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# OUR POINT OF VIEW.

Women's Organisations and Distress Committees We note with concern that in some quarters the Mayors of towns and boroughs are setting at naught the very definite instructions of the Local Government Board that women's organisations should be given adequate representation on the Distress Committees in each district. A letter from Mrs. Schofield Coates draws our attention to this, and the matter is raised not for the first time. A Mayor, or any other popularly elected official, has no right to take up the attitude that some have thought fit to do in this respect; and we trust they will soon be brought to their right It has been apparent that in giving repremind. sentation to trades unions and women's organisa-tions on equal terms with charitable bodies and religious denominations, some persons have acted as if a concession or a favour were being granted instead of a right. In view of the fact that the strength and organisation of women's leagues, and of trades unions, is infinitely greater and more complete than that of the charitable bodies or even of the churches, such an attitude is ludicrous. We venture to say that it is from these strong, sensible and well-equipped forces that the greatest measure of help and the most practical ideas for dispensing it will be forthcoming.

### **Be** Practical

Long before the Press, or Her Majesty the Queen or other influential persons or bodies had grasped the idea, Miss Boyle, on behalf of the Women's Freedom League, had sounded the note of alarm

and warning against the sentimental folly of a great amount of the " help " which is being organised in many quarters where good-will outruns good sense. The letter published in the Times and other leading papers over her signature had already appeared at Bournemouth and at Portsmouth, and was being discussed in W.F.L. centres, with a view to avoiding any interference by volunteer workers with established trade and paid work. The Nat-ional Aid Corps has from the first adopted this principle; and its work will be steadfastly directed to maintaining the balance of industry where possible. There is one way, however, suggested by Mrs. Clark, in which skilful fingers may employ Mrs. Clark, in which skilful fingers may employ themselves, or in which work may be provided for even unskilful workers who need pay, which does not compete with established industry. There is no big organised trade in clothes for the children of the very poor. What they get is second and third hand, cut down, patched, pleated in and folded over. Good clothes for the children of the poor in the coming winter will be a necessity; and these could be provided in conjunction with the work of the Care Committees in feeding the school children. A mark could be set on all articles school children. A mark could be set on all articles supplied, warning pawnbrokers not to accept them as pledged goods, and, as Mrs. Clark says, with good organisation, the Women's Freedom League might secure, this winter, for once, the entire and proper clothing throughout the country of the children of the necessitous poor. Only we beg all who may be drawn to this class of work to get sensible, up-to-date patterns, and not to provide for the poor what they would not dream of using in their own homes.



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## AT HEADQUARTERS.

### The Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps.

All members who are interested in the work of this Corps, which has been organised by the Women's Freedom League, are invited to attend a meeting at 1, Robert-street, Monday, August 31, at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Despard has kindly promised to be present.

### To Meet Mrs. Despard

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A special meeting for members only, to meet Despard and the officials of the League, will Mrs. be held at 1, Robert-street, on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8 p.m. The object of this meeting is to discuss with members the general work of the Women's Freedom League during the autumn and winter Sessions.

Wednesday Meetings Owing to the difficulty in securing halls we shall hold our Wednesday afternoon meeting sometimes at our office and sometimes at the house of a friend. We shall begin the series on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 1. Mount-street, Berkeley-square (by kind permission of Mrs. Ronald McAllister), the speaker being Mr. Laurence Housman. The chair will be taken at 3.30.

#### **Discussion** Meeting

A discussion meeting will be held Friday evening, September 25, which will be opened by Mr. Housman, the subject of his address being "Sinful Charity." Further particulars will be given later. Mrs. Despard's Birthday Party

All members and friends in London will be glad to know that the date for this party has been definitely fixed for Saturday evening, October 10, date free, and help us to express our warm con- war gratulations to our President on her return to work in the League after so long an absence through illness? F. A. UNDERWOOD. illness?

# THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE AND THE NATIONAL CRISIS.

# I. Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps.

Hon. Secretary: MISS C. MAUD. Hon. Treasurer: MISS LIND-AF-HAGEBY

The first committee meeting of the Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps was held on August 20 at 11.30 a.m., and the following ladies were elected in addition to the members of the National Executive, who are ipso facto already members, Mrs. Despard, the President, being also President of the Ethel Arnold, Mrs. Balfour, Dr. Helen Bourchier, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Hon. Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Hyde, Miss Lind-af-Hageby, Mrs. Montefiore, Miss Constance Maud, Miss Stephen, Lady Treacher, Lady Turner and Mrs. Tritton; definite replies have not yet been received from Lady French, Dr. O. Lewin, Mrs. Mustard, Mrs. Olive Schreiner and Mrs. A. W. Thomson. A sub-committee was also formed to investigate cases, Miss Boyle, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Tritton being elected.

