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OBJECT: To secure for Women the Parliamentary vote as it is or may be granted to men; to use the powers already obtained to elect women in Parliament, and upon other public bodies, for the purpose of establishing equality of rights and opportunities between the sexes, and to promote the social and industrial well-being of the community.

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WOMEN UNDER THIRTY NOT TO VOTE.

The date of the General Election has been fixed for Wednesday, November 15th. This will be the second General Election since some women over thirty years of age were granted the Parliamentary vote in Great Britain; but again, as in December, 1918, no woman under thirty years of age, no matter what her achievements or qualifications, can exercise a vote, although almost any man from the age of twenty-one can vote, provided that he has resided six months in the same locality. This is a monstrous injustice to women, and more especially to the younger woman worker who finds herself without any political power at a time when unemployment is rife throughout the country, and neither the Government nor the local governing authorities have considered it worth their while to devise any schemes for the provision of work for unemployed women. It is galling, too, for British women to know that the Government has acquiesced in the granting of the franchise to Burmese women at the age of eighteen, and on the same terms as men; that the women in those of the British Dominions where women are enfranchised have the vote on equal terms with men; and that the women in the Free State and in America have the same voting powers as men. The young women of every country have as great a stake in it, and are as

much concerned in its welfare, as the young men, and that country is most fortunate which has the greatest number of young people taking a keen interest in its Government. At the coming General Election an effort should be made to pledge every candidate to urge whatever Government comes into power to introduce and pass into law, *at the earliest possible date*, a Bill granting the Parliamentary vote to women at the same age and on the same terms as men. There must be no foolish talk about leaving such a Bill till the last Session of the new Parliament. The first Session of the next Parliament might possibly be its last, and our legislators, whatever their Party, must be made to realise that *NOW* is the accepted time for woman's equal enfranchisement—as soon as they have formed themselves into a Government! Women must make them understand that no third General Election must take place without women voting at it on equal terms with men. Women keenly resent that the late Government placed so many obstacles in the way of their equal enfranchisement, and has made it possible for the political inferiority of all British women to be so emphasised at the coming General Election, by the fact that no woman under thirty years of age can vote, while almost any man of twenty-one can do so.

EQUAL FRANCHISE MEETING POSTPONED.

Owing to the General Election on November 15th, the Equal Franchise Meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster, on November 8th, at 8 p.m., has been indefinitely postponed.

WOMEN AND CIVIC DUTIES. WOMEN AT HOME & ABROAD.

The meeting of the Women's Local Government Society at Caxton Hall, on Thursday evening, October 19th, suffered somewhat from the excitement of the news of the Premier's resignation, which immediately preceded it.

Lady Emmott, referring to the situation, said: "At this particular moment it will be extraordinarily difficult to arouse enthusiasm for Borough Council Elections, when they are going to be overshadowed by the General Election. No one is keener on politics than I am, but, even when there is a General Election, we don't neglect our homes, so why should we neglect our city? Although the temptation may be very great to those of you who are keen on party politics, to throw all your weight into the General Election, I do beg of you not to do that until the Borough Council Elections are over, for they will certainly take place first."

Miss Bertha Mason, from the chair, made a similar appeal. "I want to lay stress upon the point which Lady Emmott has very briefly referred to," she said, at the close of the meeting. "This afternoon there has been tremendous excitement over the Premier's resignation, but I hope you will not allow the excitement of an approaching General Election to interfere with your work for the Borough Council Elections. Parliament may pass laws, but it is the local authorities that have to carry them out, and in electing Councillors now who will serve for three years ahead, let us see to it that we elect the right ones."

Dame Louise Samuel, of Chelsea Borough Council, said that, from her three years' experience of that body, she was convinced of the need for women Councillors.

Councillor Mrs. la Chard, of Lambeth, described that borough as a typical working-class district. They prided themselves on their maternity home, which was an important part of welfare schemes. It was inaugurated in 1916, and mothers were admitted on a payment of at least 15/- per week, provided they had kept in touch with the ante-natal clinic from a period of six months before they expected to be confined.

They had a children's room in their public library, and found that many of the schools used the libraries as an additional schoolroom. All books were of open access, which she considered important, as it gave the children an opportunity of handling them, and thus acquiring a love for them. Speaking of the work of women Councillors, she added: "We ought to translate the complex jargon of committee work and reports into the simple problems of everyday life that they represent."

Mrs. la Chard continued that she remembered asking a woman voter on polling day whether or not she had yet voted. Her reply being "No," Mrs. la Chard said she hoped she was going to. "That depends on my meat," was the housewife's reply. From this, Mrs. la Chard drew the lesson that, until we could understand that point of view, and make electors understand that the day's supply of meat was less urgent than the three years' supply of good local government, we should not be very helpful. Women could not achieve intelligent and consistent work for the future unless they had intelligent voters behind them. Their part in public life was threefold: first they were administrators, then learners, and finally they should be teachers.

