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Scandals.  
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on the  
Constitution.  
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### The Protector.

The story of the acquittal at the Wiltshire Assizes last week of John Price—the man who “shot his brother like a rat” because of that brother’s hideously brutal terrorism of his paralysed father, his aged mother, and his young sister whom he threatened to murder—has a more wholesome taste about it than is usual when “the unwritten law” is quoted. Here was no nasty story of jealousy, no rampant husband claiming personal rights in a woman’s honour, no angry wife furious at neglect of charms which had ceased to charm, no betrayed lover, or woman driven to immorality for bread. This was a generous soul goaded to madness by personal cruelty and threats, directed towards those dear to him. It would be difficult to withhold sympathy with the jury’s verdict, or to think with equanimity of this tortured soul sentenced to further torture for manslaughter, while the relations for whose sake he committed the crime lived friendless and deserted.

### The Cost of Denying Justice.

If the ordinary citizen knew what sums the Government is paying out as the cost of denying justice to women, it would make him sit up and think—hard. Every Cabinet Minister has some dozen detectives and constables guarding his home, dogging him in motor-cars, and watching his doings. They are, in actual fact, “about his path and about his bed, and spying out all his ways.” Each of these watchful gentlemen is costing £92 a year. Attendants are being multiplied in public galleries and museums, detectives swarm round the palaces and the House of Commons; members of the Force have to spend hours giving evidence in the Courts; the legal expenses are outrageous. Altogether, the costs of denying justice are mounting to a fabulous figure; we can only hope our fellow-citizens think it worth while.

### What is Chivalry?

Mr. Herbert Vivian, in *The Evening Standard*, thus delivers his soul:—

It is impossible to travel among Albanians without loving them . . . they are all gay, irresponsible, “terrible children,” merry, reckless sportsmen, chivalrous gentlemen. Such is their medieval chivalry that they will never attack a party which comprises a lady. She affords far better protection than a whole posse of officials. . . . As for their own women, they are regarded with more jealousy than respect. . . . The fair sex does all the hard work, and does not remain fair beyond an early age. In some districts it is the custom to sell superfluous females into a kind of serfdom.

British women will wonder what this chivalry is that men are so fearful we may lose, if it does not prevent “chivalrous gentlemen” from working women to death and selling them into serfdom? Mr. Laurence Housman described one phase of it as meaning that a man claimed a woman’s honour as his, not hers. There is yet another phase which allowed a man’s evil action, inflicted on a woman against her consent and by force, to tarnish her honour, not his. But Mr. Vivian’s is an entirely new brand—not one whit more commendable than those that have preceded it.

### Dear, Dear!

The Duchess of Marlborough, saying that “a well-cooked meal provides a better antidote to drink than any amount of legislation,” lamented the defects of our national education. “Boys and girls were turned out of our schools at the age of fourteen absolutely unprepared for the duties of life.” We wonder what else can be expected at fourteen! As this is the age at which the bulk of the nation leaves school, it would be absurd to expect much else. No one dreams of requiring expert knowledge in any line of life at fourteen; and cooking—especially with very little to cook and less to cook it with—as well as rearing children are highly-skilled professions in which no children of fourteen, who are still engaged in learning to read and write, could by any possibility become proficient.

### Asking for It!

The virtuous and godly *Standard* would hardly like to stand confessed as encouraging militancy, but it evidently enjoys it and thinks its readers enjoy reading of it! It devotes a column and a quarter to news of the militants, and seven and a-half lines to four orderly, large, and sympathetic meetings held in the parks on Sunday by the W.F.L., the Men’s League, the New Constitutional, and the Teachers’ societies. If this be not asking for militancy—bidding for it—we should like to know what it is. And, *à propos* of Mr. McKenna’s solemn warning at Cardiff—which his supporters cheered while they hissed the “militants”—we must call attention to the following paragraph in *The Pall Mall Gazette*:—

### Cattle Driving in Ireland.

In connection with the recent cattle drive at Donore Ranch, when a policeman was badly injured, a large force of police, in the early hours of this morning, raided the houses of the drivers, and made fifteen arrests. Many of those arrested are girls and women, and one is an organiser of the United Irish League. At the “cattle-drive” referred to the police were assailed with sticks, stones, and bottles by a crowd of about 300 persons, men and women. If Mr. McKenna does not shrink from championing the male militants of the Nationalist party, has he no word to give us about the female militants? Are these cattle-driving girls less criminal than window-breakers? The Home Secretary opined that the vote won by militant methods would be a vote in a community that would not be worth having a vote in; we should be glad to see him take some steps to show that he believes his own words by acting on them and treating the Home Rule gander as he treats the W.S.P.U. goose.

### UNANSWERED, QUERIES.

#### (With Apologies to Lewis Carroll.)

“The matter,” said the Suffragists, “is plain as plain can be. Until they give us what we want, we will a nuisance be. And yet a foolish Government pretend they cannot see.”

“It’s very hard,” McKenna said, “that everyone blames me, and everything I do they call my inefficiency. The others can do what they like; yes, everyone but me.”

McKenna and his master man were walking hand-in-hand, and bitterly they wept to see the women in the land, “If they were only swept away,” said they, “it would be grand.”

“If seven prisons with seventy cells were filled up every year, by that means,” said McKenna, “should we really keep things clear?”

“I doubt it,” said the master man, and shed a bitter tear.

“Oh, women dear, be calm and good!” McKenna did seech, “You really make me say to you, you have no right of speech; I’ll have to shut you up again, and force some food down each.”

“Dear women,” said McKenna, “how I wish you would be good. For burning people’s houses is not acting as you should. If only I knew what to do, I’d stop you: if I could!”

“The time is come,” the women said, “to talk of many laws; Why are they all disfigured by so many ugly flaws? And why have we no vote, to get attention paid our cause?”

“Why can we not be lawyers if we have a fluent tongue? Why not academicians, when we have our pictures hung? Why is our work worse paid than yours?” But answer came there none,

They looked for their opponents, but they’d vanished every one. H. S.

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### AT HEADQUARTERS.

**Portman Rooms Meetings.**—Mrs. Perkins Gilman’s lecture to take place next Monday evening, June 2, at Portman Rooms, Baker-street (entrance in Dorset-street) has already aroused great attention and interest. The subject chosen is “Assorted Sins,” and there will be opportunity for discussion after the lecture. The chair will be taken by Mrs. Despard at 8 o’clock, and we strongly urge our friends to make early application to this office for tickets, the prices of which are 2s. 6d. and 1s. each; no sixpenny tickets are left. We look forward to seeing Portman Rooms crowded.

Next Wednesday afternoon, June 4, at Portman Rooms, we shall again have the pleasure of listening to our friend the Rev. F. M. Green, who has chosen as his subject “The Place of the Suffrage in the Woman’s Movement.” The other speaker will be Miss Nina Boyle, and the chair will be taken at 3.30 by Mrs. Huntsman. The following Wednesday Mrs. de Fonblanque will speak on “The Revelations of Woman Suffrage,” and Dr. Abram on “English Women in Middle Ages.”

**Suffrage Flower Day.**—To augment our President’s Birthday Fund, we are arranging a Suffrage Flower Day, Saturday, July 5, and we appeal for volunteers to sell flowers that day in the streets of London, and for flowers to be sold by the volunteers. Many of our members and friends have gardens large or small, and we feel confident that in making this early request our appeal will not be in vain. All communications on this matter should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Suffrage Flower Day Committee, W.F.L. Offices, 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, W.C.

**Summer Campaigns.**—These will be in full swing during July and August. The caravan, which is undergoing thorough repair in consequence of the floods which descended upon it in the neighbourhood of Norwich last year, will probably go to Scotland, where our members will arrange a tour for it. Miss Munro and Miss Clark have arrangements in hand for a campaign in the district of Aberystwyth, Aberdovey, and Barmouth, and another will be run at Tankerton. Will any of our members or friends who can spend their summer holiday in any of these districts communicate as early as possible with us? Much real enjoyment and genuine recreation can be promised to those willing to take part in this branch of our work.

F. A. UNDERWOOD.

### THE PRISON VAN SCANDAL.

The Political and Militant Department has a certain measure of amused satisfaction in publishing the further progress of the prison-van investigation. Information on this unsavoury subject is coming in from various sources, and the refusal of the Commissioner of Police to receive this first-hand information cannot fail to arouse the suspicion that the “investigation” now tardily inaugurated by the Prison Commissioners will be conducted on official evidence alone, and will result in the usual official denial of any cause for complaint, or in the issue of a whitewashing report which will be promptly pigeon-holed by the Home Office.

