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With apologies to the painter of the well-known picture, "The Drums of the Fore and Aft," Mr. E. Matthew Hale.

"The Arch-priest of the Suffrage Movement, Mrs. or Miss Pankhurst—I forget which—at the Albert Hall recently said the Anti-Suffragists were dead. It is our business to show our opponents that we are very much alive. I therefore earnestly hope the appeal I am making for help all over the country will not be in vain."—Lord Cromer.

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

THE OUTLOOK.

We convey to Mrs. Pankhurst, on behalf of ourselves and our readers, our heartiest good wishes for her coming tour in the United States of America. Her visit to that country in the autumn of 1909 was fraught with very great good in arousing men and women there to a sense of the importance of winning the franchise for women. Further, in stimulating the international side of the movement, it strengthened the agitation in this country. We look forward to similar valuable results on the present occasion. Mrs. Pankhurst's last speech in London before her departure will

be delivered on Monday afternoon next in the London Pavilion, and members of the Union and friends will have the opportunity of bidding her farewell either there or on Wednesday morning at Waterloo Station which she leaves at 9.45 a.m.

The Press and Woman Suffrage.

On more than one occasion we have drawn attention in these columns to the mistaken policy of the principal daily newspapers in failing to cater for their women readers beyond the publication of the ordinary fashion article or the cooking recipe. We have pointed out that in taking this course they were not only failing to fulfil their true function of holding the mirror up to life, but, what is often from their point of view more important, they were failing to secure a large number of potential new readers. We made it clear that we were not referring exclusively to the question of Woman Suffrage, but to the wide interests of women in political and social questions as a whole, with which the possession of the Parliamentary vote is inextricably bound up. During the past year we have recorded a distinct improvement in certain quarters in this respect, and have acknowledged the friendly service rendered to us by several newspapers; on the other hand, we have remarked in certain quarters a still closer boycott of Suffrage news

An Interesting Announcement.

We have now received the welcome information that one of the great London dailies has decided to devote regularly every day a substantial part of its space to Woman's Platform, The Standard. Shoe Lane.

the wider interests of women. Commencing on Tuesday next, October 3, the Standard will open in its columns a "Woman's Platform" conducted on nonparty lines. On the first day this section will consist of two pages of the paper, in subsequent issues it will cover a page or more. We understand that it is the intention of the editor to throw it open to suffragists and to azti-suffragists and to women of all political opinions, and that it shall contain regular articles by prominent women as well as news, reports and correspondence of daily interest to women readers. A special article contributed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is expected to appear on Wednesday, October 4. Lady Selborne, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Despard, Lord Cromer, Lady Jersey and many others are also contributing to its columns.

What we think of the "Standard's" Proposal.

We feel convinced that all the readers of Votes for Women will be interested in this new departure of the Standard, and that a large number of them will obtain the early issues, and if they find them satisfactory will become regular readers. In particular, we hope that they will avail themselves of the hospitality of its columns to contribute anecdotes, items of news, as well as well-written reports and correspondence, and that they will keep the editor posted up in future arrangements for meetings, etc., in order that the Standard may be enabled to give a daily prograame of activities of the Suffrage societies. (Letters should be addressed to The Editor, The Woman's Platform. The Standard. Shoe Lane

London, E.C.) What we ask of the editor is that he A GREAT REFORM NEEDED. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £250,000 FUND. should give a fair, full, unbiassed account of the woman's movement throughout the country, and that if reports By a Member of the National Vigilance of events contributed by his own reporters or other impartial witnesses have to be subject to the editorial blue pencil it shall be solely on account of style or advance of our Continental neighbours both in length, and not, as has been the case with the majority | imperial and municipal government and administra of papers, in order to garble the facts or suppress the | tion, but it is clear from the article "Policewomen" unwelcome truth.

