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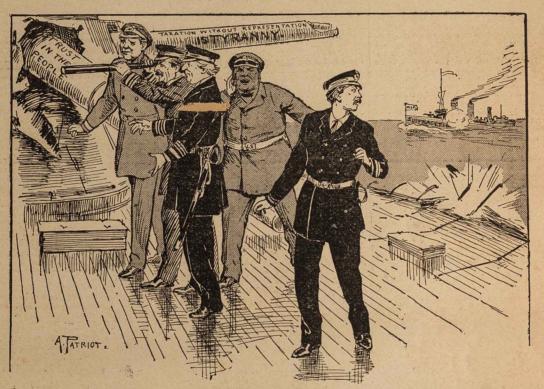
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ON BOARD H.M.S. "GOVERNMENT."



COMMANDER ASQ-TH: "Our enemy, 'House of Lords,' is in sight; are you ready to fire?" GUNNER H-LD-NE: "No, Sir. Our best guns have been silenced by the 'Suffragette.'"

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THE OUTLOOK.

Our hearts are filled with burning anger as we record the horrible assault perpetrated by the Government on women in Winson Green Gaol, Birmingham; but mingled with the feeling of disgust and anger at the wicked action of the Government is a feeling of intense admiration of the noble women who are enduring this torture.

The Facts of the Case.

On Saturday, September 18, two women, Miss Barnwell and Miss Burkitt, were sentenced to a month's confinement in Winson Gteen Gaol; on Wednesday, the 22nd, seven other women were sent to join them by the magistrates. All these women immediately determined to defy the prison regulations and carry out the hunger strike. On Friday morning in the columns of the public Press there appeared a rumour that the authorities, in order to break

down the resistance of the women, had determined to adopt the process of forcible feeding, and in answer to questions in the House on Monday and Tuesday, Mr. Masterman, speaking for Mr. Herbert Gladstone, acknow-ledged that this had been the case.

Legal Proceedings.

The Women's Social and Political Union acted immediately, and on Friday when the information was first published Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Christabel Pankhurst proceeded to Birmingham and addressed a protest meetproceeded to Birmingham and addressed a protest meet-ing. They also went to the prison, but all intormation was refused. Simultaneously the prisoners' solicitor applied for permission to see them to take their detailed instruc-tions. For a considerable time no reply was given. Then this permission was definitely refused. It was accordingly decided on Wednesday to take legal proceedings against the Home Secretary, the Governor, and the doctor of Winson Green Gaol, on the ground that an assault had been committed. And as a first step, in order to comply with the law, a formal letter was sent de-manding redress. The correspondence is given on page 4. Meanwhile we print on the following page an articlo describing the horrible nature of the operation from the medical point of view, adding opinions specially given by Dr. Forbes Winslow and other doctors. **BERGES.**

Heroes.

Herces. Several of the women who are going through this fiery ordeal were already on the roll of honour of the Women's Social and Political Union. Mary Leigh, now for the sixt: time in prison for her protest against the exclusion of women from the vote and for the third time enduring in defence of the cause the hunger strike; Patricia Wood-lock, serving her fifth sentence, who in her several im-prisonments has already served an aggregate of nearly six months; Charlotte Marsh, who has been twice in

prison before, and who has many a time filled the hearts of her hearers with devotion and loyalty to the cause of women; Mary Edwards, Leslie Hall, Mabel Capper (her third imprisonment), Laura Ainsworth, Ellen Barnwell, Hilda Evelyn Burkitt; these women deserve well of womanhood and of the country of their birth; they are setting up a standard of heroism which will be remo-bered and honoured so long as the annals of human society are preserved.

are preserved. **Bind Obstinacy.** The for the Government. Do they think that by these abominable means they are going to crush down the woman's movement? If they think that, they prove once more how utterly they fail to understand the nature and the determination of women. Let them take to heart this letter, received by Mrs. Pankhurst the morning after the statement had been made by the Government. -"I am ready," writes a devoted member of the Union. "to take any act the Union may consider necessary. This forcing of food will not deter us in the least." Another woman writes :--"I beg leave to take my share." These are examples of the attitude which the women are taking up. It is the answer which the women are taking up. The second and Political Union make to the Government. Those who are likely to be deterred by Government. Those who are likely to be deterred by brutality and violence are not within its ranks. Step by step women will go forward with the Government until the cup of its iniquity is full, until the tide of indignation in the country rises to its flood, when this Government which has thought fit to carry out these atrocities will be overwhelmed. "Laughter."