Miss Boyle suggested that a public protest should be made against the delay in providing for the wives and the children of reservists ordered to the front, and that someone be deputed to find out what

Miss Lind-af-Hageby urged that an appeal should be made to the women of the country to keep trade going and not to hoard; also that the W.S.N.A.C. should be organised into departments to work in different ways. It was decided there should be a meeting of sympathisers and voluntary helpers at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, August 31, at 1, Robertstreet, why should be drafted into the various departments.

is being done by the Care Committee in each

Mrs. Montefiore recommended small centres being opened under the auspices of the W.S.N.A.C. for the feeding of the nursing and expectant mothers

Mrs. Forbes advised that the matter of girls whose wages had been reduced be investigated, and Mrs. Tanner that the school age should be raised in order to free the labour market for adult workers. The Committee strongly urged all members to co-operate with the Care Committees in their

districts.

#### Women Police Volunteers. 2.

The enrolment of women police volunteers has now begun in earnest, and when the heavy pressure on the various relief bodies, which may be expected with the autumn, begins, it is hoped that a capable and well-trained body of women will be available. Friends who desire to do something besides the actual volunteering, or who cannot volunteer but who would help in other ways, can do one of three things :

(1) They can recruit for volunteers among their friends or in their neighbourhood.

(2) They can prepare lists of the various depots, charitable association offices, labour bureaux, town halls, police stations, ambulance headquarters, fire brigades, public telephone call offices. and railway stations in their districts, making them out into neat lists with addresses and directions for reaching them.

(3) They can collect money to defray the expense of providing a neat blue uniform jacket for the volunteers. These jackets will be given out for at Portman Rooms. Will readers kindly keep this making to women who are in distress owing to the

> All Branches of the League can find out whether such a Corps could render service in their own towns, and then proceed to organise it locally if advisable.

# "THE MOTHER'S RIGHTS ARE NIL."

The deepest indignation will be felt at the shameful finding of the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland in the case of the custody of a boy of 14, who, having been placed in a military school (charitable) for the assistance of his mother, a widow, was persuaded by the school authorities to enlist. The mother's claim to authority over him at that tender age was swept aside, and the Lord Chief Justice has the assurance to justify his unseemly decision by the impudent statement that the welfare of the country Correspondent thus sums up the matter: — *To Editor of* THE VOTE. MADAM,—It would be interesting to know— (1) What use a child of 14 can be to his country as a soldier? National Aid Corps:-Lady Aberconway, Miss must come before parental authority. An angry

(2) Whether, if the father were alive, the same decision

(2) Whether, if the father were alive, the same decision would have been given?
(3) Whether in war, as in all else, women are always to go to the wall?
(4) Does a state of war, brought about by men's utter mismanagement and love of brute force, rob women of every claim of blood, nature and love?
A strong article in your paper upon more consideration being shown to women in war, and especially urging that married men be as far as possible kept for Home Defence and positions involving less risk, would ease the tortured and anxious hearts of many a woman to-day, waiting in and anxious hearts of many a woman to-day, waiting in

long drawn-out anguish for the cruel "call" which may rob her of all she holds dear. You would do hundreds of sad and anxious women a service, and I have heard it said by so many lately.—Yours faithfully, A. A. GORDON. Elms, Putney.

The comment of the Evening Standard in this disgraceful case, that the mother's action "is a course not likely to be imitated, but the decision is valuable as clearing the air," is as flagrant a piece of brutality as the Bench's finding. This is not patriotism or public spirit; it is sheer bullying jingoism, and the effect of it will probably surprise its authors.

# THE "PROTECTED" SEX.

# In the Criminal Courts :- Clerkenwell.

# Before Mr, Justice Spokes :

FLORENCE WIGMORE, 30, soliciting. Seven months. MARY BROWN, 40, soliciting. Seven months.

