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### LETTING THE OUT



THE COOK (Mrs. Humphry Ward): "O horror! I had disguised the cat so carefully in that pretty bag." PAGE BOY (Sir Almroth Wright): "Garn! You're only a woman."

In his book, "The Unexpurgated Case against Woman Suffrage," Ser Almroth Wright says: "One would not be very far from the truth if one alleged that there are no good women, but only women who have lived under the influence of good men."

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# DEDICATION

To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this poese.

# THE OUTLOOK

During the past few days the Government have provided several object lessons in the practical working of the Cat and Mouse Act. It would be difficult, in the modern annals of this country, to find a more degrading or more pitiable spectacle.

# Mrs. Sanders and Miss Kerr

Consider first the case of Mrs. Sanders and Miss Kerr. Here are two women against whom no valid proof of connection with the violent actions of the W.S.P.U. has been given. One of them (Miss Kerr)

has specifically denied any intention of such connection. Yet in May last the Government, by throwing over them the wide net of a conspiracy charge, secured their conviction and sentence. Both women in prison adopted the hunger strike, and were released "under license" in a condition of great weakness. Mrs. Sanders was shortly afterwards re-arrested, and after another hunger strike again released.

# On License

Then followed several months during which the Government took no further step, in spite of the fact that the whereabouts of both women were known to the police. An influentially signed petition on behalf of Miss Kerr drew from Mr. McKenna the statement that he would grant her full release only on the condition of her signing an undertaking which he must well know suffragists invariably refuse on principle to give. Last week they returned to take up their routine duties at the headquarters of the Union when they were promptly rearrested. Both again adopted the hunger strike, and both have been now again released on license

# Political Intimidation

In appraising the meaning of these facts, it has to be remembered that the Government have never even alleged that the W.S.P.U. as a whole was illegal; in fact, the exact contrary was stated specifically by one of the judges (Mr. Justice Darling) in a recent case; and further, we know that after the raid last and the large number of other Cat and Mouse

permitted the routine work to go on as before. Yet the return of Miss Kerr and Mrs. Sanders to their routine work at the W.S.P.U. is made the occasion of their arrest. It is, therefore, perfectly clear that the Government regard the optional powers conferred on them through the Cat and Mouse Act as a means of bringing pressure to bear on ex-prisoners to prevent them carrying on perfectly legal occupations if those occupations are politically displeasing to the Govern-

# Mr. Robson Paige

We next have to draw attention to the case of Mr. Robson Paige, who was arrested on the charge of Mr. Robson Paige, who was arrested on the charge of obstructing the police, and who, in spite of his denial of the alleged offence, was sent to prison for one month last July. Owing to his allegiance to principle, he also carried out the hunger strike, and was subsequently released "on license," but was rearrested and again released after a second hunger strike on August 6.- In spite of the fact that he suffered at the time of his hunger strikes, and afterwards through consequent ill-health, a far severer and a far longer sentence than that inflicted on him by the court, his second re-arrest took place recently while he was crossing Tooting Common.

# Other Prisoners

prisoners who are still at liberty, either because the Government dare not rearrest them, or because they not find them. And in this connection note that of arson, was already a "mouse" under the Act. Finally consider, as an episode in the police-activity

its victims returning to their normal peaceful avoca- woman to whom her country even denied a vote! tions, and thereby incites them to commit crime; secondly, because it provokes in spectators a burning is the progenitor of violence; thirdly, because it brings the whole administration of

### A Political Aspect

It may be that many of the present ministry who are politicians and not statesmen are not much troubled by this aspect of the question because they re concerned principally with party considerations. To them we would point out that the views we have just expressed are held by an increasing number of people widely differing in their attitude towards the tionary suffragists, and by none more strongly than those who up till recently were stalwart supporters of the Liberal Party. On page 19 of this issue we print an "Indictment of the Government," which has been sent to us by a man who has hitherto variably voted Liberal. In these circumstances Mr. McKenna's statement, made in a speech this week to his constituents, that he is as good a "progressive' as any man that can be brought into the constituency against him, is seen to be nothing but an idle boast.

Death of a Hunger Striker
An ordinary prisoner named Alfred Davis, who has been carrying on the hunger strike in Bedford

een the case, appeared in the Times on Friday last:

The cry of "Votes for Women!" has attracted too much attention. It is only one expression of a great ferment which arises from deep-seated causes and is neither to be lightly condemned as a deplorable change nor hastily extolled as a beneficent one. A change is certainly in progress in the relative position of the sexes and the place of women in life—not so general, perhaps, as might be inferred from the noise it makes, but real, rapidly extending, and fraught with serious consequences for our civilization. Women are claiming a new part in life.

Persons who dislike change have no doubt that the woman's movement is bad; those who like change are equally sure it is good.

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The Times proceeds to discuss the claim that the woman's movement is a desire for service, and acknowledges that in this aspect also (particularly in their desire to raise the morality of the age) the women have much important work to carry through.

Hems of Interest

Particulars of the public meeting in the Kingsway Hall next Thursday will be found in the adjoining column.

We comment elsewhere (page 20) upon the peculiarly flagrant disregard of evidence shown by a London magistrate.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"Mrs. Jordan: Child of Nature." By Philip W. Sergeant. (London: Hutchisson. Price 16s. net.)

"The Rut." By E. Hamilton Moore. (London: Erskine Macdonald. Price 5s.

(London: David Nutl. Price 5s. 6d. net.)

"Westminister Review." October. (London: E. Marl-borough and Co. Price 2s. 6d. net.)

"Westminister Review." October. (London: E. Marl-borough and Co. Price 2s. 6d. net.)

"Tears and Triumph." By Dovell O'Reilly. (Printed by Beatty, Richardson and Co., Palings Buildings, Sydney, Australia. Price not stated.)

"Problems for the Married." By Bernard M. Hancock. (London: John Bale, Sons, and Danielson, Ltd. Price 5d.)

"Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Review." Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Review." (Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Review.")