"Laughter." In the Press reports of the questions in the House of Commons on this subject it is stated that Mr. Master-man's answers were punctuated by "laughter" from members of the House. This "laughter" of M.P.'s will

not be forgotten ; it has already fired the indignation of many hitherto indifferent, and when the history of this movement comes to be written it will serve to explain to an incredulous generation the nature of the opposition which women had to face. We note that Mr. Masterman, in defiance of fact, referred to the use of the stomach pump for forcible feeding as "hospital treatment." It will be seen from Mr. Mansell-Moullin's letter, which we give elsewhere, that forcible feeding of this nature is not performed in hospitals.

Wanton Vengeance.

Wanton Vengeance. The Government, in their blind desire to strike at the women who have revolted in prison, have determined upon yet another act of aggression, and have issued summonses against the Lancashire hunger strikers for damage done in prison. The wantonness of this attack will be appre-ciated when it is realised that they already received unnishment in prison for their oflences, and that the punishment in prison for their offences, and that the "damage" with which they are charged amounts to such trivial sums as 1s. 6d., 1s., 6d., and 3d.

A Parallel

A Parallel A Parallel Tersons who still take scriously the statements of the hiberal Press that women by their agitation are putting back the movement should read the following extract from the column by Mr. P. W. Wilson in Wednesday's Daily News relating to the situation in Ireland :--Poople generally believe that the Irish Bill will be bitten as badly as the Housing Bill. This means a possibility of disorder in the Western counties of Ire-land and the certainty of a complete deadlock in the process of lamid purchase. The owners will not get their money, and the tenants will have still to wait for the period of repayment to commence. There is thus every reason why, in the interests of tranguillity, the measure should pass. the folumn by Mr. P. W. Wilson in Weenesdays Daty News relating to the situation in Ireland:— People generally believe that the Irish Bill will be bitten as badly as the Housing Bill. This means a possibility of disorder in the Western counties of Ire-land and the certainty of a complete deadlock in the process of land purchase. The owners will not get their money, and the tenants will have still to wait for the period of repayment to commence. There is thus every reason why, in the interests of tranquillity, the measure should pass. Thus the possibility of Irish disorder is set forth as an express reason for yielding to what the writer holds to be

On Saturday last at Birmincham Mrs. Pankhurst re-plied to the appeal made to her by a leading Liberal organ to call back her followers and to stop the vigour of the agitation which was being engineered against the Government. She says that if it were possible for her to adopt such a cowardly course, the women would not re-spond to her call. In the leading article from her which is printed in this issue she declars once again her pride in the splendid heroism of the women of the Union who have counted no cost too great and no sacrifice too terrible to make in order to win the emancipation of their sex.

How Liberals Deceive Themselves. In the current issue of *The Nation* the editor appeals to women not to follow the leaders of the mili. tant movement, making once again the assertion that the cause "has gone back" and arguing that women have made two mistakes, both of them springing from the original miscalculation. He says :--

original miscalculation. He says: — They thought that women could use force effectively, when it was clear that they could not so use it, and they hoped to frighten men—not in itself a worthy end—when they have merely irritated them into a blank denial of women's capacity to act with discretion in public life, or into a more rational refusal to concede a great change of political power in response to a calculated resort to wile more

Here are three statements which are demonstrably Here are three statements which are demonstrably false. That the cause has not gone back is proved by the unprecedented growth of the Women's Social and Political Union, which is expanding and extending far faster to-day than ever before. As to the women's laster to day than ever before. As to the women's failure to use force, did they not demonstrate at Birming-ham that they had behind them the sympathy of the vast majority of the people, and did they not at the same time prove that they could so seriously frighten Mr. Asquith that he made his progress through the city in underground passages, and only emerged to be guarded by hordes of police? It is extraordinary that elves as to the situation.

A Sounder Judgment.