MARY BROWN, 40, soliciting. Seven months. MARY BROWN, 42, was charged with stealing a purse and 42 4s. 2d. from a man unknown. It appears that one night in July a military policeman on duty in the Mar-gravine-road was told by a seafaring man that the woman who was then with him had stolen his purse. She told him to go round a block of buildings and see if he had dropped it, which he did. The man never appeared again, but the policeman said he saw the purse and money in the woman's possession, and she tried to give him 2s. 6d. In spite of there being no prosecutor, the woman was charged, and, being found guilty, was given Four months' hard labour. hard labour

MAGGIE MCQUEED was said to have stolen a cream costume belonging to her mistress, who was a divorced woman living with her lover. This case was remarkable for the bad jokes and provocative speech of defending counsel. He vilified the prosecutrix and sneered at women generally, so that prosecuting counsel remarked that he wished Mr. MacDonald would study evidence instead of impudence. "You know how vindictive women can be when they are angre: they're neffect devils. Le evenet all impudence. "You know how vindictive women can be when they are angry; they're perfect devils. I expect all you jurymen have had experience of that; you look as if few of you had escaped;" said Mr. MacDonald at one stage. Although his attack on the woman was so un-sparing, he was indignant that the name of the gentleman inder whose "protection" she lived should be mentioned. "On what principle of integrity or honour are the names of innocent men dragged in?" "He (this man) doesn't of innocent men dragged in of innocent men dragged in?" "He (this man) doesn't want to have his characted blackened." "This woman was determined to ruin this girl—was determined to drink her blood," thundered MacDonald. "A woman's vindicwas determined to ruin this girl—was determined to drink her blood," thundered MacDonald. "A woman's vindic-tiveness is worse than the flames of hell, as some of you jurymen know"; provoking the neat retort from rival counsel "Why he should assume that you know what the flames of hell are like, I don't know!" McQueed was found Not Guilty. I was glad the girl went free, but this practice of vilifying a woman's reputation whenever she comes in contact with the law, whether as prisoner, witness or prosecutor, has continued too long. Even a prostitute has a right to expect justice, and why the woman who lived with Captain Viner should be any less "innocent" than the man who cohabits with her one "innocent" than the man who cohabits with her one cannot understand. Mr. Spokes, the judge, is never guilty of showing sex prejudice himself; and one would expect ihm to pull up counsel appearing before him for doing so.

# Before Mr. Justice Laurie :

MARY WADE was charged with attempting suicide in Holloway while on remand for attempting suicide pre-viously. Mr. Laurie postponed sentence to see what could be done for her, saying he did not want to send her to a Home if he could avoid it. She was pregnant, and had run away from home.

run away from home. ERNEST JOYCE, charged with living on the immoral earn-ings of a young woman. He had three previous convic-tions for the same offence, and was stated to have done no work for some years, having lived on these unfortunate women; brutally assaulting them if they refused him money. He was a bad character altogether and associated with gangs of vicious men. Two of his girl victims are now in the Lock Hospital. Mr. Laurie said he was sorry Joyce was stated to be medically unfit for the "cat," but he gave himTwenty-one months and twenty-five strokes of the birch.

ALBERT CROFT, 64, was charged with indecency towards several little children. Two police officers were told by a civilian of the occurrence, and kept observation on a lane. The little girl in the case was not called. Three months in the second division. EDITH M. WATSON.

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The following cases are all taken from Lloyds Weekly, Sunday, August 23:— ALICE STOREY, Regent's Park, shot on August 12 at a rifle range in Tottenham Court-road. Donald Lesbini, who is reported to have said that she "insulted" him and he shot her, has been committed for trial. ANNIE LANCASTER and her child, Durham, found with their throats cut. John Lancaster, husband, hid in a wood near, and his body was found three days later in a river. The man had been ill and out of work. There had been no quarrel or unhappiness. MRS. BRIDGMAN, Grimsby, found dead in her kitchen with terrible injuries inflicted with blood-stained pocket-knife, razor and table-knife found near. The neighbours had heard sounds of quarrelling. Her husband was found upstairs with his throat cut. Four children were in the house at the time, one of whom—a child of seven—ran out and told a neighbour that her mother was dead. Murderous assault.

#### Murderous assault.

GERTIE MEAR, Cwmdare, aged 17, shot by a crippled shoemaker, Henry Pidcock, who lodged with her parents, and whose attentions she resented. The girl has a bullet wound in the right temple and lies in a critical condition. The men committed cripide The man committed suicide

SARAH JANE LOWES, Bishop Auckland, assaulted by George Hardy, it is alleged, because she refused to keep company with him. He knocked her down with a heavy stone and stabbed her three times in the back. She lies in a critical condition.

in a critical condition. MARY NAVLOR, Ashton-under-Lyne, resented the familiarities of William Eccles, when out driving near Blackpool. Eccles then assaulted her, blacked both eyes, knocked out her false teeth, broke her nose and bruised her face. The bottom of the vehicle was swimming with blood. Eccles sentenced to six months.