In pursuance of the campaign against the antiquated atrocities of “Black Maria,” the private secretary of the Commissioner of Police was approached—by phone—and informed that members of the League who had been in prison intended calling on Sir Edward Henry.

The secretary, with much courtesy, pleaded for an hour convenient to Sir Henry; and the time was eventually fixed, by telephone the next morning, for 4.30 p.m. of that day. At lunch-time, however, the private secretary intimated to the Political and Militant Department that his chief had changed his mind, and would not grant the interview until the matter to be discussed had been laid before him in writing. The following correspondence ensued:—

May 21st, 1913.

To the Secretary to the Commissioner of Police.  
Sir,—In regard to the interview with the Commissioner of Police, from which that gentleman appears anxious to withdraw, I am instructed to inform you that the matter which we desire to discuss with him is the conveyance of prisoners to and from His Majesty’s gaols and police-courts, and the accommodation provided for that purpose.

It is our intention to wait upon Sir Edward Henry at noon on Friday, and we trust that this will afford him sufficient time for the consideration of any statements or communications he may already have made on that subject.—Faithfully yours,  
(Signed) C. NINA BOYLE.

New Scotland Yard, S.W., 22.5.1913.

Madam,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., and to say in reply that Sir Edward Henry regrets he cannot receive the deputation to-morrow at noon, as he will be engaged.

From the statement in your letter that the deputation wish to discuss the accommodation provided for the conveyance of prisoners to and from His Majesty’s gaols and police-courts, it would seem that the deputation should address the Prison Commissioners, as they, and not the Commissioner of Police, are responsible for the conveyance of prisoners to and from prisons.—Believe me, yours faithfully,  
(Signed) GEORGE I. EDWARDS.

Miss C. Nina Boyle, Women’s Freedom League.

May 22nd, 1913.

To the Secretary, Commissioner of Police.  
Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of even date, for which I thank you.

May we call your attention to the fact that in *Hansard*, Vol. 48, No. 202 (Wed., Feb. 12), the Home Secretary, in answer to Mr. Jowett, M.P., gave the Commissioner of Police as his authority on matters connected with the prison vans?

Further, the Governor of Holloway Gaol referred Miss Anna Munro to the Commissioner of Police, saying that the prison vans had nothing to do with the prison or the Prison Committee.

Under the circumstances we feel compelled to see the Commissioner of Police, and will, therefore, as he is engaged at noon, call later in the day to-morrow, and await his convenience.—Faithfully yours,  
(Signed) C. NINA BOYLE.

New Scotland Yard, S.W., 22.5.1913.

Madam,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date. Although the facts are as stated in my previous letter of to-day, the Commissioner of Police, as he has already intimated, would be not unprepared to receive a deputation as you desire. We must, however, repeat his request that you will, in the first instance, communicate to him in writing the points which you wish to place before him. Without this he must decline to arrange an interview, which in such circumstances could serve no useful purpose.—Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) GEORGE I. EDWARDS.

Miss Nina Boyle, Women’s Freedom League.

May 23rd, 1913.

To the Secretary, Commissioner of Police.  
Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday evening, for which thanks.

The points we intend placing before the Commissioner of Police, as he cannot but be well aware, are those contained in the various statements published by the daily Press on Tuesday evening and Wednesday last. It is hardly possible that they should

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have escaped the notice of the Commissioner of Police. Also, the answers given on the same subject by the Home Secretary in reply to Mr. Jowett, M.P., in the House of Commons on February 12 (Hansard, Vol. 48, No. 202, Col. 502), in which the Commissioner of Police is quoted as the Home Secretary's authority. The matter contained in these answers gives the substance of our complaint. This being the case, and as the matter has already engaged the attention of the Commissioner of Police, we shall be glad to hear from you, by hand or by telephone, the earliest possible hour at which Sir Edward Henry will receive us.—Faithfully yours,

(Signed) C. NINA BOYLE.

New Scotland Yard, S.W., May 23rd, 1913.

Madam,—With reference to your letter of this date, I am desired to say that the Commissioner of Police has now learned that you made to the Visiting Committee of Holloway Prison a complaint as to the conditions under which your journey from the Marylebone Police Court to Holloway Prison on the 6th inst. was made. This complaint appears to be similar to the complaint made by you to the magistrate, and apparently is the complaint you wish to lay before the Commissioner. But as the Commissioner is causing enquiry to be made into your allegations, at the instance of the Prison Commissioners, it would obviously be improper for him to intervene, and he must therefore decline to receive your deputation, as the subject matter of your complaint will be dealt with by the Prison Commissioners, to whom I am to refer you.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) GEORGE I. EDWARDS.

Miss Nina Boyle, Women's Freedom League.

May 23rd, 1913.

To the Secretary, Commissioner of Police.

Sir,—Allow me to thank you for your letter just to hand (4.5 p.m.), in which you confirm our knowledge that the matter of the prison vans should properly be referred to the Commissioner of Police. It was in this knowledge that we felt it essential to approach the Commissioner and lay the matter before him ourselves; we are sure that Sir Edward Henry himself will recognise the extreme importance of first-hand evidence and strict accuracy in making an enquiry of this description.

Our object in still pressing for this interview is to ensure complete and careful consideration for the whole of this difficult subject.—Believe me to be, faithfully yours,

(Signed) C. NINA BOYLE.

It will thus be seen that the Commissioner of Police, having denied that the matter of the prison van was any affair of his, now figures as—and must all the time have known himself to be—the person to whom the investigation has to be entrusted; as well as being the person quoted by the Home Secretary as authority for the amazingly inaccurate information supplied to Mr. Jowett, M.P., and the House of Commons. That this previous declaration fits him for the position of investigator—into his own inaccuracies—will hardly be patent to the public.

If Mr. McKenna's answers on this subject be a sample of the information provided by Governments in reply to questions from the representatives of the electors in the House of the People, one may form some idea of the magnitude and number of the administrative scandals and ready equivocation in the effort to keep them from the knowledge of the public that call for eternal vigilance. It would seem to the feminine mind that a far simpler and safer way of maintaining departmental security would be not to have the scandals.

The whole unsavoury matter of the detention and conveyance of prisoners ought to be brought into the open and dealt with now, both in London and in the country gaols and police-courts, where verminous and other filthy and insanitary conditions frequently prevail. In most of the places where Suffragists have been detained an enormous improvement has been effected; but there remains still much to be done. Accommoda-

tion other than that suitable for "drunk and disorderly" characters must be provided—especially since the Government has displayed its vindictiveness by flinging men like John Scurr into detention without bail. The plank shelf and lavatory all in one is no fit provision for the night for decent, sober men and women who may next morning prove their innocence of any offence.

During a recent interview with Mr. McKenna, it was noted that that gentleman showed a somewhat malicious delight in attributing responsibility for various kindred matters, in Scotland, to "your friend, Mr. McKinnon Wood." It would certainly appear that matters require overhauling severely in respect of detention accommodation in the sister country; and we should be glad to receive accounts from Scottish prisoners, no matter of what society, of the provision made for those who cannot get bail overnight, and the conditions of the prison vans. We are bound to say that, when questioned on a specific case in the House, the Secretary for Scotland did not disgrace himself by a point-blank denial, and promised without equivocation to improve his knowledge, which he admitted to be slight, of the matter. He made, however, a very grave admission, which was that in the case in question, blankets and rugs were supplied to the prisoner. That this should be an unusual privilege strikes one dumb with surprise, and makes one wonder what Mr. McKenna was thinking of when he, *apropos* of conditions further south, declared that "suitable bedding" was supplied in police cells.

The concessions and improvements, wrung from reluctant and grudging administrators, now existing in police-stations and some prisons, have been won with infinite suffering and sacrifice by militant women in the past eight years. However much the militant societies may differ in ethics and in methods, they will stand firm on this ground; to hold as a sacred trust for others that which has been gained, and to spare no effort to increase that heritage and to hand it down unimpaired. If the beginning should be so small a matter as that of wearing one's own clothes in prison; of riding there in a decently equipped conveyance; or so important a point as having secured the appointment of a woman inspector of gaols, it is none the less significant and must in every case be made a stepping-stone to further successes.