Meanwhile, we note in other journals a more statesman-like consideration. In the leading article of the Man-chester Guardian of September 27, which we reproduce in full on the following page, will be found a vigorous attack upon the policy pursued by the Government, and among sober-minded politicians all over the country is growing sober-minded politicians all over the country is growing up a belief that this story of revolution can only be brought to an end in one way, that is by giving women the clitzen rights which have always been their due and which are being withheld from them to day through the obsti-nacy and blindness of the Government.

The New Issue.

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VOTES FOR WOMEN

FORCIBLE FEEDING.

Opinions of Medical Experts. Grave Danger to Life Involved.

attendants.

Introduction of the Gag.

Where feeding through the mouth is adopted it is forced open and a gg is placed into it, through which the food is forced right down the throat into the

Thus the possibility of Irish disorder is set forth as an express reason for yielding to what the writer holds to be the just demands of the people. He takes a different view of the Suffragettes and their campaign protest. Cause grave laceration of the throat by the tube. In the second place, the hard part of the tabe may be brought into contact with parts of the stomach and serious injuries result. In the third place, during the entrance of the tube into the throat or its removal entrance of the tube into the throat or its removal there is a risk that some of the food may enter the lung, and that in consequence septic pneumonia may result. Finally, owing to the struggles of the patient during the operation and the exhaustion which follows there is grave danger to the heart, and syncope may ensue. From any one of these causes death may be brought about.

A Case where Death Resulted

In the "Lancet" for September 28, 1872, a case is reported of a man who was under sentence of death and who refused to take nourishment in prison. He and who reinsed to take nonrisonent in prison. He was accordingly operated upon by means of the stomach pump, which is the method employed in order forcibly to feed the women in prison. He struggled during the operation, and his throat was seriously lacerated. He also became very much exhausted, and on the following dur he died

Dr. Moxey's Opinion.

Writing upon this in the same issue of the "Lancet," Dr. Anderson Moxey, M.D., M.R.C.P., said :--"If anyone were to ask you to name the worst possible

"If anyone were to ask you to name the worst possible treatment for suicidal starvation I should say unhesi-tatingly 'Forcible feeding by means of the atomach pump.' Yet this was the procedure adopted in the foregoing case. Let us see what others say of it. Dr. Tennent remarks: 'The use of the stomach pump pre-sents at the outset the difficult and disagreeable neces-sity of forcing open the mouth for the introduction of the gag, the patient meantime contending against and obstructing the efforts of the physician. Even after the new is introduced be can constantly news it and the gap is introduced he can constantly gnaw it, and thus there is always existing an incentive to resistance. The exhaustion introduced thereby is sometimes very great, and may even cause death by syncope.' Dr. Russell has met with such a case, in which death occurred immediately after the placing of the tube, which was violently resisted, and before it could be

which was violently reserved. "The effect of this instrument in this case [of the prisoner who died in gaol] was that the in-terior of his throat was lacerated so much that

terior of his threat was lacerated so much that the surgeon found it useless to attempt to use the pump again. My impression from this state-ment, always, of course, subject to correction, is that the injury done to the man's threat was such that it would have been impossible to use the pump again, and that even had the man relented, to try to eat, he would have been unable to do so, and must have died of starvation about the time he did under any cir

Information has been obtained from various medical authorities as to the horrible process of forcible feeding which has been adopted in the case of the Sulfrageties at Winson Green Gaol, Birningham. It is well understood in the medical profession that this process constitutes an operation, and as such cannot lawfully be performed on any same person without his consent. It consists in the insertion of an indiarubber tibe with a hard end down the throat of the patient. It is sometimes placed up through the nostrils, at other times it is inserted through the mouth. Where the patient is deliberately refusing food, and

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Danger to Life

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"Should there be any tendency to lung weakness, then avoid such an extremity. "Severe heart disease, or even that complaint in a mild form, is liable to cause serious consequences, even if not sudden death. Any rupture or hernia existing is ren-dered dangerous by this feeding. The result of this, if persisted in for a long time, would be to seriously injure the constitution, to lacewate the parts surround-ing the mouth, to break and min the teeth. Feeding by nearly the is be a decrement and hermelic the nasal tube is less dangerous and less complicated. I might at once say that in normal individuals the "I might at once say that in normal indiviounts are very fact of resorting to forcible feeding is to injure the digestive organs, to aggravate any bronchial con-dition which may exist, and to cause dangerous chronic symptoms in those in whom it is used. It is now many symptoms in those in whom it is used. It is now many years since I have cared to resort to such measures, an I should be very sorry to have occasion to advise them.

