

THE VOTE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1929.

GREEN WHITE AND GOLD FAIR.

Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Thursday and Friday, November 14th and 15th, and will be open each day from 3 to 9 p.m. The Fair will be formally opened on Thursday, November 14th, by Dr. Ethel Bentham, J.P., M.P., at 3 p.m., and on Friday, November 15th, at 4 p.m., by Miss Eleanor Rathbone, J.P., C.C., The chair will be taken on Thursday by Mrs. M.P. Pethick-Lawrence, and on Friday by Mrs. Mustard.

Stalls and Stallholders.

Hampstead Branch.-Handkerchiefs: Miss Lyndon, Miss ames, Miss Scott, and Miss Trotter. Chiswick Branch.—Christmas Decorations: Mrs. Parkin,

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South-Lastern Branches (Basket Stall).—Miss White, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Turvey. Book Stall.—Mrs. Pierotti, Miss M. Pierotti, Miss Stephens, and Miss Marian Berry. China Stall.—Mrs. Lindus, Miss Lindus, Mrs. Tanner,

Country Produce and Cakes.-Miss A. M. Clark and

Nasal Hygiene Stall.—Dr. Lewin. Overalls and Aprons.—Miss Underwood, Miss F. A. Inderwood, Miss Brewer, Mrs. Turriff, and Miss Charles. Shilling Stall.—Mrs. Delbanco, Mrs. Wilss, and Mrs.

Sweets .- Miss Mary Knight and Friends.

Treasures of and New.—Mrs. Dore, Mrs. Mustard, and Miss Phyllis Mustard.
 Underclothing (supported by the Hackney Branch).—
 Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Boxall, and Mrs. Roper.
 "Vote" Stall.—Mrs. Evans, Miss Barton, Miss E.
 Pigott, Mrs. Flowers, and Miss Lilian Armstrong.
 "Vote" Sales Table.—

Please Help.

There are now only a very few days left before the Fair. Will all our Friends and Readers do their utmost in this short time towards making the Fair a great success. Read the list of Stalls carefully, and see which one or two you would like to support, and send your gifts for these Stalls to the office; before November 12th. Come to the Caxton Hall, on either November 14th or 15th, or, better still, both days. You will have a warm welcome, a good tea, plenty of entertainment, and last, but not least, a good money's worth at the Stalls.

Entertainments.

An excellent programme of Entertainments has been arranged by the Entertainment Committee, and will include a short Poetry Recital on both days of the Fair at 6.30 p.m., by Miss Katherine Barry, Miss Louise Ducat, Miss Louise Cottam, and Miss Clare Soper (students of Miss Marjorie Gullan's Polytechnic School of Speech Training), and a short Play on Friday, November 15th, at 8 p.m., by the Dramatic Group of the Practical Psychology Club of London. Those taking part are Leander Porteous,

IRISHRY IN SONG AND VERSE. RECITAL FLORENCE MARKS WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 27th, ART WORKERS' GUILD HALL, 6, QUEEN SQUARE, BLOOMSBURY, W.C.1 AT 8.30 P.M. A varied programme will include Irish Ballads and Folk Songs, Skils and Absurdities. Verse, serious and humorous, &c TICKETS 2/6, at the Minerva Club. Brunswick Square, W.C.1, or at Robert & John's Tea Shop, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.2,

The Green White and Gold Fair will be held at the Peggy Leather, Ivy Grantham, Kathleen Fitton, Ethel Watson, Anita Davis, Edith Roberts and Arthur Nicol. Concerts will be arranged each day by Miss T. A.

Davis, who will be assisted by Miss Lilian Foulis, Miss Joan Dunsford, Miss Mabel J. Marx, Miss Alice Man-derville, Miss Staples, and Mr. G. H. Harris; and there will be a String Orchestra, by students from the Royal College of Music, on Thursday, November 14th. Miss New will kindly act as announcer to the entertainments.

Character Reading.

Miss Marion Schofield Coates is organising the Character Readings and will be assisted by Mrs. Drawater, Miss Burgoyne, and other Friends.

The following are giving Readings :- Mrs. E. Espir, Madame Gena, B.Sc., Miss Hudson, Mrs. Platnance, Mrs. Lilienthal, and Miss Wall; Mrs. Peters will tell stories from tea cups.

Competitions.

Visitors to the Fair will have a delightful time in the Competition Corner of the Fair. There will be various attractive Competitions, including Magic Squares by Miss E. M. Elliott, Mrs. Gallop, Miss F. A. Elliott, Miss D. Elliott, Miss Crawley, and Miss Coushey.