Miss Keeling, J.P., of Kensington Borough Council, in the course of a most entertaining speech, said that in North Kensington they had a children's room in connection with their public library.

Woman Advertising Director.

Mrs. H. F. Wood, C.B.E., has been appointed to the board of directors of Messrs. Samson Clark and Co., Ltd., advertising specialists. Mrs. Wood is a daughter of the late Mr. Quintin Hogg, who was for many years chairman of the North British Insurance Company, and is famous as the founder of the Regent Street Polytechnic. Mrs. Wood has had considerable experience in organisation work, having been, firstly, hon. organiser for the County of London of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, and then secretary to the London War Pensions Committee, which placed her at the executive head of a staff of about seven hundred men and women. Messrs. Sampson Clark already have another woman director on their board, Miss J. A. Reynolds, mentioned in our issue of September 29th.

Woman Proprietor and Editor.

Jerusalem is to have a daily newspaper published in English. It will be owned and edited by an American woman, Mrs. Gatling, of New York, who has spent several months in Palestine studying local conditions. Mrs. Gatling has paid \$25,000 for a building to be used for her venture. The presses and other mechanical equipment for the paper are now on their way out from the United States.

Sarah Grand's New Role.

Mme. Sarah Grand, the authoress, will undertake the duties of Mayoress of Bath, next year, during the mayoralty of Alderman C. Chivers, who is a widower. This arrangement is believed to be unique in municipal records. Madame Sarah Grand has resided in Bath during the past two years.

Lady Cowdray and Colchester.

The honorary freedom of the borough of Colchester was last week conferred on Lady Cowdray, in recognition of her long association with the town. Lady Cowdray is the first woman to receive the freedom of the borough.

Portuguese Women's Progress.

The National Council of Portuguese women are celebrating the anniversary of their foundation this month. The organ of the Council, *Alma Feminina*, is carrying on an energetic temperance campaign.

Women Internationalists to meet.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland will entertain the Board of Officers of the International Council of Women, and of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, at a public luncheon at the Hotel Cecil on November 24th.

No Women in Pulpits!

The Methodist General Conference at Toronto has declared, by an overwhelming majority, against admitting women to pulpits.

THE FEMINIST LEAGUE.

Objects: To restore to Women all they should Have, all they should Know, and all they should Be.

MISS ABADAM

will lecture on 7 consecutive Tuesdays, at 6.30, Mortimer Hall, Mortimer Street.

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| Oct. 31 | Results of past Enforced Ignorance, Home Captivity and over Sexing. |
| Nov. 7 | Results of being World Monopolists. Lord Birkenhead <i>versus</i> Women Peers. Rev. B. Bourchier <i>versus</i> the Woman's Soul. "John Bull" Newspaper <i>versus</i> the Woman Worker. |
| Nov. 14 | The Convenient Outcast. A Suggestion for ending "Paid Vice." |
| Nov. 21 | Why the Kabbalah was Veiled, and Freemasonry Secretive. |
| Nov. 28 | Miss M. A. R. Tucker (Author of "Womem Preachers" and "Ecce Mater") will give a Talk about the things concerning Women and on "Sacred Orders." |
| Dec. 5 | Psychology of Dress. "Man, Woman, and Marriage" |
| Dec. 12 | "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." Feminist Ideals as World Correctives. Peace, Health, Purity. "The Truth Shall Make You Free." |

Admission Free. Silver Collection. All Women Welcome.

GREEN, WHITE, AND GOLD FAIR.

The Green, White, and Gold Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 10th and 11th, in the Basement Hall at the Central Hall, Westminster, and will be opened on Friday, November 10th, at 3 p.m., by the Viscountess Rhondda, and on Saturday, at 3 p.m., by Miss Rebecca West. The Fair will be open each day from 3 to 9 p.m. The chair will be taken on Friday by Dr. Octavia Lewin, and on Saturday by Councillor Mrs. Schofield Coates, J.P.

STALLS AND STALL-HOLDERS.