C. NINA BOYLE.

## POLITICAL NEWS.

### Mr. McKenna at Cardiff.

The Women's Freedom League issued the following reply to Mr. McKenna's speech at Cardiff:—

"In consideration of the Limehouse speeches of Mr. Lloyd George, the rise to power of Mr. John Burns after the breaking down of Hyde Park railings and his six weeks' imprisonment for the part he took in Trafalgar-square on Bloody Sunday, and the long militant records of the present Government's Irish colleagues, it is singularly inept of Mr. McKenna to criticise women who endeavour to further a political cause by violence! If Mr. McKenna would spend time in becoming 'closely acquainted' with the workings of the department for which he is responsible, he might be able to render impossible such scandals of prison van accommodation as were exposed recently by two members of the Women's Freedom League.

Mr. McKenna may hold what opinion he pleases about the influence of militants on the Cause they have at heart, but few people will fail to recognise that Mr. McKenna's ridiculous attempts to coerce women who have a legitimate grievance into submission have brought nothing but discredit both upon himself and the office he fills. In his endeavour to repress free speech and a free Press Mr. McKenna has shattered any respect we had for his idea of the law, and so long as this Liberal Government is in power to override the rights and liberties of the British people, just so long will militant Suffragists hold the law and its administration in the profoundest contempt."

### Sir Victor Horsley's Discovery.

Sir Victor Horsley, who has taken a leading part in the campaign against forcible feeding, writes to *The Manchester Guardian* an illuminating account of the treatment he received at the hands of Mr. McKenna, in which he states that every attempt has failed to induce the Home Secretary—after his admission that Miss Lenton was in a condition of "imminent death"—to withdraw "his unfavourable descriptions of our veracity" (his own and that of Mr. Mansell-Moullin) on the case. He gives this astonishing sequel:—

"To those who have studied the Suffrage question this refusal affords no ground for surprise, but I accidentally discovered that while he was thus corresponding with me, he was also secretly intriguing and lodging accusations against me at the Royal College of Surgeons. In this he has been assisted by the President of the College, Sir J. Rickman Godlee, who shares his anti-democratic opinions. The situation would be merely Gilbertian, were not the good name of Liberalism in danger of being degraded, for although I have separately called upon both the Home Secretary and Sir J. Godlee to furnish me with the charges they have formulated against me, they have both refused to give me any information as to the nature of the attack which Mr. McKenna admits he has made upon me at the College.

"It appears to me that such conduct as this, secretly hatching against individuals plots and accusations which they dare not publish, is on the part of these public officials nothing less than imbecility.

"We certainly have to go back in history to find a parallel case of a Minister of the Crown endeavouring to suppress scientific free speech and criticism by secret intrigue. As for the President of the College of Surgeons, anything may be expected from such an officer considering that for very many years he has rigidly opposed the members of his own College in their struggle for constitutional enfranchisement and representation in its Government. It must be obvious that no Minister of the Crown would have made such a spectacle of his office by this insane attack on free speech unless he were afflicted with the idea that he was Richelieu or in some sort of way endowed with his spirit and method of ruling.—Yours, &c.,

May 23.

"VICTOR HORSLEY."

### A Woman J.P.

Miss Enid C. Duncan, the Chairman of the West Ham Board of Guardians, has been specially permitted by the Lord Chancellor to act as a Justice of the Peace for the purpose of certifying lunatics.

The question of the right of a lady to act *ex-officio* as a Justice of the Peace has been raised before. Chairmen of county councils, mayors of boroughs, and chairmen of urban and rural councils are entitled by virtue of their office to act as magistrates, but only if they are men. When Lady Dockrell was elected chairman of the Blackrock Urban Council, County Dublin, some years ago, there was a discussion as to whether she was not entitled to sit on the Magisterial Bench. The opinion expressed at the time was that a woman was disqualified.

The Act of Parliament passed in 1907 expressly excludes women chairmen of County Councils and women mayors from exercising magisterial functions. The operative clause of that Act reads:—

"A woman shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage for being elected or being a Councillor or Alderman of the Council of any county or borough (including a Metropolitan borough);

"Provided that a woman, if elected as chairman of a county council or mayor of a borough, shall not by virtue of holding or having held that office be a justice of the peace."

The *ex-officio* issue does not arise in the case of Miss Duncan, as the privilege is not attached to the position of a chairman of Board of Guardians. The question that her appointment raises is whether the Lord Chancellor having granted part of the powers of a justice of the peace to a woman, has not jurisdiction to grant full powers, with right to sit on the magisterial bench.

### Mr. John Scurr Released.

When Mr. John Scurr appeared at the Leeds Police-court on May 22, the stipendiary magistrate (Mr. Horace Marshall) said that the "proceedings must be hung up until the decision upon the point of law in Mr. Lansbury's case is given." The words declared by the prosecution to cause incitement were used by Mr. Scurr at a W.S.P.U. meeting in Leeds on April 22, and had reference to the right of the people to resist laws enforced by Government against the interests of the people; he said that property was not sacred. The defence laid stress on the delay of three weeks in proceeding against Mr. Scurr and to the fact that no damage had followed the speech. Mr. Scurr gave an undertaking similar to that already entered into by Mr. Lansbury, and was released on bail; himself in £100, and two sureties of £50 each.

The following resolution was passed by a meeting of the London District Officials and Emergency Committee of the Dock, Wharf, Riverside, and General Workers' Union, held in London:—"That this joint meeting of London District Officials and Emergency Committee utters its protest against the unwarrantable action of the police authorities under the instruction of the Home Office in arresting Mr. John Scurr, chairman of the London District of the above Union. We demand his immediate release, and request the Free Speech Defence Committee to immediately call a meeting for the purpose of making an effective protest. We record our unabated confidence and esteem for the good work Mr. Scurr has done for the Dockers' Union."

### Riot in Victoria-park.

Miss Winifred Mayo says:—"The procession to Victoria Park on Sunday was exquisitely pretty and well-organised, and the laughter heard along the line of march was that of good-tempered people who were enjoying the spectacle thoroughly. Of the sixteen platforms, surrounded with dense and sympathetic crowds, thirteen held most successful meetings, carrying the



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resolution by overwhelming majorities. The disturbances which took place at three platforms were the work of one and the same gang, who moved round to evade the vigilance of the dockers and other supporters. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst's platform suffered slightly, that of the New Constitutional also; while the Actresses were unable to speak a word. Obscene conduct was indulged in. Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett was struck most brutally, and a few stones were thrown; but the gang moved off when Ben Tillett and his men came to that platform, after which peace reigned.

"Miss E. Sylvia Pankhurst writes, with respect to Sunday's riot in Victoria Park, that there was the largest gathering in the park that has ever been seen in East London, and the vast mass of the crowd were friends of the movement. The main body was entirely orderly and sympathetic, but a few hundred men and youths whose conduct appeared to be organised caused some disorder. Rowdies at her platform did not entirely succeed in drowning the voices of the speakers. There were no uniformed police in the park. She saw one handful of gravel thrown. It hit no one on the platform. As far as she knows no one was hurt."—*Daily News*.

### Mrs. Pankhurst Rearrested.

Mrs. Pankhurst was rearrested at Woking, on May 26, as she was about to enter a motor, accompanied by Dr. Ethel Smythe, Dr. Flora Murray, and a nurse, to return to London and appear at the W.S.P.U. Pavilion meeting. She appeared instead at Bow-street, and was re-committed by the magistrate (Mr. Graham Campbell) to Holloway. She said that since her release she had been treated as though she were in prison, and it was impossible in such circumstances to recover her health. She added: "I intended to come to London to put an end to an intolerable situation, and resume my position as an ordinary human being in this country. If I am taken to Holloway on your warrant I shall resume the protest I made before, which led to my release, and I shall go on indefinitely until I die or until the Government decide, since they have taken upon themselves to employ you and other people to administer laws, that they must recognise women as citizens and give them some control over the laws of this country."

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### THE MEN WHO GOVERN US.

#### Past Record.

The Liberal Press is spreading its tail and vaunting the beauty of the spots on it. The Government's record of the last seven years is, they proudly affirm, one of continuous beneficence and splendour:—Justice to South Africa, justice to India, justice to the Liberal Party (by destroying the power of the Lords), justice to Ireland, to the Welsh Nonconformists, to the working classes, benefits all round, and prosperity unparalleled—there never was such a Government.

