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Daughter of the ancient Eve,
We know the gifts ye gave and give ;
Who knows the gifts which you shall give,
Daughter of the Newer Eve ?

—Francis Thompson.

Tyburn and the Community of Syon Abbey

By P. C. CHALLONER, M.A.

Blessed Richard Reynolds, the "Angel of Syon," a Brother of the famous double monastery of Syon Abbey was martyred at Tyburn for refusing to take the Oath of the Royal Supremacy, with three Carthusians and the Vicar of Isleworth on May 4th, 1535, and the Community was dissolved and its members set adrift. This is the story of their heroic and successful struggle under a succession of noble abbesses to keep their rule in foreign lands until the time should come for their return. The simple human intention of the nuns to preserve their Catholic faith and their English personality kept their community, under the Hand of God, alive through almost incredible difficulties and constant temptation to give up, if not their Faith, at least their English integrity; and led them home, after many years, to be a living proof of the true continuity of the Catholic Faith of England. All those years their numbers were recruited by postulants from England, who witnessed to the continuance of the Faith in England, so that when the way was once more open to Catholics to worship freely there, they were ready to come back to continue at home the work of prayer and praise that had never ceased to be kept alive in English hearts in exile. And as token thereof they brought back with them the iron cross that had been five centuries before on their old Abbey Church at Isleworth, and with it the marble statue of St. Bridget that had stood

within the Abbey, and, a sharper token of their meritorious sacrifices, the pinnacle of Old Syon's gateway on which had been exposed part of the quartered body of Blessed Richard Reynolds.

Henry V established a double monastery, an organisation familiar to the middle ages, where the Abbess ruled the temporal affairs of both Sisters and Brothers, and they sang their office alternately each from their own choir. This monastery was founded at Isleworth to "sing for Richard's soul" and to expiate the King's father's share in Richard's murder.

We can follow the Community, a small portion of that steadfast minority that did not accept the easy way, that accounted the preserving of the soul's integrity well worth all pains and penalties, up to and wonderfully through their dissolution by Thomas Cromwell, who caught them on a technical point of Praemunire. Here the dry facts come to life, and some nine nuns, sent away from their convent, with a gown a-piece and a small pension, keep their common life at Buckland, and their pensions are collected quarterly; while nine other with Abbess Jordan settled at Denham where her monumental brass can still be seen with her nun's habit as a witness to her fidelity to her vow and office. Others went to precarious safety in the Netherlands and in the Providence of God it was these exiles who kept the English community alive. In the Netherlands they were in constant danger from the Calvinists, and scarcely less from the

The Story of the English Bridgettines of Syon Abbey.
By John Rory Fletcher. (Syon Abbey, Brent, Devon.)

Spanish soldiery, for these were the days of Alva and the Council of Blood, and the exiled English were supported by a pension from England's enemy Philip II. We can understand a little why Philip seemed to English Catholics, not the devil he appears to some historians, but the one hope of personal safety and religious freedom.

When things in the Netherlands became unbearable, when the enclosure itself was violated and the very office books destroyed, we find the nuns escaping from Mechlin to Rouen, where they found many other English Catholics in exile.

The safety of Rouen was indeed uncertain, when official England was helping the Protestant Henry of Navarre to besiege the town which was itself divided in allegiance between Henry III of Valois and Henry of Guise, whose support was drawn from the Catholic League and Spain. Since Philip was still, though uncertainly, the convent's mainstay, it is small wonder that with the help of Spanish and Portuguese merchants they at length fled once more, this time to Lisbon then under the Spanish King; nor that they were delayed by accusation of secreting treasure. In Lisbon they found a resting place for 200 years though their hopes were always set on a return to their native land. It is amazing that through all their vicissitudes of fortune they should have adhered to the resolution to depend on English recruits, and more amazing still that English recruits should never have failed to come.

Peace between England and Spain came at last and what hopes of return under the protection of a Spanish Queen were aroused when Prince Charles made his way to Madrid in 1624 to court the Infanta! These were soon extinguished, and once more the little community settled down to wait, until in 1861 the final stage of their wandering was reached—they embarked for England! Since, at Spettisbury and then at Chudleigh and since 1925 at Marley, South Brent, Devon, they have flourished, and now at last the Community may feel secure, secure that is in material things, for never was it anything but secure in their faith in God.

It is indeed a wonderful story—to trace the life of the Community through the lives and deaths of so many of its members, to see the preservation of the Catholic Faith through so many temptations, of the Bridgettine Rule when all the books were lost, and its English character in so many foreign lands, is indeed a lesson for those who read the story of the adventures, faith and miraculous preservation of the Bridgettines of Syon Abbey.

NOTES AND COMMENTS—Continued

We welcome the fact that the Civil Service Catholic Men's Guild decided at its Annual Meeting in London to open its membership to women, and we are glad that the Guild has recognised so promptly that since there are women Civil Servants as well as men Civil Servants, membership should be thrown open to women on equal terms with men. As Mr. FitzGerald (chairman of the Progress Subcommittee) pointed out, men and women now enter the clerical, executive and administrative grades of the Service through open competition, are placed in one list in order of merit and undertake precisely similar duties.

We would add that women are obliged to undertake these "precisely similar duties" at a lower rate of pay than men. We congratulate the National Association of Women Civil Servants on their hard work for equality of opportunity and hope that success will soon crown their efforts to obtain equal pay.

Dinner to Mlle. Lenoel.

On February 22nd the Alliance gave a dinner at the Wilton Hotel in honour of Mademoiselle Lenoël, founder and Hon. Secretary of the French Section of St. Joan's Alliance. Mrs. Laughton Mathews in the chair recalled that it was Mlle. Lenoël who had obtained Archbishop Le Roy's article for "The Catholic Citizen," an article which elicited a discussion during the 24th Session of the Permanent Mandates Commission at Geneva. Mlle. Lenoël said that at Geneva she had had much help from Miss Dannevig, the only woman member of the Mandates Commission and she believed a movement had been set on foot that would continue. But the basis of the League of Nations lies in public opinion. The French Section of the Alliance was working to rouse public opinion in this sense.