The stalls at present arranged for the League are:—
Hampstead Branch.—Handkerchiefs and Odds and Ends. Miss Goodliffe, Miss Lyndon, Miss Lane, and Miss Vibert.
Mid-London Branch (Half Stall).—Woollies and Children's Clothing. Miss Steven.
Montgomery Boroughs Branch.—Welsh Produce and General Stalls. Miss Alix M. Clark, Mrs. and the Misses Elias, the Misses Codd, Mrs. Dixon, Dr. Lillias Hamilton, and Miss M. Morris.
Portsmouth Branch.—Household. Mrs. Whetton and Mrs. Tanner.
South-Eastern Branches.—General Stall and Xmas Tree. Miss White and Members.
Swansea Branch.—General Stall. Mrs. Thomas.
Antiques and White Elephants.—Mrs. Harverson, Miss Raleigh.
General Stall.—Mrs. Lloyd.
Overalls and Aprons.—Mrs. Ammon, Mrs. Mustard, and the Misses Underwood.
Pound Stall.—Miss Munro, The Misses Stutchbury.
Remnant Stall.—Mrs. Harvey James.
Stationery Stall.—Mrs. MacMichael.
Toy Stall.—Mrs. J. R. Knight, Mrs. and Miss Judy Nettleton, and the Misses Maud, Muriel, and Beryl Scott.
Literature Stall.—Miss Telling, Miss E. W. Kirby.
White Stall.—Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Trafford Williams.
"Vote" Stall.—Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Northcroft, Mrs. Newsome, and Miss Reeves.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The entertainments will be numerous and varied, the following members and friends kindly giving their services:—Mrs. Cunningham, Miss Marianne Elias, Miss Hawkins, Miss Jacob, Mrs. Harvey James, Miss Newman, Mr. Eric Richmond, Mrs. Sparrow, Miss Thomas, and Mrs. Van Raalte; Miss Grace Woollicott's pupils will give a dancing display on Saturday, November 11th. Character readings will be given by Miss Isabel Blackman, Mrs. Grace Goodall, and Mrs. Russell; also Phrenology by Mr. F. Sons, who was so much in request last year; and delineations in Numerology by Mrs. Westrup, who caused so much interest at the Pound Tea.

Miss Berry will be glad to receive the names of any members or friends who are willing to give their services and help with the musical programme.

PLEASE HELP!

There are now only two weeks before the Fair, and there is still much to be done, if all the stalls are to be well supplied with goods. Therefore, in spite of the approaching General Election, please do not slacken your efforts for the Fair.

Gifts are greatly needed for all the stalls, and especially for the following:—Household: Mrs. Whetton and Mrs. Tanner will be grateful for any gifts for this stall, namely, soap, kettles, brushes, pots and pans, dusters, tea cloths, towels, dishcloths, in fact, any gift will be welcome that is useful to the household. All sorts of Woollies are required by Miss Sparkman: ladies' jumpers, bed socks, children's frocks, little coats, vests, leggings, socks, baby shoes, etc. The White Stall is very important, and will be in charge of Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Trafford Williams; every description of underclothing is needed for this stall. Mrs. Mustard, Miss Underwood, and Mrs. Ammon will much appreciate gifts of overalls, aprons, pinafores, etc. All members and readers of THE VOTE are especially asked to remember the Pound Stall, which will be in charge of Miss Munro; goods needed are currants, raisins, rice, tapioca, tea, packets of suet, sweets, etc. Remnants of material, either of cotton, woollen, or silk, also of ribbon, braid, lace, etc., are much needed for the Remnant Stall. Mrs. Harverson will be glad to receive gifts for the Antique and White Elephant Stall; anything will be welcome, how-

ever small. Many toys are wanted—dolls, stuffed animals, boxes of bricks, balls, etc.; Mrs. Knight will gladly welcome any article for this stall. Gifts of handkerchiefs will be gratefully received by Miss E. Berry on behalf of the Hampstead Stall. Mrs. MacMichael will much appreciate any contribution towards the Stationery Stall: writing blocks, postcards, boxes of paper, Christmas cards, calendars, pencils, pens, paints, table stationery.

The Committee will also be glad to receive the names of those who are willing to dress dolls, make underclothing for the White Stall, children's clothing, overalls and aprons, etc.

PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

Prizes will be offered for the best dressed doll, camisole, and made toys (elephants, dogs, cats, etc.), the cost of material not to exceed 2/6 or 3/-. The patterns for same can be obtained at *Fashions for All* Paper Pattern Department, 291A, Oxford Street, London, W.1. All communications relating to these competitions should be sent to Miss Berry.

The competitions have been undertaken by the Golders Green Branch, and are to be on an extensive scale, the part of the Hall reserved for them being decorated to represent Hampstead Heath on a Bank Holiday, with all the delights and wonders that visitors to this well-known spot are accustomed to, and will include hoop-la, dart-throwing, etc. There will also be competitions for Cockneys, and various other attractions. All who know Miss Van Raalte, Miss Dickeson, and Miss Freeman will look forward with anticipation to something striking and unusual in the competitions at the Fair this year.

Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Hawkins will be in charge of the Information Bureau.

SOCIETIES TAKING STALLS.