#### Women Special Constables at Work.

Sandgate, near Folkestone, has enrolled two women special constables—Miss Mumford and Mrs. Burke. They keep a look out for suspicious persons and lights on the beach. Miss Mumford has been training women voluntary workers in the Red Cross for four years.

THE SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE UNION is organising two memorials, one to each of the two Scottish University members of Parliament, urging them "to do all in their power to promote the passing of a measure to enable duly qualified women to vote at Parliamentary an in the power to produce the passing of a measure to enable duly qualified women to vote at Parliamentary elections." Among the electors and honorary graduates of the four Scottish Universities who have up to the present signed either the memorial addressed to Sir Robert Finlay, M.P., or that to Sir Henry Craik, M.P., are: --Emeritus Professor Bernard Bosanquet, Gifford Lecturer, Edinburgh; Professor Patrick Geddes, St. Andrews; Emeritus Pro-fessor J. G. M'Kendrick, Glasgow; Professor John Stuart Mackenzie, University College, South Wales; Professor Allan Menzies, St. Andrews; Professor J. H. Muirhead, Birmingham; Emeritus Professor J. Gilbert Murray, Glas-gow; Professor Sir Edward Albert Schäfer, Edinburgh; Professor G. F. Stout, St. Andrews; Professor H. A. Thomson, Edinburgh; Professor J. A. Thomson, Aberdeen; Professor D. S. Cairns, Aberdeen; the Rev. James M. Black, Edinburgh; the Rev. John Hunter, formerly of Trinity Congregational Church, Glasgow; Dr. David Murray,

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I remain, yours sincerely. R. J. C. WOLSELEY. Stafford, March 16th, 1914.

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# THE SUPREME HUMAN NEED.

It is, no doubt, quite in the nature of things that during the present terrible crisis the eyes of the nation—women as well as men—should be fixed upon the war area. The material side claims our attention. It is like an obession. We cannot shake it off. As the vast German army advances, leaving desolation behind it; as we try to picture to ourselves the condition of Belgium, only a few weeks ago so fertile and prosperous, in the hands now of a ruthless foreign foe; as we think of our own fine expeditionary Force and see in imagination the wounded and maimed being brought back to their country and the dead lying stark on distant battlefields; as, above all, we, the women, feel to our heart's core, our impotence in the past to avert this disaster, our impotence now to stop it-the material loss-the material danger will naturally fill our minds.

This, of itself, brings us face to face with another danger, more appalling still, because it is not material but spiritual. For if the war-fever spreads, if, in the triumph of victory, as in the depression arising from temporary or apparent defeat, we allow ourselves to lose, even for a time, the assurance which we, in the Woman's Movement, have gained and have endeavoured to spread amongst the nations that Humanity is one, and that what seriously hurts and cripples any of the nations hurts and cripples all, we shall lose the opportunity that may be ours. We do not hesitate to say, and we believe events will justify us, that on the attitude of women and men of goodwill during the fiery trial-time we are passing through; on the earnest thought, the spiritual force, the practical science, the determined will they can their souls. bring to bear upon war's aftermath, the possibility of social redemption will depend.

The bare idea that when the initial horror is over; when, as is sure to happen, the resources in men and material on one side in this mighty conflict are exhausted, we, the people, men and women, can allow ourselves to fall back into the arms of the militarists on one hand or the masters in the dismal game of diplomacy on the other is intolerable. And yet remembrance of what has been done in the past must give us pause. Over and over again, in their hour of supreme need, the Peoples have given themselves over to great warlords and wily diplomatists. Witness France after the Revolution and the German States in the war panic of 1870. "Rest from the misery of war. Safety for ourselves and our children " has been the cry and the freedom, the noble self-reliance which, if we would only believe it, is our human heritage, has gone to the wall.

See how it is with us now! We have boasted of our enlightenment, our progress, the growth, not in our own land alone, of the democratic principle; and lo and behold! when democracy is most

needed, we cannot find it! Blindly Europe has rushed into war at the bidding of a knot of auto-

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"How could they help it? The power of the peoples -nominally growing-had nowhere attained control over foreign policy. Women, the only possible party of peace left under the representative system, were excluded from it. Governments had become more and more potent."