A second guest of honour was Miss Nina Boyle, who gave a delightful talk on old humours of the suffrage movement.

Mrs. Crawford, in a graceful speech in French, replied to Mademoiselle Lenoël, and declared her pleasure that "the work of St. Joan is going on in the land of St. Joan." Miss Butler Bowdon, in thanking both guests for their stimulating addresses and for their services to Feminism, paid tribute to the courage, initiative and vision which prompted Mlle. Lenoël to found the French Section of the Alliance.

Notes and Comments

We deeply regret to record the death on March 26th of the Founder and Editor of the "Catholic Citizen"—Miss Leonora de Alberti, R.I.P. She devoutly received the Last Sacraments before going into the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, and had received Holy Communion on the morning of her death.

Miss de Alberti's health started to fail three years ago, but she had been able to go about her normal avocations and had never missed editing a number of the "Catholic Citizen" until last month. She was taken seriously ill suddenly at the end of February, and her death followed an operation for the amputation of her leg.

Out of our own sorrow we offer our deep sympathy to her relations, especially to her sister, Miss Amalia de Alberti, with whom she lived for the last twenty years. Miss Amalia de Alberti wishes us to express her gratitude for all the sympathy she has received from readers of the "Catholic Citizen."

We thank the many members who have written and who have sent donations to Miss de Alberti's Memorial Fund.

There will be a Requiem Mass (Month's Mind) at the Church of St. Peter and St. Edward, 43 Palace Street, Westminster, on Thursday, April 26th, at 11 a.m. The Mass will be sung by the Right Rev. Monsignor Canon Hall, a member of St. Joan's Alliance. Friends will remember that Father Hall preached to the delegates to the 1920 Congress of the International Woman's Suffrage Alliance in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Geneva.

All members and friends are invited to attend the Requiem.

In the death of Father Bede Jarrett, O.P., the Woman's Movement has lost a friend of many years standing. Before the war when the fight for woman's suffrage was at its height he spoke at a Mass Meeting at the Kingsway Hall advocating "Votes for Women." In an article "Persistent Constancy," written in 1916 for the "Catholic Suffragist," he shows deep understanding of what feminism really is: "The

'feminist' (a horrid word) movement appeared to those who judge too easily merely the noisy expression of women bored with existence . . . It in reality stood for far more; it meant no such negative view of human destiny, rather a positive claim to be wholly all that one was capable of becoming."

Quite recently he signed the Petition to the League of Nations asking for equal nationality rights between men and women. Our Alliance in particular will always remember him with gratitude. The last occasion on which he gave us his public support was when though much occupied with his work as Provincial, he spared time to be our guest and speak for us at our Twenty-first birthday dinner held on the feast of St. Joan in 1932.

The Alliance was represented at the Requiem in London by Miss Barry and Miss Spender, and in Oxford by Mrs. Bacon. R.I.P.

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We note from the minutes of the 64th Session of the Governing Body of the I.L.O. held at Geneva last October, that Mr. Hayday, speaking on "the possible revision of the Convention concerning employment of women during the night" said "that it was to be feared that the proposed revision of the Convention would result in certain supervisory positions at present occupied by men with family responsibilities being filled by women with a view to cutting down expenditure . . ."

"If it were now to be made possible for women to supplant men in supervisory capacities and even perhaps in every capacity, the danger of competition between male and female labour would arise, since female labour would be employed whenever it was found profitable to the detriment of men with family responsibilities."

That the employment of female labour with a view to cutting down expenditure is first and foremost an exploitation of women does not seem to strike Mr. Hayday. Has it also never struck him that if equal pay were given for equal work the undercutting of the male worker would automatically be excluded.

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A Memorandum from the Alliance has been sent to the Commission appointed to consider the admission of women to the Diplomatic and Consular Services. Mrs. Laughton Mathews also gave oral evidence on our behalf.

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In Memoriam: Leonora de Alberti.

"Who shall find a valiant woman? Far and from the uttermost coasts is the price of her."

Leonora de Alberti is dead, and with her something of radiance has passed out of life.

It is impossible to put into words all that the loss of our dear comrade means to St. Joan's Alliance, and the gratitude that we feel for her life of service. For twenty-three years her courage and her zeal have been an inspiration to us, her wisdom and her knowledge have been always at hand, and now we remain in a world which she has left to carry on without her. God's ways are His own, and we know that He will not let His work suffer, and that strength and courage will be given us.

Miss Jeffery, Founder of our Society, wrote after Miss de Alberti's death: "In all these years I have never seen a single trait that was not lovable and could not be admired—such a sound and trustworthy intellect and yet withal so childlike and pious and simple." Few people combine to such marked degree qualities of soul and of mind. Leonora de Alberti was beloved both in private and in public life, and in both she was tireless in her service to others. She was the central figure in her own family—the one who kept all the scattered members of the family in touch with each other.

Hers was a personality that it was impossible to overlook in any assembly. Even in appearance she was striking—with her black hair, dark flashing eyes, bright colour and ready smile. Though she refused to become a public speaker (indeed her work with her pen occupied all her time) she had a rare gift of speech—a brilliant but sympathetic conversationalist with a deep attractive voice. She used to say that "interesting conversation" was her hobby, and frankly despised cards and drawing-room "arts" as substitutes for intellectual compan-

ionship. On any Sunday afternoon in the little flat which she shared with her sister might be heard discussions on religion, philosophy, literature, in an atmosphere charged with the temperamental warmth of Spain.

Leonora de Alberti was born in London of a Spanish mother and an Italian father and though grateful to the land of her birth for its wider freedom and opportunity, she remained a Latin at heart. She was a direct descendant of the historic Alberti family of Florence, which boasts a Pope among its forbears and also the famous genius Leon Battista Alberti, of whom a statue stands in the portico of the Uffizi, the chiselled nobility of feature bearing a strong resemblance to our dear Editor.

