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## THE IMMEDIATE WORK OF THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

### RALLY OF MEMBERS AT CAXTON HALL.

MRS. PETHICK-LAWRENCE presided at a members' meeting at Caxton Hall, Westminster, last Friday evening. She said how pleased she was to meet her fellow-members of the League after the holidays, and reminded them that there was very strenuous work before them. Next year there would be a General Election, and women had to see that they took advantage of the splendid position they had won. It was our special business to find out what was the real appeal that will bring the young women to our standard. It might not be the old watchwords. Times changed, and our policy must change and develop with the times. Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence then read a paragraph from a newspaper on the value of a wife's services. A woman had slipped, and she fell just outside a house. The husband sued the landlord. The case was tried by a jury, and the husband was awarded £20 for medical expenses in connection with his wife's injury, and £40 for the loss of his wife's services, it being stated that this was on the basis of 15s. a week for twelve months. What about that 15s. a week? Would the wife get it from her husband in ordinary circumstances? Yet we are supposed to be living in an age which succeeded the Feudal Age—the Industrial Age. In the Feudal Age a man was tied to the lord of the manor; he had to give his services, in return for which the lord of the manor was responsible for the man's protection, food, clothing, and decent conditions. Is not that the position of married women to-day? After a long struggle, men had freed themselves from a state of serfdom, and now insisted that their services should be paid for by money, because money gave a sense of freedom and dignity, and placed men on an equality with their fellows. Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence contended that women must do some hard thinking about the economic position of the married woman. She also thought that at the next election women should make world peace a dominant issue, and that no candidate of any party should get women's support unless he passed an initial test, the test that he was out for world peace.

MISS MARIAN REEVES said that we had to specialise in our work for equality. We had only eight women in the House of Commons at the present time, and no woman in the House of Lords. We must get more women into Parliament at the next election. We must also fight hard against restrictive legislation on

women's work, and for the fundamental principle of equal pay and equal opportunity between the sexes in professions and in industry. Only this year the International Labour Organisation had refused to incorporate the Equal Pay principle in its Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery Convention. Yet the Equal Pay principle is laid down in the Treaty of Versailles itself! Women had to work for equality now as hard as they had ever worked, but with this difference—they are no longer outside the Constitution begging for favours; they now demand their rights as citizens.

MISS SPARKMAN said the Women's Freedom League had a great responsibility in regard to the new voters. How were those voters going to use their votes? With regard to the wife of the working man, she thought that, after the rent, food and other necessary expenses were paid, there was little money left for the wife's services. Miss Sparkman agreed that we cannot build up anything with a world at war, but whether women understood how to prevent war was another matter. She did not think the candidates would understand it, whatever promises they gave. Yet we wanted to educate women to make their candidates understand that Members in Parliament must carry out the promises they have made as candidates. We must get women interested in our objects, and we must find some means of reaching the new women voters.

MISS UNDERWOOD said that the great victory of equal franchise was due almost entirely to the ceaseless work of women's non-party organisations, and the knowledge, experience, and training secured in the suffrage agitation should be used in women's further struggle for women's complete equality with men. We had a big programme. We must have more women police and must change our solicitation laws. Women ought to make a definite effort to get a great many more women on to the Borough Councils this November and on to their Watch Committees. We particularly wanted to see more women in Parliament, and should already be pressing everywhere for women candidates and giving them our support. We want women in the Government, in the Cabinet, in the House of Lords, and in the Diplomatic Service. Then we should have a better chance of seeing that women take their proper place in international life and in the League of Nations itself, where they ought to be on the Economic Committee, the Political Committee, the Finance Committee

and other important committees, which could have so much influence in the prevention of war. With women taking their proper place in international life, they would prevent any international menace of unequal pay and unequal conditions for women workers. At home we wanted more women magistrates, and the whole position of married women equalised with that of men.