Can we not see where the real danger lies? Can we not understand that it is spiritual? What, we ask, is the supreme human need of the moment? Many would answer: Peace. Something-anything-to keep these armed forces in check, to stop the carnage, to restore the nations to their normal life. That, indeed, is wanted; but unless in the remaking of the map of Europe, still more in the re-organisation of society, we allow wisdom, justice and freedom to rule, all the sacrifice will be of no avail. In the present war we have a terrible example of the futility of treaties, made at times of international stress, to guarantee peace amongst the nations. When the big militarists sound the war tocsin treaties are as useless as is waste paper in a conflagration Let us be perfectly clear about this! A mere readjustment of territory cannotmust not-satisfy the betrayed Peoples of Europe. They want much more. If they are to have what they need; if there is to be any possibility of a lasting peace, they must take action now. In order to do this it is necessary for us to go

to the very roots of things. Consider well, for it it the ordinary everyday life of the European nations-it may even be of those in the Far Eastthat will be affected by what, in the near future, we suffer and achieve.

We possess what is called a civilisation. To some—the minority—it is sweet; to the great majority it is bitter. We are crying out—each in our own way, we are praying-for peace between the nations. Do we realise that within the nations; between man and woman; between class and class; between rival industries and creeds, a perpetual war is being waged. Military war has slain its thousands; industrial war has slain its tens of thousands. Until the spirit which makes for strife is eliminated, we cannot expect anything but brief periods of rest from actual war, and always war panics.

Therefore the supreme human need of this moment and of that other moment, more fateful still, when, out of the chaos of apparently clashing interests, a new European world will spring, is that the Peoples, in whom lies our only hope, shall awake from their dream of subjection, shall realise their mission and their power, shall chase fear, which is the parent of servility, from

To women amongst the nations-Slav, Teuton, Saxon, Latin-our sisters everywhere, we would say: Events are proving that the physical force theory is played out. You, in the forward movement, discovered that long ago. Act on your knowledge. In all that you are doing for the innocent sufferers in this time of misery, be sure you hold yourselves together, as Suffragists, as those who are convinced that the world of society, like its individual units, will never be rightly and happily moulded until you are allowed to exercise in the State that constructive quality which is your special human gift. The era of domination and subjection is passing. Energy, long misused and restricted, is being set free. The new world, silently forming, will sooner or later- " like a child from the womb like a ghost from the tomb "--burst the fetters with which it has been bound. The question for us, at this time of difficulty and danger, is: Are we to be there?

So far as our beloved League is concerned, we know what the answer will be :-- "We are here together in the darkness. We will be there together in the light." C. DESPARD.

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# The Sign Post, civilization?

The outlook is dark from the Sign-Post. Should the Powers of Darkness prevail, Europe would be under

Military thraldom for many generations and Civilisation, as we now understand it, would be set back for many a weary year.

But what has been our Civilization? Have we been working in the right direction? Is not this cataclysm the almost inevitable outcome of the lines on which the world has been run?

# The "Balance of Power,"

must be the care of like scales trembling in the balance—a little more, a little less, and all the diplomacy involved in the delicate adjustment set at nought by the smallest and the civilisation that is to rise from the ashes difference!

### Peace,

resting on the curious foundation of Armaments, from that of Armed Peace. with a steady increase year by year to maintain the unsteady edifice

# A Continuous Incitement

by Press and public opinion of nation against nation, making for fear, jealousy, distrust; and always more and more demand on the exchequers of the nations to keep up war-like preparations for -Peace!

# One Result-

misery in our slums, degradation in our streets, unemployment in peaceful productions. And another-

over ten million men who have no quarrel between

each other, called to face each other, and with grim hands of death see which can kill the greatest number, and so claim the blessing of their God. Into this war we may indeed go with no greed in our hearts for power or place, but because of

our word and bond of honour;

the cause of war is further to seek. It is one of the inevitable products of our boasted civilisation.

It is only the other day that Mr. Wells gave us in his book "The World Set Free" his idea of how our present civilisation was to pass away and a better day dawn. In the light-or the dark-of present events this book is of great interest.

# The big cataclysm-

according to Mr. Wells-was to come in 1955, and the "Atomic Bombs," which make that horrible war the last possible, we may congratulate ourselves, have not vet been invented.

But that awful war—called by some Armageddon —has now come, and out of it, as Mr. Wells shows, A new era must dawn.