Leonora de Alberti's outstanding gifts would have carried her far in any sphere of activity, but she chose, though without private means, to devote a great part of her time to voluntary work, doing just enough professional work to cover her material needs, which were of the simplest.

Her profession was the unusual and interesting one of paleography. She was an expert at deciphering and translating old documents—Spanish Portuguese, French, Italian. Her book for the Royal Historical Society on the Spanish Inquisition cases taken from the archives in the possession of the Marquess of Bute is an important work and a further work relating to Jewish cases under the Inquisition was undertaken for the Jewish Historical Society on the order of the late Mr. Lucien Wolfe. She also worked for the Governments of Newfoundland and South Africa, for the Hakluyt Society and other important bodies.

But it is as gallant fighter and worker in the



[Swaine]

LEONORA DE ALBERTI

cause of woman's enfranchisement that she is best remembered and the greatest monument to her devoted life stands in the "Catholic Citizen," the paper which she founded as the "Catholic Suffragist" in 1915, and which during the nineteen years of her editorship has absorbed so much of her vital personality.

It is interesting here to recall what Miss de Alberti herself wrote in the History of the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society as to the founding of the paper: "Our supreme act of faith was the foundation of our paper the 'Catholic Suffragist.' Like the Society the paper was born of a chance conversation, this time between Beatrice Gadsby and Leonora de Alberti, while engaged in the homely task of scrubbing the office floor. Miss Gadsby said the society needed an organ of its own; Miss de Alberti questioned the possibility of raising the necessary funds. Miss Gadsby said the money would be forthcoming, it was the Editor who was lacking; she further suggested that Miss de Alberti was cut out for the purpose. The

latter, though surprised, swallowed the bait with an alacrity possibly born of ignorance, for she had no journalistic experience."

Journalistic experience she may have lacked but journalistic gifts she possessed in rare degree. The paper was an instant success, and has throughout its life been the greatest asset to the Society. We quote again from the History: "For one thing it was no longer easy to traduce the Society, for the paper was there to prove the orthodoxy of Catholic Suffragists. It was a protection instead of being a danger as some of our friends had feared. Nevertheless the 'Catholic Citizen' has never shirked any task, however unpleasant, and has ever been ready to demonstrate where prejudice has usurped the voice of authority in Catholic circles. Nor has it feared to cross swords with opponents of woman's freedom, however highly placed."

Miss de Alberti was gifted with a direct and trenchant style which went straight to the heart of things and separated truth from prejudice. She possessed a deep knowledge of Catholic

principle and was not to be side-tracked by any opponent. The "Catholic Citizen" has carried the message of Catholic feminism all over the globe—that message which was so eloquently set forth by Mrs. Alice Meynell in the first issue of the paper: "The difficult and arduous work of the women reformers is essentially and fundamentally a moral work . . . Is it not then a wonder that all Christian women and therefore all Catholic women are not in the forefront of such a movement? For their aim, their pain, their compassion, their hope, are for things material and temporal, but also for things spiritual and eternal." Without the "Catholic Citizen" St. Joan's Alliance could never have reached the International position that it holds to-day.

The written word remains when voice is stilled and memory dim. During the past nineteen years Miss de Alberti has contributed each month an editorial article, and these we hold still as guide and inspiration. In 1915 she wrote: "No Catholic, man or woman, once alive to the great forces at work in the woman's movement, could fail to throw in their lot with awakened womanhood. To those who have ears to hear it becomes a supreme duty to prevent this great force from being diverted into wrong channels, to prevent it from being lost to Christianity . . . It is difficult to listen with patience or civility to the senseless, thoughtless, selfish cry that woman's place is the home, while the homes of the poor are what they are, and while the home itself is endangered by parliamentary interference."

Miss de Alberti had been a member of the Women's Social and Political Union before throwing in her lot with the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society and even in recent days her work for the woman's movement was not limited to St. Joan's Alliance. Other societies will also miss her stimulating presence and wise counsel. An ardent Internationalist, she represented St. Joan's Alliance at the Geneva and Paris Congresses of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, and on several occasions was temporarily Editor of their paper "Jus Suffragii." It was as Editor of "Jus" that she attended the Rome Congress. For six years she was Hon. Secretary of the Council for the Representation of Women on the League of Nations, and remained a member of the Committee until her death. She had also served on the Committees of the Open Door Council and British Commonwealth League, and was still a

representative of the trustees on the Committee directing the Cavendish Bentinck Library, now housed at Women's Service House.

When friends urged her to give less time to voluntary work and to think more of material things and consider provision for her old age, she replied with her characteristic smile: "Perhaps I shall never have an old age." Indeed one could not think of her growing old. Until her health started to fail so unexpectedly, she had always been the embodiment of robust health and energy. The years seemed to pass by without touching her; she carried the secret of eternal youth in appearance as well as in mind.

Her illness she faced with the same courage which she had brought to every difficulty throughout life—the courage which we in St. Joan's Alliance have learned to rely on. "I knew that some trial was in store for me," she said, "and I have prayed for the strength and courage and resignation and Christian joy to bear what was coming to me." When she heard that there was no room at the Hospital owing to the small number of beds for women, something of the old light flashed in her eyes as she said: "I must see about this."

Leonora de Alberti was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, on Holy Saturday. In spite of the holiday season a number of friends assembled for the simple funeral service, including many members of St. Joan's, and representatives of the Women's Freedom League, whose wreath bore the inscription, "In loving memory of a gallant fellow-worker for women's enfranchisement." A large laurel wreath tied with the well-known blue, white and gold was inscribed, "In most affectionate and grateful remembrance of our dear Editor, Leonora de Alberti, from the members of St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance," together with the verse which appears at the head of this article. Lady Laughton's lilies were arranged in the shape of the badge of our Alliance with the message: "May St. Joan be with you this Easter Day." Among the masses of flowers there was a magnificent wreath of purple lilac and dark red roses from friends and colleagues at the British Museum and Public Record Office.

