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WHAT WE THINK.

The Cost of Grief.

British subjects have been ordered to put themselves into "decent mourning," and they have done so. The universality of the garb of grief has been more noticeable amongst women. If regarding themselves as outlaws and ignoring the order that mourning was compulsory on citizens, they had refused to don the outward symbol of woe for a King whom they had revered, there would have been no one more surprised than those who persistently regard them as unworthy of treatment on an equal basis. Accepting the fact that they are citizens, they have gone into "decent mourning," and the heavy expense that this has entailed has been cheerfully borne by them. On all sides we hear that financial conditions in trade and in pleasure are bad. The King has expressed a kind wish that theatrical entertainments should be supported as usual; but with the best intentions in the world, his subjects whose pockets are not elastic cannot do this. The theatrical public is largely feminine, and the expenditure on, in many cases, an entirely new black outfit has not only drained present resources, but also made a heavy inroad on hoards that had been accumulating towards the holidays. When a nation weeps, the women supply the pocket-handkerchiefs, and loyally and sympathetically the women of the country have shared in the country's grief. Having been commanded to take part in the nation's sorrow, it would seem only natural to ask—When will they be invited to take part in its joys?

Peacemakers.

We are assured by the daily Press, and more particularly by the organ which once interviewed the great William II. of Germany, that he is the future Peacemaker of Europe. It is a significant fact that peace can only be made by the Powers which have the greatest facilities for making war. Peace is not picturesque unless it is surrounded by the trappings of battle. As the late King Edward, who seems to be now officially named the Peacemaker, was borne to his grave with brother Kings surrounding him, the crowd drew its most curious joys from the symbols of potential war. To give a peacemaker a military funeral marks the price of peace; the men who bore the gun-carriage were chosen for periods of service. The most thrilling figures in the crowd—more near and personal than the Kings who had never fought, but who wore the courtesy uniform of war, were the two men who had given England in recent years her power of making peace—Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener of Khartoum. The sun glinting on the helmets of passing regiments stirred the crowd like the sound of a trumpet

as, three hundred years ago, Sir Philip Sidney said the blind crowder singing battle ballads stirred him. The lesson of it all was a serious one; it was one enforced by the comment on the orderliness of the crowd and the hintings at its terrible possibilities for disorder—and it was that only by the powers of war can peace be enforced.

The moral is a strange one. The civil battle between the party cohorts will presently be resumed. Whether unwilling Ministers will be forced into an autumn Session, or whether the General Election will be postponed to January, the powerful party will have to renew their assault on the Peers, and only by the full flashing of the sword and the braying of their trumpets can they hope to save bloodshed.

And yet there are men who wonder why intelligent women watching the signs of the times, endeavour to gain their ends by avowing their readiness for militant action.

Our Lady of the Lamp.

Miss Florence Nightingale celebrated her ninetieth birthday the other day, and when her name is recalled besides her early association with John Stuart Mill in the Suffrage movement and the greatness of her work in the Crimea, the fact must not be forgotten that she was one of those pioneers who insisted on the necessity for a professional training for women. Some of her opinions expressed at a time when they must have sounded heterodox, are well worth quoting to-day, when the evil of inefficiency is still to be found. "Three-fourths of the whole mischief in women's lives arises from their excepting themselves from the rules of training considered needful for men." And, again, "if you are called to do a man's work, do not exact a woman's privileges—the privileges of inexactness, of weakness, of muddle-headedness." The great progress in women's training since Florence Nightingale's time has caused the principal part of her indictment to be applicable to very few women to-day. But there is still a certain amount of inefficiency, due to defective training, and a habit that seems ineradicable, of regarding any money devoted to the training of girls as likely to be lost in the event of their marrying. Florence Nightingale had an excellent father, who met her wishes in every way, and helped her to that thorough efficiency in her own work, which made it possible for her to bring the best principles of hospital hygiene to bear on her work in the Crimean camp, and her presence in the heart of the night as she passed with her lamp through the barrack camp, a sign of hope to the sick and wounded.

Women at Elections.

There are few who will quarrel with the recent result of the decision of the Judges in the Hartlepool (West Dorset) election case. Lady Wimborne was, according to Justice Lawrance, her son's best election agent, and she lost him his election! The pernicious system of encouraging female back-door influence at elections cannot be too much insisted upon, and it is a just judgment on Captain Guest that he lost his election through his mother's kind offices. Women are surely better worth than being made the medium for illegal practices, and when a man does the dirty work of his election by means of his women-folk, he certainly deserves to be unseated. We are continually told by Anti-Suffragists that party politics are too full of miry by-paths for the clean feet of women. But it would seem that some of our Anti-Suffrage friends are not above using women for the most despicable kind of party work, without holding out to them even the hope of the vote.

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OUR WORK.

Our Difficulties.

GREAT public events cannot pass us by, notwithstanding our lack of citizen rights, and our opportunities for advertising our meetings have been seriously handicapped. However, it takes difficulties to prove our mettle, and this is no time to stand back because a public calamity has made our work harder for us. Speaking at the John Stuart Mill Celebration, in making an appeal for funds, Mrs. Despard said that the need for strenuous work was never more urgent than it is now. The goal is near, but it needs earnest and combined effort to reach it. All over the country the cause is spreading, and everywhere there are eager audiences for our speakers, but expenses are heavy, and our part in the great Suffrage Procession will make many demands on our exchequer.

JOHN STUART MILL CELEBRATIONS

A good deal of water has passed under the bridges since the days when John Stuart Mill advocated Women's Suffrage, and brought in the first amendment in favour of Women's Enfranchisement, when Member for Westminster. Many changes in the conditions of women's life and work have taken place since then, mainly due to the writings of Mill, whose sincerity, probity, learning, ability and sound judgment caused his works to have what must be considered an extraordinary popularity, considering the blows which many of his theories dealt to existing institutions. Wherever the suffrage has taken firm root—and within recent years the spot would be hard to find where it has not—the memory of Mill is fragrant and strong, and his personality as vivid as if he were still alive. To celebrate the anniversary of his birth was our pleasant task on Saturday last, and though the celebration had had to be postponed for a day, owing to the King's funeral, the preparations for which seriously interfered with our arrangements, yet the response of our own members and of the various societies to our appeal for co-operation was, in the matter of wreaths and vehicles, generous in the extreme.

From the W.F.L. offices, Robert Street, Adelphi, the morning's procession of carriages, headed by a brake full of lovely wreaths, started. There were nearly thirty carriages and about fifteen wreaths. The Actresses' Franchise League, the Women's National Social and Political Union, the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, the Committee for Justice to Women, the Uxbridge Suffrage Society, and the Tax Resistance League sent carriages, and so did Miss Edith Craig, Lady Cook, Mrs. Snow, the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Mrs. Hylton Dale, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Thomson-Price, and several others. The following branches also sent carriages and brakes:—Hackney, the Scottish Central, Manchester and Urmiston, Highbury, Clapham, Battersea, Tottenham, Croydon, Northern Heights, and Herne Hill.