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A Great Political Woman.

to the end of her life was an ardent and militant | most delicate nature. suffragist and a supporter of the W.S.P.U. She was one of the sisters of Charles Stewart Parnell, and inquiries into cases of criminal assult and indecent

and Metropolitan of Servia, in presenting to her, at Serajevo, an "icon" in gold and enamel representing

in Votes for Women of September 1, that in certain directions our neighbours across the Channel are much In the person of Catherine Anna Parnell there | more enlightened than we are. In Britain there are passed away last week, almost unnoticed, a woman | no policewomen; worse than that there are not even who in her day played a great political part, and who women to conduct investigations into cases of the

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To the man who seeks only her lips, but does not listen to the words from them, who longs for her embrace, but smiles or frowns when she reveals the nature of her soul, such a woman has nothing to give. . . . Modern woman's love differs from that of older times by, amongst other things, the insatiability of its demand for completeness and perfection in itself, and for corresponding completeness and perfection in the feeling of the

And the problem of motherhood? We venture to think Ellen Key wrong in describing as "the greatest tragic conflict the world has ever witnessed" the modern woman's struggle between a desire for motherhood and a desire to realise herself in her work. All these "problems" which are supposed to confront the new woman tend to solve themselves. There is no likenew woman tend to solve themselves. There is no like-lihood that the modern woman will undervalue her maternal duties; rather, being free herself, will she be a better mother if she has children. And that a share in full human life and work is compatible with good motherhood has been proved only recently by the life of a woman like the late Mrs. J. R. MacDonald. Mrs. Perkins Gilman knew:—

Peace, then! Fear not the coming woman, brother.
Owning herself she giveth all the more.
She shall be better woman, wife, and mother
Than man hath known before.

TWO GREAT WOMEN.

Two most excellent cameo sketches of the life and work of great women (Florence Nightingale and Josephine Butlert) are now on sale at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, London, price 3d. and 2d. respectively. We should advise everyone to send for copies for distribution, for no more powerful s for Votes for Women could be found than the arguments for Votes for Women could be found than the lives of these two magnificent women, hampered as both were in their work for the benefit of humanity by the want of the Parliamentary vote. Every Suffragist knows that both Florence Nightingale and Josephine Butler were ardent and convinced Suffragists. There is in the possession of the North of England Society for Woman Suffrage a document bearing the signature of Florence Nightingale to an address to Mr. Disraeli, thanking him for his favourable vote in the House of Commons, and begging him to do his utmost to of Commons, and begging him to do his utmost to remove the injustice under which women householders suffered by being deprived of the Parliamentary Vote. Miss Nightingale herself wrote:

The much prated of "woman's work" and "woman's sphere" is to bring the best she has—whatever it is—to the work of God's world. She is not to refrain from doing what she has the power to accomplish simply because it has hitherto been considered man's work. She must do the thing that is good, whether people call it suitable for a woman or not!

Mrs. Josephine Butler, too, wrote as follows:

The prayer which I now offer is that the veil may be taken away, and the selfshness—the perhaps unconscious selfishness—may be removed from the hearts of men who deny women squality, and keep them outside the Constitution. Think what we could do in the cause of morality; think of the pain and trouble and martyrdom that we might be saved in the future f we had that little piece of justice.

Mrs. Butler tells how, at the historic Prayer Meeting held during the Debate in the House of Commons on the Repeal of the C.D. Acts, a venerable lady from America rose and said: "Tears are good; prayers are better, but we should get on better if behind every tear there was a vote at the ballot box."

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THE "WOMAN CITIZEN."

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There is no reason why the men of the State of Indiana should deny to their women the right to participate in the affairs of State, or in any matter whatever, for the women of Indiana equal in every way the women of any other State in the Union. The men of this State certainly should not permit it to go abroad that they look upon their women differently, or repose less of confidence in them than do the men of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Washington and other States where women have the right of suffrage, or the men of New Zealand, Australia, and Finland.

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What is of special interest to us is her survey of present conditions, of the growing tendency in women to demand from men a deeper love, while men demand as soul in women and not only a pleasing face.

To the man who seeks only her lips, but does not listen to the when she reveals the nature of her methane, and we are ready for her message, Politically women have hitherto been classed with children and lunatics. It seems, however, that lunatics have a much superior position. In the last report of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, the medical officer says:

"Two of my patients who had votes requested permission to exercise their political rights, and there being no medical reason why their request should be refused, the short of a new marriage law.

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The Women's Local Government Society are proposing to conduct an Autumn Campaign on behalf of their Bill to enable married women to serve on town and county councils which is to be introduced next session.



Angry glow of a setting sun, Gathering gloom of a night begun, Sullen clouds on a rising sea, Driving spray on a wind-swept quay,
Thundering crests in a harbour's mouth,
Swirl of wind from an angry South—
Ye who kindle the lantern's light What of the night?

Dark that deepens to midnight's gloom, Rise and fall of the sea's dull boom, Driving blizzard and blinding rain, Creaking cable and grinding chain; Powers of Hell for the night set free Crying "Havoo!" o'er land and sea—Ye who watch by the lantern's light What of the night?