"I am not afraid," Leonora de Alberti said on the morning of the operation under which she died. She passed on her way valiantly as she had lived.

May her brave soul rest in peace.

"St. Joan will welcome her Warrior Spirit."

Some Tributes to Leonora de Alberti.

His Lordship the Bishop of Pella

I offer you all my deep sympathy with your great loss and sorrow and my promise of prayers for Miss de Alberti. R.I.P.

I have always read what Miss Leonora de Alberti wrote in "The Catholic Citizen" with much interest and profit. She invariably had some thing to say that mattered and that is rare.

The Very Rev. Mgr. Canon Hall

Your news of the serious illness of Miss de Alberti gave me great concern and her name was put up for public prayers in my church. Now I hear with a sense of personal loss of her death, and I sympathise with you and St. Joan's Alliance very much.

Miss de Alberti has devoted her life to the woman's cause with a well-directed zeal, with a sound appreciation of historical truth, and with great fidelity to the principles of the Faith. She has known always how to get the last ounce of weight in favour of the Cause without the least prejudice to those principles. It will be a melancholy satisfaction to offer Holy Mass for the repose of her soul.

The Rev. T. Dawson, O.M.I.

For many long years I have known with affectionate esteem all the de Alberti family, the dear old *Madre* herself, and all the sons and daughters. I have been reading the "Catholic Citizen" all the time of the editorship of Miss Leonora de Alberti, and it seems not a month ago since I congratulated her and her niece, Mrs. Laughton Mathews, because they always write in such a correct and Catholic way about the subjects which interest the St. Joan's Alliance.

Death must bring sorrow, no matter when it comes. Nevertheless, knowing all that I knew, I could not really desire to see our friend still further stretched out upon the rack in this poor world. She has my daily prayers at the altar that she may rest in peace and joy in the bosom of the Heavenly Father.

The Rev. Arthur Day, S.J.

It is not within my power to offer any intimate appreciation of the character and work of Leonora de Alberti. But as the result of

reading a number of her articles and of coming occasionally under her influence at meetings, I feel sure we have lost a strong personality. One always knew what she meant and felt that she really meant it. She had no sympathy with those whom St. Paul condemns as wobbling between "yes" and "no." Her life was on the side of bold and honest affirmation.

The Very Rev. Dom Gilbert Higgins, C.R.L.

The death of the Editor of "The Catholic Citizen" is an additional sorrow to those of Holy Week, but falling in Holy Week, and we may say on the Eve of Easter, it brings with it the consolations of our hope in the Resurrection. Let us not forget that thought which robs death of its sting.

Miss Leonora de Alberti was a Christian and drew much of her strength, courage and enthusiasm from the Communion of Saints. Her alliance with the heroic men and women who in all ages since the first Good Friday have loved their neighbours and for their neighbours' good have been ever ready to lay down their lives after the example of the Master.

Her devotion to her sisters—women all over the earth—her sacrifice of time in attending regularly the meetings of the Alliance—her splendid work as Editor of "The Catholic Citizen," to which she gave the best of her brilliant talents and her whole strength—all these services cheerfully and perseveringly rendered to the objects of the Alliance will never be forgotten by those who have had the privilege of working with one whose presence we shall miss. Her example will help us to go on with the work in which she tirelessly laboured to the very end of a selfless and devoted life.

The Rev. J. Keating, S.J.

May I offer my condolences on the sad loss you have experienced in the death of Leonora de Alberti. She has been for so long one of the pillars of your organisation, and has laboured with such courage and self-sacrifice for its success that it must seem well-nigh impossible to fill the gap she has left. However, St. Joan will surely welcome her as one who fought for justice with something of her own warrior spirit, and you must console yourselves with that assurance.

The Very Rev. Vincent McNabb, O.P.

Miss Alberti's death will be felt not only by St. Joan's Alliance, but even by the whole Catholic body in this country. Though her main public work was naturally for the society whose paper she edited, her interests were never less than Catholic in width and depth. Her chivalrous guardianship of the rights of her fellow women was never a braggart's struggle for elbow-room. For her zealous, single-minded soul, rights were but the other, earthly side of divine duties. The Alliance was fortunate in her long tireless service. But they cannot now begrudge her a faithful servant's reward.

Mademoiselle Lenoël (French Section of St. Joan's Alliance)

I only knew Miss de Alberti by her notes in the "Catholic Citizen" when I met her in London in 1930, and yet, without hesitation I picked her out in the middle of a large group, so much did her features reflect the qualities of her style. Both possessed to the highest degree that youth of soul that outlives the trials of life in natures in which the soul is mistress. The gallantry, the loftiness of feeling, the warmth of noble passions, which seemed Miss de Alberti's natural atmosphere, gave a pleasant charm even to the criticisms—fully justified I must confess—that from time to time came to me from her lively pen on the occasion of some involuntary mistranslation on my part, so that it was with feelings of real friendship that I met her again a few months later in Paris, where she was throwing herself into a difficult piece of research work with such ease and joy that the austere walls of our Bibliothèque Nationale seemed themselves to grow young. I can see her now, making her way towards me through the desks and benches, vital, unhesitating, as if those reading-rooms and passages had been familiar to her for years.

Others will be able to speak with greater authority on Miss de Alberti's remarkable qualities as editor of the "Catholic Citizen." To a foreigner like myself, the organ of St. Joan's Alliance has always had a special place among feminist papers. When I first read it, I was struck by the way in which even what did not come from Miss de Alberti's pen communicated something of her spirit. Every line was alive, always full of meaning, vibrant, convincing. When one had finished reading, one's first thought was to pass it on for others to read. Is not that really the journalistic ideal? "You find there a window opening on

to all the worlds and all ideas!" a friend told me, expressing picturesquely the impression of something clear, free and vast left by a reading of that little paper that sows the seed of such great ideas.

During nineteen years Miss de Alberti, holding our imaginations captive, kept open before us the windows that revealed such fair horizons. Such was the measure of her unflinching devotion and her great gifts.