The published order of procedure was observed, and the procession attracted considerable attention as it drove through the streets. The banners announcing the nature of the celebration, the pennons hung from each carriage, and the colours of the various societies made a

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picturesque note of hope in the melancholy draperies of the streets, still hung with the insignia of the previous day's public mourning. The beautiful banner specially designed by the Suffrage Atelier was lent to the W.F.L. for the occasion by the Suffrage Shop. Having passed through the principal streets, the procession reached Temple Gardens, and there the police took charge of the wreaths and arranged them on and around the statue, where they may still be seen. The Freedom League was represented by a floral tribute, 4ft. long, in the form of a broad shield, our official badge. It was composed of golden marguerites on a green foundation. In white flowers across the top was the name J. S. Mill, while a broad white ribbon bore the legend, "W.F.L. Votes for Women." Other wreaths were sent by the Actresses' Franchise League (of great beauty, deep-red roses and palm-leaves), the Scottish Central, Hackney, and Clapham branches, the Men's Committee for Justice to Women, Mrs. Hylton Dale, Mrs. Cranstoun, Mrs. Thomson-Price, &c. The police gave us every facility for our mission, but they were unable to allow any speeches to be made in the garden, and, in consequence of this a brief meeting was held outside, at which our president, Mrs. Despard and Mr. Herbert Jacobs (president of Men's League), who took the place of Dr. Baillie Weaver, spoke. A fairly large crowd assembled, and amongst those who had come in the procession were Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Marion Holmes, Miss Olive Terry, Miss Edith Craig, Miss Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Nevinson, Captain Gonne, &c.

Mrs. Despard, in the course of a brief speech, described Mill as one of the strongest and best of men, and one of the greatest intellects of his age. He stood by women in the days when to do so was to court obloquy. His great book "The Subjection of Women" was written at a time when women were men's chattels, and had not even the rights to their own property. But even in those days he saw keenly, and realised that it was no good tinkering at the question, and that the condition of women could never be fully remedied until they had full citizen rights. And it was his great praise that he realised this fact at a time that no one else did. "We call him dead," she said, "but he is a living figure to us, and we hope that when we come again next year it will be to celebrate the gaining of the first step towards liberty."

Mr. Herbert Jacobs dwelt on Mill's place as the pioneer of the modern political movement for women's freedom. Though his work was left unfinished, and no man had yet appeared to take it up, they owed much that had been done in his own time and since, to his influence.

The Evening Meeting.

At Caxton Hall in the evening a meeting was held, at which some remarkable speeches were made. Mrs. Despard was in the chair, and apologised for the absence of Sir Alfred Turner, due to the change of date. A letter from Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy was read recalling the early days of the movement and foretelling the approaching triumph of the cause. On the platform were Mr. Walter Crane, Mme. Aino Malmberg, Lala Rajpat Rai, Mrs. Ayres Purdie, and Mr. Kenneth Richmond.

Mrs. Despard, in the course of a profoundly interesting address, dwelt on the early life of John Stuart Mill, and the coldness of his upbringing under a learned father, who made experiments with the delicate mental organism that had fallen into his hands. She believed it was through his delightful friendship with a woman that he was saved from the depression inevitable from such an upbringing. He was no sentimentalist, but a master of logic, a student of history, a philosopher, a statesman, and a man of the purest and noblest life. The nature of the man himself gave the key to the way he approached the subject of the

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unequal treatment of women by the State. He did not take the point of view of the woman alone: he showed the effect of the wrong attitude towards women, on the man, and that true marriage was only possible between equals. For peace sake the woman accepts the position of subjection, but it led to petty deceptions and to the dwarfing of her mental and moral nature. To those who ask why there have been so few great women, John Stuart Mill answers, because the woman has been forced to give her mind to an infinitude of small things. But this, went on Mrs. Despard, is one of her claims to recognition. If our statesmen gave their attention to small things, the country would be the better for it. Mill, too, asked those who doubted the worth of a free individuality as an element of happiness to ask themselves how they would feel if deprived of it. Was there anything which would compensate for it? An active mind deprived of liberty seeks power, and this lover of liberty shows us that the love of power and the love of liberty are in eternal antagonism. Yet, wherever women have been deprived of liberty they seek power in byways: it is proved from behind the Purdah and in the Zenana. Before they could realise what women can do, they must do away with the slave idea. Those who honoured Mill most would do their best to hasten the hour when the cause he loved would be won, when, instead of wreaths, they would bring him pæans of triumph.

Mme. Malmberg said the name of Mill was sacred in Finland; his message came when it was wanted most. Early in the eighties a group of young women in Helsingfors obtained a Swedish translation of Mill's "Subjection of Women," and formed reading parties to hear it. As a result of their reading of it a Finnish Women's Society was formed. There were few countries where the influence of Mill had been as great as in Finland, and from 1880 onward the influence of Hegel's philosophy, until then very great, was lessened, and the theories of Mill opened up new channels of thought all over the country. When in 1905 freedom was granted to Finland, they were prepared for it, and it meant the same rights and responsibilities for all, rich and poor, men and women, and though now the foundations of their freedom had been rudely shaken by Russian tyranny, yet the situation was not hopeless. The Finns trusted that John Stuart Mill's own country would soon fully realise his teaching, and when it did the small nations would feel much safer.

Lala Rajpat Rai observed that the cause of the women was the cause of humanity, and that Mill's claim to greatness was that he realised this. Indians had often been charged with taking John Stuart Mill's ideas too much to heart, but it was men like him who enhanced the value of England and turned attention from the power of her physical force to that of her mentality.

Mr. Walter Crane, in a delightfully personal address, said that except, perhaps, in the fields of music and poetry, Mill could not be considered from the point of view of art, for which he had not much interest or enthusiasm, whilst philosophical thought had not much interest for artists, except so far as it reflects the spirit of the age. One form of art allies itself to this spirit and to the intellect—symbolic art, which endeavours to embody the most splendid thoughts of its generation; so an artist cannot afford to neglect anything which goes on around him. He went on to say how he fell early under the influence of Mill. He remembered seeing him at St. James's Hall when he was candidate for Westminster, and he never forgot the impression he received of the absolute sincerity of the man and his convictions. His still small voice and his restrained style were quite different from that of the usual party politician. Mill's writings, though full of a limpid coldness, were often illumined by sentences showing rare depth of feeling, and he looked forward to the time when the ideals contained in them would be harmonised with our time. At present we stood in the ruins of the past, with many of us still in bondage. But there were new forms of life coming into existence, of which the three new ones were the Woman, the Labour, and the Socialist Movements, and he believed the solution of the first two lay in the latter. When women won the badge of citizenship, they might hope for the great co-operative

commonwealth in which the social ideal of life would be maintained by men and women working side by side.

Mrs. Ayres Purdie made a witty speech, dealing with women in commerce, and Mr. Kenneth Richmond spoke of the influence of co-education.

Re THE SUFFRAGE PROCESSION.

The Editor has much pleasure in inserting the following letter, and regrets if, in dwelling upon our section, which is organised by a militant society, we have given the impression that the procession as a whole was militant. It is a demonstration, as Miss Hicks points out, for Suffrage, and not for methods of gaining it.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

Madam,—I notice a tendency in THE VOTE to speak of the procession of June 18th as a purely militant demonstration and proof of militant strength. Surely this gives a wrong idea of the procession as a whole? We may, if we choose, limit the Freedom League section to those who definitely support militant tactics, but we must not forget that many individuals who have never given their support to militancy are preparing to join this essentially constitutional demonstration; and, more important still, that contingents are being organised by a large number of Suffrage Societies which are entirely neutral on the question of methods, and which desire on this occasion simply to emphasise their demand for the Vote. These include among others the Church League, the Writers' Suffrage League, the Actresses' Franchise League, the Irish Women's Franchise League, the New Constitutional Society, and the Suffrage Atelier. May I also mention the University Section, which will march under academic banners only, and is being organised by an independent committee, consisting of members of all Suffrage Societies, militant and non-militant? Those who join this section will sink for the time all differences as to methods, and aim solely at expressing our fundamental unity of purpose. I repeat, therefore, that this is a demonstration which any Suffragist may join without feeling that she is thereby committed to approval of any particular form of tactics; and it is the duty of all to help to make it so effective that we shall gain our end without further recourse to militancy.—Yours very truly,

AMY M. HICKS.