It is a strangely significant sign that even Seers, such as Mr. Wells, have not always clear vision as to cause and effect. This has been a Man's World,

run on Man's lines, with Man's necessary limitations, employing only

# half the intelligence,

intuitions, points of view, with which the world has these. been endowed-and the result is the

# Glorification of War.

Yet in the Council of Nations called, after the world has been reduced to ruin and dust and ashes, to reconstruct it, Mr. Wells only sees need for men.

# His idea of

Women's extraordinary patience

They sent her to the clergyman so that he might explain it all to her, and he explained, and it seemed as if she really did understand. He told her that violence was wrong because it was against the teaching of Christ and that any thing that was unchristian never could in any circumstances be right, and that the only right ways of achieving an end were ways of love and peace; and he pointed out that the things women were doing were upsetting the country, and that some women went the length of destroying property, and risked their lives and even, indirectly, the lives of others, and how wrong it all was and that there never could be a blessing on work done by such methods as

She looked at him in her wide-eyed way, more like a child. as everybody said, than a woman, and thanked him and said it seemed to fit in. And then, two weeks later, when war was declared, if she didn't run up to him in the village street and say how glad she was to see him, because she had been telling people all that he had explained to her about the wickedness of violence and that she couldn't get anybody to agree with her. Of course is almost exaggerated, though we are indeed a he pointed out to her that war was quite different; patient sex! But in his vision of Hampstead and who could blame him for being somewhat

Heath, in the year 1933 he still sees a Suffrage meeting attended by a rather bored audience-that

# beyond any limit

### we can imagine!

It is true that he grants Women a place on subcommittees, called into being by the Grand Council, but if future Mrs. Humphrey Wards will be satisfied with this, most of her

# patient sex will not.

Women feel that the time has indeed come when

"Never again"

## both men and women,

of this war must be on a

# very different foundation

MARY MAUD.

# THE NATURAL.

She was a natural, people said, or next door to one, born simple. Never from a child, had she been able properly to understand what most people accepted quite easily, and she didn't become wiser as she became older, didn't grow out of her simpleness. In some ways she was as clear headed as her neighbours; she did pretty well at school, and was better at sums than most of her companions; it was just that there were things she couldn't understand. You might talk till you were hoarse, explaining matters, and at the end she would look at you in her simple way and say, "I don't see how it fits in," or something of the kind, which showed that she hadn't in the least followed the argument and that all your trouble had been thrown away. For instance

When the Suffragettes took to being militant and everybody said how dreadful it was and how wicked, the natural said nothing at all for a long time, and then she asked all sorts of ridiculous questions about history and what she had been taught at school, and said she couldn't see how it could be right for men to have stood out against injustice in the past and wrong for women to stand out against injustice now. There it was! She couldn't see it! And to everybody else in the village it was as plain as a pikestaff.

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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS: W.F.L. LONDON AND SUBURBS.

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Sunday, August 30.—BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30. Mrs. Tanner. REGENT'S PARK, noon. Mrs. Hyde and Mr. Darby. CLAPHAM COMMON, 6. Miss Darby, CLAPHAM COMMON, 6. MISS Nina Boyle. Monday, August 31.—W.F.L. Office, 1, Robert-street, Adelphi. Meeting for members wishing to hear about Woman Suffrage National Aid Corps. 7.30

DARE TO BE 7.30. Thursday, September 3.—Highbury FREE. CORNER, 8 p.m. Miss Rushbrooke. Saturday, September 5.—CLAPHAM BRANCH GARDEN PARTY, 4, Ryde Vale Road, by kind invitation of Mrs. Every. 3 p.m. Mrs. Despard will be present. Sunday, September 6.—BROCKWELL PARK, 11.30 a.m. REGENT'S PARK, noon. Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. Hyde.

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SCOTLAND. Friday, August 28.—RENTREW. Open-air meeting, 7.30. Saturday, August 29.—PAISLEY. Open-air meeting, 3 o'clock. CLYDEBANK. Open-air meeting, 7.30.

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impatient when she asked if it didn't mean upsetting the country and the taking of life by soldiers as well as risking their own? That was her usual absurd sort of way of looking at things, and, explain as he might, he could not make her see how different it all was from what they had discussed before. That was what was so annoyingshe never could see the difference in things. the end of all the trouble he took, she simply looked at him and said she didn't see how it all fitted in. It really was disheartening.

The vicar went fuming to his wife and told her all about it, and his wife calmed him down. "Never mind, dear," she said. "What could

you expect? You know she's next door to a G. COLMORE. natural

A STREAM OF CALLERS. "The Vote" Is Sold Out.