Glow of dawn in the Eastern sky, Clouds that scatter and mists that fly, Lark that sings on the cliff's green slope, Consummation of night-long hope— Ye who turn from the lantern's ray

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MOVEMENT. By the Rev. Percy Dearmer, D.D.

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The civilised world is gradually waking up to the fact that the drama is not a toy, but an art, and, because an art a power mighty for good or evil. This is, of course, not only the true view, but also that proper to humanity—mer have so thought when unbiassed by reaction or by prejudice. Such a prejudice there was against the stage in the seventeenth century; and its influence has continued down to the present day, when the drama is, indeed, no longe tabcoed by half the population, but is still largely regarded as something light and something for our lighter moments—as a toy, in fact. The public has yet to realise tha dramatic art is as serious and profound, as full of joy as a beauty, as difficult, as austere, as awful, and as lovely as i painting, or music, or any other art.

And the moment this is realised, one thing become plain. Moral and religious subjects can be expressed by the drama just as fitly as they can by a picture or a chan't That many people still hesitate to render religious motive on the stage, shows that the seriousness and saccedness c art are not yet fully realised, and that the drama has no yet come by its own. Our grandfathers—those dear mid Victorian people—were not logical in this: they crowded it see "sacred" pictures (which were sometimes more sents mental than sacred), they delighted in applying the music art to their hymns (leaving us an enervating legacy & sentimental tunes), and they had an austere affection fe the oratorio: their art, in fact, had not recovered it seriousness sufficiently to escape sentiment, but in princip it was recognised. Only when it came to dramatic arthey took us to the pantomime! Positive prejudice again the stage was beginning to fade even from the midd classes, who had been the bulwark of that prejudice; by acting was still recarded as a licht thine.

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WRECKERS AND RE-ACTIONARIES.

During the Kilmarnock Burghs election the Insurance Bill has naturally been much discussed, and the Labour candidate and his supporters made drastic criticism of the measure. Mr. Lloyd George accordingly addressed o Mr. Gladstone, the Liberal candidate, a long letter defending the Insurance Bill and denouncing its critics, whom he charges with misrepresenting its pro- vital defects, and it is intolerable that when criticism visions with the object of wrecking it. Mr. George's wn letter was followed on the very next day by another on the same lines from the Chief Liberal Whip, with whom at that time he was holiday-making.

The situation is one of peculiar interest to supporters of the Conciliation Bill, who see in it a distinct case of "the biter bit." For Mr. Lloyd George is alleging the use by his opponents of the very same tactics which he himself is employing with a view to destroying the Conciliation Bill. With the allegation of the Concentration of himself is employing with a view to destroying the Conciliation Bill. With the alteration of a word or two his charges against the opponents of the Insurance Bill improvements in it. Therefore, those who seek to induce them to make these improvements ought not apply precisely to his own action where the Conciliation
Bill is concerned. Thus, he describes the opposition to
the Insurance Bill as "a conspiracy of wreckers and
reactionaries." The term fits to a nicety the alliance
which, for the purpose of defeating the Conciliation
Bill, on the other hand, is a private
Members' measure, and consequently has not the
stability of a Government measure, and has not behind
it all the driving force which the Government, can apply to measures which, for the purpose of defeating the Conciliation Bill, has been entered into by Anti-Suffragists and those who assert that the Conciliation Bill "does not go far enough." The existence of this conspiracy has been disclosed by the Anti-Suffrage Review, which has announced, in the most shameless manner, that the announced, in the most shameless manner, that the concentration of Members in all parts of the House of Common Theorem 1 and 1 a amendments which Mr. Lloyd George, the professing mons. They have done everything possible to meet beforehand any reasonable objection entertained by Suffragist, intends to promote will be supported in Committee by anti-suffrage votes in order that the Bill may be wrecked at third reading.

admirable statement of the position :-

The avowed and professed opponents of [Woman Suffrage] are leing helped to thwart the cause of progress by a wrecking ection professing to be the friends of [women's emancipation].