OTHER MEDICAL OPINIONS.

OTHER MEDICAL OPINIONS. Mr. C. Mansell-Moulin, M.D., F.R.C.S., writes to the Times as a hospital surgeon of thirty years' standing to pro-test against the expression "hospital treatment" reported to have been made use of by Mr. Masterman in the House of Commons on Monday night, in defending the brutality shown to women at Birmingham. "If it was used in the sense and meaning in which it appears in your columns it is a foul libel. Violence and brutality have no place in hospital, as Mr. Masterman ought

appears in your columns it is a foul libel. Violence and brutality have no place in hospital, as Mr. Masterman ought

"There is not a man in the United Kingdom-except those gentlemen of the House of Commons who cheered on Mr. Masterman-who does not feel absolutely nick at the revolting description. All honour to the Labour members." Dr. H. Roberts writes to the Manchester Guardian

If A. Roberts writes to the Mandatase Guardian — "To the ordinary reader the full horror of what this implies is probably not obvious. This perhaps is not the place to enter into details of the revolting torture which it involves; but as a medical man I feel compelled to raise my small protest against this latest form of official crueky, which will write would be add in the investor." uite possibly end in the insanity of some of the victims. Dr. Rigby writes in a similar strain.

THE ALBERT HALL MEETING.

The news that by order of the Government the Women Suffragists now in Winson Green Gael have been fed by force has had an electrical effect, and the outside public, as well as the friends of the movement, will have an opportunity at the great Albert Hall meeting on October 7 of venting their feelings of indignation at this vindictive and outrageous conduct on the part of a Liberal Government

Government. Growernment server a sked to take every oppor-f making this meeting widely known and of others who do not yet fully understand the o use this opportunity of hearing the leaders

important eccasion. will be taken by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, will be made by Mrs. Pankhurst, on the eve rture for her United States campaign, and

of her departure for her United States campaign, and by Miss Christabel Pankhurst. Tickets, which should be obtained at once from Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, 4, Cloments Inn, W.C., are issued at the following prices: — Stalls, 5s.; arena, 2s. 6d.; balcony, 1s.; upper orchestra, fold; and boxes at various prices. The 1s. orchestra fickets are all sold. All seats are numbered except those in the upper orchestra. As the meeting is a women's demonstration all the seats will be reserved for women only, with the exception of the stalls, boxes, and arena. Unsold tickets should be returned at once to the Ticket Secretary.

THE HUNGER STRIKERS' CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

My life for the cause! Dare you take it? I challenge you, offering all. My happiness, home—I will stake it To answer my womanhoed's call.

Your fathers were mine; you forget it, Be it said, to your lasting disgrace, You thought you could break down the spirit That nurtured the flower of your race

With handcuff and cell and strait-jacket, Hard labour and insult and pain. Oh, you talk of honour (who lack it), Of chivalry, shelter, in vain.

My challenge is there! Dare you take it? It is that or the vote in the end. My all for the contest-I stake it. On you will the issue depend.

M. B. CROOM

October 1, 1909.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS.

culty of the situation; it is great and obvious, but, alter al., it is, we may hops, temporary. The time cannot be very distant when women, despite all errors and faults or even crimes committed by some of them, will get the votes to which most men, if not inflamed by resentment, admit them to be entitled. Meanwhile let the wild ones be treated merci-fulls and beat as for a ways he out of huma's way. fully and kept as far as may be out of harm's way -Manchester Guardian

SUFFRAGISTS AND THE LAW.