# LADY KNIGHTLEY OF FAWSLEY

cannot find them. And in this connection note that
Miss Richardson, recently arrested for an alleged act
Thursday in last week, suffragists have lost a staunch supporter. She helped actively in the formation of of a civilised country, the rearrest of Miss Annie
Kenney on the stage of the London Pavilion in full
1910. Obliged to resign on account of her work in view of an immense crowd of supporters, who, even if they had been in the first instance far less sympathetic with the victim than they actually were, could not have failed to have been provoked to intense indignation by the disgusting scene which was being in the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, on February 6 of this year.

enacted before them.

A Fosterer of Crime

When the Cat and Mouse Act was first introduced we denounced it as a cowardly and uncivilised measure; we predicted that it would fail utterly in its avowed object of putting down crime; and we warned the public that it gave improper optional powers to the Executive which were capable of very grave abuse. We are now able to point to the literal verification of every one of our worst forebodings. To-day we go further. We say that this Act is of itself a fosterer of crime. Firstly, because it prevents it victims returning to their normal peaceful avocation of the Executive of the Executive of the Primrose League. Her gifts of organisation and far-sightedness made her a great power in local administrative matters, but she had besides a wide grasp of politics, and the Manchester Guardian recognises this in saying of her that "Had she been a District Councillor, a Churchwarden, and a Parish Councillor, a Churchwarden, and a Pari

# NEXT THURSDAY'S MEETING

In the Kingsway Hall at 8 p.m.

Following upon the discussion of the Woman's Movement at the Church Congress, special interest attaches to the pronouncement of views which will be made by the Bishop of Kensington at the Kingsway Hall on Thursday next, October 16, at the public meeting organised by the Votes for Women Fellowship.

Fellowship.

A very large proportion of the reserved seats have been already sold, and those wishing to obtain good positions are recommended therefore to apply at once for their seats

The chair will be taken, at 8 p.m., by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and the other speakers will be Miss Evelyn Sharp and Mr. Pethick Lawrence.

The meeting is open to the public, but admission is by ticket only. Tickets (price 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d.) are obtainable from The Ticket Secretary, Votes for WOMEN, 4-7, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, as follows: Stalls, numbered and reserved (only a few left), 1s., unreserved 6d. There are also a few seats on the platform available at 2s. 6d. each.

# SELLING "VOTES FOR WOMEN"

An ordinary prisoner named Alfred Davis, who has been carrying on the hunger strike in Bedford Prison, succumbed a few days ago to starvation. This tragic event directs attention to the gravity of the hunger strike protest, and brings home to everyone that those who undertake it are veritably staking life itself upon the justice of their demand. We warn the Government that the country will not hold them guiltless if, with this object lesson before them, they allow one of the suffrage prisoners to slip out of their hands into the hands of death.

A Cable from Australia.

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A Cable from Australia

We are indebted to Miss Goldstein for sending us a cable which we print on page 20 of this issue, firstly correcting an entirely erroneous statement with regard to Australia made by Sir Almroth Wright in his book, and secondly informing our readers that Mrs. Wentworth Stanley, who at the Church Congress professed to speak from experience of the effect of woman suffrage in Australia, is unknown to Australian women.

A Sign of the Times

An interesting leading article, showing far more respect for the woman's movement than has hitherto been the case, appeared in the Times on Friday last:

The cry of "Votes for Women!" has attracted too much attention. It is only one expression of a great ferment which arises from deep-seated causes and is neither to be lightly condemned as a deplorable change.

Encouragement of the advertisers in Votes for Encouragement of the advertisers in Votes for Women, by inspection and purchase of their articles, is a form of service which is of especial value. Fellows who are unable to give time to selling or to help in other such ways, are especially invited to assist us by their means.

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# "NEW POLICY FOR A GENERAL ELECTION"

Views of Our Readers Upon Our Proposal

Those proposals have arready necessed a good deal of attention; and we give below letters we have received from our readers dealing with them. We reserve our own comments and further development of our policy till next week.

A SCOTTISH POLICY

To the Editors of Votes for Women. Dear Madam,—May I ask for space in which to make known the policy of the Northern Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage, a policy they are adopting with an alacrity born of their desire to see their women free. The policy is quite simple. It recognises two men only in the matter: the Premier or Potential Premier of the two great parties in the State.

Both Balfour and Law have expressed themselves in favour of a limited franchise for women. If you sak them, and they say they will give votes, they will do so—if returned with a big encough majority. I don't say that the Conservatives have enough tact to give way sooner than the Liberals torturing women, but they temselves would have been too timid and too tactful to actually do these things had they been in office.

Don't Trust the Liberals

I would also trust the Conservatives sooner than the Liberals. The Conservatives have enough tact to give way sooner than be Laberals torturing women, but they tenselves would have been too timid and too tactful to actually do these things had they been in office.

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The study of the Franchise question and the action of the present Premier for a Government is opposed to a franchise measure, no supporter of the Premier looking to him for place and power dare disobey his "whips." Therefore, at elections and bye-elections the man to be observed is not the candidate himself, but the Premier or leader of his party. Thus, a Liberal candidate in favour of the vote must yet be fought against as one who is supporting a Premier who will not give it. This policy will apply to any Conservative Government which may come back to power without us on the party programme. It is not conceivable that a General Election could take place without us on the party programme, but, if so, the policy of the Federation, though simple, is prepared for this emergency. And it will recognise none but \*Leaders\* of the parties.

A convention is to be held in London on Saturday, December 6, at 8 p.m., and the men of the North will make known their views. It is hoped that this coalition between the North and South will strengthen our forces and bring relief to the present intolerable situation.—Yours, &c.,

M. Arnclippe Sennerr (Hon. Organiser to the Federation).

Northern Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage. 6, Wellington Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.

A "SUICIDAL" SUGGESTION

To the Editors of Vorks for Women. Dear Madam,—I venture to write reyour "New Policy," as you say you will

In last week's paper we forecasted the possibility of an early General Election and discussed the right-ploity for Woman Smffragists to adopt in such an event.