The avowed opponents of the Conciliation Bill are epresented by Sir Maurice Levy, Sir Frederick Banury, and others; and the wrecking section consists, of erse, of Mr. Lloyd George and of any others whom

e can induce to support him in his policy. accuses of attempting to wreck the Insurance Bill are pursuing their object by means of misrepresentation and suppression of fact. We make precisely the same charge against those who would alter the Conciliation Bill to its destruction. Thus, they declare that the Conciliation Bill is undemocratic, that it gives an unfair advantage to rich women, and endows property at the expense of poverty. In these mis-statements they persist, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary which has been laid before that those whom he dividing the friends of Woman Suffrage in the House of Commons as to wreck the Conciliation Bill, then this would necessitate a renewal of our demand that the Government themselves assume direct responsibility for giving votes to women, and instantly carry a Woman Suffrage measure of their own. We think it important to make this clear at the present early stage, because it is well that the destruction of the Conciliation Bill would, instead of conciliation Bill would, instead of our demand that the Government themselves assume direct responsibility for giving votes to women, and instantly carry a Woman Suffrage in the House of Commons as to wreck the Conciliation Bill, then this would necessitate a renewal of our demand that the Government themselves assume direct responsibility for giving votes to women, and instantly carry a Woman Suffrage in the House of Commons as to wreck the Conciliation Bill, then this would necessitate a renewal of our demand that the Government themselves assume direct responsibility for giving votes to women, and instantly carry a Woman Suffrage in the House of Commons as to wreck the Conciliation Bill, then this would necessitate a renewal of our demand that the Government themselves assume direct responsibility for giving votes to women, and instantly carry a Woman Suffrage measure of their own. We think it important to make this clear a the present early stage, because it is well that the destruction of the Conciliation Bill, then this would necessitate a renewal of Mr. Lloyd George declares that those whom he which has been laid before them. That evidence shows

that of the million women to be enfranchised by the Conciliation Bill, 800,000 will be working women. orrowing some sentences from Mr. Lloyd George's wn letter on the Insurance Bill, we say:-

Why should these important facts be deliberately suppressed our opponents? If this suppression of the truth is due to norance, fair play demands that they should read the Bill fore criticising it. If it is due to malice, then their action in liberately setting themselves by misrepresentation to rob the comen] of this country of [a measure which removes the distilly of exa and enfranchises a large number of women, of tom the majority are of the working class] is a crime against a neonle

If Mr. Lloyd George wishes the measure which he apports to be spared from opposition of a wrecking aracter, he must take care himself to refrain from he use of wrecking tactics. But, in our opinion, the eriticism of the Insurance Bill which comes from so nany quarters differs very widely from the repreagainst the Conciliation Bill.

In the first place, the question of Votes for Women has been for half a century before the country. The alternative methods of settling it are not numerous and have all been fully and publicly discussed in the House of Commons and outside. The Conciliation Bill was drafted after long, careful, and open consideration, by a representative committee of Parliamentarians, drawn from all political parties. The Bill has been discussed and accepted by the various Woman Suffrage Societies. It has been endorsed, and its enactment demanded, by the leading Municipal bodies of the The Insurance Bill is in totally different country. It is a huge, unwieldy and ill-digested measure, framed in secret, without preliminary discussion in the country or in Parliament, and without consultation with the people who have the first claim to be consulted. Not even the doctors, whose service is the very foundation of the scheme, were asked to express an opinion before the Bill was drafted, as was shown by their indignation when its provisions became known to Mr. Lloyd George is roused to great indignation by them. The Women's Societies were not taken into the attacks now being made upon his Insurance Bill. | consultation as to the manner in which an insurance scheme could best be carried out where women are concerned. Social Workers, Labour Leaders, and concerned. Social workers, landur Leaders, and many others who are both qualified and entitled to express their views, were ignored. Certain Friendly Society officials were taken into counsel, but that seems to have been all. A Bill framed under these conditions was inevitably marred by grave and is offered by people whose interests are at stake and whose experience gives them a claim to be heard, Mr. Lloyd George should refuse to hear them with patience. concerning his Bill, he has obviously only himself to

Suffragist, intends to promote will be supported in Committee by anti-suffrage votes in order that the Bill nay be wrecked at third reading.

The following sentence from the Liberal Whip's Bill, such as Mr. Lloyd George is demanding, will be supported in members of any Party to any particular form of Woman Suffrage; and they have ascertained by careful inquiry that any wide departure from the Conciliation Bill, such as Mr. Lloyd George is demanding, will letter, altered as indicated by brackets, serves as an admirable statement of the position:—

wreck the measure, for the very simple and sufficient reason that the House of Commons contains no

majority for it.