Treasure Hunt.—Miss J. Boorman, Mrs. Creasey, Miss Frankiss, and Miss Palmer. Mystery Stall.—Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss J. Kennedy, Miss G. Paine, Miss F. Potter, and Miss Seif.

Afternoon Tea and Evening Refreshments.

Teas will be served in the Lounge from 4 to 6 p.m., and Refreshments will be served after 7 p.m. Miss Toys.—Mrs. Knight and Friends. Treasures Old and New.—Mrs. Dore, Mrs. Mustard, and Club Branch have very kindly undertaken this part Reeves, Mrs. Fisher, and the members of the Minerva of the work, and will be assisted by the staff of the Minerva Club, Mrs. Scott, and other friends.

The Information Bureau.

Mrs. Seymour Pritchard is managing this part of the work.

Doors.

Mrs. Antill, Mrs. Nichols, Miss Webb, and Mr. Bacon will be at the door.

The Cloak Room.

Mrs. Scott will be in charge of the Cloak Room. Other Societies and Friends taking Stalls.

St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance.

The Dames of St. Joan. The Invalid and Crippled Children's Society.

The Open Door Council. The Psychological Aid Society.

Miss Burwood (Beads).

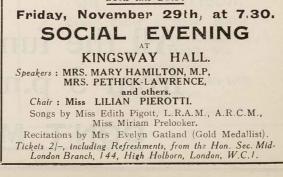
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Miss H. D. Stringer.

TICKETS, price 1S. 10d. (including Tax), the first day until 5 p.m.; after 5 p.m. and on the second day, 1s. 2d. (including Tax). All communications and gifts should be sent to Miss E. Berry, Hon. Fair Secretary, at 144, High Holborn, W.C.I.

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Street Trading (Girls).

MR. EDE (Lab., South Shields) asked the Home definite reply? (No reply was given.) Secretary how many local authorities have applied for Hong Kong (Child Labour). by-laws to prohibit absolutely the carrying on of street trading by girls under the age of sixteen years; and in how many cases such a by-law has been approved by his Department? MR. CLYNES: Two hundred and eighty-eight authorities have prohibited street trading has been made; when is the system to be totally by girls under sixteen, though in seventeen instances girls over fourteen or fifteen are allowed to trade in the abolition; and whether it is the intention to lay any company of their parents. In every case the by-laws were confirmed.

MR. LOVAT FRASER (Lab., Lichfield) asked the Home

Secretary (1) Whether, as there are no women on the Prison Commission, he will appoint an adequate quota of

women Commissioners? (2) If there are any women inspectors of prisons; and, if not, whether he will appoint such a number

as are necessary for the inspection of women's prisons or women's sections of prisons. MR. CLYNES: There is no woman commissioner or

woman inspector of prisons, and the reason why such an appointment has not been made is that women prisoners form so small a proportion of the total prison population. The daily average of women prisoners has steadily fallen from 1,604 in 1919 to 804 in 1928. The women now constitute about 7 per cent. only of the prison population.

VISCOUNTESS ASTOR (U., Plymouth): Does not the right hon. Gentleman think it would be wise to have a really able woman in the Home Office? (No reply was given.)

Women Guardians.

MR. LOVAT FRASER asked the Minister of Health how many women are guardians of the poor at the present time; and how many women will be members of Public Assistance Committees if the maximum of women who may be co-opted under the schemes of the new poor law authorities are so co-opted? MR. GREENwood : I regret that the information available in my Department does not enable me to give the particulars desired by my hon. Friend.

Public Assistance Committees (Co-opted Members)

MR. LOVAT FRASER asked the Minister of Health if any county borough councils have decided not to co-opt persons on the Public Assistance Committees; and, if so, how many? MR. GREENWOOD : Thirty-one county borough councils do not propose to co-opt members on their Public Assistance Committees.

Unemployment (Women),

SIR GEORGE PENNY (Lab., Kingston-on-Thames) asked the Lord Privy Seal what particular provisions have been made to provide work for unemployed women; the number he estimates have been and will be a Second time, Friday, December 13th. absorbed under such schemes; and the cost of the same? MR. J. H. THOMAS: I would refer the hon. marrying foreigners freedom to retain their nation-Member to the reply which I gave to a number of similar questions yesterday. [This reply was that he supported by Countess of Iveagh, Miss Picton-Turberwould make a comprehensive statement to the House vill, Mr. Boothby, Sir Gervais Rentoul, Mr. Marjorithe following week.