We pointed out that at a General Election the existing policies of the principal Smffrage Societies would at you for being so simple as to come ineffective, both separately, and also taken in conjunction, because this proposed to concerted action of a new kind.

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We recommended that, as soon as General Election was declared, Smffrage in the event of their being returned to the proposed to take to give effect to the popular demand for Woman Smffrage, in the event of their being returned to power at the election. We recommended that on receipt of replies to these questions and interest of the principal politician that the election state of the principal politician that two world will be likely to give the Vote when the proposed to take to give effect to the popular demand for Woman suffrage.

These proposals have already attracted a good deal of a tatention, and we give below letters we have received fr

quietly, and even reluctarity, the Unionist women may seem now to take this conceded right, they will become less and less willing to relinquish to any protext.

An Anti-Redmondite Labour Party
The new spirit of political independence amongst the working classes is one of the most interesting and portentous developments in the political world which reland has known for a long time. The persistent indifference of the official Nationalists towards the interests and grievances of the working people is producing the inevitable effect, and in the country, as well as in Dublin, the same mond of discontent with the Redmondites is spreading and despening. Everything points to the certainty that we shall henceforth have in Ireland a strong Labour party in favour of Home Rule, but anti-Redmondite. And when we remember to how great an extent the Redmond party have been dependent upon the Labour vote, we realise that this new development may produce extraordinary changes. From every point of view, the present situation is intensely significant, and opens up new lines of thought and hope, leading far beyond any merely insular prejudices or purposes.

The new Labour party is in favour of the passing and the O'Brienites on our side; but the greatest acquisition is to have with us a party drawn from the ranks of our strongest opponents. Hitherto, political work for suffrage has had no reality in Ireland; it has consisted in little more than backing up the activities in England. Henceforward we shall have a political work for suffrage has had no reality in Ireland; it has consisted in little more than backing up the activities in England. Henceforward we shall have a political work for suffragists with hope for the future. The series of the Reilway of the prevention of the common of the coming new phase of our struggle with a fresh and unprejudiced spirit.—Yours truly.

Loure Bennert.

Hon. See. Irishwomen's Suffrage Federation.

29, South Anne Street, Dublin.

NEED FOR UNITY

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M. Arnoliffe Sennett (Hon. Organiser to the Federation). Northern Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage. 6, Wellington Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.

A "SUICIDAL" SUGGESTION

To the Editors of Votes for Women. Dear Madam,—I venture to write re your "New Policy," as you say you will welcome expressions of opinion. To my way of thinking your suggestion appears utterly wrong and suicidal. What would be the use of asking the Liberal leaders their intentions re suffrage? Have you not had enough experience yet of the least table rate and the complex possible will be made and the enough experience yet of the least table rate and the conservatives are coming to the conclusion that they must give women votes. The Conservatives can't do worse than the Conservatives are coming to the conclusion that they must give women votes. The Conservatives can't do worse than the Conservative such problems.

NEED FOR UNITY

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Madam,—If some joint committee could approach Ministers, on the one hand, and the people, especially the women worse to Pledge the united support of Suffragists to one party or the other, your policy would be extremely effectual. But whatever the result of such interviews, I do not believe either the W.S.P.U. or the Conservative and Unionist Suffrage saward, and the people, especially the women work for the leasts of the contention.

South Anne Street, Dublin.

NEED FOR UNITY

To the Editors of Votes for Unity, the Popper of Suffr

# THURSDAY NEXT, OCTOBER 16, at 8 p.m.

A Public Meeting under the auspices of the Votes for Women Fellowship will be addressed by

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So in complete understanding we began an tainly less to Betsy's advantage than to mine.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

I could not be said to "visit" Betsy in the parochial sense; we exchanged calls as we exchanged

For all her eighty odd years she still earned a living, if a somewhat precarious one—charing, minding children, or hawking flowers and fruit. The first time she called she asked for a book and left me two choice pears. I lent her a book, the sort one keeps for such purposes, piously banal, and very humbly bound. She took it with profuse thanks, wrapped it in a clean napkin with infinite reverence,

When she returned it, carefully done up in clean paper, she sat down and unfolded in the language of epic some of the wonderful things she had derived, handed out my choicest-bound poet.

Later I went to see her. She lived in one poorly furnished room, and her abode was as neat and spotess as her person. When in an Irishwoman cleanli ness is found allied to godliness—a somewhat rare combination, I must admit—both are in a superlative degree. This was so in Betsy's case.

My offering on this particular occasion was a pound of tea. Betsy insisted on sharing an immeliate brew. While the kettle worked up steam she offered to read to me. At all times her accent was extremely difficult, and bore only a distant relationship to English. She read rapidly and fluently, and with an air of ecstatic enjoyment of her subject: not one word penetrated my obtuse understandng. Puzzled, my eyes turned upon the book. Betsy and it on her knee—upside down! This discovery staggered me for a moment. Then it dawned upon me that Betsy's wonderful tales were stored in her emory; that most of them were from life, as her mind saw it, and not as it had been in her cruel experience. I believe she could read, slowly and with difficulty, and thus had spelled out many things which she dressed in all the grandeur of her poetic imagina tion, and sought to translate in a tongue she had

Hers was a fine intellect denied expression. She vice of a sex; condemned to a life of toil and suffering that her sons might profit by advantages of education and leisure and freedom their mother had never

Her ten children, borne to a worthless and drunken susband within an incredibly short space of years, had paid the debt of outraged nature. Seven had died various stages of infancy and childhood; three ly grew to man's estate. For twenty years Betsy had worked never less than sixteen hours a dayard manual labour, broken only by short intervals

of bearing and burying her children.