Holland

We Dutch members of St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, heard with profound regret the sad news of the death of Miss L. de Alberti, and we hasten to offer the Executive of the Society and its members our heartfelt condolences in their loss. Much heavier still must the blow be felt by all the readers of the "Catholic Citizen" of which she, as the editor and author of so many articles, was its centre and its soul.

We wish to express our great appreciation for all she did during her long editorship. All her articles breathed a keen interest and showed a clear vision in all those questions and problems which are nowadays stirring the heart of the whole feminist world. The only thing we now can do for her is to offer our prayers for the repose of her soul, asking God to bestow upon her our thanks in His Heavenly Paradise. R.I.P.

CATO. M. VAN DER PIJL, DR. MED.

St. Joan's Liverpool Branch

We of Liverpool were very grieved to hear of the great loss the Alliance has suffered in the death of Miss de Alberti. She must have been a wonderful woman to have produced a paper like the "Catholic Citizen," and I only wish I had had the privilege of meeting her. Even those who did not know her in person could appreciate her in a very real sense through her magnificent work.

I know the Liverpool Committee will wish me to convey to Headquarters their sympathy in this trouble.

JANET STEWART MASON.

International Alliance for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship

Though we knew Miss de Alberti was ill the news of her death came as a great shock. She had such a vigorous delightful personality that we hoped she would recover. In these times of reaction it is an added blow to lose so fine a feminist. Her keenness and knowledge were doubly valuable because of her splendid good temper, her vitality and her understanding.

In the international work we shall miss her badly and cannot imagine our congress next year without her smiling help and vigorous defence of first principles. She has been a valued member of the Alliance for so many years that friends in all countries will mourn her, but especially—

MARGERIE CORBETT ASHBY.

Association for Moral and Social Hygiene

In the death of Miss de Alberti the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene salutes the passing onwards of a brave and joyous spirit. Not only her own St. Joan's Alliance is the poorer for her loss, but the whole woman's movement. A wholehearted protagonist of Catholic feminism, she was also a devoted upholder of the unity of the moral law; she used her personality and her pen to urge the acceptance by public opinion, and the incorporation into legislation, of a single high standard of moral responsibility. The Association remembers her with affectionate gratitude.

ALISON NEILANS.

British Commonwealth League

The British Commonwealth League wishes to express its sorrow at the death of Miss de Alberti, and its grateful appreciation of her untiring devotion to the Woman's Movement. Her loss is a very real one to all women's organisations working for the ideal of equality, even to those who did not know her personally but only through the Catholic Citizen. The British Commonwealth League, however, feels a personal loss as well, as Miss de Alberti was an active member on its Standing Committee in the League's early days. Miss de Alberti's life of devotion to the woman's cause is an inspiration to us all.

DAISY D. SOLOMON.

London and National Society for Women's Service

I read with sorrow in the "Times" this morning the sad news of Miss de Alberti's death, and our Library Committee, which met to-day, recorded their deep regret at the loss of a valued colleague.

Miss de Alberti had been interested in the Cavendish Bentinck Library since its first

establishment in the International Franchise Club in pre-war days, and when the books were brought over to be housed in our premises in 1931 she was appointed to our Committee as a representative of the original Trustees. She attended the meetings regularly until quite recently and her services will be greatly missed.

Personally, I shall greatly miss her stimulating presence at many Committees and I shall always remember in especial her invaluable work as Honorary Secretary to the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. It was here that I first came into contact with her in work and realised how great were her capacities and how extensive her knowledge. I never knew her intimately but was always conscious of the attraction of her personality and felt it a pleasure to meet her.

She was one of those brave unselfish characters whose life has helped the world on its way, and I hope you will let me say how deeply I sympathise with the Alliance in its grievous loss.

PHILIPPA STRACHEY.

National Council for Equal Citizenship

Miss de Alberti's death is a grave loss to the woman's movement. As an officer of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, I had opportunities of meeting her on the Cavendish Bentinck and Edward Wright Library Committee, also in connection with international work in which her Society co-operated with the National Union. There was something warming and comforting in her big generous personality, which impressed even those who knew her very slightly. As an instance of this, I remember on one occasion an impulsive expression of cordial admiration from Mrs. Chapman Catt, the Honorary President of the International Alliance for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship. Not least will Miss de Alberti be missed by readers of the "Catholic Citizen" which she edited for so many years with journalistic and literary ability which larger and more ambitious papers might well have envied. The National Council for Equal Citizenship joins with other women's organisations in an expression of deep sympathy with her relatives and friends and her colleagues in St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance in their sorrow.

ELIZABETH MACADAM.

National Union of Women Teachers

The N.U.W.T. learns with deep regret of the death of Miss Leonora de Alberti, one of the gallant women who, as Miss Alison Neilans described at St. Joan's Coming of Age Dinner, apparently acted on voices and visions, like the shepherd girl of old, instead of following material common sense, but whose faith and inspiration led to the founding of "The Catholic Citizen." One by one the pioneers of the woman's movement are passing from us, but their work and their faith remain as a beacon to the women of to-day who have the vision to know what that movement stood for and what it can mean to the cause of humanity.

Open Door Council

The Open Door Council shares with St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, and with many other women's organisations, the feeling of profound sorrow and loss occasioned by the death of Leonora de Alberti, and wishes here to pay tribute to her pioneer work in the woman's movement. Her foundation and editorship of "The Catholic Citizen" was, alone, a well-nigh inestimable gift to the woman's movement for equality of citizenship and the equal moral and economic standard between men and women. To those who knew her the greatest gift of all was her own personality. To meet her was a corrective to depression, stupid exaltation, or any extremism. She was courage, balance and sanity personified; her flaming dislike of all injustice and stupidity was allied with a keen sense of humour, and common sense was in Leonora de Alberti raised to the point of genius. Such a character is rare and we deplore the loss to her family and her friends and to our cause for which through many years she was such a gay and gifted and intrepid worker.

ELIZABETH ABBOTT.