SIR G. PENNY: May I ask whether there is any increase or decrease in the number of women employed since the Conservative Government were in office? VISCOUNTESS ASTOR: In his new employment

schemes, will the right hon. Gentleman consider what homes, and other institutions, and to make further he is going to do for women?

MR. THOMAS: In answer to the first supplementary question, I can quite understand the anxiety of the hon. Member, because this question was put down before tion of certain diseases, and for the holding of inquests the House rose. I am endeavouring to meet his point. It shows how anxious he was to get the facts. With regard to the second supplementary question, the general problem of employment is being considered in Phillips, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Sorensen, and Mr. Rhys relation to both sexes, and my preference is neither way. Davies; to be read a Second time, Friday, December 6th.

Midwifery, Maternity, and Child Welfare Bill, "to consolidate and amend enactments relating to midwifery, maternity (including expectant and nursing mothers), notification of births, child welfare, maternity provision with respect thereto, and to amend the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and the Local Government Act, 1929, and to provide for the notificain certain cases, and for purposes connected with the aforesaid," presented by Mr. Alpass (Lab., Bristol, Central), supported by Dr. Bentham, Dr. Marion

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IN PARLIAMENT.

SIR G. PENNY: May I ask the Lord Privy Seal for a

DR. MORGAN (Lab., Camberwell, N.W.) asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies if he will state the present position with regard to the mui tsai system or child slavery in Hong Kong; what progress abolished; what are the local objections, if any, to its papers on the subject before Parliament? MR. LUNN: Papers are now being printed for presentation to Parlia-Prisons (Women Commissioners and Inspectors). ment as soon as possible. I hope, in the course of the next week. The Governor is bringing into operation certain further measures directed to the abolition of the mui tsai system in the colony. The nature of these measures is fully explained in the papers now to be laid. MR. O. BALDWIN (Lab., Dudley) asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies whether His Majesty's Government will insist upon the enforcement of the 1922 and 1923 Order abolishing the mui tsai system in Hong Kong? MR. LUNN: Yes, Sir. We have every intention of enforcing, with the co-operation of the Governor of Hong Kong, the laws designed to bring about the abolition of the mui tsai system.

NEW BILLS PRESENTED.

The following Bills of interest to the Women's Freedom League have been presented in the House of Commons :-

Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill, "to make better provision for the defence of poor persons in criminal cases," presented by Mr. Turton (U., Thirsk and Malton), supported by Sir John Withers, Sir Robert Newman, Mr. Runciman, Mr. Ernest Brown, Mr. Norman Birkett, Mr. Kingsley Griffith, Mr. Llewellyn Jones, and Mr. Marjoribanks; to be read a Second time to-day (November 8th).

Children and Young Persons (Employment and Protection) Bill, "to consolidate, extend, and amend enactments relating to the employment and work of children and young persons (including enactments relating to employment abroad and dangerous performances and street trading), and to make further provision with respect thereto; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid," presented by Mr. Sorensen (Lab., Leyton, W.), supported by Miss Wilkinson, Dr. Bentham, Mr. Mackinder, Miss Picton-Turbervill, and Dr. Marion Phillips; to be read a Second time, Friday, November 29th.

Offices Regulation Bill, "to regulate offices and the employment of young persons therein; and for other purposes connected therewith," presented by Mr. Romeril (Lab., St. Pancras, E.), supported by Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Mackinder, Mr. Lathan, Mr. Arthur Taylor, Mr. Townend, and Mr. Watkins; to be read

Nationality of Married Women, "to allow women ality," presented by Captain Cazelet (U., Chippenham), banks, and Mr. Llewellyn Jones.

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WOMEN AND THE FACTORIES BILL.

This week the Women's Freedom League has been represented on two deputations to the Home Secretary on the subject of the proposed Factories Bill. On the first deputation, which was organised by the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, and introduced by Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., last Friday, Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence represented us. She urged that there should be no special restrictions on women's work so far as weight-lifting was concerned, emphasising the fact that women are wisely self-protective, and that they do not attempt more than they can manage. Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence also protested against the prohibition of women's work in certain lead processes. What was wanted was the best possible protection for all workers. The Home Secretary assured this deputation that he would weigh carefully the points that had been put before him, and that he would be guided by considerations of reason, justice, and fairness to the thousands of women at present employed in industry.