AN APPEAL FROM MISS CRAIG.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

Dear Madam,—Will you allow me the courtesy of your columns to make an appeal in connection with the forthcoming procession? There has been sent to every individual member a folding card with certain directions. Will members kindly read these carefully and return to me by return of post, as it is impossible for me to arrange the sections and branches until this has been done? The part of the card intended for names of friends can be detached and forwarded later. There is also still much sewing and other work for the decorations. There are numbers of banners to be made, which without adequate help cannot be properly done.

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MISS FANNY BROUGH.

In her dressing-room during an interval in "The Whip," Miss Fanny Brough gave a representative of THE VOTE a brief interview on the subject of her Suffrage views. Miss Brough tops the bill at Drury Lane, and it seemed a strange irony to question her in a milieu where she reigns supreme on her desire for sex equality. Her dressing-room was fragrant with the mechanism of stage reality and the paraphernalia of conquest.

Suffrage is a subject on which Miss Brough feels and speaks strongly, and as a woman who stands amongst the foremost and most representative members of a profession in which women play the most important part, her views carry considerable weight.

"We are taxed up to the hilt," she said. "We are spared in no way because we are women; we are considered clever enough to earn money for the State, but not clever enough to have a voice in its spending. Our sex stupidity only begins there, though. Exactly the same tender inquiries are made as to 'how much have we got and how did we get it,' as in the case of men; but once the Government has exacted the toll from us, they consider that our interests in Imperial matters should be at an end. I bitterly resent this attitude; I have been a bread-winner from an early age, and I am supposed to be intelligent enough to behave myself like a decent citizen, and yet I am refused the ordinary privileges of a citizen.

"But even more strongly than the attitude of the Government I feel the action of the Anti-Suffrage League, which is 'out' against women. Its members are drawn from a class which does not work, and which does not know what work is. They have no idea what it is to go out and fight for a decent living, and, ignorant of what work and its conditions mean to those who have got to earn their living, these comfortable ladies say they do not want the vote, and, therefore, they do not see why we should want it. Now, mind you, I can understand the woman who frankly does not like the agitation and says so, but stands aside and does not interfere with those to whom the results of enfranchisement may mean the difference between a starvation wage and a decent livelihood. The comfortable, contented married woman may not want a vote, but she must not selfishly stand in the way of those less happily placed."

"In your profession there is no inequality of pay?"
 "No; as a matter of fact, statistics would go to show that the women who are on the stage actually get better pay than the men, and for that very reason many of us are the bread-winners of our families. If there were any truth in the statement that a man got a vote because he supported his family, a good many actresses should be enfranchised."

"The Actresses' Franchise League has had an extraordinary success."

"Yes; it has been simply wonderful the way the feeling on the franchise has spread; it has surprised ourselves even, and we are a notoriously optimistic profession; our women felt very keenly on the subject, the reason being that we do not have, as workers, that feeling of sex inferiority which exists in professions where women are paid less than men. But though we continually assist the militant societies by acting for them, it must be remembered that our League is non-militant. Our profession is much too public for us to adopt militant tactics; it would not do for me, for instance, in the middle of a successful run to be dragged off to Holloway."

"But for that reason has not the A.F.L. the power of forcing the question to a successful issue? If all the theatrical profession went on strike, how would a pleasure-loving Cabinet spend its evenings? It would break the hearts of our politicians—to say nothing of the electorate."

"Unfortunately, no general strike would be possible in a profession as individual as ours. It is a case of every man for himself on the stage. If only we could as a body realise the value of combination, there would not be all the unnecessary want that at present exists in our ranks; we would have Provident funds, and not Benevolent funds—but that is another story."

"Yes," said Miss Brough, in answer to another question. "The members of the A.F.L. do speak remarkably well, and, as a matter of fact, I had always been proud of my speakers at the annual meeting of the Theatrical Ladies' Guild long before the question of the Suffrage came on, though one would think it would be difficult for them to speak their own words, when they are so used to speaking other people's. But they come on, and each one of them, in her few minutes, says something different from everybody else, and just as good. Brevity is the soul of wit, and they know it. My speeches good? Oh, no, it is only reflected glory from the others; I always speak extempore."

Those who attend the annual meetings of the Theatrical Ladies' Guild know that, in spite of her disparagement, one of the most delightful moments of the afternoon is when Miss Brough rises to speak. Her sentences fall like well-aimed shot on her audience, and startle them into benevolence. Miss Brough's interviewer proceeded to ask her a delicate question.

"Do authors treat women with the same inequality that the Government does; do they ignore her right to a share in the exposition of life as it is lived?"
 Miss Brough laughed. "Far from it," she said.



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Gugenheim, Mrs.	1	2	0	Collection (open-air meeting)	0	10	0
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Benett, Miss S.	5	0	0				

"They realise our importance sufficiently to know that the public has no use for a play, no matter how good it may be, in which women are not strongly featured. The public has to be considered, and the author who wants to make a popular success would not omit a strong feminine element."

"And the mature woman, apart from the ingénue, is she not getting a larger share of the popular fancy than she used to?"

"That is undoubtedly so; the star system has something to say to it. Oh, for the good old days when everyone had a look in!" And Miss Brough sighed for a past era. This was certainly generous of her, but not entirely kind to the public, which prefers to listen to some popular favourite of whose powers it has no doubt, than to risk a whole evening with small people, who may possibly become great.

"My favourite parts," said Miss Brough, in answer to a question. "I'm afraid I cannot tell you. I am generally cast now for what are called 'Fanny Brough parts.' I do not know what 'Fanny Brough parts' are."

"Parts played by Fanny Brough, perhaps?"
 "Well, that would include everything from an ingénue upwards in age. I began with the ingénue, as most people do, but now I play a certain type of elderly woman. The older I get the more popular I seem to grow."

But Fanny Brough will never grow old; whom the earthly gods love remain young for decades and decades.

A hasty call came outside; it was the next act, and Miss Brough had to change her frock. She snatched up some little pink slips from a pile on her table and pressed them on her retreating visitor. "I make everyone who comes here take one of these," she said.

It was a leaflet concerning the Theatrical Ladies' Guild, of which Miss Brough is president, and which has its headquarters in Great Russell Street, where our popular favourites meet at sewing bees, and mend and make garments for those of their fellow-workers who have been less successful than themselves, or have fallen in the fight. Miss Brough tells a story against herself, that she once overheard a lady in a 'bus informing another lady that Miss Fanny Brough kept an old clothes shop. "I do," she says. "Send me anything you can for my clients, who work to amuse you in your leisure time, but with whom your pleasure is a serious matter."

Miss Fanny Brough has won her way inch by inch into the great stronghold of women portrayers of humour, a stronghold into which few women enter. She is the best kind of Suffragist—a clever, kindly, human woman, who, having won success, holds out her hand to those who are less well-placed.
 M. O. K.

THE WOMEN'S CONGRESS AT THE JAPAN-BRITISH EXHIBITION.

The Women's Congress at the Japan-British Exhibition will be opened on Monday, June 6th, by the Women's Local Government Society, which has been invited to occupy the first two days by a conference on the co-operation of women in local government.

As women's activities in this field of public enterprise have been of much greater avail since the passing of the Women's Qualification Act, 1907, it will be of great interest to those who believe in women's capacity in public work to hear the experiences of the pioneers who are already employed as administrators or as officials on local governing bodies.

We understand that Lady Strachey is to take the chair on the opening day and that Miss Susan Lawrence, L.C.C., Miss Sutton, town councillor, and Miss Balkwill, who was returned at the head of the poll last November for the Kilburn Ward of Hampstead, will be among the speakers.