It is by their own act that artificial feeding becomes necessary, and it can only be through their own actions that it can become anything but a very trivial in-fliction. If people will insist upon courting disconfort which nobody wants to inflict, that is their own affair, and there is no room for sympathy. . . We publish a letter to-day with four rather notorious feminine signa-tures which meaks of the "measionate discontent" of a letter to-day with four rather notorious feminine signa-tures which speaks of the "passionate discontent" of women. The writers must speak for themselves. There is no passionate discontent among the women of this country, and, even if there were, it would not justify them in destroying property and endangering human life. Most of us desire something or other which we have not got, just a schemeler as and norther more researchly them some women as strongly as, and perhaps more reasonably than, some women desire a vote; but we do not therefore take hachets and desire a vote; but we do not therefore take hachets and wreck poople's houses, or even shrick hysterically because the whole course of government and society is not altered to give us what we seek. These notoriety-hunter have effec-tually discredited the movement they think to promote. Public interest in their proceedings is dying, and is being replaced by public disgust. They may get a few men here and there to scream in their chorus, but they are going far to convince the great mass both of men and women that the feminine vote would only be a danger to the State. -Times.

SUFFRAGE AND ANARCHY.

SUFFRAGE AND ANARCHY. The line now being taken by the militant Suffragettes, and by their advocates in the House of Commons, heads straight o anarchy. This is a dovelopment which should cause serious misgiving to those who are favourable to the prin-ciple of female suffrage. The case for the suffrage accords ill with doctrines of anarchy, and every move made towards the latter will further weaken the forme. The Home Offics is being bombarded with questions in the House protecting against the medical treatment of the women priseners who refuse to take food in the ordinary way. This is a refusal which is familiar both in 'prisons and in lanatic asylums, and the authorities of the Dirmingham prison are dealing with it in the ordinary way. It is their

in lunatic asylums, and the authorities of the Birmingham by load of the line of the authorities of the Birmingham to necessity is clear. The women will not be allowed to starve themselves; but matcher will help be released because the transment is an up pleasant necessity. In the official organ of the cause the marchical nature of the design is frankly avowed. "Arrest suffragists, especially since the introduction of the 'hunger transment's which makes it impossible for the authorities to with draw them for a long period from the fighting line." If the an end to prison discipline, for an example would be set which other prisoners might not be slow to follow. Translats the the anchical nature of the destrine bocomes at one aparent. The Suffragette movement is now being frankly placed by some of its leaders on a basis of physical force—with the

TREATMENT OF SUFFRAGISTS IN pRISON. We publish to day letters protosting against the forcible seding of the women imprisoned at Birmingham for various tas of violence. It is probable that few people realise the sture of the process thus mildly described. It involves-or the cause. The process thus mildly described. It involves-or the cause. The process thus mildly described. It involves-or the cause.

cause by criminal acts. —Daily News. There are only two alternatives to the sensible action of the Birmingham authorities. The women might be allowed to starve themselves to death, or they might be released and so escape their punishment and gain their desire of bringing the law into contempt. . . . It comes to this then, that Mr. Hardie thinks the Government ought to release any prisoner who chooses to refuse prison food. It is a grotesque conclusion. —Globe.

MR KEIR HARDIE'S PROTEST.

MR. KEIR HARDIE'S PROTEST. Writing to the Press, Mr. Keir Hardie says: "That there is difference of opinion concerning the tactics of the militant Suffragettes goes without saying, but surely there can be no two opinions concerning the horrible brutality of this pro-ceeding? Woman, worn and weak by hunger, are seized upon, held down by brate force, gagged, a tube inserted down the throat, and food poured or pumped into the stomach. Let British men think over the spectael. "I endeavoured to learn from Mr. Masterman under what tare uple are regulation this thing had been done, but he was

British men think over the spectade. "I endeavoured to learn from Mr. Maslerman under what hav, rule, or regulation this thing had been done, but he was unable to say without notice. He admitted, however, that it had been done by order of the Home Office. My information is that there is no such power given to prison authorities save in the case of persons certified to be insane. If this be so, a very sorious responsibility rests with the Home Office. "May I add one more remark? I was horrified at the Hevity displayed by a large section of the members of the Home when the question was being answered. Had I not heard it I could not have believed that a body of gentlemen could have found reason for mirth and applause in a seene which I venture to say has no parallel in the recent history of our country. One of these days we shall learn that Mrs. Leigh or some other of her brave fellow-prisoners has suc-tumbed to the 'hospital treatment,' as a man did in 1870. I would not eavy the position of the Home Secretary or the Government responsible for such a result. Surely the people of these islands will speak out ere our annals are stained by such a tragedy." uch a tragedy

(Other press comments will be found on page 5.)