The second deputation, on which Miss Reeves represented the Women's Freedom League, was organised by the Equal Rights Committee, and introduced to Mr. Clynes, at the Home Office, by Lady Rhondda last Monday. Other speakers included were Mrs. Abbott, Committee. representing the Equal Rights Committee; Miss E. E. Froud, National Union of Women Teachers; Mrs. Archdale, Six Point Group; Miss Monica Whately, St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance ; Mrs. Le Sueur, Open Door Council; and two working women-Miss McCall, from Nelson, Lancashire, and Mrs. Brian, from Rotherhithe. They urged that the Home Secretary should consider the need for safeguarding women's interests in industry, in view of the Government's vention, and to introduce a consolidating, amending Factories Bill. The main argument of all the speakers was that legislation should be based on the nature of the work and not on the sex of the worker. It was emphasised that at present women are the worst paid and the most exploited class of industrial workers. Miss McCall insisted that women in Lancashire worked parents. in factories because they were obliged to work, and that all special restrictions on women's work which were not imposed on the work of men increased the difficulties of women workers. Mrs. Brian supported Miss Reeves' contention that women were the best judges of what they could or could not lift, and said a factory. She contended that she was quite capable of dealing with heavy weights, and was thoroughly fit and well.

The Home Secretary said he had listened with interest and profit to what had been said by the speakers, and assured the deputation that he would give full and impartial consideration to their views.

Lady Rhondda thanked Mr. Clynes most cordially for his sympathetic reception of this deputation. She said they all realised that some men in the past had, from a very fine sentiment, wished to protect women; but women workers to-day feared that sentiment. It economic position.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

During the last hundred years the subject of the abolition of capital punishment has been debated in the House of Commons eighteen times, but only on one occasion was a majority recorded in favour of a Bill being introduced, and then the majority was one vote. Last week Mr. W. J. Brown (Lab., Wolverhampton) moved : "That, in the opinion of this House, capital punishment for civil crimes should be abolished," and this was seconded by Commander Kenworthy (Lab., Central Hull). Sir Charles Oman (U., Oxford University) and Capt. Hacking (U., Chorley) were the principal opponents of the measure. Mr. Clynes, the Home Secretary, pointed out that if, on this occasion, the motion was carried, the cause which the proposer and seconder of the motion had in view would not be carried any farther; but if they accepted an amendment which Sir Herbert Samuel (Lib., Darwen) was about to propose, some practical result might emerge from it later on. At the close of Mr. Clynes' speech, Sir Herbert Samuel moved that all the words after 'House" in Mr. Brown's motion should be omitted, and the following words added instead : "it is desirable that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the question of capital punishment." He suggested to the House that the case was one for inquiry in the first instance. Lady Astor expressed keen disappointment that they had not been given the lead which they expected to get on this subject from the present Government. Her view was that we could, at this stage of social civilisation, with impunity give up capital punishment, and she besought the Home Secretary to bring in a Bill to abolish it as soon as possible. Mr. Brown reluctantly agreed to accept Sir Herbert Samuel's Amendment, and it was therefore resolved : "That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the question of Capital Punishment." We certainly hope that women as well as men will be appointed to this

MARRIED WOMEN TEACHERS.

The London Teachers' Association has written to The Times, advocating the retention of married women teachers on the staffs of schools, on the grounds that : (1) Education is a preparation for life, i.e., the normal life of the nation; the normal life of the nation cannot double promise to ratify the Washington Hours Con- exclude marriage, yet local education authorities have decreed that the future mothers of the nation must not be taught by teachers who are themselves mothers, i.e., are themselves living the normal life of the nation, and qualified by first-hand knowledge and experience. (2) The presence of married women teachers on the staffs of schools commands the confidence of the

> The Association quoted the following resolution, passed at its last Annual Conference, held in February, 1929 :---

"That, in the opinion of this Conference, the gradual elimination of married women teachers from the service of London and other education authorities that she was a mother of five children, and worked in is greatly to be deplored, and constitutes a loss to education; in the opinion of Conference this is a national matter affecting the welfare of education, and should be dealt with by the Board of Education; Conference, therefore, is of opinion that the Education Acts of 1918-21 should be amended so as to confer upon the Board of Education the obligation to veto any attempt to dismiss, or refuse to appoint, members of the teaching service solely because they are married or become married, and that the Board should have statutory power to make regulations to prevent any clause to the effect that marriage ends the contract being inserted in teachers' agreements or in resolutions was a distinct danger to the improvement of their or minutes of local education authorities under which teachers are engaged for service.'

the problems of Mental Health was organised last week trying to improve, and partly from our enormous at the Central Hall, Westminster, by the National strides in preventing the deaths of infants and other Council for Mental Hygiene (Chairman : Sir Maurice persons who, only a short time ago, would not have Craig, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.) and the Tavistock Square Clinic (Chairman : H. B. Brackenbury, LL.D., four babies died in the first year, and diseases carried M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.).