The chairman on the second day will be Lady O'Hagan, who rendered such valuable service to Burnley (Lancashire) in the days of the School Board, and the subjects under discussion on this occasion will include sanitary inspection, inspection of midwives, and women's work as relieving officers.

The meetings will be held each day from 3 to 5 p.m.

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THE POLITICIANS' BLUNDER.

Not long ago, in the House of Lords, when it was a question of passing a Bill granting to women the right to sit on municipal bodies, a member of that august Chamber, while professing himself in favour of women taking their part in rural and municipal administration, seized the occasion strongly to object to their admission to political rights. I do not remember the exact words in which the objections were expressed, but I do recall as one of the reasons that women were too straight and that they did not understand politics. If to politics the noble lord had added the word party, I should be in accord with him in his statement, although, naturally, I should profoundly disagree with him in his conclusion.

Since the day when these words were spoken the country at large has had some opportunity of seeing that of which party politicians are capable. The thoughtful amongst those who love their country are, I know, beginning to fear that unless the web and woof of politics is more straightly wrought, national decadence will fall upon us. A keen man-politician, and one who has comparatively recently entered our ranks, said to me the other day: "We want women in politics to straighten things out."

I am often reminded, when I think of the place which, I can have no doubt, women will take in politics by and by, of a beautiful little story told by Rudyard Kipling, which goes by the name of "Tod's Amendment."

Tod, a little person of about five years of age, was the pet of a certain Indian station. The Lord High Commissioner himself, almost a deity in the eyes of the poor Hindu folk, was seen on a certain occasion on hands and knees helping Tod to hunt for a lost ball. It happened to be a time of trouble amongst the English community at that station. A law had been passed at headquarters which deeply concerned the poor people. It had been thought by those who passed this law that it would be beneficial to the poor, and that they would thank and bless their rulers. Instead of that, the people were sullen and scowling. It was shown clearly that they did not like the law. All this was being sadly discussed over the dinner-table of Tod's father one sultry evening, when a curious sound as of suppressed giggling was heard under the table. A guest lifted the tablecloth, and there was wicked little Tod in his night garments. He was in hiding from his bearer. By the general request Tod was given a seat at the table, and the interrupted conversation went on. To the surprise of everyone, Tod suddenly broke in. "Big sahib," he said to the High Commissioner, "that is not right"; and then in his own language, half English, half Hindu, he repeated what he had heard in the bazaars about the law; and the Commissioner, striking his hand against the table, cried out, "By heaven! Tod is right." At the next Council the great man brought forward an amendment to the law, and the people were pleased and satisfied.

That story, I have heard, is founded upon fact. The people saw straight, the child who lived amongst the people saw straight, and a politician was found great and wise enough to follow the leading of a little child when he saw clearly that it brought him near to the heart of things.

I wonder how soon the women and children of these islands will find that great, wise man—too great and wise not to be ready to listen to the faintest whisper that could instruct him of the needs of the people. The late elections have given deplorable evidence of the fact that neither our leading statesmen nor the hypnotised electorate come so near to the heart and true life of the people as to be

able to understand their needs. And this is the piteous nature of the situation. Some of our politicians are as anxious as was that great man in India to help the nation along the path that leads to progress and to build up a finer and nobler race. Their frequent mistakes prove now how little they understand the true nature of the intricate problems with which they are faced.

For instance, it has dawned upon even dense minds lately that our rich and prosperous nation, with its vast empire and enormous resources, is disgraced by some foul blots, and a cry has gone forth for such domestic legislation as may help to purify and redeem us. The children of the workers, the people's homes, the work conditions allotted to those who are to be the fathers and mothers of the rising generation; these questions and many others that nearly concern our citizens' lives are being discussed, and in some cases efforts are being made to deal with them through legislation. But how muddle-headed, how practically ineffective many of these efforts are. Take the lately passed law for the medical inspection of school children—good in its aims: miserably ineffective in its action. I am a member of one of the newly organised care-committees which are supposed, so far as possible, to arrange that the physical needs of the children shall receive attention. Two of our schools have been medically inspected, with the result that about 250 children are reported as in some way defective, the parents being ordered, through hospitals or otherwise, to have them medically treated. That is all very well; but here comes in the impossible part of it. Parents are to be charged with the cost of treatment or not charged, according to the amount of their incomes, and we, the members of the care committees, are to visit, inquire, and, after inquiry, report as to the parents who can pay and the parents who cannot. I say it is impossible; and my committee has written to this effect to the Education Department. As a woman in touch with the people and knowing them, I say, as Tod said: "Big Sahib, that is all wrong." Let there indeed be inspection: that is good; but, where necessary, let it be followed by skilled attention given freely in State-organised school-clinics, near the children's homes.

So with the children's charter, over which good Liberals are devoutly jubilant, with its fireguards and babies' cradles and prohibition of children in public-houses—all good enough provisions in their way, but all lacking the thoughtful detail that any wise woman could have supplied.

Let the Children's Charter preclude, for all time, the possibility of a child being fed, clothed, or educated insufficiently, and then we may hope for strong and fine men and women to build up our nation and to carry on its traditions.

In the meantime, let me assure those amongst our home-politicians who really desire to understand the needs of their country, so that those needs may be met and satisfied, that none can help them so well as the people whom they, in their ignorance and prejudice, have despised.

C. DESPARD.

For the second time Chelsea will have the opportunity of seeing Mr. G. Bernard Shaw's play, "Press Cuttings." It will be remembered that it was written in 1909 for the London Society for Women's Suffrage, and aroused a great deal of interest, as it was the second of Mr. Shaw's plays that was banned by the Censor within a few months. It was produced privately with great success at the Court Theatre in July last by the Civic and Dramatic Guild. Since then, the names of the principal characters having been altered, a licence has been granted. A performance will be given at the Chelsea Town Hall on June 2nd by Mrs. Fisher White's company, and at the same time, "How the Vote was Won," by Cicely Hamilton and Christopher St. John, will be acted by members of the Actresses' Franchise League, and Miss Eva Moore has promised to recite. Owing to the mourning for the late King, the entertainment has not been advertised before, and it is hoped that applications for tickets will be made at once, as a great many have been sold privately. For prices and other information, see advertisement.



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Glasgow and District.

On Sunday last a party of eight gay Suffragettes trooped down to the Central Station, carrying banner-poles, banners, or bags and parcels of literature. Arrived at Greenhill Station, where we were again met by our Socialist friend Mr. Frederick Gentles, we had a delightful walk through the fields to Bonnybridge. We had a glorious day for our enterprise, and everything promised well. Mr. Gentles had attended to the advertising of our meeting, and had himself made a circuit of several villages to see that the bills were posted in the best places and to advertise our coming on the pavements. Our kind friend Mrs. Muir again took in hand our physical comforts. When we arrived at the Head of the Muir we found a large crowd awaiting us. The hill, opposite which our lorry was standing, made a comfortable auditorium for early arrivals, and was packed when we made our appearance. In a few moments the streams of people coming along each of the converging roads formed a dense crowd on the roadway. Miss Gibson then mounted the platform and made a capital introductory speech, after which I addressed the meeting on "The Necessity for Votes for Women." Keen interest was displayed by the audience, several questions were asked, a collection of £1 18s. 6d. was taken, and literature sales amounted to £1 1s. 6d. We returned to Glasgow tired but happy, feeling that our day in the country had been thoroughly satisfactory.

Other meetings this week have been excellent also, good collections and sales of literature showing that sympathy and interest are being aroused in all these districts.—MARGUERITE A. SIDLEY.

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Miss Gibson	0 10 0	acknowledged	303 14 5
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Edinburgh.—33, Forrest Road.