DR. KNIGHT, who had just returned from a visit to Ireland, said she brought from Mrs. Despard love and warmest greetings to all members of the Women's Freedom League and she was hoping that she would shortly be with us again, weather permitting. Dr. Knight maintained that there was more work now for the Women's Freedom League to do than before the vote was won for women. Education and propaganda were very necessary. Women themselves had to be taught to realise that they were equal with men, and that when there was anything difficult to be done they could do it equally as well as men. It was very important to get women on to all local governing bodies, into Parliament, and on to Departmental Committees and Commissions. A strong organisation of women was necessary to do this educational and other work. Money was needed, and every member of the Women's Freedom League could help the work of our League by getting more members for it and by working hard for our forthcoming Fair.

MRS. AYTON, of Darlington, agreed that the work of the Women's Freedom League was very necessary. We must get in new members, and especially young ones. It was surprising how many people now thought that our work was finished. It had really only just begun. In the general discussion which followed, Mrs.

#### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Women's Freedom League was held at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1, last Saturday, those present being Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence (President) in the chair, Dr. Knight (Honorary Treasurer), Mrs. Ayton (Darlington), Mrs. Bigland, Miss Alix Clark (Montgomery Boroughs), Mrs. Schofield Coates, J.P. (Middlesbrough), Mrs. Dexter, Miss Harvey (Edinburgh), Miss Anna Munro, Miss M. I. Neal (Manchester), who took the chair for the latter part of the meeting, Mrs. Pierotti, Miss Reeves, Mrs. Zangwill, and the Secretary. A letter was read from Miss C. Neal (Swansea), apologising for her unavoidable absence.

Reports were considered and adopted from the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Organising Secretary, the General Secretary, and from the Political, Literature, and VOTE Sales Departments. A comprehensive report on the work of the Fair Sub-Committee, sent by the Hon. Fair Secretary (Miss E. Berry), was also read to the Committee, giving a description of the various stalls and the up-to-date arrangements in regard to the entertainments and catering at our Victory Green, White and Gold Fair. The Viscountess Astor, M.P., has most kindly promised to open the Fair on Tuesday, November 13th, and Dr. Knight made a special appeal for goods for the various stalls, and for making this Fair as widely known as possible.

Miss Munro is again to be our delegate to the National Council of Women's Annual Meetings, which this year are to be held at York from October 15th to 19th. The resolutions on the agenda were fully considered, and the point of view of the Women's Freedom League on each discussed. Correspondence was also considered from the International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship, which is holding a Congress in Berlin next June. The Committee agreed to co-operate with the Joint Committee on Women in the Civil Service in a deputation they hope to send to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to lay before him the difficulties and inequalities which now obstruct the position of women in the Civil Service. Delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the Consultative Committee of Women's Organisations on

HARVEY JAMES said that we have the machine, and we now want to know how to use it. It would be useful if members of the Women's Freedom League had a number of definite questions to put to all candidates for Parliament. We wanted to secure equal pay for men and women workers when they did work of equal value; we wanted equal laws for men and women, and the removal of the label from the woman of the streets; we also wanted to do away with official murder, and she referred to the campaign for the abolition of capital punishment. MRS. DEXTER stressed the need for getting into touch with new women voters, and urged that speakers should be sent to women's clubs, women's party and trade union organisations. MRS. ALDRIDGE referred to the set-back which the women who really believed in equal opportunity and equal pay for women and men had had at the International Labour Organisation at Geneva. She said women ought to challenge the action of the I.L.O., which amounted to an international invitation to pay unequal *minimum* wages for equal work done by men and women. MRS. FLOWERS agreed with Mrs. Ayton, that the immediate work of the Women's Freedom League was to get new members, especially young members, and suggested that a very good way to do that was by increasing the sales of our paper, THE VOTE. THE VOTE stood absolutely, uncompromisingly, for equal opportunities for men and women, and equal pay for all workers for work of equal value, irrespective of the sex of the worker.