From now onwards, the chief work of the Women's Social and Political Union is to expose and defeat the campaign of wreckers and reactionaries to which Mr. Lloyd George has committed himself. We are confident that we shall succeed in this enterprise. many points of crisis in the movement Mr. Lloyd George has set himself against us, but we have always been the victor. But if Mr. George should succeed in so dividing the friends of Woman Suffrage in the House

Christabel Pankhurst.

IS THE ENGLISH LAW UNJUST TO WOMEN?

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Barrister-at-law.

The following statement with regard to the position of women under the law provides a complete answer to the assertion frequently made by anti-Suffragists that "women have no grievances." On the other hand it makes no pretence to being exhaustive; an exhaustive statement would require far more space than is here available. It should further be realised that if every allable. It should further be realised that if every an exhaustive to the same. He can refuse her or compel her to be a mother at his pleasure. He can take away her savings. He can forbid her to undergo an operation which her doctor recommends and which she herself desires. And, though he is not allowed to-day to chastise her physically, those of a guardian appointed in her husband's will.

The Father inherits from the Child to the exclusion one of these grievances were removed by Act of Parliament to-morrow, women would still need the vote, firstly, in order to secure themselves in the enjoyment of their rights, and, secondly, in order to give them the driving power to enable them to bring about such reforms in the care of children and young people, in the conduct of prisons, workhouses and asylums, and generally in the good government of the country as they

AS GIRL

The State spends less money on the education of girls per head than it spends on the education of boys.

Moreover, it has permitted funds left for education generally to be employed for the almost exclusive use

There are no effective laws to check the white Stealing a woman is liable to less punishment than

The age of consent is fixed at sixteen.

Thus five years before a man or woman can be bound by signed contracts as to property, a girl can legally consent to her own dishonour. Moreover, even if she is under sixteen the man can often escape punishment by pleading that he thought she was over that age.

By the laws of intestacy "real estate" goes to

By Real Estate is meant certain forms of landed property; it is not confined to the actual house and lands on which the family have been living but may const tute the whole or a large part of the estate of the

AS UNMARRIED WOMAN. Women are excluded from many well paid occupa-

The factory laws (though protective in their nature) not infrequently operate to prevent women from working at quite suitable occupations. Thus many women florists, working comparatively short hours for fair wages, have been replaced by men because by the

Again, the law in England permits certain bodies of men to exclude women from certain public callings, such as "the Bar" at which in nearly every other

country women are allowed to practise.

In addition to the direct operation of the law women are largely excluded from good positions by the decision of the administrative departments of the Crown, which, as they are subject to the control of the House of Commons, are rightly included here. Nearly all well-paid Government appointments are confined to men, and even where women as well as men are appointed, they are completely outnumbered. Thus there are only 18 women factory inspectors to 170 men inspectors, and only 28 women school inspectors to about 350 men.

The State pays women less wages than men for the

Women teachers receive about two-thirds the salaries of men teachers for identical work with the same qualifications, the same hours, and the same sized classes. Women factory inspectors can only reach a maximum of £550, while the maximum for men is £1,200. Similar figures apply to school inspectors, while another example of disparity of pay is provided. while another example of disparity of pay is provided

women employees of the State's sub-contractors are

Among the worst cases are those in the Army Clothing Department. Where men are employed on Government work the conditions of their employment are safeguarded in accordance with a resolution of the the way it is worded affords no effective protection to

AS WIFE.

The marriage relationship is unequal.

In the marriage vows of the Established Church the woman, in addition to giving the same promises as her husband, promises "to obey," and the law enforces this in every detail of their married life. The husband alone has the right to decide where the home shall be,

The following statement with regard to the position | be educated, what religion they shall have. He can | is alive, the law does not recognise the mother as a appointed to administer the law are wont to punish with the utmost leniency even the most brutal cases of assault by the husband on the wife. Of course, the great majority of husbands are far better than the law enjoins, but this is no more reason why the law should allow the husband such wide powers than if, because most men are honest, it was proposed to have no laws

The divorce laws are unequal.

Whereas the husband can free himself from the marriage bond by proving the unfaithfulness of his wife, she cannot obtain freedom except by proving, in addition to unfaithfulness, personal cruelty on his part

The working-class wife has no effective claim to maintenance on her husband.