#### Present Record.

Perhaps we may be allowed to mention a few points on which *The Westminster Gazette* and its brethren are modestly silent. Justice to women has unaccountably not engaged the attention of our men rulers. It is difficult to explain this omission with any regard to facts or logic, seeing that no other reform has been so urgently and persistently pressed for. The prejudices and the requirements of men in Africa, India, Ireland, Wales, the Trade Unions—or rather, such of those men as might be counted on to give payment in kind, have been catered for, and the party interests have been carefully fostered. Other things that have been attempted or connived at are the suppression of free speech, freedom of the Press, the rights of the public to public trial, and the rights of all sections of the public to police protection (which in any case they are compelled to pay for) from interference, insult, and injury. This is the reverse side of the glowing "tail," whose adornments are evoking the admiration of its possessors. The Liberal Government may, therefore, pique itself on having forced the public, with riot and disorder and tyranny, to fight for the second time in our generation over the same ground.

#### Militancy!

*The Daily Mail* is responsible for an incredibly funny article on Sir Edward Carson, "By One Who Knows Him." Sir Edward is fortunate in being so admired. When Suffragists write panegyrics on their leaders, however, we notice that the Press and the party which adores Sir Edward has nothing but scorn for them. The kind of militancy that "drills" with dummy guns is, of course, so much more admirable than the unarmed fight of the women. We wonder, by the way, why banana bombs are considered more wicked, or more foolish (as the case may be) than sham guns and wooden swords? *The Daily Mail* has asserted over and over again that "Ulster will Fight," and that arms will be used. We would like to know how you do use sham guns; perhaps *The Daily Mail* will tell us? And perhaps it will also tell us why, if militant Suffragettes are so despicable and detestable, His Majesty of Ulster did that superb imitation of Mrs. Pankhurst last Friday week—attitudinising on his preposterous platform and shouting, I alone am responsible; let the Government arrest me if it dare! It is a pity Sir Edward can't invent his own campaign and his own methods; what kind of an anti-Suffragist is it that has to fly to militant Suffragists for inspiration?

#### JUMBLE SALE.

The Jumble Sale which is to be held by the London Branches Council and Northern Heights Branch will take place at Tolmer-square Institute, Drummond-street, near Euston Tube Station, on Saturday, June 7. Contributions are coming in, but not as plentifully as we could wish. Helpers are urgently needed for the sale. Will they kindly be at the hall at 2.30 p.m. and bring some change, particularly coppers? There will also be much work to do on the Friday, afternoon and evening, in pricing and arranging the goods. Milliners, amateur or professional, are specially requested to turn up at the hall on Friday afternoon at 2.30 to trim the hats, which will then fetch a much better price.—M. FISHER.



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I desire to draw the attention of the readers of *THE VOTE* to one of our latest publications. It is a dainty little volume of short stories written by one of our best friends and truest supporters, G. Colmore. Most of them have appeared before—some in *THE VOTE*—and many will be glad to have them strung together in this pleasant and handy little volume.

I want, if I can, in a few words, not only to express my own admiration of these tales, but to draw attention to what I conceive to be their deep meaning and their artistic unity. Those who remembering the past and looking out into the present watch the strange developments of to-day, especially in the woman's movement, cannot fail to see that what we may almost call a new type of woman is being moulded in the struggle for freedom. The writer of these delightful stories, holding the mirror up to nature as all true artists should, has given us passing glimpses—some humorous and some pathetic—of this new type.

The quiet, dutiful little governess, with the hand of steel under the velvet glove, who gives the title to the series; the other, representing "Pluck," who was as brave by the canal bank when a child had to be rescued from drowning as she was in her determined defiance of the law; the wife who was turned out by her husband because she would persist in "the hysterical nonsense she called a Cause and her duty," and who went back at his entreaty three years later; "A Lost Dog"; little quiet Rosie, alarming her mother and converting her father by her courage at a Liberal meeting and the treatment dealt out to her there; the hardworked dressmaker, who, in defiance of the police, hides her Suffragist fellow-lodger in an ottoman—all these seem to embody in different forms that new spiritual force, that self-finding and self-giving, that determination, pluck, cheerfulness and resource which are being developed in the woman's movement.

Another point must be noticed, and that is the influence of all this upon the idle and indifferent. The young man about town, the master, the husband, the father, the careless on-looker, brought face to face with woman as she is, when the veil of convention is withdrawn—all these begin dimly to realise that something not new only, but beautiful and to be desired, has arisen amongst us.

We thank the writer heartily for her little book, which will be widely read, and which, we hope, will make many see our movement and especially the militant side of it, in a new light.

C. DESPARD.

*The Englishwoman* for May is full of most varied and vital interest and excellence, and we congratulate those responsible for this welcome monthly on their success in making it indispensable to those who would keep in touch with woman's progress in every sphere. Allusion to Mr. Philip Snowden's political article was made in our "Political News"; other articles of special interest are: "Woman Suffrage in the United States," by Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, in which the progress made is shown to be remarkable when it is remembered that American women "must place their fate in the hands of men representing every nationality on earth, and these men, including the native-born Americans, must be asked to give political power to women of all these nationalities." Yet so great is the progress that "more women have the complete franchise in the United States than in other countries combined." Our veteran friend, Mr. James Haslam, of Dublin, contributes an article which, under the title of "A Plea for the Extension of Trade Boards," sets forth the bitter facts of "the awful tragedy of women's work in all parts of Great Britain and Ireland." He insists that, "If men in the ordinary circumstances of trade will not do what is right to these women, then they must be made to do it. And the weapon which we can now wield is the Trade Boards Act." The Problem of the Day this month is the underpaid profession of nursing; it is urged that girls should begin their training at twenty-one, that they should be relieved of much of the housemaid's work now required of them, and that their hours should be reduced; registration, it is maintained, would improve the nurse's status, and public opinion should raise salaries. Miss Palliser's article on "Chivalry—?" says what needs to be said at the moment, and says it well; "Seeking Work in Paris" is the story by a Frenchwoman of her difficulties in Paris; Mrs. Wills writes effectively of women as school managers; and, in addition to an admirable article on Botticelli's women, there are excellent stories, poems, book reviews, and theatre notes.

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## THIS MUST STOP!

There is an enormous difference in the point of view from which incidents and events are regarded. Those who look from above, those who look from below, and those who can only see from one side or another will certainly give widely varying estimates of what they see. Under such circumstances, if the question involved is of vital importance to an individual or to a nation the only safe course to pursue will be so far as possible to get behind opinions to the motives which colour them.

"This must stop" has been said in a multiplicity of ways by men, whose object it is to prove that the Woman's Movement, in its comparatively new developments, is evanescent and must cease. Magistrates, judges, police authorities, clergy, Home Secretaries have all raised the same cry, "This must stop; women must be quiet. They must obey the laws. They must return to their old docility; and then we shall see if we—the men—cannot do something for them." What is behind this? Why are these persons so keenly anxious that the Woman's Movement shall die?

We think an answer can be easily found. This women's movement, in all its phases, is to them disquieting, annoying and (which is worse to people of their type) embarrassing. They find themselves in presence of a problem. They try to solve it, and again and again ignominiously they fail. Punishments, repression, scorn, anger, denial of free speech, harking back to ancient laws, making new ones to fit the occasion, insulting women, inciting rough elements in the population to break up their meetings with violence, denying bail to Suffragist prisoners, or granting it only under the most difficult conditions—all these means have been tried. We can almost see the authorities, as, after every effort at "putting the foot down," they watch for the result and find it nil. "It must stop," we seem to hear them say. "This is the last. We shall hear of it no more." And in spite of all they can do, it—the woman's agitation—goes on. The moral fibre, the deathless energy of those who are engaged in the battle, those who are fighting for their children and their homes, grows stronger instead of weaker with each apparent reverse.

What are they to do? Three Home Secretaries have been engaged, one after the other, in the hopeless task. Herbert Gladstone was vanquished and gave it up. Winston Churchill started bravely. The blot of a "Black Friday" will ever attach itself to his name. Not all the sweet waters of Araby can wash out that fatal stain. But it did not bring about the full stop he worked for. Moreover, he did not seem to like the business. So to McKenna—the man who in every other part had been a failure—the mandate was given: "Go in; see what you can do. This must stop!"

It is needless to go back over the record of this sorry person, since the direction of the Home Office was put into his hands. Indeed, it is not only the women Suffragists who cry out. We know through revelations

given to the public during the hollow-ware strike that he has not even the backbone to enforce regulations made by his own department. Employers of labour snap their fingers at him, and for them there is no punishment. Terrible is the destruction of property when it is done in the open and on a small scale; but destruction of human life, infliction of disease, shortening the days and killing the joys of innocent healthy human beings, done quietly and carried on year after year with deadly persistency—that is not terrible in the eyes of an enlightened Government, and no one need be held responsible for such crimes. Where is the strong voice to cry out from the Front Bench, "The iniquities daily consummated in the dangerous trades are uncivilized and unholy. They must stop."