There will be an exhibition of labour-saving appliances and lace-making. The following societies, friends, and firms (for labour-saving appliances and lace-making) are taking stalls:—

- The Catholic Women's Suffrage Society.
- The "Crusader."
- The Federation of Women Civil Servants.
- The Women's Freedom League Nine Elms Settlement
- Hartfield Hospital Home School.
- The Friends of Armenia.
- The Friends Relief.
- "The Russian Shop."
- Miss Basnett.
- Miss Burwood.
- The Bucks Cottage Workers' Agency.
- Messrs. Benefits.
- Messrs. Beatty Bros., Ltd.
- Messrs. Manuel Lloyd and Co.
- The Portable Utilities Co., Ltd.
- The Staines Kitchen Equipment Co., Ltd.

Tickets, including tax, price 1/3 (9d. after 5 o'clock on the second day), are on sale at the Office.

All communications and gifts should be sent to Miss Elizabeth Berry (Hon. Fair Sec.) at the Office.

"THE VOTE" STALL.

Will readers of THE VOTE please also send something to Miss Reeves for THE VOTE Stall? The Directors rely on the proceeds of this stall to meet the "end of the year" expenses. If every reader would promise a contribution, the stall would be furnished and a great deal of correspondence would be saved. Please show that you do appreciate your paper, and send a postcard saying what you will do for the stall. Saleable articles of every description will be welcomed, also suggestions of novel ways of making extra money!

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will also have a table for the sale of fountain pens, and will take orders for visiting cards, printed Christmas cards, stamped notepaper, and printing of all descriptions. Samples and styles will be there for inspection, so please save up your orders and give them to Miss Reeves at the Fair.

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EDITORIAL.

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

OUR BATTLE CRY.

It is often said by many good suffragists that what women want nowadays is a good battle-cry. The old slogan, "Votes for Women," successfully rallied the forces of women in the more sensational days of our struggle for the Parliamentary vote. Now, "Votes for Women" has lost its old meaning and part of its magic. It is true that we have not secured votes for women under thirty years of age, but it is equally true that the cry of "Votes for Women" no longer secures crowded meetings and enthusiastic workers. The Women's Freedom League has always made the equal enfranchisement of men and women its first object, but at the same time we have recognised that women will be satisfied with nothing less than full equality of status, opportunity, reward, and responsibility with men throughout all branches of our national life. The equality of the sexes is the keynote to all our efforts. This cry for equality finds an echo in the lives of thousands of women who are still inarticulate. They see men holding the monopoly of most things that make the material life worth living. As brain or hand workers, they see themselves, their sisters, and their daughters with nothing like the opportunities for training, work, and remuneration that men have. All the positions of authority are practically in the hands of men, and women are fettered by the laws, regulations, and red tape with which men have surrounded them. It is for this reason that the Women's Freedom League never demands less than the full equality of women with men. Whenever a Departmental Committee or a Royal Commission is suggested, whenever there is a question of appointing delegates to the Assembly of the League of Nations, to any International Commission or International body, we always demand that women shall be appointed in equal numbers with men. Needless to say, such common-sense adjustments have never yet been made by our Government, but in making the demand, and in securing publicity for it, we have the satisfaction of knowing that the authorities at least know exactly what we want. If we asked for the appointment of one woman amongst many men, it might be thought that women generally would be satisfied with such arrangement, but that is emphatically not the case from the Women's Freedom League point of view; and it is this point of view—the full equality of the sexes—that we believe firmly will be the point of view of the women and men in the near future. This is often the case with the demands of the Women's Freedom League. What we ask for to-day will be the general demand a few years hence. In the days when the Ministry of Health was being talked about, and before it was established, our National Executive Committee passed a resolution that the Minister of Health should be a woman. We have many times reiterated that demand, and now many sections of the public and the Press are echoing it. So it will be with our demand for Full Equality. It is based on reason and justice, and its realisation will mean that men and women will have a saner outlook and will together use their best efforts to make this world a better place to live in for all members of the human race. The women whose motto is "Dare to be Free" cannot have a better battle-cry than "Full Equality for Men and Women," in a land where at least half the inhabitants are women.

NO POLICE EVIDENCE ONLY.

The *Daily News* reports that, in a prosecution for insulting behaviour at Marylebone Police Court, last week, it was alleged that a woman complained to the police that the accused had followed her and tried to get into conversation with her, but when she was asked to attend the police station, she declined. The defendant denied that he had interfered with her in any way. The Magistrate said that, so far as the unknown woman was concerned, unless there was a very strong case, he never listened to third party evidence of a woman being annoyed, if she had not the courage to come forward and say she was annoyed. (The italics are ours.) He also said that there was no evidence upon which he could rely that the woman was annoyed, and, as the woman was unwilling to come forward, he should disregard that evidence entirely; that, in all cases where people called in the aid of the police, they must come forward and corroborate them.