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How to solve the Chinese puzzle of squeezing chose inter-esting articles into eight pages. There was only one solution: They had to be sacrificed. There were signs of anxious thought, too, in the pub-lishing department; the Secretary was wrestling with her Chinese puzzle:  $\pounds$  s. d.; and tugging hard to make both

ends meet. The door opened. "This week's VOTE please; a quire immediately," said a stentorian voice on behalf of a firm of newsagents. "Sold out!" was the laconic reply. The adding up of figures continued; also the sacrificing of articles on the altar of space. Again the door opened. "This week's VOTE, a dozen copies!" "Sold out!" The postman's knock; a letter, marked "Immediate": "One hundred copies of this week's VOTE to be despatched with-out delay!" Quiet reigned once more, but it was short lived. "This week's VOTE" in varying numbers was constantly demanded. Still only one reply possible: "Sold out!" \* \* \* \* \* \*

### THE WOMEN'S EMERGENCY CORPS.

Two days before the public meeting, which took place after we had gone to Press, a meeting was held of repre-sentatives of the various societies and organisations co-operating with the Corps. Miss Lena Ashwell presided, and the heads of the various departments of the Corps gave an account of the work done. Mrs. Haverfield, who is in charge of the motor department, told of girl motor cyclists working as dispatch riders for the Government and proving themselves able to repair motor cycles of men dispatch riders who could not make their machines move. Miss Carey outlined a scheme for dealing with food promised everyday from the markets; cooking, distributing to serious cases, conserving it. Mr. Eustace Miles has offered his help in this work. Mrs. Kingsley Tarpey dealt with the industrial department and the workrooms with paid labour which are being established. Two days before the public meeting, which took place

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# FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1914.

BRANCH NOTES.

A garden party in aid of Mrs. Despard's Birthday Fund will be held by kind permission of Mrs. Every at 4, Ryde Vale-road, Balham, on Saturday, September 5, from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Mrs. Despard has kindly promised to speak. Admission is free to all members and friends.

# East London.

Clapham

East London. An emergency meeting was held on August 20; it was decided to continue payment of the levy to the League fund, and to continue purchasing and pushing THE VOTE. The members also decided to send an expression of their approval of Miss Boyle's scheme for the preparation of a corps of women police, and to suggest that pending authoritative acceptance of the scheme individual mem-bers should offer themselves locally as special police. Any decision as to the steps the Branch should take to alleviate distress was postponed till after the general meeting explaining the objects of the W.F.L. National Aid Corps. All members are earnestly requested to attend that meeting and to join with other East Londoners afterwards in discussion of the future conduct of the Branch. Kensington.

### Kensington.

Kensington. There was a large attendance of members at the special meeting on August 17. Miss Boyle gave particulars of the Women Volunteer Police, and several members were enrolled. The Woman Suffrage National Aid Corps was explained, and various ways of helping locally were dis-cussed. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Women's Labour League to attend their meetings, and as far as possible to co-operate with them in the work they were doing. Several members promised to help in finding out where distress existed already owing to the war, and to send the people to the right quarter for relief. Open-air meetings in North Kensingon will be resumed in September. September.

Brighton and Hove. Our Woman Suffrage National Aid Corps commenced a series of beach meetings on Friday. Miss Boyle ad-dressed a most attentive gathering on the present situation and the part that women always take in a crisis such as this; she described the work already on foot, and plans that the Corps has under consideration. A good collection was taken was taken.

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**Ipswich** On August 20 the Branch formed a Woman Suffrage Aid Corps on the lines of the Headquarters Corps; nearly every member joined. We are collecting and repairing books, magazines, newspapers, etc., for soldiers and sailors in camp, hospital or ships; they will be sent to Societies that have asked for them. We are prepared to look into cases of distress and bring them before the proper com-mittees, etc. We expect to be represented on the local relief committees; the mayor has replied in an appreciative manner to our letter offering help; the local Press has ignored the letter we sent. We shall be glad of clothing for distribution in cases of need. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 3, at 22, Queen-street, at 8 p.m. In the meantime will all who can help with repairs or in any other way communicate with Miss Bobby at the above address? above address?

Paisley and Clyde Bank. During the week several successful open-air meetings took place in these districts, and dinner-hour meetings were held at the shipbuilding yards at Clydebank.