Unhappily, as has been proved over and over again, by garbled answers given to questions addressed to him in the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna does not know what is going on in his own special department. He has never even heard of the horrors of the van in which helpless women are taken from police-court to prison. These things do not concern him. But something else does. Every fresh revelation brings him back to his parrot-cry, "This must stop."

Ah! Cannot anyone with the least spark of imagination understand the uneasiness that is abroad in high places? Front Bench, Opposition, the majority of the Members of the House have seen, far off, over the hills, the storm brewing, that, if not allayed in time, will sweep them and their conventions and pettinesses away. Already they begin to feel the chill of change, the cold plunge into a cleaner, purer, truer world. For things are moving. Women one day, men another, bold thinkers, bold speakers, scorning punishment, ready to die, are making themselves amenable to the law, which they are said, often falsely, to have broken. The cry sent out by the authorities is being taken up by those whose voices they are seeking to silence. Stimulated by a growing consciousness of the greatness of the issues before them, justly incensed by the Government's folly and ineptitude, they are coming together, always in greater numbers and inspired with a deeper determination. They, in their turn, are saying, "THIS MUST STOP!"

In our last issue we spoke of the "New Sport" in which certain young hooligans have been encouraged to indulge. In a speech of subtle and sinister incitement at Cardiff, the Home Secretary has given a further lead to the forces of disorder. Possibly it was a reaction from the panic of the morning. Being warned—was it in a dream?—that Suffragettes were abroad, he did not attend the Disestablishment Conference in the afternoon. We read in *The Daily Herald* that he visited the Mental Hospital instead, "and was not detained." Meantime his friends and the ubiquitous police were taking every sort of precaution for his safety in the evening. He did appear at last, and near him sat an obliging detective—his eagle eye fixed on the audience. Two interruptions occurred. Order, however, was speedily restored; and then the great man, from his safe elevation, gave what the papers called "a warning to militants."

"In the natural course of my office," he said, "I have become closely acquainted with the inner workings of this organisation"—we wish the same could be said of his own special department. Then, addressing the militants—not only, we presume, those who destroy property, but those who in any way break the law—he went on: "I warn the leaders that, by their action, they can bring nothing but discredit on their Cause and punishment on themselves."

In truth, there speaks the voice of despair. The Home Secretary knows that the whole of his administration as regards this question has been a tissue of mistakes. And now he would bolster himself up by paltry threats and paltry tyranny. Insult has been heaped upon insult. This is the last. The limit has been reached. Thousands of women all over the country—

mothers, factory workers, trade unionists, those engaged in arts and crafts and professions—will answer with a grim emphasis, the force of which no small official soul can grasp: "THIS MUST STOP!"

We have begun, our mentors tell us, at the wrong end. Needless, perhaps, to retort that we did not begin there. That is an old story. They conjure us, by the love of our Cause, to retrace our steps, to return to the ancient methods of cajolery and reasonable persuasion. We ask, How have the men begun? Have they no cause to serve? Do none of those in the seats of the mighty desire for their country peace, harmony, the opportunities for clean living and just acting? If they do, how has it entered into their minds to conceive that these are to be achieved by chicanery, insult and oppression?

Let them, in the name of heaven, recognise that it is they who have begun at the wrong end, that righteous dealing at the very outset would have made impossible that which now stains our honour as a nation; and that, therefore, before it is too late, they must retrace their steps! If our country is to rise out of her present humiliation and go forward on the path that leads to honour and progress—"THIS MUST STOP."

C. DESPARD.

## HELL AND MRS. GRUNDY.

She would not mention the place, yet she stands not far from its edge and helps, in her decorous way, to keep it going. For if, over its many entrances, were written a warning, such as was over the door of that hell that Dante saw, fewer would be beguiled into the foulness of its pits. But of warning Mrs. Grundy will have none. She sits on the throne of British respectability and mention, by spoken or written word, of the existence of hell is forbidden by her ancient and inviolable law. Hell? nay, hells, for it is plural. There is but one Mrs. Grundy, but the hells she hides are many. How many does not matter, nor how deep they are, nor how vile, so long, only, as they are not seen or known. The thing that matters, the unforgivable sin, the sin against respectability, is to speak of them, to acknowledge their existence, to cease to pretend that they are not there.

For long, very long, Mrs. Grundy, spreading her skirts wide, has done sentry go with marked success before the gates of hell. But these are the days, not in the dressmaking trade alone, of hobble skirts, and Mrs. Grundy has, somehow or other, and in spite of herself, been docked in the breadth of her petticoats. So that women—oh, not womanly women—but certain hussies of the brazen sort, have actually looked beyond the figure, ample in itself, of Mrs. Grundy, and looking, have seen sights of pity and terror within hell's open gates; and seeing, have spoken of what they saw. And some, more brazen still, or more brave (the words are synonyms to Mrs. Grundy), have entered now this, now that, of the hidden pits, and have crowned their shame by coming forth again and making known to the world the iniquities that flourish in the depths.

Take the police-courts. Who till women, brazen if you will, but articulate, passed into and out of them, knew aught of what went on there? Who knew of the tyranny, the insults, to which women, yes, and men, are subjected in these dens of what is called justice? The policeman's word overriding all other evidence, the accused, silenced, the unconvicted prisoner treated as a criminal, these things women have seen, have experienced, and have reported to the world outside. "Boyle," said a police-court magistrate the other day to a woman not yet proved guilty. "Miss Boyle," corrected the prisoner; and "Miss" in the end it had to be. But who save the women begrimed by Mrs. Grundy would have dared to give that lesson?

There are torments more brutal, pains acuter still, in these outer courts of hell. In cases where a woman's modesty is ruthlessly rifled—that modesty men bid her keep—where delicacy is outraged, decency trampled

upon, in those cases, be the woman victim mature or immature, a young girl or a mere child, the court is cleared of all other women. No other woman's eye, no other woman's presence, may give a shade of comfort or of countenance. By order of Mrs. Grundy, only men remain; how coarse, how low, she does not care. She only cares to hide the facts of suffering and of sin from the world of women hoodwinked by her ordinances. But women have broken the windows of these outer courts, windows caked with dirt, that let in little light and no fresh air; and in papers that cannot be suppressed, in meetings that cannot be broken up, these tales of the underworld are told to the world at large.

These tales and others, of other places, of other pains. In the Camden-road is a great, grim building, called Holloway. Few knew it from without, save those who live near at hand and those, disdained of Mrs. Grundy, the underfed, the badly housed, from whom the criminal class is recruited; fewer still from within, till women, resolute on the war path, dared its punishments, learned its secrets, and came forth to preach against its mistakes, its cruelties, its inquisitorial methods, its destructive penalties.

Oh, British public who rave, stirred up by the cant of Grundyism and a be-Bodkined Press, against the women you call unsexed and violent and absurd, have you ever thought, for one little reflective moment, what these women are doing for you, incidentally, taking these things in their stride as it were, as they march to liberty? Have you ever thought what they are doing by opening up to you the secrets of the prison van, the prison-houses and the prison ways, by throwing light upon the processes of the law and its administration, by stigmatising the evils, and holding the utilities up to scorn? Already, in the prisons some few reforms have been driven in; already, upon our whole prison system and police-court system, there is stamped a great question mark. In spite of Mrs. Grundy.

There are Gods many and lords many, and there are devils many and hells many. Now come with me to one of the nethermost hells. Never fear Mrs. Grundy and what she will say. She will not come one step upon the way, having noted the direction we take; and as for speech, she will choke with horror ere she has stammered forth half the epithets that she will apply to us. To us, not to the place we are going to.

It lies, this place, very far away, from any pity, any purity; from chivalry and manliness; from love or thought of loving, deep down in the blackest iniquity, in lust of gold, and lust of passion, and lust of cruelty. Men know of it, but not for them it was to tell of its existence. In league with Mrs. Grundy they played her game, as she played theirs; and wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, were kept in a shameful innocence, save only and always those, wives some of them and mothers, sisters some, and daughters all, who were lured or thrown into the pit.

It is women who have shoved Mrs. Grundy aside; it is the Woman's Movement that has compelled authorities to investigate and report upon this hell. What reports! This is from the evidence brought before the Illinois Senate Committee in Chicago:—

Yesterday an inmate from a Chicago resort appeared before the Senators. She was carried from the hospital. She related how a girl of seventeen years old was brought to the house by procurers. They carried her upstairs, and as she fought like a mad woman her clothes were taken from her. Witness heard her screaming every night for two weeks. "Where is she now?" asked one Senator. "She's at the hospital, too, and almost gone," answered the witness.

