential Committee was formed and the number of members has steadily increased. By the kindness of Mrs. Thornhill, a Drawing Room meeting was held at Monkstown which also resulted in an increase of membership. In April a challenge from the Anti-Suffrage League was accepted by the Association, and they were also represented at a debate at the United Arts Club by Miss White and the Hon. Sec. Winter plans are not yet fully matured, but it is hoped to have a large meeting in Dublin before the close of the year, and to give earnest attention to the formation of local branches throughout the country districts of Ireland.—MAY FALKNER, *Hon. Sec.*, 14, *Lower Pembroke Street, Dublin*.

EDINBURGH.—Our Circle was inaugurated last January at the house of the Chairman, Lady Low. Miss Packer kindly came from London to give the principal address, and Miss Lees spoke also. Members were enrolled and literature and badges were sold. Miss Alice Neaves is resigning the Secretaryship owing to pressure of other duties, and Mrs. Spens, 33, Heriot Row, has consented to undertake the work.—ALICE NEAVES.

HULL AND EAST RIDING.—This Branch was started on May 24th, Miss Theilmann being appointed Hon. Sec. It was not thought advisable to make any attempt to form a Committee during the summer months, but a meeting of members was called for that purpose on October 29th. The Hall of the Royal Institute has been booked for a meeting on November 17th, when Lady Betty Balfour and Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois will speak. Mrs. Montefiore, whose son is to contest the East Hull seat at the next general election, has consented to be a local Vice-President, and it is hoped that the names of

other influential ladies will soon be added to hers.—HELEN THEILMANN, *Hon. Sec.*, *Woodville, The Park, Hull*.

LIVERPOOL.—A Branch has now been formed for Liverpool and district. Mrs. Horsfall gave an At Home, at which the speakers were Miss Rathbone, Mr. Caroe, the Danish Consul, and Mr. Heild, Editor of the leading Conservative paper. This resulted in the formation of a Committee who are arranging a meeting for November, at which the speakers will be Lady Betty Balfour and Mrs. Percy Boulnois. We hope to have a few lectures in the spring and trust by these means to increase our membership and create a wider interest in the movement.—EVELYN DEAKIN, *Hon. Sec.*, 14, *Ullett Road, Liverpool*.

LONDON, *Kensington Committee*.—The first meeting of this Committee, of which Lady Lockyer is Chairman, took place on February 19th, when members were enrolled and officers elected. We held a very successful meeting at Niddry Lodge, by kind permission of Miss Holland, on April 23rd. Lady Willoughby de Eresby took the chair, and Miss Gore-Booth, Mrs. Nevinston, Mr. Cameron Grant, and Dr. Anita Augspurg were among the speakers. Other successful meetings followed at Mrs. Tabor Brooks and at the Oratory Studios (kindly lent by Miss Cotton), when Lady Betty Balfour, Lady Strachey, and Mr. G. A. Touche spoke. Fortnightly social evenings have been held. We are planning an extensive scheme of work for the winter. A public meeting has been arranged at Kensington Town Hall on December 8th, at which Lady Knightley has promised to preside. The fortnightly social evenings are being resumed, and we are considering arrangements for speakers' classes during the winter months.—MYRA LUXMOORE, *Hon. Sec.*, 57, *Bedford Gardens, Camden Hill, W.*

*Marylebone and Paddington Committee*.—A local Committee was formed at a meeting held on July 1st. A working Committee was elected which held its first meeting on July 15th. The autumn session began on October 12th by Mrs. Meyer Spielmann's kind invitation, when Miss Blanche Vesey was elected Hon. Secretary. It was decided to hold a series of drawing room meetings for members and their friends. Other informal meetings will, it is hoped, arise from these. The first will be held on November 25th at Miss Hunter-Baillie's, 6, Hanover Terrace, Regent's Park, for which cards of invitation will be sent to all local members. Miss Emily Davies, LL.D., and Mrs. Gilbert Samuel have promised to speak.—CHRISTINA RIVINGTON, *Vice Chairman*.

[It is with special pleasure that we shall welcome Miss Emily Davies on November 25th. Those of us who started this Association remember with gratitude how much we owed in the early days to her active help and encouragement.—ED.]

NOTE:—We much regret that the report of the Glasgow Branch arrived too late for insertion.

Literature and the Press.

Two Good Law Books.

HUSBAND AND WIFE IN THE LAW. By Edward Jenks. (Messrs. Dent & Co., 2/-).