Nominally, a husband is bound to maintain his wife and equally a wife in possession of property is bound to maintain her husband. This can be put in force to some extent in the case of separation or where a woman has means enough to live away from her husband if he fails to maintain her. But if a working an while continuing to live with his wife refuses to give her anything for her maintenance she has no means to compel him to do so. All she can do is to break up her me and go into the workhouse with her children, when the guardians in their own interest will obtain money from him. If he deserts her and disappears she cannot set the law in motion to find him. If she finds him her-self and secures a maintenance order she has no effective means of obtaining her money. The main-tenance of wives by their husbands is necessary because comen on marriage give up their means of earning an andependent livelihood and embark on the unpaid work

all responsibility.

The laws relating to income tax do not recognise the wife's separate income. She cannot therefore claim abatement where her income has been taxed at the source. The husband alone is entitled to make the claim and have the money refunded to him, and he cannot be compelled to hand it over to her.

The Married Womangis Handicapped as Trader.

The position of the married woman trader is some-imes quoted as an illustration of the favoured position married women, because a married woman is not of married women, because a married woman is not iable to be imprisoned for debt or for breach of fiduciary responsibility but is only liable to the extent of her separate estate. This may prove some advantage to sale or return. This meeting promises to be a most momentous separate estate. This may prove some advantage to a dishonest woman, but for the most part it acts as a handicap to an honest married woman who desires to engage in trade, for she finds in consequence that firms frequently refuse to accept her signature to a contract unless that of her husband is obtained at the same time. The law was not really made in the interests of women (else why should it apply only to married women?), but was a survival of the old law of coverture by which married women were supposed to be the property of their husband, and was intended to protect him from the loss of his wife's services and companionship.

AS MOTHED

AS MOTHER.

The Mother is not the Parent of Her Own Child.

The Father inherits from the Child to the exclusion of the Mother

Where a child dies under age or intestate the whole of his or her property (provided he or she has no children) goes to the father, if alive. If there is no children) goes to the lather, if alive. If there is no father, then the mother shares equally with the brothers and sisters in the "personal" property, but she has no share of the "real" property, all of which goes to her deceased husband's relatives.

AS WIDOW.

The Law permits a Man to leave by will all his Money away from his Wife and leave her Penniless.

This is a serious hardship where she has devoted her ife to her duties as mother and housekeeper; it is still more strikingly unjust where she has by her industry assisted him to build up his business. Such is frequently the case with small shopkeepers and others.

If the Husband dies Intestate the Widow is treated worse than the Widower on the death of his wife.

A widower takes the whole of his intestate wife's personal" property, and has a life interest in her real" estate (freeholds).

A widow, if there are children, only takes one third of the personal property and none of his "real" estate. It there are no children she first obtains £500, beyond that she takes none of his "real" property and only half his "personal" property, the other half going to the husband's next of kin, or failing them to the

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Mrs. Pankhurst's American Tour.

independent livelihood and embark on the unpaid work of taking care of the home.

The right of a wife to pledge her husband's credit while living with him is sometimes alleged in disproof of the above statement, but without foundation. The law on this matter is not a protection for the wife, but for the tradespeople who are entitled to assume unless they know to the contrary that she is his agent and has his authority for ordering goods for herself. The proof that it is not a right belonging to the wife lies in the fact that the husband by simply informing the tradespeople that they are not to give her credit can escape all responsibility.

Mrs. Pankhurst's American Tour.

Two years ago Mrs. Pankhurst conducted a most successful lecturing tour in America—a tour that has done much to cement the bond between the American Suffragette and her the Woman's Movement in England. Mrs. Pankhurst is now about to visit America again, and will leave Waterloo Station on Wednesday, October 4, at 9.45 a.m. During her tour she will address meetings as follows:—Brooklyn, New York, October 17; at the Woman's Suffrage waterlooped that the husband by simply informing the tradespeople that they are not to give her credit can escape all responsibility.

Farewell to Mrs. Pankhurst.

The wife has no right to a share of money carned in common.

Not only has the wife who devotes her whole life to the duties of housekeeper and mother no claim to any part of her husband's means, but even where she is in reality his partner in business and has worked as hard, it may be harder, to make it a success the business is legally entirely his. She has no claim either to a salary or to any share in it. He can give it away or sell it and spend the money entirely on himself as he pleases.

She cannot reclaim Income Tax on her Separate Income.

Farewell to Mrs. Pankhurst.

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Mrs. Pankhurst will address a meeting at the Public Hall, Woking, on Monday evening, October 2, at 8.15 p.m., when Miss Ethel Smyth, Mus. Doc., will take the chair. Lady Source. The husband alone is entitled to make the claim and have the money refunded to him, and he cannot be compelled to hand it over to her.