Most of the facts of her cruel story I gathered from others. Of "himself" Betsy spoke but once, and then not in blame; but it was obvious that in her ce his existence found a fitting oblivion

The moral grandeur of Betsy's attitude towards had something dreadful in it. To me it was prrible that she should accept as a matter of course, s the appointed lot of a Christian woman, her stunted mental powers, her abused and abortive maternity, her degraded wifehood, her long years of toil and hard living, and her forlorn old age.

Never a word of complaint passed her lips. Her acquaintance was a perfect Valhalla. None had ever

Coming out of church one day I met Betsy in the porch, and straightway fell a victim to her inimitable ways as a beggar. No one but Betsy was ever so completely mistress of those shades of manner, look and voice that made it so clear the favour was all on her side. She conveyed to your mind without dispute the conviction that you owed her a debt of gratitude for an opportunity that might never recur, to redeem at an easy price the iniquities lying heavy on your miserable soul. Almsgiving with humility



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they claimed our support. They asked us to give them power to abolish the veto of the House of

Lords because they desired to see the people of this

country its real governors, and we have seen them imprisoning and torturing women because they

demanded that half of the people of the country should not be excluded from that government. They

told us that the will of the people must prevail, and though the principle of votes for women com-

mands, by universal consent, a majority of votes in the House of Commons, a measure embodying it has

the Prime Minister's cynical and unexplained refusal

to carry out his most solemn pledges. One after another, the most cherished principles of Liberalism

have been thrown overboard—the right of public

The Conduct of a Bully

But the events of the past few weeks would have

seemed the worst that could be feared from an ad-

ministration composed of men who technically, at

least, are Liberals, were it not for the talent which

Mr. McKenna has shown in exploring fresh depths

of infamy. For a Government to pass and apply laws

which have no other object than to suppress its political opponents, and to strain those laws in their application, is the conduct of a bully. For a Govern-

ment to affect ignorance of the actions of those who

are organising an armed rebellion against its authority is the conduct of a coward. And when

Liberals are compelled to gaze upon their leaders

to the conclusion either that there is something wrong

with Liberalism, or there is something wrong with

Let us examine the attitude of our Liberal Govern-

ment as it hides itself in Ulster, and as it shows itself

in London. In the one case we see two Privy Councillors, Sir Edward Carson and Mr. F. E. Smith, inciting

their followers, not merely to resistance, but to open rebellion against the government of the country. They have held reviews of armed men, and Sir

Edward Carson has asserted that the actions of himself and his followers were illegal, and that the

Government knew them to be illegal. And what has been the Liberal reply? A member of the Govern-

ment, Mr. J. M. Robertson, has been put up to tell Sir Edward Carson and his followers that if they

acting the part of a bullying coward, they are forced

ot yet been entered on the statute book owing to

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By an Old-Fashioned Liberal

expression in Votes for Women to the feeling of indignation with which I read of Mr. McKenna's recent applications of the Cat and Mouse Act. The way in which the agitation for woman suffrage has been handled by Mr. Asquith's administration has strained—in very many cases to more than breaking point—the party loyalty of a section of Mr. Asquith's ressing his contempt for the pretence that Wilkes followers, and especially of that section whose assist-had been punished for the indecency of his publication. followers, and especially of that section whose assistance is looked for when active and enthusiastic service is required. But I cannot help feeling that a further tives of the laws, liberties, and constitution of the said that the man who supports every administration subverts all government, he expressed a sentiment therefore, I reflect upon this method pursued by that a good many Liberals must be feeling just now. For we Liberals cannot look back on the history of the past twelve years with unalloyed satisfaction. Denshawai is not altogether forgotten. We do not in common with others who are the objects of reward, the feel that it is not altogether forgotten. find it easy to reconcile the torture of prisoners in | but for that in which he differs from many of them: India with doctrines we have inherited from Romilly.

But, what is of greater moment to readers of Votes for Women, we have been compelled to watch the Government which we placed in power abandoning many of the root principles by the profession of which

# The Women's Unconquerable Firmness

Does anybody who sees Sir Edward Carson and Does anybody who sees Sir Edward Carson and Mr F. E. Smith enjoying the honours of the Privy Council, and Mrs. Sanders and Miss Kerr suffering torture in prison, doubt that the difference of treatment is because of the women's unconquerable firmness, and their resolute, indefatigable, strenuous

makes Mr. McKenna's action still more indefensible.

The petition sent to the Home Office in Miss Kerr's case, and the statement that accompanied it, convinced everybody who read them that Miss Kerr had nothing

There are occasions when silence is a betrayal of principle, and, as a life-long supporter of Liberalism, who has never, at a Parliamentary election, voted for the Liberalism of the Liberalism any but the Liberal candidate, I am anxious to give expression in Votes for Women to the feeling of already acquainted. because she will not utter the particular formula

The more one examines the whole shameful business the more evident does it become that every criticism is required. But I cannot help feeling that a turther support of the present Government will be regarded by all true Liberals as a desertion of the traditions in which they have been nurtured, and a betrayal of the principles in which they believe. When Burke the principles in which they believe. When Burke and blasphemers, I could well believe that nothing at the second reading debate, "is to restrict the support of the principles in which they believe. When Burke and blasphemers, I could well believe that nothing at the second reading debate, "is to restrict the dantly justified. Its object, as Mr. McCurdy said liberty of the subject, and to give the Secretary of State power to extend the term of imprisonment imposed upon certain prisoners under his care by the judge who tried them for the offence for which they were sent to prison, and to do so upon any terms or conditions which he, in his discretion, may think fit, without reference to judge or jury." It enables, as even so ebullient an anti-Suffragist as Mr. MacCallum Scott pointed out on the same occasion, "the Home Secretary and the Government, in the case of some prisoners to whom they were very hostile, to keep the sentence of imprisonment hanging over their heads for years." Are Liberals going t remain unmoved while such powers are in the hands of the Executive, and are they going to tolerate their abuse by a man of the type of Mr. McKenna? Are they content to watch the Morning Post gleefully congratulating its readers on the fact that nothing in the way of repressive measures against political resistance against oppression?