We are in entire agreement with this principle, we would point out, however, that when women come into Court to support a charge of annoyance, they expect, and public opinion should demand, that they shall have certain protection in Court, and shall themselves not be subjected by implication to counter charges which have nothing to do with the particular case. It is all very well for magistrates to talk about women's lack of courage in coming forward to say that they were annoyed, when women in their thousands are every year imprisoned and fined for having annoyed or molested men without any of these men being called upon to substantiate the charge of annoyance in Court. Magistrates should remember that what is sauce for the goose should also be sauce for the gander, and that the law should apply equally as between men and women in all such cases. If it is contrary to some magistrates' sense of justice that men should be charged, tried, and convicted on police evidence only, it is certainly contrary to our British sense of justice that women should be so dealt with. We agree most emphatically that neither a man nor a woman should in such cases be convicted on police evidence only; at the same time, we consider that proper protection should be given by the Court to any man or woman who comes forward to substantiate a charge of annoyance.

THE MALE MILITANT.

Last Saturday, the National Association of Schoolmasters held a Conference at Nottingham. We are told that delegates from all parts of the country attended this Conference, and in a truly democratic manner passed a resolution to the effect that, after the end of December next, no member of any Association of Teachers who had adopted the principle of equal pay, or was opposed to the policy of separate consideration, be eligible for membership. This, of course, means secession from the National Union of Teachers, the Association of Schoolmasters contending that the time has arrived when, in the interests of the men in the profession, and boys in school, such a course should be adopted. After some years these militant gentlemen have decided to follow in the footsteps of their professional sisters who now belong to the National Union of Women Teachers. It will be remembered that the latter left the National Union of Teachers because they would not sufficiently enforce their resolution of equal pay for men and women teachers—a diametrically opposite reason from that now advanced by the National Association of Schoolmasters. Still, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and we feel sure that the National Union of Women Teachers will regard the schoolmasters' militant action in this light. We can only hope that, now the National Union of Teachers have got rid of some of their reactionary male members, they will redouble their efforts to secure equal pay for men and women teachers, in the interests of education, the profession itself, and of the children—boys and girls.

CREATION AND THE SEXES.

The American Ambassador's speech at the Authors' Club, last Monday, will do much to clear away the erroneous teaching concerning the equality of the sexes, with which the earlier chapters of the Book of Genesis have so long been charged.

Every Bible student, whether a devotee of the Higher Criticism, or a member of the Orthodox school, knows that the first Book of the Bible contains two distinct and contradictory accounts of creation, the Elohist recital, contained in Genesis i. 27, declaring the absolute equality of the sexes, and their creation at the same time, in the same manner, and without advantage of precedence, declared or implied, and the far more widely quoted Jahovistic narration, in the second chapter, which contains the divergent account, implying the derivation of woman from the rib of man, and her consequent inferiority.

Quoting from Mr. George Harvey, the account of creation made its first appearance about 700 B.C., shortly after a considerable number of colonists from Babylon and Persia joined the Israelites. This knowledge and the further curious and striking fact that no reference whatever to the Pentateuch is made in the other books of the Old Testament, gave rise to the opinion that the story in Genesis was conceived after the making of the other laws, legends, proverbs, songs, etc., and that it was of Babylonish origin.

This theory was greatly strengthened by the discovery that the meagre account then made current for the first time was amplified materially by Ezra, under whose direction the Book of Genesis was prepared, while the Jews were held captive in Babylon, but, strangely enough, it was not fully confirmed until 1872,

when George Smith, acting for the British Museum, unearthed from the ruins of Nineveh the famous Chaldean cylinders. The cuneiform inscriptions not only proved the existence of the story in written form long before it could have been known by the Jews, but afforded further evidence that its antiquity as tradition was even greater. The Chaldean cosmogony, from which the story was taken, is identical with the Elohist version of creation, which declares male and female to have been created simultaneously and equal.

Of the two versions of Creation, a great preponderance of legendary authority is in favour of the creation of man and woman upon a basis of equality, but why both versions were incorporated in Genesis is still a matter of surmise. According to Mr. Harvey, the most rational explanation yet suggested is that of the latest commentator, Dr. Leonard Courtney, who, in his book, "The Literary Man's Bible," lays stress upon the fact that the position of woman was much higher in Babylon than in Israel. The conclusion, therefore, is obvious, viz., that, while Ezra considered it necessary to adopt primarily the theory maintained successfully for thousands of years by all of the more enlightened nations, he likewise deemed it desirable to preserve the *status quo* in family life.