The weekly "At Home" was held on Tuesday afternoon in the shop, which is being more and more appreciated as the headquarters for all the activities of the Branch. Miss Turner spoke

on the present dispute in the printing trade as it affects the women compositors. She pointed out that the women themselves, unfortunately, are on the side of the men, and do not seem to realise that their action will be partly responsible for the closing to women of one more avenue of labour. This is due to the fact that the women at present employed are not to be dismissed, though no more are to be taken on. The discussion which followed was taken part in by many of those present.

During the week contributions for the Jumble Sale came in well, and we take this opportunity of thanking all who sent goods, as well as those who helped in arranging and selling. About £8 has been realised—a satisfactory result considering that we had a Jumble Sale so recently.

The Tuesday afternoon "At Homes" are to be continued throughout the summer, and in addition there will be Friday evening meetings, commencing on June 3rd. The organisation of the sale of THE VOTE proceeds very satisfactorily. In addition to those who have undertaken to sell in Edinburgh, two of our members have volunteered to sell in Leith, but still more workers are needed for this very important duty. We are anxious to start a library in connection with the shop, and gifts or loans of all kinds of books will be gladly welcomed.

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WHAT WE ARE SAYING AND DOING.

If any man is for captivity, into captivity he goeth."—
 BOOK OF REVELATION, xiii. 10.

** In this column we give W.F.L. news items in tabloid form week by week.

Annual Report.

Our annual report is now to hand, and makes excellent reading. Further copies can be obtained from the office, 4d., post paid. The Bermondsey protest and the picketing vigil are recalled, and the fact that we have fifteen new branches is commented on.

Women in the Printing Trade.

Miss Madge Turner writes to us from Edinburgh with reference to the proposed boycott of women in the printing trade, that it seems possible that no more female apprentices will be taken on. She says: "The sad part of it all is that the majority of the women in all the departments are supporting the men in this action. They have been gulled with the promises of the men that they will have better work, better wages, and better conditions. The ugly facts that if women are ultimately shut out of this industry organisation and better conditions will be of no use to them has been carefully glossed over. As Mrs. Lamont, hon. secretary of the N.F.W.W. in Edinburgh, says, 'A policy of elimination cannot be a policy of organisation,' and she is firmly of opinion that the whole agitation—which has been carefully prepared for the last six months—is a 'one-sided attempt to benefit the men at the expense of the women.' It must not be forgotten that the officials in the trades unions are men; that chivalry is lost sight of when men and women are competitors in the labour market; and that, finally, women—the unorganised, unrepresented part of the community—are the first to suffer when there is slackness of trade."

J. S. Mill Postcards.

An excellent likeness of John Stuart Mill is to be found on the postcard published by our Literature Department, at 1, Robert Street, Adelphi. They only cost a penny each, and are good reminders of our first political supporter.

Speakers' Class.

Mrs. Madeleine Lucette Ryley, the well-known playwright, author of "Mice and Men," &c., will take the speakers' class at 1, Robert Street, Adelphi, on Friday evening, at eight o'clock, instead of Mrs. Chapin, who is unable to come. Mrs. Lucette Ryley is one of the many famous women who have joined our movement, and who are amongst our hardest workers.

Mrs. How Martyn.

We are very glad to say that Mrs. How Martyn is now back at work. We have missed her greatly during her absence, but we are glad that she is here now to help us with our work for the procession of June 18th.

J. S. Mill Procession.

To Miss Edith Craig and the Suffrage Atelier the carrying out of the effective decorations for the J. S. Mill procession were due. Mrs. Jopling Roe supplied the greenery for the W.F.L. shield: Mrs. Despard, in the name of the W.F.L. and the kindred societies which had helped to make the procession a success, gives grateful thanks to those who worked so hard for it.

Suffrage Atelier.

All our members should go to the Suffrage Atelier matinee on Friday next at the Court Theatre. Two new plays, by our good friend Laurence Housman, will be produced.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE PROCESSION.

The great procession on June 18th is drawing near; names of marchers are pouring in, and our list of sections increasing daily, and yet we are not satisfied. We want more names still. Every member must be present on this great occasion. This is a national celebration—nothing local and only an enormous contingent can satisfy the W.F.L. The W.S.P.U. has been inquiring as to the size of our contingent, but we cannot send this information until all the cards sent to members are filled in and returned. We ask members to send them to us at once; names of sympathisers can be sent in later.

SECTIONS.

Our list of sections still grows. It includes the graduates led by Mrs. How Martyn; nurses, cyclists, athletes; a jiu-jitsu section organised by Mrs. Garrud; Internationals led by Mme. Malmberg (Finland), and Fraulein Becht (Germany); civil servants, pharmacists, factory workers, East End sweated workers, teachers, shop assistants, picketers, and prisoners. Every member of the W.F.L. who has been to prison must be present, or be represented by a deputy for each time she has done prison service. Every woman who has picketed must also be present, or send a deputy. A splendid banner will head this detachment, which represents the greatness of woman's patience.

DECORATIONS.

Our banners for nearly all these sections are being made by the Suffrage Atelier, and will be extremely beautiful in design and workmanship. We shall be glad of further contributions towards special banners from those who are going to walk in the sections. Branches are going to form the first battalion in our contingent. We hope each is arranging for its own banner. The more beautiful each banner is the greater the impression made on the man in the street. We want the branches to arrange special outdoor and drawing-room procession meetings to enrol names and distribute procession bills. All lists of names should be forwarded to headquarters as early as possible.

WORKERS.

We want help of all kinds. Do not delay in answering this appeal. The rush of work is enormous, and it can only be met by each individual member doing her utmost to facilitate it. There are hundreds more pennons to be first sewn and then stencilled, there is clerical work, there is outdoor work of all kinds, hand-billing, chalking, speaking, arranging meetings, visiting—without voluntary helpers it is impossible to do all the work properly. We want people who will undertake to organise special sections. Please send in your names at once to the Procession Secretary, Miss Sime Seruya at 1, Robert Street, Adelphi.

TRAVELLING.

Special trains at reduced rates are being arranged for our members and sympathisers from all over the country. Owing to the change of date these have now to be rearranged. Particulars will be found in next week's VOTE. Branches should make special collections to meet members' travelling expenses if they are some distance from London. Remember, where special trains cannot be run, parties of 12 and upwards can obtain tickets at three-quarter fares on most lines.

HOSPITALITY.

The greater the number of country and other members the greater the need for still more hospitality. Promises are coming in well, but the number still needed to accommodate all our visitors is large. The fund for this is still open, so that those who cannot themselves put up our members can contribute to this fund. Several hotels have written offering us reduced rates, but this means considerable expense.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

We want special meetings held in every district to advertise the procession to the public, and to enrol names. Several of these have been arranged to civil servants,

nurses, shop girls, and others. On the 22nd, 23rd, and 25th we had a series of "At Homes" to the employees of the big drapery establishments at the Cavendish Rooms. At these meetings members of the Actresses' Franchise League readily gave their valuable services, and we gave refreshments. This latter item is an expense, so will those members who can do so play the part of hostess and either defray the cost of the refreshments, or supply home-made cakes, etc.? There are many more of these special meetings to be held. Will members who can help in this way kindly send in their promises at once?

MEETING AT KENSINGTON TOWN HALL.

Members should apply for tickets for this meeting as soon as possible, as seats are booking fast. This will be a great opportunity for all our members from all parts to meet after the great march. Mrs. Despard, our president, Mrs. How Martyn, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Manson, Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Sproson, Miss Benett, will be among those who will speak. This is an occasion when we must all assemble together to show our allegiance, not only to the great Cause we are working for, but to our own League with its democratic policy. There are prices to suit all, from 5s. downwards, and a few free seats for those who are coming great distances at some expense. Please make this meeting known, and buy tickets at once.