A good collection was taken, and, despite the dreary weather which kept so many people away, it was felt that the meeting had been really well worth while and an encouragement to all present.

October 25th, and the meeting on the Prevention of Maternal Mortality at the Central Hall, on October 30th.

Dr. Knight reported on the arrangements of the Equal Political Rights Campaign Committee's Victory Celebrations on October 24th—a Luncheon at the Hotel Cecil at 1 o'clock, and a Reception at Caxton Hall at 7 o'clock.

The Committee decided to be represented at the sittings of the Royal Commission on Police Powers and Procedure, and to press in THE VOTE, in the general Press, and whenever and wherever opportunity offers, for more women police, and that no man or woman should be convicted on street offences charges unless the person who is stated to have been annoyed, molested, or solicited, appears in Court to substantiate the charge.

The Committee sent its warmest congratulations and best wishes to the National Union of Women Teachers at their dinner, which was being held the same evening at Frascati's; and commissioned Miss M. I. Neal to convey the message to the chairman at that dinner, Mrs. Tidswell.

The next meeting of the above Committee will be held at the Women's Freedom League offices, on Saturday, December 1st.

#### INDIA'S TOLERATED VICE AREAS.

##### MISS SHEPHARD'S MISSION.

The *Manchester Guardian* reports that Miss Meliscent Shephard, who has been long associated with preventive and rescue work in Manchester, has accepted a call to India to investigate the tolerated vice areas and to promote educational work on the subject. Some months ago, the Hindu community approached Dr. Feso-Westcott and asked whether, as a result of the Josephine Butler Centenary celebrations, a woman worker might be sent to Calcutta to help them in their fight against tolerated brothels. Miss Shephard was invited to undertake this work, and, in spite of her reluctance to leave the work she loves so well in Manchester, decided to accept the call.

## WOMEN AT HOME AND ABROAD.

### Another Woman Minister.

Miss A. Margaret Barr, M.A., Rotherham's first woman minister, was last week inducted to the charge of the Unitarian Church of Our Father, Rotherham. Miss Barr, who has been conducting services at the Rotherham Church for a year, took her M.A. degree at Cambridge, and later studied for the Unitarian Ministry at Manchester College, Oxford. The devotional part of the service was conducted by the Rev. Ethel Kaye, of Whitby.

### First Woman Minister of a Scottish Church.

Miss Vera Findlay, M.A., of Glasgow University, so impressed the elders when she preached at Partick Congregational Church that she is to be ordained in November. Miss Findlay, who is only twenty-four years of age, has had a brilliant academic career, and is at present studying for the B.D. degree. She will be the first woman minister of a Scottish church.

### A Brilliant Markswoman.

At the annual prize meeting of the London and Middlesex Rifle Association at Bisley, on September 29th, Miss M. E. Foster, the famous markswoman, scored 101 out of a possible 105. She took the President's Prize, the Grosvenor Cup, the National Rifle Association Bronze Medal, and narrowly missed the Association's Aggregate Cup. Miss Foster competed against some 200 crack marksmen. In her own club shooting she won the King's First Stage Match, the club's Championship Silver Medal, and the Jubilee Challenge Cup, beating a serving warrant officer of the Regular Army.

### Woman Member of Scottish Board of Health.

Miss Muriel Ritson, who last week received a deputation of "marching miners" in Edinburgh, is the only woman member of the Scottish Board of Health. Before being appointed to this position, Miss Ritson was secretary to the Women's Friendly Society of Scotland.

### A Close Swimming Race.

The course of over four miles between Tower Bridge and Lambeth Bridge was covered by Miss Nicks in 38 min., and Miss Harding in 39.5 min., in a race between the two on September 30th.

### The Only Woman Present.

At the recent dinner of the Conservative agents at Yarmouth, Miss Marjorie Maxse—deputy principal agent of the party—was the only woman present.

### Woman Auctioneer.

Miss Maud Coltman took her place as auctioneer at the rostrum at a Northampton sheep fair on Monday.