Except in London the Married Woman is excluded from the Municipal Evacehies. and Mail Office, Chertsey Road, All further

Albert Hall Meeting, November 16.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C. The amusing imaginary Anti-Suffrage speech by the Rev. Marie Jennay, which appeared in a recent issue of VOTES FOR WOMEN, has now been published in leaflet form, title: "Do

how the children shall be brought up, how they shall have,
how the children shall be brought up, how they shall

Provided the child was born in wedlock and the father

WOMEN, has now been published in leaflet form,
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December 4 to 9.

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ANTIQUE STALL	Mrs. Thomas, Llanwern Park, Newport, Mon.	ART METAL WORK	Miss Florence E. Cobb, 8, North St., Quadrant,	
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BLOUSE STALL	Bristol. Miss Jessie Pease, 347,		Lodge, Wincanton,	1000
BOOK STALL	Goswell Road, E.C. Miss Crales, 143, Church Street, Notting Hill Gate, W.	MILLINERY	Mrs. Reginald Pott, 11, Scarsdale Villas, Ken- sington.	-
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(1 to 8 years)	9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimble-	PRESENTS FOR MEN	mer's Green, N. Miss Billing, 37, Madeira Park, Tun-	
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	heath, S.E. Miss Willson, 34, Amble-	KERCHIEFS	45, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.	
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DRESSES, DJIBBAHS, & OVERALLS	Miss Dorothy Pethick, 14, Bowling Green		(1st. 3 days). Mrs. Cather, Red Cot- tage, Cavendish Road,	
GUESSING AND COMPETITION	Station Bldgs, W. Croy-	TOY STALL	Redhill (2nd. 3 days).	
HOUSE LINEN	don. Miss M. Phillips, 63, Great George Street, Leeds.	UNDERCLOTHING	Streatham, S.W. Miss Nelly Crocker, 6 Carlton Street, Not-	
HOUSEHOLD AND FUR- NISHING (Kitchen uten-		WELSH STALL	tingham. Mrs. Mackw rth, Llan- soar. Caerleon, Mon.	
sile, small articles of furniture)	Herts.	WOOLLEN STALL	Miss Flatman, 6, Oriel Road, Cheltenham.	
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Mrs. Pertwee has most entertainments. Further		There will be "All the fu will be amusement for		
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Baby's White Pinafore. Entrance, 3d. Materials not to exceed 2s. Prize, 5s. Baby's White Robe and Petticoat. Entrance, 6d. Total length, 36 inches. Materials not to exceed 8s. Prize, 10s. Baby's Ditto. Materials not to exceed 10s. Police, 15s.

MRS. MARGARET MURPHY.

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Our readers are reminded that a petition for the release of Margaret Murphy can be signed at the General Offices, W.S.P.U., 4. Clements Inn, Strand, W.O. It will be remembered that Mrs. Murphy was reprieved from the death sentence to which she was condemned for the murder of her child, and it is urged that the woman's state of absolute destitution, the great hardships which she had suffered, and her exceedingly feeble state of health at the time were sufficient to render her incapable of judging calmly and sanely of her actions. Among the signatures already received are those of the Mayor of Reading: the Deputy Mayor of Newbury; Alfred Jackson, J.P., El. Lemendon, J.P., Fred C. Hopson, J.P., Richard Hickman, J.P., Fred J. Coldicutt, J.P., Henry J.-Midwinter, J.P., J. Rankin, J.P., Members are urged to do their utmost to make this petition a large

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OUR POST BOX.

September 29, 1911.

PROFESSOR DICEY AND WOMAN SUF FRAGE.

To the Editors of Votes for Women for the sewing meetings, paper-sellers, shop-minders, and workers of all kinds. Who will come forward?

THE N.U.T. AND VOTES.

To the Editors of Vores for Women.

Dear Editors,—May I remind all Suffragist
N.U.T. members that at the next quarterly
meetings of the local associations throughout
the country a resolution of sympathy with the
unenfranchised women teachers is to be pre-

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK IN SWEDEN

SOCIETIES.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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BALHAM & TOOTING.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road.

Helpers are needed for paper-selling. At present
the work fails on two devoted helpers, Mrs. Yorke and
Mrs. Robb, but they cannot go on unless others come
response to this appeal. Be will be an immediate
for work party plans.