"THE SPHINX."—The new play which Miss Janette Steer will present at the Royal Court Theatre at nine perform-ances, beginning Saturday, October 3, at 8 p.m., has been read by actors, actresses and writers. Among those who have expressed warm approval and congratulations are Miss Beatrice Harraden, Miss Lillah McCarthy, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Winifred Mayo, Mrs. M. Lucette Riley, Mr. Charles Kenyon and Mr. Laurence Housman.

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The campaign, interrupted owing to the special emer-gency meeting of the National Executive Committee in London, was resumed in Aberystwyth on August 19 with all the enthusiasm which has been evidenced at our pre-vious meetings. Miss Anna Munro has addressed large crowds every day and had a splendid reception—which justifies the League's policy in continuing Suffrage propa-granda Visitors are most easer to listen and are very ganda. Visitors are most eager to listen, and are very sympathetic. The Vore sells readily, over two hundred being disposed of in three days; the collections are good, and the campaign will be continued in Aberystwyth for some time

On Clapham Common. Last Sunday week a splendid meeting was held on Clapham Common, the speaker being Miss Anna Munro. The audience was entirely sympathetic, and many copies of THE VOTE were sold. The chair was taken by Miss A. M. Clark. Next Sunday evening Miss Nina Boyle will be the speaker, and the chair will be taken by Miss F. A. Underwood at 6 n m

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The net profits accruing from the nine performances will belong exclusively to the shareholders. It is hoped that the capital will be subscribed by the members of the Suffrage Societies, and should the play prove a success and continue for a long run, the original shareholders will also continue to participate in the profits during the whole of the initial London run of the play.

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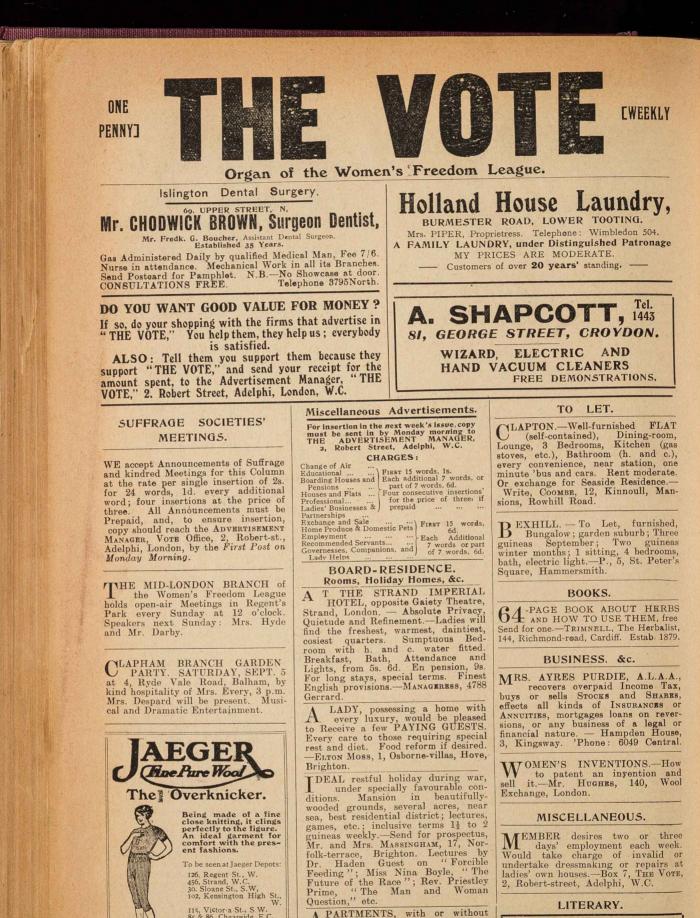
#### Regent's Park.

Although the meeting last Sunday was somewhat smaller than usual, the audience was very appreciative. Mrs. Hyde and Mr. Kennedy referred to the war and dealt with the new direction that women's activities have taken.

### SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES & THE WAR.

FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.-Services FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.—Services will be held in connection with the Woman's Movement as it affects the War. The Rev. Fleming Williams, the Rev. Clifford Hall, M.A., and other prominent ministers will take part. The League is co-operating with the Women's Emergency Corps and has put its office and staff at the disposal of the Corps for half of every day. FORWARD CYMRIC SUFFRAGE UNION.—The Union has decided to continue propaganda work as usual as far as possible, and states that "Welsh women are of opinion that the present time is most opnortune for pointing out

that the present time is most opportune for pointing out the need of the voice of women in the government of all nations." The sale of work, arranged to be held in October in aid of the funds of the Union, will be held, but the whole of the proceeds will be given to the relief of Welsh families destitute through the War.



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