### A World's Endurance Record.

According to the British United Press, Miss Martha Hill, swimming at Memphis, Tennessee, claims to have set up a world's endurance record of 61 h. 2 min.

### New York City and Women Police.

The recent controversy in New York over the appointment of six policewomen to fill the same number of vacancies ended in a victory for the women! Police Commissioner Warren, who is a well-known opponent of policewomen, is said to have been overruled by Mayor Walker, who insisted on the appointment of the women who headed the Civil Service list of eligibles.

### IN SYMPATHY.

CHAMPNEYS.—On September 28th, 1928, at Epperstone, Sutton, Surrey, Susan Edith Champneys (Chief Inspector, Women's Auxiliary Service), a daughter of the late Hugh Stanley and Frances Ann Champneys, late of Epperstone Rectory, Notts.

We tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives of our old friend Chief Inspector Champneys and to the Women's Auxiliary Service, to the work of which she was so devoted. We hope to have a further notice of Inspector Champneys in next week's VOTE.

### WOMEN'S INFLUENCE IN POLAND.

Poland has never been backward in educational matters, as was proved by the early admission of women to the University of Warsaw as a preliminary to entering professional life.

The election of Madame Sophie Jwasskiewicz—who is keenly interested in the education of girls—as President of the Commission organised by the Polish Association of Friends of the Society of Nations, should do much for the advancement of higher education. At the Annual Congress of the Society of Teachers of High Schools and of Secondary Schools, recently held at Warsaw, she put forward that the next Congress should deal seriously with the question of the higher education of girls.

Women prohibitionists have been gaining strength in Poland. As a result of their activities, prohibition is to be introduced in the community of Pruszkow, near Warsaw, and twenty other communities are about to follow Pruszkow's example.

The National Council of Women in Poland has been carrying out exhaustive inquiries into women's employment, as a result of which Polish women M.P.s will ask the Diet to introduce legislation to remove existing disabilities and to equalise conditions between men and women workers.

### LUXEMBURG'S WOMAN CANDIDATES.

An attempt has been made in Luxembourg to return two women to Parliament. The two women candidates, who were ignored by the Clerical, Radical, and Labour parties, were nominated by the Independent group. Proportional representation is in force in Luxembourg, and the only seat reserved for this party fell to its leader. That second and fourth places were won by these candidates was in itself a triumph which speaks well for the progress of the feminist movement in Luxembourg.

### THE UNMARRIED MOTHER.

The County Homes Committee of the Galway County Council, at its meeting on September 11th, adopted the following resolution:—

"That we urge upon the Government the necessity for amending the law regarding the unmarried mothers so as to make the putative father of an illegitimate child liable for the cost of the child's maintenance."

"In this county each illegitimate child who becomes a charge upon the poor rate costs £300 from infancy until he or she reaches the age of 15 years, and under this head the debt on the county for last year for fifty-four illegitimate children born during the year in the county and dealt with in the County Institution reaches the enormous total of £16,000. We believe that second offenders should be specially provided for by law, and power should be given to have them committed to a Magdalen asylum or similar institution for a term of years. We earnestly request deputies, regardless of party, to consider this question with a view to the introduction of suitable legislation."

In connection with the above matter, we find ourselves in complete agreement with the following letter, which appeared in the *Irish Independent*:—

"Sir,—The resolution from the County Homes Committee of the Galway Co. Council, urging legislation establishing responsibility of the father of an illegitimate child for cost of maintenance will be welcomed by all experienced social workers. It is unfortunate that the Committee should have complicated the matter by suggesting that there should be special legislation dealing with 'second offenders' (which term is understood invariably as referring to the mother). Such procedure renders one of the parents liable to a legal penalty—compulsory detention—from which the other is exempt."

"In this centenary year, when the work of Josephine Butler has been recognised so widely, it is unnecessary to emphasise the legal injustice and moral wrong of such a double standard of morality."

"September 13, 1928."