A woman brought up from the nethermost hell to tell of the torments there, brought through the pressure of the demand made by women. Would you know more of these things? But you must go down into hell to learn them. You cannot know the anguish of the truth except by learning facts that will turn your brain giddy and your heart sick, except by feeling, in some degree at least, the pains and the despairs of hell.

There is a book taken from one of the raided houses

in Chicago, and in it are entered the services of the women prisoned there. No surnames; the daily work of Florence, Kitty, and the rest. The work they do, the amount of it, passes the ordinary conception of what is humanly possible. Forty-five times in twenty-four hours was one woman hired out. Machines they are, she and the others, to those who own them; machines not all of American manufacture, but made, many of them, in English villages, shipped over sea, and broken in distant lands, never to be mended. And when the men who rake these girls in are asked how they can follow such a trade, the reply is, over and over again, the same: "More girls are needed, and we are promised big money for them."

These are the middlemen, the men employed by the trade to provide for the customers. Mrs. Grundy, forced to turn her eyes for a Parliamentary moment upon these things, elects to flog these men. Brutes! she says, rustling indignant skirts. And so they are. But the men who employ them, and the men who make use of the human goods they provide, Mrs. Grundy will not touch, either by law or custom. If these men are made scapegoats, she says, all will be well.

Now mark that when it is a question of the wearing of feathers and furs, it is the women who wear them who are blamed for the destruction of beast and bird, not the men who destroy, not the middlemen who provide the goods. If women would cease to wear such things, says superior man as he pauses in his sport, the trade would die. So it would. And so, too, if men would cease to demand hell, the middlemen would cease to provide it.

In the meantime, while women are beating down walls and shattering bars, are descending into hell and telling what lies within, Mrs. Grundy sits blinking her eyes, in the bosom of respectable society. She has a bit on at races and smirks over the plays called doubtful. She approves the suggestive joke, and is shocked by the



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G. COLMORE.

### A VISIT TO SCOTLAND.

It is always a joy and refreshment to me to visit our Scotch Branches. Possibly it is the strength of the north that runs in the veins of the women. Certainly there is a special vitality, an unwavering spirit of hope amongst our Scottish members, which it is pleasant to meet.

I came to Edinburgh first, where I was met by our good friend, Mrs. Dobbie. She and her husband give me such kindly welcome, visit after visit, that when going to their house it is like going to my own home.

We went to the Albany Hall, which we found full of an expectant audience. It had been arranged that my address should follow the President's opening, and that afterwards a little dramatic entertainment should be given.

I dealt principally with the attitude and policy of the Women's Freedom League, and I gave the story of our two recent protests. I was heard with rapt attention, and abundant applause went out when the names of our prisoners were given. After my address I had the pleasure of taking my place amongst the audience. Two dramatic sketches, both admirable and timely, were given. The first was a dialogue between Lady Butterby, an anti-Suffragist fine lady, and Mrs. McBean, whom she has invited to tea, with the express purpose of getting her to sign a petition against Woman's enfranchisement. The fun and good sense of it delighted the audience.

A dramatic sketch by Miss Helen McLachlan, M.A., called *Mr. Peppercorn's Awakening*, followed. As Miss McLachlan has graciously promised to allow her play to appear in *THE VOTE*, I will merely say of it here that it is finely conceived, and that the players took their parts well.

At the request of the players, who represented many different industries, I took my place with them in the pageant with which part of the little festival closed. Mrs. Dobbie and I left our friends to supper and dancing.

I was further cheered by hearing good news of the progress of the Cause and of our League in Scotland, where our numbers, and consequently the work, are outgrowing the possibilities of the voluntary officials, many of whom have special work of their own, and a fund is being raised to supply the salary and maintenance of a permanent organiser. The names of several new members were taken.

I had an example of the necessity of an organiser in my next visit, which was to Paisley. It would be impossible for me to speak too highly of the enthusiasm and earnestness of our little Branch in this big industrial centre, where the women-workers, many of them shockingly underpaid, predominate in numbers; but all are workers, and they have neither time, nor experience, nor money, for initial organising. We held our meeting in the Lower Central Hall. It was not so large as it certainly would have been, had there been time and money for advertisement; but the feeling was admirable; many strangers were present, and the young secretary, Miss Dracup, had the satisfaction of adding three names to her list of members.

I am perfectly convinced that when the Scottish Council are able to send an organiser to Paisley they will soon have a strong and very useful Branch in that city. Next week I hope to write of my visit to Dundee, which takes place too late to include in this issue. Meantime I rejoice in the courage of those who, subject to many difficulties, are so bravely flying the flag of "Woman's Freedom."



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Dear Members of the W.F.L.—At the end of three months of the organised street-sales of *THE VOTE*, I have the satisfaction of reporting that the results have been encouraging and that the weekly average takings are increasing slowly but steadily. Many people, to whose notice our paper has recently been introduced by means of street sales and parades, have recorded their appreciation, and return regularly and eagerly for each week's new issue. They admit that the aims of Suffrage women in general, and of our League in particular, have been made clear to them, and their interest in the cause enlisted, by means of the simple, practical dealing with the subject in *THE VOTE*. At the same time, it is appalling to note the apathy and want of interest shown by the hundreds who hurry past the street-seller—evidently not yet realising how vital for their own welfare is the object for which she stands.

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Many whom the winter weather prevented from taking part in this kind of propaganda will now be able to devote one or more hours weekly with benefit to themselves and others. I shall be pleased to send packets of a dozen or more *VOTES* to those isolated members who cannot afford the time to come to the office; and to those whose purse is slender I should like to say that any out-of-pocket expenses will be willingly refunded.

Thanking those who have so loyally helped during the most trying part of the year, and anticipating an enthusiastic response to this appeal,—Believe me, yours sincerely,  
JULIA WOOD.

MRS. PERKINS GILMAN AT BROMLEY, KENT.—Opportunities to hear our American visitor, Mrs. Perkins Gilman, are rare, so our friends will welcome a second chance afforded by Mrs. Harvey's "At Home," at the Bell Hotel, Market-square, Bromley, on Thursday, June 5, at 7.30 p.m., when Mrs. Gilman will speak on "Things We Could Do Now." Admission by card, to be obtained from Mrs. Harvey, Brackenhill, Highland-road, Bromley, Kent. Convenient trains leave Victoria (L.C.D.) for Bromley South at 6.36 p.m., and Charing-cross, &c. (S.E.R.) for Bromley North, at 6.45 p.m. Both stations are about six minutes' walk from the hotel. Motor 'buses from New-cross, Lewisham, Catford, &c., pass the door.

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### OUR "WEDNESDAYS."

Our "Wednesday," on May 21, attracted a good audience, including many strangers to the Portman Rooms. Mrs. Tanner presided, and in a brief speech said that to-day we had no statesmen, only politicians; a statesman is needed. Miss Nina Boyle read a letter from the doctor at Holloway Prison, making the admission that forcible feeding was only fairly successful in some cases, and welcoming its cessation. The Government, she said, had been compelled by the women to drop forcible feeding. The "Cat-and-Mouse" Bill was practically ineffective; the mice escaped. Each detective employed in watching Mrs. Pankhurst costs the country £92 a year. She welcomed the decision of the House of Lords that all Courts of Law must be open. The police had been made confederates of the obscene element in mobs, so mob-law ruled. Mrs. Huntsman made an appeal for funds to help the costs of transference of meetings from the Caxton Hall.

Mr. O'Dell gave a brilliant address on the Character of Ann Whitfield, in "Man and Superman"; he said that he used to be of the opinion that Bernard Shaw's women were minxes and tiresome wretches, but had changed his opinion. Shaw, he observed, is not a perfect artist, but his women characters are alive and independent of the writer. Candida is an absolute creation. Ann, like Candida, is very true to life. We meet her every day; she has money and no occupation, and wants a family. Why should not she hunt Jack Tanner? She takes the only means possible to her, and singles out the only man in her circle who has brains and genius, and who, eugenically, would be the best father. Natural selection is at work among the poor, but not among the rich, where money and long descent count for more than health and brains, and the result is the production of lower types. Jack is a fine companion and stimulating comrade; why not stick to him in spite of modern conventions? Ann has power, and can develop into a good citizen. The franchise ought to help to produce real equality between men and women. Potential mothers ought to have freedom of choice of fathers; but women must have economic independence, for freedom depends on the power to choose, and this power depends on money in one's pocket.