Another fact which I should like to point out

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Government comes into office? I can hardly believe McKenna let Cargill, the man who was convicted of assaults upon little children, go free, while using all the forces at his command to suppress a movement and that she had at no period been concerned with anything except the strictly constitutional work carried on in the offices of the W.S.P.U., and the meeting, the inserty of the Press, freedom of association, even freedom of speech—all have been attacked by a Government calling itself Liberal, and have been preserved in defiance of the efforts of its averaged by the correspondence to which the petition gave rise showed that Mr. McKenna believed this. Yet when she goes back to that work, Mr. McKenna has her again who are resolved at the soonest possible moment to average the correspondence to which the petition gave rise showed that Mr. McKenna has her again who are resolved at the soonest possible moment to goes back to that work, Mr. McKenna has her again arrested because she will not write to him confirming a letter which he himself—I quote his own words—thinks "is honestly intended to mean that she gives the solution of the principles which we hold in honour, and which he has degraded and defiled.

# "VOTES FOR WOMEN" FELLOWSHIP

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 4-7, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, E.C.

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All Fellows in London are asked to concentrate all their thoughts and energies until next Thursday upon schemes for filling the Kingsway Hall to overflowing.

A large proportion of the reserved seats have been already taken up, and a splendid audience is secured. But that is not enough. We must have every unreserved as well as every reserved seat filled, and, if possible, by members of the general public who have not yet attached themselves to any section of the Woman's Movement. This is the task set before the Fellows to be accomplished during the next few days. At the workers' meeting, held at Red Lion Court last Monday, the following suggestions were made, and we invite the co-operation of all readers of the paper in carrying them out.

1. In consideration of the fact that the Bishop of Thursday and energies until next Thursday and the moral significance of the Woman's Movement.

3. Personal canvass. Will good customers approach the heads of trading firms where they habiturally deal, especially those with a large staff of workers, with the request that a poster shall be exhibited in the duining-room of the staff and handbills laid on the table? Headmistresses of colleges, matrons of hospitals, and authorities who stand in relation to large numbers of young people should also be approached by their friends in the Fellowship and asked to give publicity to the meeting.

4. Personal correspondence. Letters from members of a congregation to their clergy personally asking them to come and hear what the Bishop of Kensington has to say on this matter. Already much good work has been done in this direction. We want the Gergy to understand the moral significance of the Woman's Movement.

5. House to house canvass with handbills and ticklets generally in the paighburshood of Kensing them to come and hear what the Bishop of the paper in carrying them out.

6. House is all volunteers for this service apply to Miss Boulting, and the claim of the table? Headmistresses of colleges, matrons of hospitals, and authorities who

paper in carrying them out.

1. In consideration of the fact that the Bishop of Kensington is to be the chief speaker, a special advertisement campaign will be carried out amongst churchgoers. To this end there will be a distribution of handbills outside some of the principal churches next Sunday; will volunteers for Sunday handbill in the superior of the principal churches the support of the principal churches the superior of the principal churches the support of the principal churches the superior of th persisted in their rebellion and carried their treason to still further lengths, the Government would not hesitate, as an extreme step, the gravity of which they were fully conscious. To stond the still further lengths, the Government would not hesitate, as an extreme step, the gravity of which they were fully conscious. To stond the still further lengths, the Government would not otherwise have above office for handbills or send will they call at the above office for handbills or send to still further lengths, the Government would not otherwise have above office for handbills or send to see to it that he or she brings some man or woman to the meeting heart further with the still further lengths, the Government would not otherwise have above office for handbills or send to see to it that he or she brings some man or woman to the meeting he or she brings some man or woman to the meeti

they were fully conscious—to stop their letters.
On the other hand we see women like Mrs. Sanders and Miss Kerr, members of a perfectly legal political organisation, arrested and sent to prison solely because they persisted in the constitutional advocacy will they can at the above omee for nandbills or sent to the post?

2. Handbill distribution outside all Social Reform meetings that are being held during the next few days and outside the Ideal Home Exhibition. Will meetings that are being held during the next few days and outside the Ideal Home Exhibition.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence, Hon. Sec.

# THE W.S.P.U. AND THE LAW

# Magistrate's Flagrant Disregard of Evidence in the Case of a Clergyman

THE Magistrate's Flagrant Disregard of Evidence in the Case of a Clergyman

What we want to prove on Wednesder the Case of the

fined sums varying from 20s. to 23 with the option of terms of imprisonment ranging the prevent it from starting, and there was what the Morning Post calls "an ugly scrimmage" before numbers prevailed and reinforcements of police at last succeeded in clearing the road. As a result of what took place, nine women and two men, one of them a clergyman, were also and taken to Vine Street Police Station.

The Manchester Guardian comments:

The Growd generally expressed great incignation at the way in which the police, who were undoubtedly very angry, had been made, Mrs. Drummond observed in the street of Miss Kenney had been made, Mrs. Drummond observed in the street con on the speech: "We know that anybody who comes us offices or places of meeting is nounded down by the authorities. We look as a constable, he said: "Do morality."

The Manchester Guardian comments:

The Wanthester Police with a service of the defendants, the Rev. Father before one of the defendants, the Rev. Father the defendants, the Rev. Father the arrest of Miss Kenney had been made, Mrs. Drummond observed in the defendants, the defendants, the cost one of the defendants, the cost of the defendants of the merchants of the defendants of the defendants of the merchants of the colonies and undeveloped countries generally where women are in a minority, and where, owing to the fa

Sir Almroth Wright's assertions, re Australian women and legislators, are unfounded. The woman question here is the same as in England. Mrs. Wentworth Stanley is not known to Australian women.

# VIDA GOLDSTEIN.

imployment, and the morality of the ation, should be lifted above the acci-

women, with their intuition, their quickness of observation, their wit, and their experience. Whilst there was always in the administration of our laws this great and most important place for women, there was also a great and increasing need first these came qualities which women from the support of men when they too are out to fight for their rights.