The conclusions the student naturally infers, therefore, is that the Book of Genesis, as a whole, was not inspired, but was derived from Babylonian, not Egyptian, sources, that legendary authority in favour of the Elohist version is overwhelming, and that the sole basis of clerical assumption that woman was created from man's rib to show her inferiority, is a solitary legend incorporated in Genesis to maintain an existing and clearly unjust custom.

ECONOMISING ON MOTHERS AND BABIES.

BY H. G. WHITTON.

The Annual Report of the Chief Officer of the Ministry of Health for 1921 contains some interesting facts for women to consider. These especially arise from the figures relating to the Infantile Death Rate, and the death rate of women in childbirth. Of the total number of deaths recorded for England and Wales, three in twenty, i.e., nearly one-seventh of the whole, were babies under one year of age. This is a big improvement on twenty years ago, when the Infantile Death Rate was nearly twice as big as it is now. But in the Chief Officer's opinion, this is still far too high a rate, and especially is this so for the rate of death under four weeks. Of the 83 per 1,000 (babies born), who died within the past year, 35 were under four weeks old, and 50 were under three months old. Well might these babies say to us:

"If I was so soon to be done for,
I wonder what I was begun for."

The total number of deaths recorded—men, women, and children—is 458,629. Of these, 3,323 were of women in childbirth. If one-third of the deaths were women, this means that of every 50 women who died—married or single—one died in childbirth. This seems bad, until we read that of these, 1,171, i.e., more than one-third of the whole, died of puerperal fever, which the Chief Officer says is preventable. For every 1,000

births, 3.9 women died, which is a little less than the rate for the two previous years. Methods of combating "this unfortunate increase in maternal mortality" (increase since 1918) are suggested. These include: (1) ante-natal care for the mother; (2) an adequate medical service, etc., for childbirth. Women know of these methods, and all women should know why they are not available. Sir G. Newman explains that the way to provide a better midwifery service is to have more training schools. He says that 46 such training schools have been approved by the Board of Education, "but," he goes on, "it is not practicable to approve additional institutions at the present time, in view of the need for economy." What economy? Not economy of women's lives. They are cheap. One reason that he gives for the high Infantile Death Rate is, "the existence of unhealthy conditions in the mothers or in the home-life of the people." It would have been interesting if Sir George had been able to give us the death rate for babies born in lodgings, as this is very high in some districts.

Women should note that in every case where their interests are particularly concerned, good housing, milk supply, education, etc., there has to be *Economy* practised. It is high time that women made themselves more effective in demanding more consideration for themselves and their children.

WOMEN AT THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

It is now no new thing for women to appear as Church Congress speakers at official and non-official meetings. Yet at a meeting arranged by the League of the Church Militant, Dr. Moore Ede, the Dean of Worcester, reminded his hearers that it was only in 1878 that he and others on the Subjects Committee felt like "naughty boys" for daring to suggest a woman being invited.

This year, when the Congress again met at Sheffield, Mrs. Knight Bruce, Mrs. Hudson Lyall, and Miss Ruth Rouse were invited to address the official gathering, and Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Griffiths, the Hon. Mrs. Corfield, and Miss Warman addressed meetings for women and girls. On one occasion an overflow meeting had to be held in a church where the women speakers, from the pulpit, spoke to those assembled!

We desire only the best from women speakers, and our standard is high. This makes us notice the little things that mean so much to successful or unsuccessful speaking. While praising the admirably delivered, logical, and dignified appeal made by at least one speaker, we deplore the presence at such gatherings of speakers who lose themselves in their notes, who ask for an extension of time from the chairman, or of those who think a large hat or drooping feathers the most suitable headgear. On one occasion, the voice, no doubt directed downwards by the hat brim, was lost at the end of many sentences, when the speaker made reference to her notes.

There is sound common sense in much of the teaching our mothers gave, and much that will bear repetition; but it needs the revivifying of modern thought and expression, and that was not always present. It was in the attitude of the mind of the speaker, rather than in the words spoken, that one sometimes missed this close touch with modern realities and needs.

Miss Maude Royden spoke at two meetings arranged by the League of the Church Militant, on "The Church-woman of the Future" and "Equality in the Spiritual World." Both meetings were a great success, and the speaker dealt very faithfully—and skilfully—with questions, while her attitude of approach and the humour displayed earned praise on all sides, from opponents as well as from supporters. Both meetings were excellently well attended. On the second occasion, the doors had to be closed before the advertised time of the meeting. E. L. A.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS W.F.L.

LONDON AND SUBURBS.



DARE TO BE FREE.

Friday, October 27th, at 6 p.m., at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. Organisation Sub-Committee Meeting.