An interesting discussion followed, and Mr. O'Dell agreed with the suggestion that co-education of boys and girls, as carried out in some of the Quaker schools, is the ideal at which we should aim, and will tend to do away with the false relations, hypocrisy, and deceit between young people.

### IS WOMAN SUFFRAGE "A LOST CAUSE"? Liverpool Men Say "No."

A well-attended public meeting was held at St. Luke's Parish Hall, Crosby, near Liverpool, on May 21, under the auspices of the Women's Freedom League. With the exception of the chairman, Mrs. Shaw, who introduced the speakers, the meeting was entirely handed over to men supporters. Mr. John Edwards began with a speech on "How to Quell the Present Rebellion of Women"; he spoke of the vast amount of constitutional work done by women in addition to militant protests, and declared that no methods of repression, not even those devised by the cruel ingenuity of the present Government, could end the trouble; nor could it be expected that women would respect laws which they had no share in making. Mr. B. Bernard likened our national life to a tinged stream, fouled by social and economic conditions, which for women were quite intolerable.

Mr. J. Hall spoke in scathing terms of the so-called "Liberalism" of the present Government. Liberalism once stood for liberty and progress, now it stands for suppression of free speech and free newspapers, and Russian methods of torture. He supported Mr. Edwards and Mr. Bernard in calling on all decent men to stand by the women. Several other men took part in the discussion, and the view generally expressed was that the one and only way to end the present rebellion of women was to give them the vote and so make them free citizens. The meeting was a complete denial of *The Liverpool Echo's* suggestion, that the movement for the enfranchisement of women is "a Lost Cause."

### IN THE PARKS.

#### Hyde Park.

Our usual meeting was held in Hyde Park at noon last Sunday. The speakers were Miss Read, who presided, and Miss Anna Munro, fresh from Holloway because of the fight for Free Speech in the Park. The meeting was one of the largest, most attentive, and interested ever held in the Park. A few interruptors, chiefly of foreign nationality anxious to know facts, were answered by the speakers. Mrs. Clarkson Swann supported the speakers.

#### Regent's Park.

The meeting in Regent's Park held by the Mid-London Branch was again entirely successful. A large and most well-mannered crowd gathered round the lorry, and gave the speakers the fairest possible hearing, in spite of some good-natured "chaff" which was occasionally bandied between the platform and the public. Miss Boyle spoke of many administrative scandals, and drew historical parallels between the fight and progress to-day and that waged in the past, when the very same ground was gone over, and that it was thought the victory had been won. Mrs. Clarendon Hyde presided, and set forth the policy, aims, and achievements of the Freedom League.

### BRANCH NOTES.

Will Branch Secretaries kindly write their reports very distinctly and briefly ON ONE SIDE of a sheet of paper, leaving a margin on the left, and address them to the Editor, THE VOTE Office, 2, Robert-street, Adelphi, London, W.C. A half-penny stamp is sufficient; the flap of the envelope should be tucked inside. All reports must reach the office on or before the first post on Monday mornings.

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Will members please refer to "Forthcoming Events" for list of meetings? The Jumble Sale is fixed for Tuesday, June 3, at 3 p.m., so there is yet time for goods to be sent in; men's and boys' boots and clothing are especially wanted. Another date important to all is Thursday, June 5, when the second Home-made Cake and Gandy Sale will be held by Mrs. Abbott, and proceeds given to our Protest Fund. Committee members are reminded of the meeting on Monday, June 2, at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by Branch meeting at 4 o'clock. We intend having a stall for sale of useful and fancy articles at our W.S.T. meeting on June 12. Will every member contribute at least one article, and send it by June 10 to Miss Cooke, 39, Lansdowne-road, or to the hon. secretary?

#### Hackney.

A drawing-room meeting will be given by Mrs. Wheatley at her residence, 66, Filey-avenue, Upper Clapton, on Wednesday, June 4; afternoon tea, 3.30 p.m.; speeches at 4 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Despard. Will Hackney friends please make this as widely known as possible, and endeavour to ensure a grand success for Mrs. Wheatley's meeting, as she is about to remove from the district?

#### Highbury.

Our sincere thanks are due to Mrs. Arklay for the very pleasant time she gave us on Saturday afternoon. After tea, Miss Irene Ross, of the Actresses Franchise League, gave an extremely clever Suffrage recitation in costume. Miss Boyle, who had very kindly come to speak, followed with a delightful account of her recent prison experiences, and her interviews with doctor, visiting committee, and magistrate, after which she briefly explained the militant policy of the Women's Freedom League, for the benefit of those of her audience who were not members. Miss Boyle also made an urgent appeal for workers—Vote sellers being specially necessary—and it is hoped that all who possibly can will attend the weekly meetings at Highbury Corner, which begin on Thursday next. A good collection was taken, and THE VOTE and Suffrage literature, &c., sold well.

#### Stamford-hill and Tottenham.

A Jumble Sale was held in Tottenham on Saturday, and an evening meeting in Stamford Hill on Monday, at which there was a good attendance to welcome Miss Munro. Further meetings will be arranged as soon as possible.

#### West Hampstead.

A successful open-air meeting was held in West End-lane, near West Hampstead Station, on Tuesday, May 20, when Mrs. Tanner addressed an audience that needed much instruction in political matters. Most of the women present showed great interest, and THE VOTE sold well.

#### PROVINCES.—Chester.

On Saturday afternoon, May 24, a Jumble Sale was held at the People's Hall, Delamere-street, in order to obtain funds to carry on the work of the League. The Sale was most successful, owing to the untiring zeal of our hon. treasurer, Miss Taylor, who organised and managed it, and the splendid way in which the members and sympathisers helped, both by giving articles for the Sale and by assisting in all possible ways. The amount made, after the expenses of the hall, billing and carting were paid, was £8 4s., which is most encouraging, and should be a great incentive to the treasurers of the various Branches to make a similar effort.

#### Ipswich.—Suffrage Shop: 22, Queen-street.

There was a good attendance at our Branch meeting on May 22, when Miss Nicholson read a paper on "Women in Revolt." A hearty vote of thanks was given to Miss Trott for her eight weeks' work amongst us. Next Thursday will be devoted to "Five Minute Speeches." Will members kindly come prepared? Miss Bobby has kindly undertaken the responsibility of keeping shop.

#### West Hartlepool.

Two very successful meetings were held on May 20—afternoon at Hussey's Café, evening at 56, Whitby-street. Miss Elphick gained the sympathy of her audience at both meetings, the result being an addition of several new members to our Branch.

#### WALES.—Swansea.

On May 19, the Branch held a public meeting at the Albert Hall, at which an address was given by the Hon. Mrs. Henlé; the Mayor, Mrs. D. Williams, presided. A telegram of congratulation was sent to Free Speech Prisoners' Release Meeting in London. Mrs. Henlé dealt with women's wages and other aspects of the Suffrage question.

#### SCOTLAND.—Edinburgh.—Suffrage Shop, 33, Forrest-road.

A very successful open-air meeting was held at King's Stables-road on Wednesday, when Miss A. B. Jack took the chair and answered questions, and Councillor Crawford spoke. More members are wanted to help in various ways at these weekly meetings.

The "Hard-up Social" on Friday evening was a most successful and enjoyable function. Miss A. C. McLaren presided over a very good attendance, and Mrs. Despard's account of the recent protests of the League was greatly appreciated. A short sketch, "Lady Butterby and Mrs. McBean" was played by Miss Nannie Brown and Miss McLachlan, and Mrs. Telford gave a beautiful rendering of

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Tues. June 3.—CORNER OF BLACKBURN-ROAD, West End-lane (close by W. Hampstead Station), 8.15. Miss Nina Boyle. MID-LONDON BRANCH MEMBERS' MEETING, 1, Robert-street, 8 p.m. CORNER OF ST. LUKE'S-ROAD, Clapham, 8 p.m.

Wed. June 4.—Public Meeting, PORTMAN ROOMS, Baker-street (entrance in Dorset-street), 3.30 p.m. Speakers: The Rev. F. M. Green, "The Place of the Suffrage in the Woman's Movement," and Miss Boyle. DRAWING-ROOM MEETING, 66, Fife-avenue, Upper Clapton. Speaker: Mrs. Despard, 3.30. HAMPSTEAD BRANCH MEETING, 63, Southill-park, 8.15 p.m.