MRS. HARVEY'S TREATMENT IN PRISON

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT HULL.

Allusions to Woman Suffrage
At the Annual Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, which is being held this week at Hull, no suffrage discussion is down on the agenda, but the subject cannot, of course, be kept entirely out of the debates, since the text of the Conference is "The Children of the Nation," and all the papers read deal directly or indirectly with the future of the race. The surprising thing is that any Anti-Suffragist—and there are notable Anti-Suffragists in the membership of the married a man who was not "freed"—very very warried a man who was not "freed"—very very

to-day by being the wife or widow of an alien. In London, there were women members of most of the Trade Guilds (who were also freemen of the city), even of In the Presidential Address
In her presidential address Mrs. Allan
Bright, dealing with the health of the
younger generation, said: "They needed
so to stir public opinion that this housing
problem, which struck at the health, the
employment, and the morality of the
nation, should be lifted above the acci-

the chances of the ballot-box, was of paramount importance."
This is undeniable. But public opinion never will be so stirred until the mothers as well as the fathers of the race have access to the ballot-boxes and to the power over the counsels of the nation that this will give them.

In the Archbishop's Speech
Similarly the Archbishop of York won his biggest round of applause for a remark which appears to have been to some extent accidental. Speaking on "Woman's Special Place," he said that it was in "enabling a community to understand and know and use the laws under which it lived that there was a special place for women, with their intuition, their quickmother had had no breakfast save a cup

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	MRS. HARVEY'S TREATMENT IN PRISON			
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Archbishop is reported to have "smiled,"	every morning and the prisoner is left in	TABLE.	entence. Imprisonment.	
and added: "You must not always read	an atmosphere of damp boards, soon brought on a rheumatic chill and gastric		months Calton Gaol, Edinburgh month Pentonville	
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bear"-a somewhat cryptic remark that	Office for the services of a homocopathic doctor was refused in the usual curt man-	Det 3 5 m	onths' h.l Bradford	
we can only explain by supposing that the	ner adopted by that department of the	*Miss Mary Richardson Remanded Oct. 4	- Holloway Holloway	
Archbishop has been talking Suffrage all his life without knowing it.	State towards prisoners who have broken	Miss Rachel Peace Remanded Oct. 4 Miss Dalglish Oct. 7	20 days Holloway	
The "Times" Comment	the law on a matter of principle; and Mrs. Harvey became so ill that she lost a	Mice France Oct. 7	10 days Holloway 15 days Holloway	
The Times, in a leading article on the	stone in weight.		20 days Holloway	
subject before the Conference, says:	When we remember that Mrs. Harvey	Mr. Wm Ball Oct. 7	20 days Pentonville	
"Here, assuredly, women are in their	was a passive resister to the laws which, as a voteless woman, she did not feel	*Miss Lenton Remanded Oct. o	Holloway	
proper sphere Of all the wide-	morally bound to obey, that she was there-	* Re-arrested under the	e Cat and Mouse Act.	
reaching effects of the woman's movement	fore in the strictest sense of the words a political prisoner, this treatment of her			
none is more clearly right and wholesome	in prison, quite apart from such Christian	THE PRISON VAN	PRESS COMMENTS	
than this—that all through the country women are, because of it, increasingly alive	considerations as that she is elderly, deli-	Who Spoke the Truth?	On the Re-Arrest of the W.S.P.U. Officials	
to the sufferings and the claims, the rights	cate, and suffers badly from deafness, re- flects the gravest discredit upon a Govern-	The Times announced a day or two ago that the Commissioner of Police has de-		
and the wrongs, the needs and the possi-	ment supposed to uphold the liberties for	eided that in future men and women will	We have never understood the grounds	
bilities, of the children to whom they have	which such women as she are fighting.	he conveyed in separate prison vans irom	on which these women were convicted.	
given birth. These things they realise as		the Metropolitan police courts to Brixton and Holloway Gaols. "At present," adds	They repudiated responsibility for policy,	
they have never realised them before. They	ANOTHER DEPUTATION TO DOWNING	the Times "men and women are con-	and Miss Kerr, in particular, made a very	
are resolved, we may take it, that laws and customs which do not recognise that	STREET	voved from the police court to prison in	clear statement that her department was the management of Lincoln's Inn House,	
their children are the children of the	Gallant Little Wales on the Warpath Again	the same van, and some time ago serious complaints against the practice were made	and the supervision of office routine. She	
nation are behind the times and must be	A vigorous autumn campaign is an-		added that her business did not touch on	
altered."	nounced by the Forward Cymric Suffrage	This implies, what is perfectly true, that one more prison scandal has been removed	the militant side of the movement, that	
(The italics are ours.) What can this	Union. In addition to their London		she had not committed any militant act,	
mean but that the Times at long last has come to see the inevitability of the	monthly meetings which will be held in the Caxton Hall on the first Monday in	mints But how were those complaints re-	and had not taken part in a militant de- monstration. We are not aware that the	
woman's vote?	November and December, they are hop-	ceived when they were first made by Miss Nina Boyle, Miss Shortt, and others?	Crown disputes this statement, or has	
	ing to arrange meetings in the Welsh Chapels in London, and also in local	In the House of Commons last spring	offered evidence to show it is false. Why,	
SCHOOLS FOR FATHERS  We are very glad to see that Dr. Mary	Chapels in London, and also in local centres throughout Wales. An election	the Home Secretary, in reply to a question on the subject, said that "Female	then, this punishment, and re-punish-	
Murdoch, of Hull, spoke strongly at	fund is further being raised in order that the constituencies in the Principality may	prisoners were conveyed ill Closed Colli-	ment?—Nation.	
Tuesday's session on the duties of	be thoroughly worked at once in view of	partments entirely separate from males.	TO SELECT THE THE PARTY OF THE	
fathers. There was one legal parent—	the forthcoming General Election.	The sexes were kept entirely separate." Thus the impression was conveyed that	There has been a lengthy correspondence	
the father, she said; as a rule he was a	If Ireland, Why Not Wales?	the allegations made by Suffragists were	between Mr. McKenna at the Home Office	
sleeping partner as far as the duties of fatherhood were concerned. There was one	It will be remembered that last spring,	untrue. The announced reform proves that	and Miss Kerr, of the Women's Social and Political Union, and her friends. The only	
real and active parent—the mother. Why	after a long correspondence with the honorary organiser of the Union, Mrs. Mansell-Moullin, the Chancellor of the	they were true.  AT THE ST. JAMES'S THEATRE	conclusion any intelligent person can	
should it be left to the mother to do all	Mansell-Moullin, the Chancellor of the Exchequer refused to receive a deputation	During the performance of Mr. Bernard	arrive at, after perusing these letters, is	
the drudgery while the father took his ease at the club or in his easy chair? The	composed of his own countrywomen who	Shaw's play, "Androcles and the Lion," last Saturday evening, several interjec-	that there has been a serious miscarriage	
mother was often deficient in the duties	waited upon him at his official residence	last Saturday evening, several interjec-	of justice, and Mr. McKenna is not suffi-	
of parenthood because she was untrained;	in Downing Street. Seeing in the Times of October 1 that Mr. Lloyd George has	tions were made by women in the audience calling attention to the analogy	ciently intelligent to put it right. It seems quite clear that Mr. Justice Phillimore	
but side by side with schools for mothers there ought to be schools for fathers.	consented to receive a deputation from the	between the arguments used against the	mistook the management of a lot of per-	
"When we know personally," she con-	Irish Women's Suffrage Federation dur-	early Christians and those employed to- day by the Government against the mili-	fectly peaceful correspondence for a con-	
tinued, "of criminal assaults upon very young girls, and when we see the offender	ing his visit to Dublin next December, Mrs. Mansell-Moullin intends to write	tant Suffragists. During one of the inter-	spiracy of arson. It is fairly obvious that	
let off with a sentence of any time from	once more to the Chancellor, asking him	vals a Suffragist rose in a box and	Miss Kerr never gave orders for the burn-	
two weeks to nine months instead of penal	to receive a deputation from the Forward Cymric Union as soon as he takes up his	addressed the audience. She spoke on the re-arrest of Mrs. Sanders and Miss Kerr,	ing of anything except the contents of the waste-paper baskets. If our Liberal gover-	
servitude, or when, on any slight pretext of ill-health, such a criminal is released	residence again in Downing Street. She	pointing out that they were suffering for their faith as surely as the early Christians	nors cannot do justice, they need not	
unconditionally after serving a short	hopes that members of the Union, both	their faith as surely as the early Christians who were martyred and ridiculed for what	make themselves ridiculous Daily	
period of his sentence, can we imagine that we are taking care of our children?"	men and women, who wish to join the deputation will write to her immediately.	they held to be true.	Herald.	
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# NO PLAYTIME! A White Paper on the Employment of Children