The Conference was attended by delegates of many societies and by representatives of many nationalities all over the world. Its object was to prepare the way for a much larger International Conference, to be held at Washington next year.

The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Brentford presided at the inaugural meeting on Wednesday, and addresses were given by Sir Maurice Craig, Mr. L. G. Brock, C.B., Chairman of the Board of Control, and by Sir Maurice Willis, its late Chairman; by Dr. Letitia Fairfield, Divisional Medical Officer, Public Health Depart- the failure to use the mind so as to run the life easily ment, L.C.C., and others, explaining the work of the Council and Clinic and the terrible need for the scientific study of mental ailments.

Sex Education .- W. H. Fyfe, M.A., LL.D., Headmaster of Christ's Hospital, presided and told of his of all kinds. methods with boys, and Miss Geraldine Coster, B.Litt., Headmistress of Wychwood School, Oxford, of her methods with girls. Both agreed that the main point was to follow the child's mind in its growth, always to keep in very close, friendly touch with the child, that general sex education should include the fostering of honest thought and action, self-control and respect for self and others, and a general knowledge of biology; overtaxed and underfed. She pleaded for toddlers' but that definite sex instruction should only be given in and children's gardens in every park, with freedom, answer to a child's own questions and in just sufficient safety, quiet, and liberty; for nursery schools in every amount to satisfy completely the child's curiosity and need at the time. The manner of giving it was allimportant; a simple, sincere, honest, and impersonal attitude as to any other question. The child would assimilate the teacher's own view of sex, whatever she might say in words.

The Personal Equation in Industry.-Sir Charles Wakefield, Bart., C.B.E., LL.D., in the chair. Dr. Millais Culpin, of the Industrial Fatigue Research Board, described the causation of industrial neuroses and the importance of giving favourable conditions of work. Workers must have some individual consideration if they were to do their best work for the greatest benefit, both to themselves and their employers.

Professor Winifred Cullis, C.B.E., D.Sc., described the invaluable work of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, which was leading the way in investigating the qualities of young people, mental and physical, and determining for what position and type of work these qualities fitted them. Work should also be pleasure, and prosperity of the individual and of the State depended on the putting of the right person into the right place.

The Place of Mental Hygiene in Social and Public Health Work.—Sir George Newman, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health and of the Board of Education, presided and brought the greetings of the two Ministries. In the last fifty years, he said, progressive analysis had revolutionised our lives; atoms, distant stars, sunlight, our own bodies-all had been analysed; laws of health learnt from the study of diseases; cholera, famine, pestilence, and plague were extinct in this country, typhoid was rare now. It is the imagination working upon human experience that dominates all progress. A portion of this human family we describe as normal, all the rest as abnormal, with 140,000 certified mental patients and some 300,000 mental defectives; these two classes total less than I per cent. of the population. The dull, backward, and retarded are estimated as between 5 and 15 per cent., and there is a very small percentage above the average. It is the weak percentage that the State always has to deal with. Mental as want of love, spoiling, and a feeling of inferiority or well as physical weakness comes partly from conditions superiority. Search must be made into home and

Dr. Newsholme, Medical Officer of Health, Birmingham, said that health visitors and social workers must understand normal psychology. Mental ill-heath was and have a reserve force. Habit formation in children was most important. It demanded will power, imagination and interest from the mother to develop in the child alert courage, honesty, and freedom from fear Miss Hester Viney, S.R.N. (The College of

Nursing), spoke of the opportunities for mental health work of the Public Health nurse, the bad influences around children which promote nervous instability, constant fears of accidents, drunken parents, immorality, destitution, violence, and the sights of birth and death, often descending upon little children already educational area, especially in slums; for broad, enclosed balconies in all tenements, to be enforced upon local authorities building working-class houses. Sound education to the public was as much a crusade on mental as on physical health, and would have the same good result.

The Child and the Parent .- Dr. Cyril Norwood, Headmaster of Harrow School, presiding, said that children must grow up in a healthy, clean and wholesome home, with good relations between father and mother, or they were adversely affected.