LATEST ARRANGEMENTS.

There will be a special detachment of motors and carriages for those of our members and friends who will be unable to walk all the distance. Our men associates and sympathisers are also going to walk with us. We want the names of more men who are willing to sell THE VOTE along the route, so that the women will be able to walk in their sections.

FINALLY.

Force on the attention of every person you meet the procession. Write to all your friends about it. Think about it. Think what you can do to make this the greatest success we have yet attained. On each one depends its success. It is yours to make or mar, if you do not do the very utmost with mind and tongue, time, strength, and, lastly, money. During the last few weeks meetings have had to be cancelled, so make up for this loss and contribute to one of the procession funds. The time is shortening, and the expense and work are heavy. Do not depend on others. Come forward, for the sake of the Cause, for the sake of the League.

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101 POINTS IN FAVOUR OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

These points will cover the legal, social, and economic grounds on which women demand the vote, and will call attention to the glaring inconsistencies which demand a change in the present condition of the franchise.

21.—The fact that women have in the past paid little attention to politics, in which they have had no share, is no reason for supposing that when enfranchised they will not take an equal interest with the male electorate in the affairs of the country.

Whatever any portion of the human species now are or seem to be, such it is supposed they have a natural tendency to be: even when the most elementary knowledge of the circumstances in which they have been placed clearly points out the causes that made them what they are. . . . Because the Greeks cheated the Turks, and the Turks only plundered the Greeks, there are persons who think that the Turks are naturally more sincere; and because women, as is often said, care nothing about politics except their personalities, it is supposed that the general good is less interesting to women than to men. . . . But in history, as in travelling, men usually see only what they already have in their own minds.

JOHN STUART MILL.

ON MY LIBRARY TABLE.

A PAGEANT OF GREAT WOMEN. By Cicely Hamilton. (The Suffrage Shop—temporary premises—31, Bedford Street, Strand, W.C.) Price 2s. net.

Those who had the great good fortune to view the magnificent "Pageant of Great Women" at the Scala Theatre in November last, or, later on, at the Royal Albert Hall, will hail with pleasure the appearance of this delightful memento of these occasions.

The idea of arranging a great pageant of famous women to form an object lesson for those who sympathise with, and those who object to, the political emancipation of women, originated in the fertile and imaginative brain of Miss Edith Craig. The magnificent lines spoken by Miss Adeline Bourne on the historic occasion of the presentation of the Pageant at the Scala, were written by Miss Cicely Hamilton. Now, bound in artistic form, we have these lines accompanied by admirable reproductions of photographs of the chief characters.

The plea of Woman, as she stands before the throne of Justice, asking for Freedom, is couched in dignified and stately language. Her answer to the carping objections of "Prejudice," who seeks to show that she is unworthy of the right she claims, is to marshal, one by one, before the throne the great army of brave and noble women who have helped to make the history of the world. Among the learned women appear Hypatia, "she whose wisdom brought her death"; De Staël, "quick of tongue, polished of pen"; and Caroline Herschel, who "helped to map the stars of heaven." The artists include Sappho, whose "mighty verse streams o'er the years, a flaming banner of song"; Rosa Bonheur, "back from the horse-fair, virile in her garb, as virile in her work"; and Margaret Van Eyck, "who shared a brother's glory." The saintly women go by, headed by St. Hilda; Elizabeth Fry, Elizabeth of Hungary, and St. Catherine of Siena following in her train. Then come the great heroines,

"See where they come,

Those who have loved a cause, been loyal to it, Striven and suffered nobly rather than fail
 In a hard duty,"
 Charlotte Corday, Flora Macdonald, Kate Barlass, and Grace Darling.

In reply to the suggestion of "Prejudice" that "'Tis man's to reign, 'tis woman's to obey," the Queens enter—Queen Elizabeth, Queen Victoria, Zenobia, Isabella of



SUFFRAGETTES AT HOME.

(11) Miss G. Ballam's "Washing Day" (Hampstead Branch).

Spain, and many others. Finally, as an answer to "Prejudice's" dictum that:

"Force is the last and ultimate judge; 'tis man Who laps his body in mail, who takes the sword—
 The sword that must decide! Woman shrinks from it,
 Fears the white glint of it and covers away,"

come the great captains and warrior women—Joan of Arc, Boadicea, Black Agnes, Maid of Saragossa, Emilia Plater, Rane of Jhansi, "Christian" Davies, Hannah Snell, Mary Anne Talbot, and Florence Nightingale.

"Prejudice" is at last silenced and slinks out, and the Woman turns to Justice to make her final grand appeal. She obtains the gift of Freedom. Miss Hamilton's peroration is in itself a poem, voicing with majesty and power the grandeur of the idea of self-realisation. The Woman speaks to Man:

"The world is mine as yours,
 The pulsing strength and passion and heart of it:
 The work I set my hand to, woman's work,
 Because I set my hand to it. Henceforth
 For my own deeds myself am answerable
 To my own soul.

For this in days to come
 You, too, shall thank me. Now you laugh, but I
 Laugh too, a laughter without bitterness;
 Feeling the riot and rush of crowding hopes,
 Dreams, longings, and vehement powers; and knowing
 this—

'Tis good to be alive when morning dawns!"
 Among the well produced and characteristic portraits in the book are Maud Hoffman as Madame Roland, Edith Craig as Rosa Bonheur, Ellen Terry as Nance Oldfield, Mrs. Despard as St. Hilda, Marion Terry as Florence Nightingale, and the author as "Christian" Davies.

LOUISA THOMSON-PRICE.

Ireland.

Owing to the death of the King, some of our arrangements were cancelled during the past week. Our Tuesday afternoon meeting in Derry has practically been turned into an "At Home," as Miss Gamble, of Elagh Hall, and several other ladies have generously arranged that tea should be provided after the meeting. A full report of Mrs. Despard's visit to Ireland will appear in next week's issue.

Mrs. McCracken, of Bangor, has kindly offered to give us a drawing-room meeting in Bangor on Saturday, May 28th, and a public meeting will be held in the Good Templar Hall, Bangor, on the same evening.

BRANCH NOTES.

Central Branch.—1, Robert Street, Adelphi.

Mr. John Russell's address on "Co-education," on the 18th inst., was listened to with the greatest interest by a good audience. He said that equal conditions will be helped forward by co-education—i.e., schooling for boys and girls together, in which the only differences recognised are personal, not based on sex. They are not boys and girls, but school children. Mr. Russell described his school, in which all the work and play was the same for both sexes. The teams were made up of the best players—boys or girls. True education must be without regard to sex, because its great purpose was to civilise the relations of human beings to one another, and it would inevitably result in a better understanding between the sexes. His school was a republic, where people did what they liked. They had a Parliament, of which the top class were members, whilst the juniors sent representatives. The school laws were submitted for modification, and he constantly got extremely valuable suggestions. There was a lively discussion, in which most of those present took part.

On June 6th Mrs. Vulliamy addresses us on our work. Please note and come at 7.30. Miss Taplin will be married shortly. She has our best wishes, and we grieve to lose her as Secretary, which office will be filled jointly by Mrs. Tritton and Miss Ibbotson.—S. B.