Saturday, October 28th, at 10 a.m., at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. National Executive Committee Meeting.

Monday, October 30th, at 7 p.m. Minerva Café, 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. Speaker: Mr. H. C. Charleton (Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for South Leeds). Subject: "The Policy of the Labour Party on Questions that affect all Women." Chair: Miss Elsie Morton, M.B.E.

Thursday, November 2nd, at 8 p.m. Prince of Wales Road Baths, Kentish Town. Cinderella Dance. (See notice, p. 342.)

Wednesday, November 8th, at 3 p.m., Minerva Café, at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. Public Meeting. Speaker: Miss Raleigh. Subject: "St Paul's views on Dress."

Friday and Saturday, November 10th and 11th.—"Green, White and Gold Fair," Central Hall, Westminster.

Monday, November 20th, at 7 p.m., Minerva Café, 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. Debate on "Should Boys be Trained in Housecraft and Cookery?" Affirmative, Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chesser. Negative, Mr. E. Clephan Palmer (of the *Daily News*). Chair: Miss Anna Munro.

Wednesday, November 29th, at 3 p.m. Public Meeting, Minerva Café, 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. Speaker: Mrs. Gatty. Subject: "The Health of its Women, a National Asset to the State."

Saturday, December 2nd, at 10 a.m., 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. National Executive Committee Meeting.

Monday, December 4th, at 7 p.m. Public Meeting, Minerva Café, 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. Speaker: Miss Helen Fraser (Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Govan, Glasgow). Subject: "Domestic Drudgery; Woman's Failure."

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Monday, October 30th, at 7 p.m. A Canadian Dinner and Discussion on "The Canadian Woman in Political Life," arranged by the British Dominions Women Citizens' Union, will be held at the International Women's Franchise Club, 9, Grafton Street, Piccadilly, W. 1, to meet Mrs. Rose Henderson, of Canada. Chair: F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq. Tickets 3/6 each, obtainable not later than October 26th, from Miss Daisy D. Solomon, 64, Pattison Road, N.W. 2.

Wednesday, November 1st, at 8 p.m. Oak Room, Kingsway Hall. Women's League of Union. Speaker: Rev. Constance Coltman. Subject: "Women's Citizenship in Church and State."

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE RALLY.

Members and friends met together last Saturday, in the Minerva Café, for a most enjoyable afternoon of tea and impromptu speech making. Mrs. Tanner presided, and called upon each one present for a short speech of three minutes' duration, from various type-written slips, which each one picked by lot. Miss Warner, of the National Defence and Anti-Vivisection Society, gave a short preliminary address on "Humane Slaughtering," after which the speeches became general. Mrs. Tanner thought unemployment for both men and women could be lessened by putting the trade of the country on a better basis. Mrs. Mustard said women of 21 should have the vote because the great mass of the women of this country were young people under 30. The majority of the younger women, however, she thought, seemed apathetic on the subject, and needed rousing. Miss Davies spoke in favour of Women Police, their economic value, and the preventive nature of their work. Mrs. Northcroft thought a woman Minister of Health would be a great improvement on the present position of affairs, that women should have similar opportunities with men of acquiring public positions in the State, and that nobody, either women or men, should be appointed to any public position unless they had specialised training and experience. Dr. Knight announced that the first thing she would endeavour to do if she were ever returned to Parliament would be to alter the procedure. She would have shorter holidays and no night sessions, begin each day's work at 11 a.m., and close not later than 10 at night. Members, too, would have to be in their places, or else be fined for non-attendance. Miss Sparkman, giving her opinion of the Women's Freedom League, said it was a good sticker, its chief province being to hold out a light in the darkness; but she wished the League could reach more of the unconverted, instead of always preaching to those who already agreed. Miss Underwood thought women should vote for women candidates in a General Election, but, failing these, then for the best man. The keynote of all the questions the League put to candidates was equality between the sexes. In a final general discussion on whether wives should receive wages, the consensus of opinion was to the effect that marriage should be a partnership, as wages suggested inferiority.

SEX DISQUALIFICATION (REMOVAL) ACT.

The Six Point Group is organising a Public Meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday, November 1st, at 8 p.m., to discuss the above act. The speakers will include Lady Frances Balfour, Miss Rebecca West, Mr. Frank Briant, M.P., and Professor Winifred Cullis. Chair: Viscountess Rhonda.

COUNCILLOR MRS. SCHOFIELD COATES, J.P.

It will interest our readers to know that Miss Anna Munro is acting as the Election Agent of Mrs. Schofield Coates, in her contest for the Middlesbrough Town Council. The following is a copy of Mrs. Schofield Coates' Election Address:—

"TO THE ELECTORS OF THE AYRESOME WARD.
"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The term of service for which you elected me on November 1st, 1919, expires this month, and I am standing for re-election to the Town Council on November 1st, 1922.