This book will be most useful to all who desire accurate information on a difficult and intricate subject. It is written for the general public and not for lawyers, and no one can fail to understand it. The complicated questions of marriage and divorce according to foreign law, and the rights and liabilities arising out of them, are clearly set forth. The legal position of women with regard to household allowances will be interesting reading to many, as will also the rights of husband and wife to each other's property, with regard to which sweeping changes have been introduced during the last century. The author refers on page 63 to the "privilege" of a married woman, in that she cannot be made a bankrupt unless she is carrying on a trade separately from her husband; but we have shewn in our leaflet on "The Unjust Laws of England," that though this may be a privilege to some women, it is an actual drawback to others, and it is specially disadvantageous to professional married women, as not being liable to imprisonment for refusal to pay debts, they possess such a legal advantage that a prudent business man will not enter into business relations with them. We heartily commend the book to all who require clear and simply-worded information on the subject.

THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF WOMEN. By Ralph Thicknesse. (The Woman Citizen Publishing Society, 13, Breems Buildings, Chancery Lane, 1/-).

This is another useful book on the legal position of women and covers a wide field in a small space. It aims principally at pointing out the disabilities which differentiate women from men in legal matters, and thus to enable public speakers and writers to prepare speeches or articles "on a sound basis of fact." For this purpose it will be invaluable to those of our members who are engaged in propaganda work. The introduction gives useful information on landed property, the rights of the husband, and on his wages, on women in business and on the laws of inheritance and intestacy, which the author acknowledges to be one of women's grievances at the present time. A chapter on French law will be interesting to many, as also the chapter on factories and workshops, a subject which is of vital importance to women as workers and philanthropists. The laws relating to factories, workshops, laundries, docks and bakehouses are clearly set forth in this most valuable little book.

The *Englishwoman* for October has an excellent article on "Women Anglicans and Church Suffrage," which shews how often women's interests are omitted in schemes of church work and how much higher was their status and greater were their privileges in

Angle-Saxon times. The article concludes with the following words:—"How glorious a step the Church would have taken, how true to her appointed mission as a pioneer of progress if she had recognised the massiveness of women's work in her midst, and the heavy burdens she lays upon them, by the gift of an equal share in her government." "The Origin of the Physical Disability of Women" is another thoughtful article in the same review, and should be read by all speakers and writers on Women's Suffrage. From it we learn how women came to be physically weaker than men and most interesting information is given on the customs of savage tribes in their treatment of girl children.

Though the press is mostly hostile to our Cause and refuses to publish anything but reports of sensational Suffrage work, it often unwittingly helps us by shewing how little weight voteless women have with politicians. Many of our legislators do not seem to realize our existence at all. For instance, *The Westminster Gazette* for October 5th, reports Mr. Belloc as having said, in discussing an amendment in the House, that "according to his theory of politics a man was sent to that House to represent a certain number of people called electors." Mr. Belloc evidently does not consider that he represents the women of his constituency, who are not voters. Their interests, therefore, stand little chance of being safeguarded. Mr. Belloc is an opponent of Women's Suffrage. *The Daily Mail* provided us with another instance a few days later, when one of its representatives, in an interview with Mr. Dumphreys, the Unionist Member for Bermondsey, reports him on the eve of the election as having said:—"I am proud to have this chance to represent the men of my own class in the place in which I was born and in which I have lived all my life." It is obvious that Mr. Dumphreys also was under the impression that he was standing for the men only of Bermondsey. If proof were needed that our legislators only think of the welfare of voters when in the House, or seeking for election, these two cases would supply it.

List of Leaflets.

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Calendar of Forthcoming Events.