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.—The Sunday morning meetings in Regent's Park, postponed on account of the King's death, were resumed on Sunday, the 22nd inst. In spite of the fact that there were forty other different societies holding meetings in close proximity we attracted and held a very good crowd. We were disappointed in not having the very great pleasure of an address from Miss Cicely Hamilton, whom we hope to hear in the open here on a later date. Mr. Theodor Gugenheim, of the Men's League, most kindly spoke for us. Very great attention was paid to what Mrs. Manson—who was the principal speaker—said and to the very logical reasoning of the Woman's Question put forward by Mr. Gugenheim. There were many questions brought forward, and even after the meeting was declared closed several minutes' talk was taken up with sympathisers. Next Sunday, the 29th inst., we are to hold a debate here with a member of the Social Democratic Party, whose Society on Sunday, the 15th inst., in the presence of one of our members, Mrs. Hyde, attacked the W.F.L. and the N.W.S.P.U. Refuting, on their own platform, which she begged to be allowed to mount, the very gross charges brought against the militant societies, Mrs. Hyde accepted the challenge for a debate at an early date, and communicated the following day with Mrs. Holmes, our acting Hon. Sec., who has made the necessary arrangements.—EVELYN DE VISMES, Hon. Meetings Sec., W.F.L.

Ipswich.—160, Norwich Road.

There has been a lull in our activities lately owing to the universal lamentation on account of our King's death. However, last Thursday we met to talk over future work, and also listened with much pleasure to a paper read by Mrs. Pratt on the subject of Walt Whitman. Reference was made to his description of an ideal city, where the following line occurs—"Where the women walk in the public processions as well as the men." We could not help thinking how much Whitman would have rejoiced in our great movement. Mrs. Hossack presided, and was accorded a hearty welcome after her enforced absence. We have been so successful with our sale of THE VOTE in the Market on Saturdays that it came quite like a blow to us when Mrs. Pratt and Miss Howard, who were selling as usual, were told they could no longer do so. It appears another Suffrage Society had applied for the same privilege, and as it could not be extended to both we have to withdraw. We have, however, been forming fresh plans so that our sale shall not suffer.—CONSTANCE E. ANDREWS.

Herne Hill and Norwood.—32, Geneva Road, Brixton, S.W.

On Sunday, May 22nd, a meeting was held in Brockwell Park, the speakers being Dr. A. Vickery, Mrs. Marion Holmes, and Miss Effie Jones. Dr. Alice Vickery referred to the ceremony held in honour of J. Stuart Mill on the previous Saturday, and spoke of the valuable help that he had rendered to the Woman's Cause as one of the pioneers of the Woman Suffrage Movement. Mrs. Holmes gave an eloquent and convincing address on the urgent need for the possession of political power by women. At the meeting on Sunday, May 29th, the speakers will be Mrs. Tanner, Miss MacLeneay, and Mr. Duval.

Highbury.—10, Highbury Hill.

Accounts having been finally settled, we find the profits from our public meeting are £2, which may be regarded as very satisfactory. Will members please note that henceforward two open-air meetings will be held weekly at Highbury Corner, on Tuesdays and Thursdays? We must make strenuous efforts to have a good muster under the Highbury banner on June 18th.

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and members are reminded to fill up and return to the head office the procession cards they have all received. This should be done immediately. It is proposed to arrange a local procession on June 18th, and the co-operation of the Northern Heights and Tottenham branches has been asked, and most generously promised. With strenuous work it is quite possible. The local route will be quite a short one. I will send details to all members who send in their names and how many sympathisers they can bring by June 10th. The branch is now taking six dozen VOTES weekly. Will members kindly help to dispose of these?—J. R. ARKLY, Hon. Sec.

Manchester (Central Branch).—9, Albert Square.

The Branch met on the 12th to make arrangements for resuming the Stockport Campaign, so unfortunately interrupted. We shall start again on Tuesday, May 24th, and hope to carry on a successful movement until June 1st, when our deferred meeting will be held at the County Restaurant in St. Petersgate. This will not end our activities in Stockport. Miss Heyes has very generously placed a week of her holidays at our disposal, and will use it to work the district thoroughly, so members must be prepared to work for a great open-air demonstration in the course of the next few weeks. Meanwhile, we hope they will turn up in force for the meeting on June 1st. Miss Horsfall was elected to represent the Branch at the great procession on June 18th, and it is hoped several other members will accompany her, as the League must give a good account of itself that day. Members who can go if an excursion (11s.) can be arranged should send their names to Miss Hordern at once. It was decided to send a small contribution towards the expenses of the John Stuart Mill Celebration, postponed till the 21st.—M. I. NEAL, President.

Uxbridge.

A successful meeting was held at Uxbridge on Sunday, May 22nd. Mrs. M. Cunningham was in the chair, and made a capital opening harangue. Mr. Kennedy was the principal speaker, and held a very attentive crowd for nearly an hour. He demanded fair play, and explained the economic aspect of the movement. Several questions bearing on Adult Suffrage were asked, and Mr. Kennedy dealt most ably with these, silencing the questioners.—S. H. W.

Croydon.—9, Morland Avenue.

Our drawing-room meeting was held this week at Mrs. Terry's on Wednesday afternoon, the 18th inst. Miss A. Neilans was prevented from coming to speak as arranged, but Miss Hicks kindly took her place, and gave an instructive address on the economic condition of women. Home made cakes and sweets, which had been kindly contributed by friends, found ready purchasers, and thus 10s. was added to the funds. The weekly outdoor meeting was postponed.

Sydenham.

Thanks to the kind hospitality of the Rev. Arthur and Mrs. Green, a most successful and delightful drawing-room meeting was held on May 18th at All Saints' Vicarage, Sydenham. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, the Rev. C. Hinscliff, Mr. H. J. H. Selve ably filled the post. After tea and coffee had been partaken of the Rev. Arthur Green led off with a few words of greeting, referring to the fact that women had the Vote in Australia, where he had spent seventeen years. After a few remarks by the Chairman and the recitation of "Woman This and Woman That" by Miss D. S. E. Green, Mrs. Despard gave one of her inspiring addresses, showing clearly the connection between the Vote and social reform.

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CONCILIATION COMMITTEE'S BILL.

The following Bill has been drafted by the Parliamentary Conciliation Committee, consisting of 36 Members of Parliament favourable to Women's Suffrage and drawn from all Parties in the House. It is described as "so brief and simple that its discussion will make a minimum demand in regard to time upon the generosity of the Government." Those who have framed it regard it as "a working compromise" which, while it may not entirely satisfy, will not conflict with the opinions of any of the supporters of Women's Suffrage. It will be brought in under the ten minutes' rule early in June. We received it too late this week for Editorial comment.—

Provisional text of a Bill to extend the Parliamentary franchise to women occupiers.

"Be it enacted, etc.,

1. Every woman possessor of a householder's qualification or of a £10 occupation qualification, within the meaning of the Representation of the People Act (1884), shall be entitled to be regarded as a voter, and, when registered, to vote for the County or Borough in which the qualifying premises are situate.

2. For the purposes of this Act, a woman shall not be disqualified by marriage for being registered as a voter, provided that a husband and wife shall not both be qualified in respect of the same property.

3. This Act may be cited as 'The Representation of the People Act (1910).'

The Memorandum which was attached to the Bill we hope to reproduce next week. It explains the reasoning which led to the basis of representation being fixed in this way.

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The Suffrage Atelier.

The Suffrage Atelier have organised a matinée at the Court Theatre on May 27th (Friday), at 2.30. The *pièce de résistance* will be two new plays by Laurence Housman. The plays are entitled "The Lord of the Harvest," a morality, and "A Likely Story," a roadside comedy. The artists assisting include Misses Decima Moore, Margaret Bussé, and Bessie Hatton; and Messrs. Leon Lion, Robert Farquharson, Maurice Elvey, A. V. Bramble, Meynell Reed, and James Horne. The plays will be preceded by a new one-act play, called "The Smack," by Rose Mathews, a member of the Actresses' Franchise League and the W.F.L. In this Misses Aimee de Burgh, Christine Rayner, and Messrs. Laurence Leyton and James Geldred will take part. Morris dances and songs and dances, Greek and Irish, by the Misses Spong will be given also. Tickets can be obtained from all the Women's Suffrage Societies, Men's League for Women's Suffrage, box-office of the Royal Court Theatre, and usual agents. Boxes, £3 3s., £2 2s.; stalls, 10s. 6d., 7s. 6d.; pit stalls, 5s.; dress circle, 10s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 5s.; upper circle, 4s., 3s.; pit, 2s. 6d. (unreserved); gallery, 1s. 6d. (unreserved).