Hon. Organiser—Miss H. Gargett, 4, Stonard Rd., Palmer's Green.

Please note that open-air meetings will be held at Alderman's Hill, Palmer's Green, on Saturday evenings (eee-programme). The organiser will be glad if members will make these meetings widely known and also come themselves and bring friends.

CAMBERWELL AND DULWICH. GAMBERWELL AND DULWICH.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. J. D. Westbrook, 65, Catton Road,
Dulwich Yillage, S.E.
Miss Naylor's meeting on Peckham Rye on Sunday
was most success ul. Members are requested to help
the Streatham stall for the Christmas Fair in dressing
dolls and making toys.

CHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—308, King's Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock.

Hon. Sec.-Mrs. Strong, 84, Elspeth Road, Layender Hill, S.W.

Everywhere helpers are needed—home workers for the Christmas Fair and Fête, weekly workers for the sewing meetings, paper-sellers, shopminders, and workers of all kinds. Who will come forward?

W.S.D.H. Gonzard Officer, A. Clemente.

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Office—2, Station Buildings, West Groydon.
Tel. 969 Groydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs.
Gameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.

Mrs. Withall, who is organising the tea for the
Dutch Market, makes an urgent appeal for contributions of cakes, biseuits, etc.; promises to be sent in to
49, Broughton Road, Thornton Heath. Volunteers for
Poster Parades advertising the Market are wanted for
to-morrow. Saturday. Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
and Saturday next. Gratfully acknowledged.—Mrs.

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LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

Streathan Common Miss E. alyers

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London Payllion, Piccaellily Cir.

Cus, W. Pankhurat, Mars Pethlek Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurat,
London Payllon, Piccaellily Cir.

West Croydon, 2. Station Buildings

Thursday, November 16, Albert Hall Meeting, 8 p.m.

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7.30 p.m.

8.15 p.m.

8p.m. 3 to 6 p.m.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier. Office—32, Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham. At Home, Tuesdays 3 to 8, and Thursdays 5 to 9 p.m

Hon. Sec.—Miss D. M. Hooper, 116, Windsor Road-The Friday evening meetings held in the Grove, Stratford, have been quite a success. Miss Lennox had a most attentive audience last Friday. The pitch

Home Counties.

pers are urgently requested to be present at the meeting to-day (Friday). See below.

Sept. 29.—Harpur Street, Working Men's stitute, 8 p.m. GHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—5, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4883 Nat. Organiser—Miss G. Allen. Meetings on the Front continue to be well attended. Vill members please note that in future the Wednesday, thursday and Saturday afternoon meetings will be eld at 5.30, instead of 5.30?

CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, Trevarra, 30, Bouverle Road West, Folkestone. Early congratulations to Miss Wilson, the Dover al secretary, on the very successful meeting she anged for Mrs. Pankhurst at Kendal, and also many

EAST GRINSTEAD.

ilser - Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road mouth, and 61, Oxford Street, Southampton

7.15 p.m. seday, Oct. 4.—Portsmouth, South Parade Pler, paper selling, 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; Southampton, Clock Tower. 7.30 p.m. 7. Oct. 6.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square,

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Please attend the meeting on Tuesday, the please attend the meeting on the state of the sta

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Leicester. Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

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Will members and friends please bear in mind the umble Sale to be held at the slop on Monday, betober 9, and send goods addressed to Miss Millar
the Analysis Colober 7. Miss Beldon and

Organiser-Miss Annie Williams, 1, Fitzwilliam St.

Organiser—Miss Key-Jones. Hon. Sec.—Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.

Hon. Soc.—Miss Harrison, 14, Weibeck Street.
Mrs. Rymer, assisted by Mrs. Water Holmes and
Mrs. Herbert Holmes, gave a well-attended At Home
at the Park Street-Church Room on Wednesday,
September 20. A great many promises were received
for the Christmas Sale, and a sale of cakes afterwards
added considerably to the Bazaar Fund. Hon. See, for
Christmas Sale, Miss O'Dell. Members and sympathisers are urged to make great efforts towards
collecting articles and subscriptions for this sale. September subscriptions for finance scheme now due. Members, please attend the first weekly meeting and bring friends.

Wednesday, O.c. 4.—Shakespeare Lecture Hall, Story Street, Mr. G. Key-Jones. Chair Miss Smith, 7.30 p.m..

Street, Mr. G. Key-Jones.

T.30 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRIOT.

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