Women's Freedom League

May I offer the very warmest sympathy of the Women's Freedom League in your sorrow. Miss de Alberti was such a gallant fighter for women's enfranchisement, so staunch and uncompromising in all that mattered, and withal so lovable, that she will be sadly missed both in our own national and in the international movement. I am indeed more sorry than I can say.

FLORENCE A. UNDERWOOD.

Miss Harley Bacon

I am deeply grieved to hear of the loss of Miss Leonora de Alberti. She will certainly remain as one of the most delightful personalities which I have been happy to know. I don't think I ever saw her otherwise than with that determined and attractive manner of hers, and she always met one with a smile. After such a good and devoted life, no one ought to wish her back again in a world full of sorrows. She has gone to her place of rest and love. I pray for her very earnestly but I do feel that we will benefit so much through her praying for us.

Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck

I cannot say how deeply grieved I was to hear of the death of my old friend, Miss de Alberti. We had so often worked together, caring for the same things and she was so invariably helpful and kind, ready to smooth over all difficulties and spare herself no trouble in doing so. She is indeed a great loss.

Miss C. Nina Boyle

I cannot tell you how distressed I was to get your bad news, on returning from the country. The loss, both personal and to the cause we all serve, is a cruel and heavy one, at this time when so many of the older workers are way-worn and weary and so many of the younger not yet fully awake to the great and grave issues.

To me, Leonora de Alberti was ever good friend, good feminist, good fighter, good comrade, good colleague, good company. Gay and cheery and optimistic, she was as ready for a jest as for the fray, never failing to rise at the sight of opportunity and never daunted by set-backs and failures. We shall miss her sorely in the days to come, and my sympathy is warmly with the "Catholic Citizen" and St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, who have lost so gallant and loyal a worker.

Miss A. O'B. Christitch

The death of Miss de Alberti has taken from the Catholic Woman's Movement one of its most brilliant and ardent pioneers. As Editor of the "Catholic Citizen," Leonora de Alberti exercised a far-reaching influence and attracted to the cause of Christian Feminism numbers of those stubborn theoreticians whose opposition had been due to ignorance or misunderstanding of its aims. In the early days of the

Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, Leonora de Alberti and her gallant little band of co-workers were obliged to pursue a rugged and thorny path, yet they never lost heart because of the living Faith which inspired to action and self-sacrifice.

We still have a vivid recollection of her cheerful determination and of her encouraging conviction that justice must triumph. Endowed with a keen sense of humour in her own vocabulary there was no such word as despondency. A typical example of the modern cultured Catholic woman, Leonora de Alberti's Latin heritage was an essentially logical mind and coupled with this her own deep theological knowledge enabled her to win through against those whom she good humouredly dubbed the "pious" opponents of woman suffrage. Contact with the Editor of the "Catholic Citizen" increased genuine piety and disposed of opposition.

Mr. Joseph Clayton

As an old newspaper man I send a farewell tribute to the work of Leonora de Alberti. A difficult work, accomplished with steady and unflinching ability for so many years. At home and abroad the "Catholic Citizen," under Miss de Alberti's editorship, contended for "the cause that lacks assistance," and no less strenuously against "the wrongs that need resistance." God rest her soul, while the cause goes marching on.

Miss Marguerite Fedden (Hon. Treasurer of the "Catholic Citizen")

Leonora de Alberti was that unusual product a Latin with an English education, so from her unusual things might be expected and her friends were not disappointed.

She has done marvellous work for the woman's movement, the cause of humanity and the Church by her masterly editorship of the "Catholic Suffragist," now the "Catholic Citizen." Day in and day out though overwhelmed with professional work she has laboured for the things that matter: castigated the foolish, exposed the sentimental, and corrected the unsound. Her trenchant articles, her fighting spirit, her mordant wit, her logical outlook, her sound Catholicism were inspirations. One heard it said that a Committee at which she was present was more exciting and interesting than a play. Not only in St. Joan's S.P.A. will she be missed, but in the whole of

the woman's movement, both national and international.

At a presentation to her in 1928 one speaker with a floral bent compared her to a sunflower, always turning its face to the sun, for her gallant spirit was undaunted and her nature that of an unconquerable optimist.

Ave atque vale to Leonora de Alberti, and may her soul rest in peace that passes all understanding.

Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon

The passing of Miss Leonora de Alberti gathers from our midst one of the keenest intellects and most valiant spirits of our time. Miss Alberti was known to us all for her unflinching courage and resource during the struggle for woman suffrage, and her remarkable literary capacity as Editor of the "Catholic Citizen." Her actual achievements were many, but the brightness and charm of her personality outshone them all.

Miss Alberti brought to the work in which she took part a vitality and enthusiasm which gave inspiration to others and confidence to go forward. Clear in her outlook, she was an excellent judge of the probable effects of any action, and did not permit her eagerness to overrule caution and wisdom. In debate, she had at her command a wide and varied knowledge, had always a sparkle of originality, and could be extremely swift and effective on occasion.

It mattered little what subject Miss Alberti took up. Her mind rapidly absorbed new ideas and fixed upon the most fruitful lines of action. I had ample opportunity of observing this while Miss Alberti was acting as Hon. Secretary of our Representative Council for women's work in the League of Nations.

We shall remember her as a warm-hearted woman, of brilliant mental gifts, overflowing with interest in life and humanity, rejoicing in her friends and in her work, and honoured and loved by all.

Miss Chrystal Macmillan

This is to send to St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance my sincere sympathy in the loss of Miss de Alberti. She was such a splendid personality in every way and has done so much always for the woman's movement that she will be terribly missed. Personally it is the loss of another old stalwart on whom one could always rely.

Dr. Margaret Morice

I never met Miss Leonora de Alberti, but through her writings in the "Catholic Citizen" I seemed to know her. I feel a real pang at realising that there is an end, in this world, of her brave, gifted words in the "Catholic Citizen." Requiescat in pace! Her loss to the cause of women is a great one.