The Church League for Women's Suffrage.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 31st, we are giving an "At Home," from 3 to 6 o'clock, in Caxton Hall (Room 18). The Rev. Hugh Chapman, Miss Frances Sterling, and Mr. Laurence Housman have promised to speak. It is hoped that members will bring unconvinced friends with them, that they may hear more about this great question. Admission is free, by ticket, for which please apply to Mrs. Claude Hinscliffe, 11, St. Mark's Crescent, N.W.

COMPETITION FOR RECEIPTS.

Owing to the interest taken in last month's competitions, and as the advertising is the mainstay of the paper, we have decided to encourage the keeping of receipts for goods bought from advertisers by our readers by continuing our offer of monthly prizes for the largest number sent in.

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- THURS., MAY 26TH.—Queen's Hall, 3 p.m. Public Reception to Women Writers' Suffrage League. Speakers, Miss Cicely Hamilton, Mrs. Havelock Ellis, Mrs. Marion Holmes, Dr. Baillie Weaver. Hostesses, Mrs. H. W. Nevinson and Mrs. Baillie Weaver. Chairman, Mrs. Holmes, N.E.C. Admission free to the public.
- 1, Robert Street, Adelphi, London Branches Council. Mrs. Tinkler's "At Home," 3. "Cranford," Stanley Road, East Finchley, N. Speaker, Mrs. Holmes.
- FRI., MAY 27TH.—Holloway. Miss Bissett Smith's, 57, Hillmarton Road, 7.30. Miss Benett and Mrs. Mustard. Speakers' Class, 1, Robert Street, 7.30. Mme. Lucette Riley. Visitors welcomed.
- SAT., MAY 28TH.—Kensington Town Hall, 8 p.m. Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Manson, Mr. Kennedy. Music and recitations.
- SUNDAY, MAY 29TH.—Regent's Park, 12. Mrs. H. W. Nevinson. Brockwell Park, 3. Mrs. Tanner, Miss Maclean.
- TUES., MAY 31ST.—Miss Lena Connell's "At Home," 8 o'clock. The Studio, 50, Grove End Road, St. John's Wood. Speaker, Mrs. Nevinson.
- WED., JUNE 1ST.—Mr. and Mrs. Rutter's "At Home," 4 o'clock. 81, Erpington Road, Putney, S.W. Speaker, Mrs. Manson.
- THURS., JUNE 2ND.—Caxton Hall, 3.30.
- SAT., JUNE 4TH.—Croydon Branch Meeting at Morland Road, Addiscombe, at 8 p.m.
- SUN., JUNE 5TH.—Brockwell Park, 3. Miss Neilans.
- MON., JUNE 6TH.—Central Branch, 1, Robert Street, Adelphi, 7.30.
- TUES., JUNE 7TH.—Egham Constitutional Hall, 8 p.m. Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Mrs. Manson.
- SAT., JUNE 11TH.—Mrs. Fox-Bourne's, Albany House, Caterham. Mrs. Despard, Miss Neilans.
- SAT., JUNE 18TH.—Women's Procession. Public Meetings, 8.30, Kensington Town Hall. Speeches.
- Open-air Meetings.**
- MON., MAY 30TH.—Tram Terminus, Crystal Palace, 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Duval and Miss Ethel Fennings.
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- THE PROVINCES.**
- FRI., MAY 27TH.—Portsmouth. St. Mary's Road. 7.45.
- MON., MAY 30TH.—Sheffield. Open-air Meeting. Mr. J. H. Bingham.
- TUES., MAY 31ST.—Felixstowe. Hamilton Hall. Mrs. Despard and Mrs. Vulliamy.
- Midhurst. New Inn Assembly Rooms. Debate, Miss Hicks, W.F.L., and Miss Ward (People's Suffrage Federation).
- WED., JUNE 1ST.—Stowmarket. Mrs. Despard and Mrs. Vulliamy.
- THURS., FRI., JUNE 2ND AND 3RD.—Eastbourne. At Devonshire Park Theatre, at 2.30, Women's Pageant, Actresses' Franchise League. Miss E. Groves and Miss C. Hamilton.
- Edinburgh.**
- THURS., MAY 26TH.—Open-air Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Miss Madge Turner.
- Queen's Park Gates, 7.30. Miss Marguerite Sidley.
- FRI., MAY 27TH.—Meeting, 33, Forrest Road.
- TUES., MAY 31ST.—Suffrage Shop, 33, Forrest Road. "At Home," 4.6 p.m.
- WED., JUNE 1ST.—Open-air Meetings, Castle Terrace, 8 p.m.
- THURS., JUNE 2ND.—Open-air Meeting, McEwan Hall, 8 p.m.
- FRI., JUNE 3RD.—Meeting at Shop, 33, Forrest Road.
- SAT., MAY 28TH.—Clydebank, 3.30. Miss Marguerite Sidley.
- MON., MAY 30TH.—Ibrox. Havelock Street, 7.30. Miss Marguerite Sidley.
- WED., JUNE 1ST.—Perth. Open-air. Miss Marguerite Sidley.
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- FRI., MAY 27TH.—Diamond, 8.45 p.m.
- SAT., MAY 28TH.—Carlisle Square, 1 p.m. Diamond, 8.45 p.m.
- WED., JUNE 1ST.—Carlisle Square, 1 p.m. Diamond, 8 p.m.
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- SAT., JUNE 4TH.—Carlisle Square, 1 p.m. Diamond, 8.45 p.m.
- Bangor.**
- SAT., MAY 28TH.—Drawing-room Meeting, 4 p.m. Speaker, Miss Coyle.
- Strabane.**
- MON., MAY 30TH.—Drawing-room Meeting, 3.30 p.m. Speakers, Miss Coyle and Miss Osborne. Market Square, 8 p.m.
- TUES., MAY 31ST.—Market Square, 12.30 p.m. Market Square, 8 p.m.
- Coleraine.**
- WED., JUNE 1ST.—Town Hall Square, 8 p.m.
- THURS., JUNE 2ND.—Café Hall, 8 p.m. Speakers, Miss Coyle and Miss Osborne.
- TUES., JUNE 7TH.—Town Hall Square, 8 p.m.
- WED., JUNE 8TH.—Café Hall, 8 p.m. Miss Coyle and Miss Osborne.
- Portrush.**
- FRI., JUNE 3RD.—Esplanade, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- SAT., JUNE 4TH.—Drawing-room Meeting, 3.30 p.m. Speakers, Miss Coyle and Miss Osborne.
- WALES.**
- THURS., MAY 26TH.—Pontardawe. Chair, Mrs. Cleeves; Speaker, Miss Neal.
- WED., JUNE 1ST.—Swansea. "Chez Nous," Sketty. Speaker, Mr. Seyler.

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MANCHESTER Branch Meeting, Thursdays, 7.30 p.m., at 9, Albert Square (Office of Women's Trades Union Council).

CENTRAL BRANCH.—Members, please note Change of Meeting Night, commencing June 6th, First and Third Monday in each month.

SHEFFIELD BRANCH.—Open-air Meeting, May 30th, 7.30 p.m., at Pitsmoor (car terminus). Speaker, Mr. J. H. Bingham.

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