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A White Paper has recently been issued by the Home Office, embodying a report made by Mr. Samuel Pope, barrister, on a bye-law passed by the Devon County Council dealing with the employment of school-children.

The bye-law in question was as follows:
"No child who is liable to attend school full time shall be employed on schooldays between the hours of 8.15 o'clock in the morning and 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon." (8.30 was afterwards substituted for 8.15.)

Owing to the many objections raised to this bye-law, chiefly by Boards of Guardians, District Councils, dairymen, and January last, at Exeter, Kingsbridge, Dartmouth, South Molton, and Bideford.

Over 2.000 Children Employed

The bye-law was operative over an area in which 60,579 children were on the school registers, and, roughly, the number actually employed was said to be 2,000; but this Mr. Pope considers to be very much below the correct figures. He says:
"On the question of age, I may say that there were instances of children going into employment at seven and eight years of age, but, as a rule, they do not start until they are in the fourth standard, i.e., but this growed that not only in urban areas, but in rural areas as well, throughout the county, as substantial number of children sity of the widence, I consider it was proved that not only in urban areas, but in rural areas as well, throughout the county, as substantial number of children series of children going into the many of the stalls. He had to milk six cows before school to school to save his attendance mark. "He is rather deficient, because when he gest to school he start at 6.50 and walk 33 miles to the railway station to fetch papers, numbering twenty to fifty, bring them back, and deliver as many as possible before school at nine o'clock. On wet mornings he was soaked through and to be sent odly to fifty, bring them back, and deliver as many as possible before school at nine o'clock. On wet mornings he was soaked through and to fetch paper

schools in the Honiton district, with ninety-one children on the register, said that he had ten cases of children giving

"Hinders Their Education and Undermines Their Health"

The White Paper concludes by recommending that the bye-law should apply throughout Devon, and says: "On careful review of the evidence, I consider it was proved that not only in urban areas, but in rural areas as well, throughout the county, a substantial number of children are being employed in such a way as to hinder materially their education, and in many cases to undermine in some degree their health." Certain concessions were, however, recommended on the ground that in a large number of cases employments were beneficial to children, because of the meals they were given; also, there was no complaint from any schoolmaster that midday employment was prejudicial; it was rather looked upon by both parents and masters as a means of keeping the children out of mischief.

At the International Conference for the Protection of Labour, which sat at Berne recently, the following recommendations with regard to employed children were included in the acte final, signed by the dele-

cases. For children under the age of 10s. and costs.

In the working day of young workers and their being withdrawn from school at a discussion of the being withdrawn from school at a discussion of the being withdrawn from school at a discussion of the being withdrawn from school at a discussion of the being withdrawn from school at a discussion of the present-lay tendency among country folk to leave the land through on the familiarising children with it when young.

Nature of the Work

From evidence taken, children's work in Devon may be summarised as follows:—
Urban: (a) before school; errands, milk and newspaper delivery, certain domestic work, and shop-cleaning. (in Devon mary stops, which necessitates ardnous walkings) (b) In the lunch hour, errands and newspaper delivery, as in most towns the London papers arrive during the morning.