"DORA MELLONE."

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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 stamped addressed envelope be enclosed, but the Editor cannot be responsible in case of loss.

### WOMEN POLICE FOR WOMEN PRISONERS

Readers of THE VOTE will remember that we have repeatedly pressed for the supervision of women prisoners in police station cells by women police. Time after time this matter has been brought to the notice of the Home Office, and the official reply was invariably to the effect that a "matron" is always available to look after female prisoners. This matron, when she is in charge, is usually an elderly widow of a constable and receives very low pay. Untrained, elderly men are not employed to look after male prisoners in police cells; why should elderly women with no training be supposed to be good enough to look after female prisoners? In spite of official statements to the contrary, we have never believed that even a "matron" was always available at every police station in the land, and have maintained that female prisoners in police cells were often in the charge of men police. *The Policewoman's Review* agrees with us, and, in its current issue, states that this condition of affairs is not only prevalent, but actually accepted by the police themselves as most usual. To prove that it exists, the writer quotes the following extract from a recent report of a case in the Metropolitan area, which, she says, seems to point to the fact that men still have the supervision of all prisoners by inspection through a shutter in the door at night.

"Mollie West, the eighteen-year-old girl who made a sensational escape from custody of a wardress at Winchester, on August 20th, while being taken from Portsmouth to Winchester Prison, was recaptured in London late last night. There was a sensational sequel to her recapture. She had been lodged in a cell at Albany Street Police Station, and shortly before midnight a policeman, looking through the shutter of her cell, failed to receive any answer to his challenge. The cell door was opened, and West was found lying on the floor in a state of collapse. A doctor was summoned, but the girl revived."

We hope that questions will be put to the Home Secretary, as soon as Parliament reassembles, on this matter of police supervision of women prisoners, and that it will be made impossible for male members of the police force to have the right to look through the shutters of women's cells and to be solely in charge of girls and women prisoners. Such an arrangement offends every sense of decency, and, no matter what the offence for which a girl or woman is arrested, she has the right to expect decent conditions when the State takes charge of her, and the general public has a right to be assured that the conditions are made decent for all prisoners. For many years women's organisations have urged the necessity of competent, well-trained women police being appointed throughout the country. They are needed not only in our streets, in our parks and public places, but it is a matter of urgency that they should be attached to every police station. The Home Secretary has the power to appoint a far greater number of women police in London, and should do so. It should also be made compulsory on all Watch Committees and Standing Joint Committees throughout the country to appoint an adequate number of fit women as well as fit men to their police force.

### "EQUAL RIGHTS FOR FATHERS AND MOTHERS."

Under the above heading, *The Times* of September 27th reports that Mr. Bingley, the magistrate, pointed out at the Marylebone Police Court on the previous day that fathers have now the same legal rights as mothers in regard to the provisions of the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1925. When that Act was passed, he said, a mother was given the power to go to a magistrate and, on payment of a fee of 2s. for a summons, to get an order for the guardianship of her children, with an order for the husband to pay for the maintenance of the children. That power was not given to the husband. He was left to his remedy in the Chancery Division of the High Court, which to a poor man was tantamount to denying him all rights, because he had not the money to go there. He (the magistrate) had remarked several times upon this seemingly inequitable legislation, and so had some of his colleagues. The matter had now been put right by Section 16 of the Administration of Justice Act. It was of practical importance, because fathers had applied to him to get possession of their children in certain circumstances, and he had had to refuse them. They could now take proceedings under the Guardianship of Infants Act. We do not agree with Mr. Bingley that mothers have equal rights with fathers under the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1925. This Act provided that when a dispute arose between a father and mother in regard to the custody or upbringing of their child, or the administration of any property belonging to or held on trust for the child, the mother had an equal right with the father to take the case into Court, where it would be decided from the Court's view of the welfare of the child. By an oversight in drafting, a mother could apply to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, whereas a father had to apply to a High Court. But our contention has always been that the 1925 Act does not give equal guardianship rights over their children to mothers and fathers, and any mother can prove this if she applies to a magistrate for a vaccination exemption certificate for her baby. She will be told that she must fetch the parent—that is, the father—of the child, before it is given.