The Rev. L. W. Grensted, M.A. (Oxford), said the pace of life was the greatest problem. Children must have leisure and quiet. Dr. Helen Boyle, Senior Hon. Physician, Lady

Chichester Hospital, said the most valuable training for a child was that in adaptability, especially now that life is so complicated and so changing. Adaptability saves the need to use up our invaluable will power; because people cannot adapt themselves thousands suffer tortures of fear, and there is a suicide here every $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. A normal, healthy baby could be easily trained to sleep anywhere and anyhow, to its great advantage in life.

The Working of the Juvenile Courts .- The Lady Emmott, J.P., in the chair. Addresses by Mrs. Barrow Cadbury, J.P., and Miss Clemence Paine, Probation Officer, Shoreditch Juvenile Court.

Delinquency-A Problem in Mental Hygiene.-Alexander Maxwell, C.B., Chairman of the Prison Commission, presiding. Speakers: Dr. Hadfield, Lec-turer in Psychology, University of London, and Mr. Clarke Hall, Metropolitan Magistrate, Old Street Police Court. The Problem Child at Home and in School.-Dr. R. H. Crowley, Senior Medical Officer, Board of Education, in the chair, said that home, school and society must be welded into an integral whole.

The first Conference ever got together to consider of life in the body politic, which we are exploring and

survived. Two hundred years ago three out of every off weakly people. Our business is to save life and make it better, and if thus we create new problems we must face them with courage and patience and in a spirit of progressive analysis. He was very hopeful that very soon new light would be thrown upon mental health and disease. We must incite everybody to study and to explore the normal human mind just as the stars and the body had been analysed.

Miss E. M. Nevill, Psychologist to the Children's House, Bow, for difficult children, divided such children into the aggressive, the shirkers, and the moral offenders. These faults were caused respectively by

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WHERE TO GO. WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

DARE TO BE LONDON AND SUBURBS.

- Friday, November 8th, at 3 p.m. Meeting at "Duart," 65, Grand Drive, Wimbledon (by kind Aeeting at "Duart," 65, (nvitation of Mrs. Catmur).
- Monday, November 11th, at 8 p.m. Green, White and Gold Fair Entertainment Committee at the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Thursday and Friday, November 14th and 15th, 3 to 9 p.m.
- Green, White and Gold Fair, at Caxton Hall, Westminster. Saturday, November 16th, at 10 a.m.
- National Executive Committee Meeting, at 144, High Holborn,
- W.C.I. Tuesday, November 19th, at 8 pm. Highbury Branch. Meeting at 21, Queen's Road, N.16 (by kind permission of Mrs. C. A. Paine).
- Rind permission of Wirs. C. A. Fane).
 Thursday, November 21st, at 4.30 p.m. (Tea 4 o'clock.)
 Mreting at the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Speaker : Mrs. Pollard. Subject : "Women in the Ministry." Chair: Miss F. A. Underwood.
- Tuesday, November 26th, at 3 p.m. Finchley and Golders Green. Branch Meeting at 15, Raven-croft Avenue, N.W.11 (by kind invitation of Mrs. Gugenheim).
- Speaker: Mrs. Purdue "The Housing Problem." Thursday, November 28th, at 4.30 p.m. (Tea 4 o'clock.)
- Meeting at the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Speaker : Mrs. Bigland. Subject : Part II. "The Recent Assembly." Chair : Mrs. Mustard. PROVINCES.

Friday, November 8th, at 7.45 p.m.
Gateshead. Public Meeting in the Bewick Hall. Speaker: Mrs. Israel Zangwill on "What we expect from the Government." Chair: Miss Tooke, J.P. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. SCOTLAND.

Wednesday, November 13th, at 7.30 p.m.

Glasgow Branch. Public Meeting in the Central Halls, 25, Bath Street. Speaker : Mrs. Zangwill on "The Means and the End." Collection

Saturday, November 9th, at 3 p.m. The Speech Club, at the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. "The Humour of the Literary Life." Opened by The Editor of The Writer.

- at 25, Park Lane, W.1. Mrs. Lorna Rea (Author of "The Six Mrs. Greenes") and Mrs. J. L. Stocks will discuss "What the 'Six Mrs. Greenes' 'think of the Women's Movement." Tickets, including tea 5/-, from the Secretary, N.U.S.E.C., 15, Dean's Vard SW1
- Tuesday, November 12th, at 5 p.m. Six Point Group. Meeting at 92, Victoria Street, S.W.1. Speaker: Mrs. Sen on "Feminism in India."
- British Commonwealth League. Luncheon at 17, Buckingham Street, Strand. Miss Edith Onians on "Work among Australian
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school surroundings, and a friendly feeling established with the child. There is always a fault somewhere, but it may not be the child's fault.