In Rural Districts: Errands, milk delivery, and agricultural work. The running of errands is essential, because of the distance at which people live from on another, and also because of the age of many of the inhabitants. (In one willage there were twenty-two old people age seventy, six over eighty, and one over nincty:) The distances are felt most in the delivery of milk, and a farmer will often send eight or ten cans of milk by one of his children, to be left ac causes. For children under the age of 16 shall not exceed ten hand through the case the period of work for a single dealth of the case of the most in which case the period of work for a single dealth of the case of the age of 16 shall not exceed ten hours, exceed to house. The though the hour, errands and newspaper delivery, carrian domestic works and shop-cleaning, of the hour, errands and newspaper delivery, and agricultural work. The running of errands is essential, because of the age of many of the inhabitants. (In one willage there were twenty-two old people agree twenty-two old people agree the period of the conditions under which the delivery of milk, and not only was it a terrible of the conditions under whi

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# COMPARISON OF PUNISHMENTS

LIGHT SENTENCES For Ruining Little Girls

The Berwickshire News (September 80) reports the case of a youth of seventeen, charged at Berwick with assaulting two little girls in a garden. He pleaded guilty. The Chairman said the Bench felt this was "a very serious case."

Sentence:—A fine of £4 (£2 each), costs not being imposed.

### For Illegal Trawling

For Poaching Salmon

For Assaulting a Grandmother The Newcastle Weekly Chronicle (October 3) reports case of a young man charged at Blyth with assaulting an elderly woman (his grandmother by marriage) by going to her house, taking her by the hair, and knocking her down on the floor.

Sentence:—A fine of 10s. and costs.

The Glasgow Weekly Herald (October 4) reports case of the master of a steam-trawler charged at Stornoway with illegal trawler in Broad Bay.

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A gruesome reflection on the home resources of these children is the passage in the Report referring to the boys who live with a farmer and do work out of school hours in return for their board. "This arrangement," it says, "it appreciated eight or ten children to feed and clothe on a money wage of 15s. a week."

Effects of Employment

The White Paper, remarking that excessive "employment of children is not continued there is a continued as a many persons dwelling on each acree."

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# NEW CONSTITUTIONAL

SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE, 8, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge

President: Mrs. Cecil Champman

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The Tower Hill demonstration was a very great success. Our Whitechapel friends were present in large numbers, and among the audience we were glad to notice many members of other societies. Our most sincere thanks are due to the Actresses' Franchise League, the Women Writers' Suffrage League, the Women's Tax Resistance League, and all those who in any way helped to support us at this meeting.

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Tuesday "At Homes." — The first took | 14,8t. James' Street, S.w.

Forward Cymric Suffrage Union. 53, Wandsworth Bridge Road, S.W.

Tuesday "At Homes." — The first
"At Home" after the holidays took
place on Tuesday, October 7, when Mrs.
Merivale Mayer spoke to an interested
audience on "Facing the Facts." These
weekly meetings have always been one of
the most popular features of the N.C.S.
campaign. It has been the aim of the
Society not only to secure the most distinguished speakers, but also to make
these gatherings as socially interesting as
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these gatherings as socially interesting as Society not only to secure the most distinguished speakers, but also to make these gatherings as socially interesting as possible. That we have been successful in our attempt is proved by the fact that before the holidays it was found necessary to obtain a much larger room for the accommodation of our ever-increasing audience. The new room, as our members know, is not only very much larger than the old one, but very bright and airy. By the acquisition of this room, our expenses have been added to consider it apoint of honour to bring as many friends as possible to the "At Homes."

Christmas Bazaar.—Now that the holidays are over, we appeal to all members to get to work in good earnest. Preparations are being made at headquarters to make the bazaar very widely known; and the fact that the decorative schown has been undertaken by Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck is sufficient to ensure its being a marvel of beauty. It rests with our members to make of the sale a great financial success.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Sunday, October 12.—Hyde Park, noon.
Miss McGowan.
Tuesday, October 14.—143a, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge. Her Highness the Ranee of Sarawak, Rev. F. M. Green. Hostess, Mrs.
Ashley Cowan. 3 p.m.

Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage, 34 and 35, Ludgate Chambers, Lundgate Hill, E.O.
Men's League for Woman Suffrage, 156, St. Stephen's House, Westminster.

Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement.

1, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.
Men's Society for Women's Rights, 25, Victoria Street, S.W.

### COMING EVENTS

e Votes for Women Fellowship and Shurch League will hold a meeting at Town Hall, Hibrd, on October 14, at m. Chairman: The Right Rev. Bishop M. Chairman: The Right Rev. Bishop Sneakers: Mrs. Pethick Law-Bak Buildings, 14, 85. James Street, S.W. National Union of Women's Suffrage Scoleties.

14, Gt. Smith Street, Westminster, S.W. well. Speakers: Mrs. Pethick Law-nce and Rev. F. M. Green. Tickets: 2s. 3d., obtainable from Miss Hawley, 51, rosvenor Road, Ilford.

The Church League for Women's Suf-rage will hold an "At Home" at the laxton Hall on October 14, at 3 p.m. chairman: Rev. F. M. Green. Speakers: drs. Cather, Mrs. J. E. Francis, and Rev. Hinseliff.

For particulars of the Votes for Women cllowship Meeting on October 16, see

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The London Convention of the Northern Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage, on December 6, at 8 p.m., is being reganised by Miss Lilian Hicks, 33, Downside Crescent, Hampstead, to whom all ommunications and offers of hospitality, rom Saturday, 6th, to Monday, 8th, hould be directed.

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WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

At the Bishop of Lichfield's Diocesan Conference, held at Stafford recently, it was resolved that the qualification for women electors in parochial church matters should be the same as for men, the Bishop peaking against a suggestion that the unimimum age for women should be twenty-live. The question of an fige limit, he said, was avowedly illogical.

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