### WOMEN PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES.

We are glad to see that, at the Labour Party Conference held at Birmingham this week, Miss Florence Widdowson, who polled well over 3,000 votes at the recent Cheltenham by-election, urged that more women should be selected as Labour Party candidates for Parliament. She reminded her hearers that of the 487 endorsed Labour candidates, only thirty were women. In spite of that fact, however, she said that the Labour Party was far in advance of the other political parties in respect to the candidature of women. She herself had been chosen out of a group of possible candidates, which included men, and presumably she had been selected on the same grounds as men were selected—their ability and personal attractiveness. (Laughter, and cries of "Agreed.") We cannot pretend to think that thirty out of 487 shows an adequate proportion of women to men Parliamentary candidates in an electorate which will number 14,500,000 women and only 12,250,000 men. Yet neither the Conservative Party with its great majority of Members in Parliament and its candidates in every constituency, nor the Liberal Party with its boasted 500 candidates, have anything like the number of even thirty women candidates! We urge party women in the constituencies to agitate for women to be put on to all local Selection Committees, and to press the claims of suitable women as candidates. Only in this way can the present great disproportion of eight women to 607 men in the House of Commons be remedied. It has been proved beyond all possible shadow of doubt that work in the House of Commons can be done in every way as well by women as by men if only women can get the chance to do that work.

## THE VICTORY GREEN WHITE AND GOLD FAIR.

The Green White and Gold Fair will be held at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1, on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 13th and 14th, and will be opened each day at 3 p.m.

### STALLS AND STALLHOLDERS.

**Hampstead Branch.—Handkerchiefs, Antiques, and White Elephants.** Miss Trotter, Miss James, Mrs. Harvey James, and Mrs. Williams.  
**Montgomery Boroughs Branch.—Country Produce, Cakes, and General Goods.** Miss Alix M. Clark, Mrs. Elias-Pritchard, and Branch Members.  
**Portsmouth Branch.—Household Goods.** Mrs. Whetton and Members.  
**South-Eastern Branches.—General Stall.** Miss White and Members.  
**Scottish and North Country Stall.—**  
**China Stall.—Mrs. Lindus and Miss Lindus.**  
**Literature Stall.—Mrs. Pierotti, Mrs. Marriott, and Miss Steven.**  
**Overalls and Aprons.—Miss Underwood, Miss F. A. Underwood, Miss Brewer, and Mrs. Turriff.**  
**Stationery Stall.—**  
**Shilling Stall.—Mrs. Delbanco and Miss Wiles.**  
**Sweets.—**  
**Toy Stall.—**  
**Underclothing.—Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Boxall.**  
**General Stall.—Mrs. Lloyd.**  
**"Vote" Stall.—Mrs. Flowers, Miss Barton, Mrs. Evans, and Miss Burgoine.**

### PLEASE HELP!

All the stalls are much in need of help. Will every reader of THE VOTE and member of the League send some contribution towards the stalls? All useful and pretty articles will be acceptable, and will help to provide the charming Christmas presents for which our Annual Fair is so noted. No gift will be too large or too small; please send us all the pretty things that your purses will allow you to buy. We need your help if our Fair this year is to be worthy of our great Equal Suffrage Victory. Please do your utmost to help the stalls and the Fair generally.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

An excellent programme of entertainments is being arranged, and will include a Display on Tuesday, November 13th, at 6 p.m., of Operatic, Classical, and Character Dances by the little pupils of Miss Grace Woollacott; a fencing display on Wednesday, November 14th, at 6 p.m., arranged by Professor

### NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN TEACHERS "VICTORY" DINNER.

"Who would be free, herself must strike the blow," is the message on the green and yellow banner of the National Union of Women Teachers; and on Saturday last over two hundred members of the Union, many of whom had taken a very active part in the struggle for women's political freedom, met together at the Restaurant Frascati to celebrate the achievement of the first object of the Union—the granting of votes to women on the same terms as to men.