Dr. Hamilton-Pearson, Physician, Tavistock Square Clinic, said the child must start with the right ideas and attitude to life, and have understanding and stable discipline in early years. The lack of this may start a definite neurosis during school life. Later on the tragic, lovable Peter Pan type refuses to undertake responsibility. Since the war children have shared all adult pleasures, and look upon adult life as bringing troubles and responsibilities with no compensations. The putting right of children's problems was one way to prevent insanity.

BOOK REVIEW.

"The River of a Hundred Ways." By Joice M. Nankivell and Sydney Loch. (George Allen and Unwin, Ltd.) 7s. 6d. (Can be obtained at this Office.)

This describes efforts made by the Anglo-American Mission of the Society of Friends to help wardevastated eastern Poland, a vast district, through part of which flows the Stochod, "The River of a Hundred Ways," among whose marshes whole armies had met their fate. There hundreds of thousands of wretches had returned to the villages from which they had fled on the advance of the Russian armies and were living, or, rather, dying, under conditions that defy description. Efforts to supply food, clothing, and agricultural implements were hampered by the abject misery which had created a nation of cunning and unscrupulous beggars and by the ignorance that could not realise that dirt and vermin meant typhus and disease. But the book ends with a note of hope, for though Man had destroyed, Man was building again, and cornfields were ripening on battlefields.

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WOMEN'S SUCCESSES AT BAR EXAMINATIONS.

The following women were successful at the Michaelmas Examination of students of the Inns of Court, held in Gray's Inn Hall, October 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, by the Council of Legal Education. In the list, I. means Inner Temple; M., Middle Temple; L., Lincoln's Inn; and G., Gray's Inn.

Roman Law: Class II.-Miss Helen Diana Ensor (G.). Class III .- Mrs. Florence Ada Coxon (G.).

Constitutional Law (English and Colonial) and Legal History : Class I.-Miss Mary Josephine Butcher (G.); Class II.-Miss Irene Grace Ruth Davies (I.); Class III .- Miss Dilnavaz Byramii (I.); Miss Helen Diana Ensor (G.); Miss Margaret Jones-Bateman (G.).

Criminal Law and Procedure : Class II.-Mrs. Elsa Care Malik (I.); Miss Lettice Vivian (G.). Class III.-Miss Bhicoo Batlivala (I.); Miss Helen Diana Ensor (G.); Miss Nora Myfanwy Gipson (M.); Miss Gladys Eileen Sarran (I.).

Real Property and Conveyancing : Class II.-Miss Edith Ferguson-Murdoch (M.); Miss Lettice Vivian (G.); Miss Mary Edith Barbara Whittingham-Jones (G.). Class III.-Miss Edith Vera Cohen (L.); Miss Ondan Kunathadathil Meenakshi (M.); Miss Ruth Epstein (M.); Miss Sibyl Gertrude Overton (G.); Miss Grace Geraldine Prescott (G.); Miss Evelyn Adelaide Sharp (I.).

Roman Dutch Law: Class II.-Miss Nora Myfanwy Gipson (M.).

Final Examination.

Class 11.-Miss Katherine Mumford Hendrick (M.); Miss Jessie Edson Hendrick (M.) Class III .- Miss Kathleen Bruce Anderson (M.).

THE TENTH ASSEMBLY.

At the Minerva Club last week, Mrs. Bigland gave most interesting address on the recent Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva: Mrs. Bigland opened by saying that there is no question in the world which is not a woman's question.

" Of all the Assemblies I have attended," said Mrs. Bigland, "the Tenth Assembly was the most interest-It was a momentous time.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's speech was an excellent one. He surveyed the whole field of international politics, and announced that Great Britain would sign the Optional Clause. He hoped that the Assembly might be known as the Optional Clause Assembly.

By the Optional Clause, Mrs. Bigland explained, a nation binds itself to submit to judicial judgment any dispute which can be settled legally. It was a momentous moment when Great Britain declared her intention of signing. Up to then seventeen nations had signed the Clause and sixteen more followed, including the Dominions-that is, the British Commonwealth. Le Journal de Genève had a saying that when Great Britain went forward, the League went forward; and when Great Britain stopped, the League stopped. The Optional Clause was operative for ten years, and another reservation was that Great Britain reserved the right of settling independently disputes which might arise within the British Empire. For the first time in the history of the League Sir Mohammed Habibullah, an Indian, headed the Indian delegation, and therefore signed the Optional Clause for his country. The Irish Free State signed five days before the other countries, and without any reservations.