Miss Christopher St. John

I recall Wordsworth's definition of poetry: "Emotion recollected in tranquillity," as I try to pay a small tribute in words to Leonora de Alberti. It is very difficult to recollect the emotion of grief at a great loss in that tranquillity which alone can make its expression of any value.

This faithful servant of the woman's cause devoted her great abilities as a writer to expounding it month after month for a long period of years in the signed articles she contributed to "The Catholic Citizen" of which she was the able editor. I always turned first to these articles when I received my copy of the paper, sure of finding in them something which went to the root of the subject discussed.

Leonora de Alberti wrote candidly and courageously, when some book by a male Catholic writer, whether priest or layman, putting woman in her "proper place" (a most improper one by the way) was her subject, but never vindictively. In any controversy she showed that she knew what is meant by the divine exhortation to "love your enemies." It was this knowledge, so rare, so precious, to which I want above all her gifts and qualities, to offer a tribute.

**CATHOLIC CITIZEN MEMORIAL
FUND**

At the request of many members of the Alliance a "Catholic Citizen" Fund has been opened as a memorial to Miss de Alberti. Already numbers of our members have sent donations, and we feel that there must be many admirers of Miss de Alberti outside our own Alliance who would like to pay a tribute to her by helping the work that was so near her heart.

23rd Annual Meeting

The twenty-third Annual Meeting of St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance was held on St. Patrick's Day in St. Patrick's Clubroom, Soho, with Mrs. Laughton Mathews in the chair. The Annual Report was read by Miss Fedden, and its adoption moved by Mrs. Huggett, one of the oldest members of the Alliance.

Mrs. Huggett—whom the Chairman had first encountered in the early suffrage days, speaking from a cart at Wimbledon, on Saturday nights—spoke of her anxiety that women, having won the vote, should use it well, and of her belief in the League of Nations and the efficacy of women's work to do away with war. "What would become of a man—" she then asked, "without a woman to take care of him from the cradle to the grave?" The ideal to be sought was one of partnership, implying a change in the world's way of thinking.

Miss Dickinson, who seconded the adoption of the report, had been, the Chairman told us, a moral welfare worker in India, a member of whom St. Joan's might be truly proud. She herself said she was proud to be a member of St. Joan's, and saw with satisfaction how the international work of the Alliance was increasing. Feminists, she said, had cause to condole with the German women, to congratulate America, especially on the appointment of women diplomats, and to watch Spain, particularly in regard to the fight against brothels.

Miss Organ appealed for help in the office. Then the Chairman welcomed Mrs. Murray, one of the foundation members of the Liverpool Branch, and Mrs. Stewart Mason, who had succeeded Miss Nancy Stewart Parnell as Secretary of the Liverpool Branch. At the same time she expressed the general regret at Miss Parnell's unavoidable absence—the first annual meeting she had missed for many years. After presenting the Liverpool Annual Report Mrs. Stewart Mason spoke of Liverpool's appreciation of the wonderful and vast volume of work done at headquarters, and its unflinching kindly help and encouragement. To-day in Liverpool the question of married women's work was exciting interest. She had received a letter from Dr. Margaret Miller, saying the whole question of her post would be re-discussed at the next meeting of Liverpool University Council, and in the meanwhile she thanked the Alliance warmly for its valuable help in her

campaign. The attack on married women's work, Mrs. Stewart Mason continued, seemed to her part of an attack on women's work in general, but the "Liverpool Daily Post" had pointed out that married women's work was always welcomed when it was gratuitous, and that the very women who were acclaimed for their services on Public Assistances Committees, etc., did they seek paid employment, would be firmly reminded that their place was the home.

After the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Brandt, had read her report, the adoption of the Financial Statement was moved by Miss Springett, another very early member, who declared that the statement seemed to her simply miraculous, so vast a volume of activity had been achieved with such small expenditure. Miss Hoey, of Bradford, who seconded the adoption, appealed to all members to gain new subscribers for the "Catholic Citizen," and to work with the Committee whenever possible.

The Chairman, in her address emphasised the need for increased vigilance against attacks that were not only being made abroad. She had been called as representative of St. Joan's Alliance to give evidence before the Committee appointed to consider the admission of women to the diplomatic and consular services, and had stressed the importance that there should be no marriage bar for women who should eventually gain access to these professions. An Ambassador's husband, she had maintained, could do as excellent work as an Ambassador's wife, while marriage with a foreigner would entail no more disadvantages in the case of a woman than of a man diplomat provided women gained due right to retain their own nationality on marriage.

She also expressed the regret of the meeting at the enforced absence of our beloved editor, Miss Leonora de Alberti, who was lying seriously ill, and to whom the meeting sent a message of affectionate sympathy.

The following resolutions were then put to the meeting and carried:

1—EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS**(a) Franchise.**

(i) *India.* St. Joan's S.P.A. reaffirms its whole-hearted support of the women of India in their demands regarding franchise and the status of women and calls upon the Government to embody these demands in the new constitution of India.

(ii) St. Joan's S.P.A. regrets that in the British Commonwealth the women of Malta, Quebec and Bermuda are still unenfranchised and hopes that justice will be granted at an early date.

(b) Women in the House of Lords.

St. Joan's S.P.A. demands that peeresses, in their own right, should have a seat and vote in the House

of Lords, and further, that in any measure designed to reform the Second Chamber men and women should have the same right to sit and to be elected.

2—EQUAL MORAL STANDARD**(a) Traffic in Women in the East.**

St. Joan's S.P.A. congratulates the League of Nations on its inquiry into traffic in woman and children in the East and urges the League to urge all the Powers concerned to take the necessary action for (1) the closure of all known brothels; (2) the appointment of trained women officials on the staff of the authorities whose duty it is to suppress the traffic in women; and (3) the calling of an official Conference in the Far East representative of all those countries of the South Seas to which victims of the traffic are sent.

(b) Solicitation Laws.