Thurs. June 5.—CROYDON CAKE AND CANDY SALE, The Office, 32A, The Parade, High-street, 3 p.m. Open-air Meeting, HIGHERY CORNER, 8 p.m.

Fri. June 6.—Open-Air Meeting, (THORNTON HEATH CLOCK, 7.45. Miss Underwood.

Sat. June 7.—Jumble Sale, TOLMER'S SQUARE INSTITUTE, Drummond-street, 3 p.m. Admission before 5 p.m., 2d.; after 5, free.

Sun. June 8.—HYDE PARK, noon. Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Nourse, REGENT'S PARK, noon. Miss Andrews, Mrs. Hyde, BROCKWELL PARK, 3 p.m.

Mon. June 9.—CORNER OF BLENHEIM-CRESCENT AND PORTOBELLO-ROAD, Kensington, 8 p.m.

Tues. June 10.—CORNER OF BLACKBURN-ROAD, West End-lane (close by W. Hampstead Station), 8.15 p.m. Miss Normanton, B.A. CORNER OF ST. LUKE'S-ROAD, Clapham, 8 p.m.

Wed. June 11.—PORTMAN ROOMS, Baker-street (entrance in Dorset-street), Public Meeting. Speakers: Mrs. de Fonblanque, on "The Revelations of Woman's Suffrage," and Dr. Annie Abram, on "Women in the Middle Ages," 3.30.

Thurs. June 12.—CROYDON. "At Home," The Lecture Room, Public Hall, Wellesley-road, 3.30 p.m. Speaker: Miss Abadam on the White Slave Traffic. HARROW. "Rions," Northwick Park-road. Garden Meeting, 3.30 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Despard and Mr. Laurence Housman.

Fri. June 13.—THORNTON HEATH CLOCK, 7.45. Meeting at 1, ROBERT-STREET, Adelphi, W.C., 8 p.m. Captain Carey will give a Health Food Talk. Admission free.

Sun. June 15.—HYDE PARK, noon. Mrs. Nevinson, Mrs. Clarkson Swann and Mrs. Tippett. REGENT'S PARK, noon. Miss Munro, BROCKWELL PARK, 3 p.m.

Tues. June 17.—CORNER OF BLACKBURN-ROAD, West End-lane (close by W. Hampstead Station). Speaker: Miss Pennings, 8.15 p.m.

Wed. June 18.—PORTMAN ROOMS, Public Meeting, 3.30 p.m. Speakers: J. Cameron Grant, on "The Correlation of Sex," and others.

Sun. June 22.—HYDE PARK, noon. REGENT'S PARK, noon. Mrs. Mustard and Mr. Laurence Housman. BROCKWELL PARK, 3 p.m. Speaker: Miss Read. Chair: Miss Underwood.

Wed. June 25.—PORTMAN ROOMS, Public Meeting. Rev. W. Moritz Weston on "The Economic Independence of Women in Relation to the Marriage Question," and others, 3.30.

Thurs. June 26.—CROYDON. "At Home," 3.15.

PROVINCES.

Mon. June 2.—Burnage. Branch Meeting. Middlesbrough. Hinton's Café, 8 p.m. Branch Business Meeting.

Mon. June 9.—Gravesend. Open-air Meeting.

Thurs. June 12.—Chester. Assembly Hall, Newgate-street. Meeting, 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. R. Howroyd, "Woman as a Social Reformer." Chair: Mrs. H. F. Brown, M.A. (Lond.).

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Church League for Women's Suffrage.—Public Meeting, Trafalgar-square, Saturday, May 31, 3.4 p.m. Speakers: Lieut. Gather, R.N., Mrs. J. L. Oatley, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, Miss Haro, Rev. C. Himseliff, Rev. J. Drew Roberts, Mr. John Simpson, Miss Ruth Young. Procession, 4 p.m., to St. George's, Hart-street, Bloomsbury. Service, 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. T. A. Lacey.

The Irish League for Women's Suffrage.—Tuesday, June 3.—Meeting, Emerson Club, 19, Buckingham-street, Strand, 8 p.m. Speaker: Professor Bickerton. Non-members cordially invited.

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"Woman's Song of Creation." The entertainment concluded with "Mr. Peppercorn's Awakening," in which Mr. Boyd and Mrs. Bankhead, as "Mr. and Mrs. Peppercorn," the conventional but not hopelessly old-fashioned parents; Mrs. Boyd as "Beatrice Mary," and Mr. Douglas McLachlan as "Adolphus," of the younger generation; Miss Jessie Brown as the "Anti" maiden aunt, and Miss Margaret McLachlan as the "Spirit of the Age," all gave excellent representations; while the types of working women who effect the "Awakening" were splendidly presented by members and friends. Their varied costumes showed to advantage in the final tableaux, when they were grouped about the "Spirit of the Age," "Beatrice Mary," who was about to join their ranks, and Mrs. Despard. All joined in the chorus of "The Awakening," the solo being sung with great feeling by Miss G. H. Jacob, B.Sc. Miss Winifred Simpson, L.R.A.M., very kindly acted as accompanist. The supper, provided by the guests, was served by the Tea Committee under the convesnership of Mrs. Jackson, and dancing, including Scottish country dances, brought to an end a most enjoyable evening.

This week we enter into possession of our new premises, 90, Lothian-road, which will be formally opened by a "Birthday Sale," probably on June 14.

Glasgow.—Suffrage Shop, 70, St. George's-road.

At Homes are being held in the shop every Friday afternoon. On May 15 Miss White was hostess, and the following week Miss Andrews filled that position. On both occasions a goodly number of guests assembled, and the chief subject of conversation was naturally the latest events in the Suffrage world. One of the visitors was Dr. Lilius Hamilton, who is well-known in East and West as having been physician to the Ameer of Afghanistan, and is now doctoring in another way, for she is making it possible for many women to come into touch with the land. Mrs. Scrimgeour, who is always willing to give of her best to the Suffrage Cause, has undertaken the general management of the "At Homes." Two indoor meetings were arranged for working women on May 22 and 23. The first was a kitchen meeting held by kind invitation of Mrs. Campbell, at which Miss Isa White kindly acted as hostess. Mrs. Andrews gave an address on "The Vote as it Would Affect Working Women," and at the end the women expressed their wish to have another meeting arranged as soon as possible. The other meeting was held at the Assembly Rooms, Outlands, and was equally successful. Miss Scrimgeour kindly provided the refreshments. Miss Buntin presided, and Miss Andrews spoke on "Politics and the Home." More volunteers are needed for THE VOTE Brigade.

On Saturday afternoon a successful open air meeting at Rutherglen was addressed by Miss Shennan, who has kindly promised to speak again next Saturday, wherever a meeting can be arranged. Now is the time for open-air meetings, and helpers are wanted. Will all who can spare an afternoon kindly call at the office or send their names? We are now selling excellent tea at 2s. and 1s. 8d. per lb., and expect all the members to buy their tea from us, and so help the cause. Mrs. Macleod and Miss Murray have kindly given donations of soap for sale at the shop. There is quite a variety to suit all tastes.

Scottish Scattered Members' Branch. A good open-air meeting was held this week. The crowd was large-orderly, and enthusiastic. A good collection was taken, and many

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questions were asked and answered, much to the satisfaction of the audience, who were delighted whenever the speaker scored a point. A splendid vote of thanks to Miss Eunice Murray was proposed from a man in the crowd, and another said he wished to tell the audience how much good the women's vote had done in Australia, a country in which he had lived for seven years, and how heartily he wished the women success here in their struggle for political liberty.

NOTE—For addresses of Branch Secretaries apply to Headquarters, 1, Robert-street, Adelphi, London, W.C.

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

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An important Conference is to be held in the New Central Hall Westminster, under the auspices of the Criminal Law Amendment Committee. The subjects upon which papers will be read will include the necessity for the further protection of minors of both sexes from seduction, and a consideration of the difficulties, legal and otherwise, which may be encountered in any attempt to raise "the age of consent," "Women Police," "Public Solicitation," "Reform of the Affiliation Procedure," and "Protection of the Feeble-Minded from Immorality." Invitations have been issued to all societies concerned with these questions, and it is expected that a strong programme of future action will be adopted. The Conference will be on June 3, 10 to 1, 2.30 to 5.30. Admission free by ticket only, obtainable from the Committee, 19, Tothill-street, Westminster.

The Fabian Society.

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Fabian Society, held on Friday, May 2: "That this meeting of the Fabian Society protests against the degradation of British public life involved in the denial of free speech, the suppression of newspapers without definite charge, and the arrest of persons on the ground that they may commit a crime."

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