Mrs. Bigland commended the Labour Party on their good sense in inviting Lord Cecil to go to Geneva as a delegate. Lord Cecil-whose knowledge of the League of Nations was of great value-saw a vast difference in the recent Assembly to the first Assemblies. At the Tenth Assembly every country was represented by delegates who counted in their own countries, which showed how the League was steadily gaining prestige.

One of the subjects that came before the Third Commission, of which Lord Cecil was a member, dealt with the limitation of armaments, in preparation for the Disarmament Conference, which it is hoped will take place next year. A drastic resolution was put forward that the Preparatory Conference should deal with the limitation of personnel, war materials, naval, land, and air forces. Lord Cecil appealed to France on the grounds that France had proposed such a conference in the first place. He insisted that something definite should be done, and said : "There is such a thing as being all agreed, but perhaps all agreed to do nothing." Though there was a good deal of opposition, Germany, Canada, and the Scandinavian countries supported Lord Cecil, and on the proposition of Monsieur Politis, of Greece, it was agreed that a draft convention should be drawn up and presented to the Powers, while Lord Cecil reserved the right to further discuss the whole subject at the Disarmament Conference.

We shall remember that, by the Pact of Paris, last August, war had been renounced as an instrument of national policy, and the settlement of disputes by peaceful methods agreed to. Some people had called it a castle in the air. If so, the castle would need foundations. The Optional Clause is such a foundation, while the agreement that financial assistance should be given to a small country threatened by war from its neighbour, and the discussion of the "General Act for Settlement of International Disputes " were important steps forward. In these ways machinery to prevent war is being built up. At Geneva a feeling prevailed that the whole power of militarism must be superseded, and law take the place of war.

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OTHER SOCIETIES. Tuesday, November 12th, at 3 p.m. National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship. Reception

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Women's International League. All-day Conference on "Opium," at London School of Economics, Houghton Street,

Thursday, November 14th, at 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 14tb, at 7 p.m. Open Door Council. A Supper will be held at Pinoli's Restaurant, 17, Wardour Street, Leicester Square, W.1. Sir Charles Petrie will speak on "The Royal Commission on the Civil Service: the demand for Equal Conditions for Women." Chair: Mrs. E. M. White. Supper 2/6, no ticket required. Tuesday, November 19th, at 2.45 p.m. British Commonwealth League. Bridge Party at the College U. W. Conders Okh.

Ticke Tuesday, November 19th, at 6.15 p.m.

The Women's Engineering Society. Lecture at the Lyceum Club, 138, Piccadily, W.1 (near Hyde Park Corner). Subject : "An Amateur's Experience of Motor Racing," Lecture : Miss

Winifred Pink (Honorary Member). Chair : Lady Moir, O.B.E.,

President. Wednesday, November 20th, at 1.15 p.m. The Alpha Club. Public Luncheon at the Washington Hotel, Curzon Street, W 1, to Miss Violet Cordery, to celebrate her Curzon Street, W 1, to Miss Violet Cordery, Tickets 5/6, for achievement in winning the Dewar Trophy. Tickets 5/6, from the Secretary, Miss Winifred Mayo, 1, Selwood Place, S.W.7.

BARNSBURY AND DISTRICT.

A very happy gathering took place at 15, Richmond Crescent, on Wednesday evening of last week, at the kind invitation of Mrs. Potter. After coffee had been served, Mrs. Potter introduced Mrs. Aldridge, representing the Open Door Council, who gave an extremely enlightening address, which centred round the promised Factories Bill, and the amendment for which other feminist groups are pressing, namely, to secure for women adult status, which would mean their removal from the category of "young persons," and to secure that all regulations regarding working hours should be the same for both men and women. Nearly the whole of a very lively discussion centred round the right of married women to paid employment. The meeting con-cluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Aldridge and Mrs. Potter as hostess.

BEXHILL.

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It was building upon sand. Several questions were asked at the close of Mrs. Zangwill's speech. Mrs. Meads made an earnest appeal for someone to act as secretary of the local branch. She pointed out that there was not very much to do, and she hoped that a member would come forward able and willing to help. A very cordial vote of thanks to Miss Skinner for the use of her room was passed. Several of those present bought THE VOTE, Two new members were made, and several gave in their names to the Organiser who wished to have notices of future meetings seent to them. sent to them

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