St. Joan's S.P.A. regrets that the Government has taken no action to remedy the present unjust Solicitation Laws, calls for their repeal and the substitution of a measure on the lines of the Public Places (Order) Bill, which deals with street solicitation by general legislation against annoyance or molestation, and under which the evidence of the person annoyed or molested would be necessary in order to obtain a conviction.

(c) Illegitimate Children.

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to introduce and pass without delay a Bill providing for the enforcement of Affiliation Orders overseas on similar lines to the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920.

(d) Child Assault

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to introduce a Bill providing more effective safeguards for the protection of young children from sexual assault.

3—EQUAL PAY AND OPPORTUNITIES

(a) St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government and Local Authorities to establish among their employees a system of equal pay and opportunities for men and women, and freedom for married women to decide for themselves whether or not they shall engage in paid work.

(b) In particular it calls upon the Government to open the *Diplomatic, Consular* and kindred Services to women on the same terms and conditions as they are open to men.

(c) "*Protective Legislation.*" St. Joan's S.P.A. while believing that protection should be afforded to industrial workers, declares that to impose restrictions on women only, is to treat them permanently as minors, and to lower their status as workers.

It believes that the only policy which safeguards their individual liberty and responsibility is that of basing all labour regulations and restrictions upon the nature of the work and not upon the sex of the worker, and calls upon the Government to apply this principle to all legislation, and to instruct its delegates to support it at all Conferences of the International Labour Office.

4—UNEMPLOYMENT

(a) St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to embody in the new *Insurance Bill* the principle of equality of contributions and benefits for men and women, including married women; further that if any Statutory Commission is set up as advised in the Majority Report of the Royal Commission, such commission shall not have power to discrim-

inate against women workers, by laying down rates of contribution or benefit different for men and women.

(b) It calls upon the Government to allocate for the training and relief of unemployed women an equal sum of money in proportion to their numbers as is expended upon men.

5—NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to introduce and pass into law a Bill on the lines of the Nationality of Married Women Bill giving married women the right to an independent nationality on the same terms as other adults.

6—SLAVERY

(a) St. Joan's S.P.A. welcomes the appointment of the League of Nations Advisory Committee of Experts on Slavery and trusts that the special forms of enslavement of women and girls may receive full attention.

(b) It urges the Government to secure the real abolition of all forms of slavery throughout the British Empire. It demands that the Government should discountenance among indigenous peoples any practices whatsoever involving the bartering of women and children into domestic and other forms of slavery, including the form of child slavery in Hong Kong known as the Mui Tsai system.

7—MATERNAL MORTALITY

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Ministry of Health to provide adequate maternity services throughout the country, and further urges upon its members the duty of pressing their Local Authorities to carry out to the full their powers in this respect.

8—INCOME TAX

St. Joan's S.P.A. demands that the income of married persons should be separately assessed and separately taxed.

9—WOMEN POLICE

St. Joan's S.P.A. calls upon the Government to increase the number of policewomen in the Metropolitan area and to further legislation making it compulsory for Watch Committees and Standing Joint Committees to appoint a sufficient number of women police.

10—EDUCATION

(a) St. Joan's S.P.A. calls for fair and adequate financial treatment of Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

(b) St. Joan's S.P.A. urges upon the Government the necessity of providing adequate and equal facilities for the education of native girls and boys under British rule.

11—BIRTH CONTROL

St. Joan's S.P.A. deplores the policy of the Ministry of Health in allowing in certain cases information on artificial birth control to be given at centres maintained out of public funds. It urges its members to watch the matter in their local Councils.

12—DIVORCE

St. Joan's S.P.A. regrets the action of certain Societies in pressing for further facilities for divorce, and trusts that all Christian bodies will unite in opposing this demand.

13—STERILISATION

St. Joan's S.P.A. records its opposition to the introduction of any legislation designed to promote the voluntary or compulsory sterilisation of mental defectives.

14—CONSTITUTION OF THE ALLIANCE

In view of the importance of our international work the executive committee recommend that a representative be added to the committee from every country which has an organised section of St. Joan's Alliance. Such a representative to be nominated by the section. Further that the committee so constituted should be termed the Council of the Alliance.

15—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Any member of the executive committee who fails to attend a minimum of three committee meetings during the year shall automatically cease to be a member of the committee.

Miss Eleanor FitzGerald made a successful appeal for funds, which brought in over £20.

As no nominations had been received for the Executive Committee, the existing members were re-elected. By ballot of the Committee, Mrs. Laughton Mathews was re-elected Chairman for the coming year.

TREASURER'S NOTE

We wish to thank all those members who gave so generously at the Annual Meeting. We beg those who have not yet paid their subscriptions to do so without delay.

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NATIONALITY

A joint deputation from the British Commonwealth League and the Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee was received by the Acting High Commissioner at Australia House on February 28th. The deputation included women representing Australia, Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and South Rhodesia.

The deputation asked that the Australian Federal Parliament should adopt legislation on the lines of the Nationality of Married Women Bill and support in the Imperial Conference the adoption of similar laws throughout the British Commonwealth. It further asked the Australian Government to support at the League of Nations an international agreement on similar lines and that the Hague Nationality Convention be not ratified.

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A deputation organised by the Six Point Group urging Equal Nationality Rights between men and women was received by the High Commissioner for South Africa on February 21st.

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EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

On March 12th at the Central Hall, Westminster, thirty-three organisations, including St. Joan's Alliance, combined in a Mass Meeting affirming the principle of Equal Pay for Equal Work. Mrs. Wintringham, J.P., presided, and the following motion, moved by Major Hills, M.P., was carried:

"This Mass Meeting declares that men and women should receive the same pay for doing the same work and calls upon the Government, Local Authorities and other employers to put this principle of Equal Pay for Equal Work into practice."

Miss Dorothy Evans seconded the motion, and speeches followed by Miss Froud, Miss Winifred Holtby, Lord Strabolgi, and Miss Mary Welch.

In this connection we are glad to note that at the Annual delegate meeting of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers held in Edinburgh at Easter, a resolution was passed asking for equal rates of pay and conditions for male and female workers.

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