The guests of honour were Mr. Tate and Miss Lane, who, twenty-five years ago, founded the Equal Pay League, which was the forerunner of the National Union of Women Teachers. Past Presidents of the Union gave suffrage reminiscences, and some described why they had first become suffragettes. Mr. Lloyd George apparently rendered Trojan service to the women's cause by the number of recruits he secured for it. Miss Phipps, for example, said that she was first roused to passionate indignation on the question when, at a public meeting, a woman reminded Mr. Lloyd George that women pay taxes, and he adjured the stewards to "turn her out ruthlessly; show her no mercy."

Miss Byett, the Past President for 1918, described a Conference of the National Union of Teachers which, in the words of the Press, "degenerated into a howling mob," when a resolution was brought forward asking for an expression of sympathy with the efforts of the women members to secure votes. That was the Union,

Tassart; a concert on Tuesday, November 13th, at 4.45 p.m., arranged by Madame San Carolo, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.; also songs and recitations by Miss Joan Dunsford, violin solos by Miss Lillian Foulis and Miss Mollie Seymour, and piano solos by Mrs. Sparrow.

### CHARACTER READING.

Mrs. Stedman has promised to organise the Character Reading. Readings will be given by Miss Wall and Mrs. Gilchrist; Numerology by Miss King; Phrenology by Madame Gena, B.Sc.; and Psychometry by Mrs. Thomson.

### TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS.

Miss Reeves has most kindly undertaken the Teas and Refreshments, and will be assisted by Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Bell, and the staff and members of the Minerva Club. Teas will be served in the Lounge from 3.30 to 6 p.m., and Refreshments will be served after 7 p.m.

### THE INFORMATION BUREAU.

Mrs. Seymour Pritchard has very kindly promised to manage this part of the work.

### Other Societies and Friends taking Stalls:

Barclay Workshops (for Blind Women).  
The Canning Town Women's Settlement.  
The International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship.  
St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance.  
The Open Door Council.  
The Psychological Aid Society.  
The Women's Exchange.  
The Yugoslav Peasant Industries.  
Mrs. Aston (Filigree Work and Artificial Flowers).  
Miss Burwood (Beads).  
Mrs. Clifford (Wax Flowers).  
Miss Coignou.  
Miss Minnie Culverwell (Hand-made Jewellery).  
Mrs. M. E. Moreton (Lacquer Work and Lamp Shades).  
Miss Dorothea Page (Unika Sports Wear).  
Miss Seyfang.

Tickets, 1/10 (including tax) the first day until 5 p.m.; after 5 p.m. and on the second day, 1/2 (including tax). On sale at 144, High Holborn, or from the societies and friends taking stalls.

All communications and gifts should be sent to Miss E. Berry, Hon. Fair Secretary, at 144, High Holborn, W.C.1.

she said, which, a few weeks ago, had the sublime impertinence to congratulate the women upon the consummation of their sixty years' work!

In addition to Past Presidents, Miss Froud, the General Secretary of the N.U.W.T., who was received with great enthusiasm, also spoke, and she paid tribute to the splendid courage, devotion and self-sacrifice of those pioneer women whose work had made possible the victory being celebrated that night.

Most important of all, speaker after speaker emphasised the fact that, although women have gained political equality, they have yet to secure economic equality; the vote is but a weapon with which to win equal pay, equal opportunities, and equality before the law.

G. M. PIEROTTI.

### Membership Application Form.

To be returned to the Secretary, 144, High Holborn, London, W.C. 1.

Please enrol me as a Member of the Women's Freedom League.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ s. \_\_\_\_\_ d. as my first Annual Subscription.

Minimum Annual Subscription, 1/-



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