- Nov. 1st—Lecture, "The Evolutionary Aspect of Women's Suffrage," by Miss Spurgeon, Queen's Hall, Bristol, 3-15 p.m.
- Nov. 6th—Drawing Room Meeting at 12, Merrion Square, Dublin. Hostess, Lady Arnott.
- Nov. 9th—First Annual General Meeting at the Westminster Palace Hotel, Victoria Street, S.W. Chair, the Lady Knightley of Fawsley. Speakers, Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois and others. 3-30 p.m.
- Nov. 11th—Drawing Room Meeting at 1, Queen's Gate Gardens, S.W. Hostess, Lady Craggs. Chair, the Lady Jane Taylor. Speakers, Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois, George Elliott, Esq., K.C. (Cons. Cand. for Luton), G. A. Touche, Esq., (Cons. Cand. for N. Islington), and others.
- Nov. 11th—"At Home," Women's Institute, 92, Victoria Street, S.W. 8 p.m. Hostess, Mrs. Eric Hambro. Speakers, Miss Packer (Historical Aspect), Mrs. Victor Veley, M.D. and others.
- Nov. 12th—Informal "At Home," 57, Bedford Gardens. Chair, Miss Keeling. Discussion on the best methods of obtaining Women's Suffrage. Hostess, Miss Luxmoore. 8-30. Speakers, Mrs. Lethbridge and others.
- Nov. 15th—Drawing Room Meeting at Treasurer's House, York. Speakers, Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois and the Lady Betty Balfour. Host, Frank Green, Esq.
- Nov. 16th—Lecture on "The Organisation of the Agricultural Industry," by Christopher Turnor, Esq., Vice-President and member of Executive Committee of the Central Law Association, at 64, Victoria Street. 11-30. Chair, Mrs. Fabian Ware.
- Nov. 17th—Public Meeting at the Royal Institution, Hull. Speakers, Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois and the Lady Betty Balfour. Chair, Edward Dixon, Esq. 8 p.m.
- Nov. 18th—"At Home," Women's Institute, 92, Victoria Street, S.W. 8 p.m. Hostess, Mrs. Rowland Prothero. Speakers, Miss Pullen Burry, F.R.A.S. "The Evolution of Woman." John Cameron Grant, Esq., "Why Working Women need the vote."
- Nov. 19th—Public Meeting at the Oak Room, Edinburgh Cafe. 3-30. Chair, Mrs. Maxtone Graham. Speakers, Lady Betty Balfour and Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois.
- Nov. 22nd—Public Meeting at Glasgow. Speakers, Lady Betty Balfour and Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois.
- Nov. 23rd—Lecture on "Proportional Representation," by J. R. Brooke, Esq., at 64, Victoria Street. 11-30. Chair, Mrs. Fabian Ware.
- Nov. 25th—"At Home" at the Women's Institute, 92, Victoria Street, S.W. 8 p.m. Hostesses, Mrs. Ridley Smith and Mrs. Lindsay Watson. Speakers, Miss Andrews on "Education," and others.

- Nov. 25th—Drawing Room Meeting at 6, Hanover Terrace, N.W. 4 p.m. Hostess, Miss Hunter-Baillie. Speakers, Miss Emily Davies, LL.D., and Mrs. Gilbert Samuel.
- Nov. 26th—At Home, 57, Bedford Gardens, Campden Hill, W. Hostess, Miss Luxmoore, 8-30 p.m.
- Nov. 26th—Drawing Room Meeting at Sefton House, Sefton Park, Liverpool. Hostess, Miss Glynn. Speakers, Lady Betty Balfour and Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois.
- Nov. 30th—Lecture on National Revenue (Sources and Methods of Collection), delivered by J. R. Brooke, Esq., at 64, Victoria Street, S.W. 11-30 a.m. Chair, Mrs. Fabian Ware.
- Dec. 2nd—"At Home," Women's Institute, 92, Victoria Street, S.W. 8 p.m. Hostesses, the Hon. Mrs. J. Bailey and Mrs. Thomas Skinner. Speakers, the Lady Knightley, Miss Garrett Anderson, M.D. on "Women Suffrage in Relation to Health," and Miss Murrell Marris on "Women's Suffrage and Conservatism."
- Dec. 6th—Drawing Room Meeting at 12, Eaton Place, S.W. Hostess, Mrs. Ridley Smith. 3-30 p.m.
- Dec. 7th—Lecture on National Expenditure (Control of Parliament: Cost of Services: National Debt), by J. R. Brooke, Esq., at 64, Victoria Street, S.W. 11-30 a.m. Chair, Mrs. Fabian Ware.
- Dec. 8th—Public Meeting, Town Hall, Kensington. 8 p.m. Chair, the Lady Knightley of Fawsley. Speakers, the Hon. Sir John Cockburn, and others. Tickets 5/-, 2/6, 1/-, 6d., admission free.
- Dec. 9th—"At Home," Women's Institute, 92, Victoria Street, S.W. Hostesses, the Viscountess Middleton and Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois. Speakers, Miss Meredith, "Home and the Child," Gilbert Samuel, Esq., 8 p.m.
- Dec. 10th—"At Home," 57, Bedford Gardens, Campden Hill, W. 8-30 p.m. Hostess, Miss Luxmoore.
- Dec. 14th—Lecture on Local Finance and Land Taxes, by J. R. Brooke, Esq., at 64, Victoria Street, S.W. 11-30 a.m. Chair, Mrs. Fabian Ware.
- Jan. 14th—"At Home," 57, Bedford Gardens, W. 8-30 p.m.
- Jan. 28th— " " " "
- Feb. 11th— " " " "
- Feb. 25th— " " " "

In addition to these meetings a series of Lectures will be given under the auspices of the Liverpool Branch. Dates to be fixed later. The Marylebone Committee will hold Drawing Room Meetings in January and February. Particulars of these and of other meetings will be announced in the Franchise papers.