"During the period of my representation of the Ayresome Ward I have not spared myself in doing the work of a Councillor. I have attended Committees regularly, and remained throughout the sittings, so that I should lose no opportunity for trying to improve the conditions under which we live, and for the general good health of the town.

"There has never been a more difficult period for administrative work than that of the last three years. The neglect of the war period could not be allowed to continue, and it was imperative to do repairs to our streets and other undertakings, and prepare schemes of town improvements. Owing to the higher prices and trade slump, much necessary work was not undertaken, but I have urged that for the relief and doles paid to the unemployed we should get this work done. This would be true economy.

"As a woman, I am keenly interested in the health of the town. Our infant death rate is high, and I wish to see it reduced. To achieve this, I have not only given my services for a considerable number of years to Child Welfare work in connection with the Centres, but I have materially assisted by steady work in removing insanitary conditions.

"I promised to get the conversion of the pan-closets resumed. After my election this was achieved, and each year I have pressed persistently and successfully for an increased number of conversions to be undertaken.

"I raised the question of a Clean Milk supply, in face of severe opposition, and steady work in this direction shows evidence of bearing good results.

"If elected, I shall continue my efforts to secure more houses which shall be real homes with healthy surroundings. It is criminal to condemn children to live in crowded areas.

"I have urged the reduction of rents, and on two occasions with success. It is necessary to work for still further reductions.

"My service on the Education Committee is known and appreciated. I desire for every child that our Education system shall provide full opportunities for his or her development, and that these opportunities shall be as good for the worker's child as for any other.

"At my public meetings I shall deal with other matters of interest, and, if elected, it will be, as in the past, my custom to report from time to time to the electors what is being done by the Council.

"I have not been a silent member of the Council. I have always fought injustice, whether to men or women, and championed the cause of the children.

"I was the first woman elected to the Council, and would consider it an honour if you voted to retain my services there. Throughout my life I have been associated with public work on behalf of the working population, particularly of women and children.

"It is imperative that on the Town Council you should have women representatives of this kind.

"If you re-elect me I shall do my utmost to serve you well.
"ALICE SCHOFIELD COATES."

PROGRESS IN HULL.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Raney, one of the joint secretaries of our Hull Branch, has been nominated as a Municipal Candidate for the Albert Ward, Hull, at the November elections, and we wish her every success. She is already a member of the Hull Poor Law Guardians, and is the promoter of a scheme known as Guardian Sunday in that district.

BRANCH NOTES.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

A well-attended meeting welcomed Dr. Octavia Lewin on her visit to the town on Friday, October 20th. Councillor Mrs. Schofield Coates, J.P., presided. The lecture, "Preventable Diseases in the Home," was followed throughout with keen interest, and afterwards resulted in a good discussion. A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker brought a very successful meeting to a close. Dr. Lewin answered individual questions afterwards.

SWANSEA.

All kinds of goods are needed for the General Stall, which the Branch is responsible for at the November Fair, and Committee members will be glad to receive any contributions. A display of goods will be held at Mrs. Hutton's, 9, Sketty Road, on Monday, November 6th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to all members.

MONTGOMERY BOROUGHS BRANCH.

A Monster Rummage Sale will be held in the Congregational Schoolroom, Newtown, on Saturday, November 25th. I hope all friends, members, and sympathisers of the Women's Freedom League will bring all the contributions they can towards this Sale, which is being organised in aid of Headquarters Fund. I shall be in London from October 27th-31st, and anything will be gratefully received at 144, High Holborn, W.C. (Hon. Sec.) ALIX M. CLARK.

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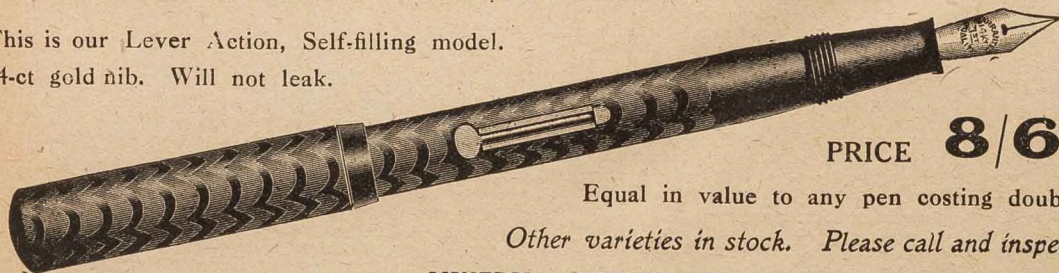
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