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" NEWSPAPER. In view of the production of Vorks ron WOMEN in its new form, an opportunity is afforded to members and friends to put forth special efforts to increase the circula-

THE SCOTTISH DEMONSTRA-TION.

Led by the colour-bearer, Mrs. Haverfield, on horseback, and by lady pipers, the procession will start at 2.30 p.m. from Bruntsfield Links, and march via Tollcross, Lothian anowed flow princes Street to Waverley Market, where a bringing mass meeting will be addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. hen, that Pethick Lawrence, Miss C. Pankhurst, and others. Volunteers for any and every form of the work inseparable from such a great demonstration will be welcomed at the offices, 63, Princes Street, Edinburgh.

Miss Methven, who is Hospitality Secretary, will be glad to hear of any Edinburgh members who will give ospitality to those who come from a distance.

The banners sent from local centres must be in the hands of Mrs. Drummond not later than October 4.



VOTES FOR WOMEN

GOVERNMENT'S ASSAULT ON SUFFRAGETTES.

FIRST STEP TAKEN TOWARDS LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES.

The whole of the country has been startled, and severely shocked, by the news and severely shocked, by the news during the past week of the treatment of the Suffrage prisoners in Winson Green Gaol, Birmingham. It will be remembered that having been read that having been not only excluded from th meeting, but even from the streets outside the heering, but even from the streets outside the hall where Mr. Asquith was speaking, the Suffragists, in order to make an effective protest, were forced to take stronger mea-sures than usual, and from the roofs of adjoining houses they threw missiles at the windows and roofs of Bingley Hall and at Mr. Asquith's motor-car. After being most roughly handled and soaked to the skin by the water from a hose bine, the women were roughly handled and soaked to the skin by the water from a hose pipe, the women were arrested and received heavy sentences, in two cases with hard labour. Firm in their deter-mination to protest, Mrs. Leigh and her eight minition to protest, Mrs. Leigh and her eight comrades (Misses Edwards, Hall, Capper, Marsh, Ainsworth, Woodlook, Barnwell, and Burkitt) at once adopted the hunger-strike. The Government, however, decided to take the most drastic measures, and the deepest re-sentment and indignation have been aroused by the admission in Parliament that foreible facility are avected to. ding was resorted to, in order to deprive feeding was resorted to, in order to deprive the women of the effective weapon of hunger-striking. An expert from the Home Office attended at the prison on Wednesday last, week, and saw the female prisoners in com-pany with the medical officer, Dr. Dolby, with whom he had a consultation. Then a further communication was made with the Home Office, and the Home Secretary gave Dr. Dolby authority to feed the prisoners by force

All definite information has been refused, but it is evident from the replies in the House of Commons that at least six of these House of Commons that at least six of these women are persisting with incredible heroism in their firm resolve not to take food except by force. They are accordingly being sub-jected to this torture, probably two or three times a day, and in some cases, if not all, the degradation and torture of the stomach numn has been arrolied. has been applied.

pump has been applied. With dauntless courage and regardless of With dauntless courage and regardless of consequences the women protested in the other ways still open to them, refused to obey prison rules, and are said to have broken their windows, furniture, utensils, etc. The protests they knew would involve greater suffering. According to reports the most rigorous punishment was ordered by the rigiting integer and effect a screen schwade justices, and after a severe struggl ome of the women were handcuffed and sen

Legal Proceedings.

On the reception of this news in London, Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and a solicitor visited the prison, but were refused any information. The firm of solicitors acting for the Union also sent the following telegram to the Governor of Winson Green Gaol on Fri-

"As solicitons for Leigh, Marsh, and Suffra may we interview them 11.30

This telegram they confirmed in the letter

"We wired you to-day that we were acting as solicitors for Mrs. Leigh, Miss March, and other Suffragette prisoners, and wished to see them at 11.30 to-morrow, but we have received no reply. We are instructed to advise them on the question of the alleged compulsory enforc-ing of food on them and to take their state-ments. If you have not already replied, we shall be glad to hear from you with an appoint-ment to-morrow, so that we may come down by train specially for that purpose. We have formally applied to the Home Secretary for permission."

At the same time they sent a letter by hand

to interview them and take their statements as their legal advisors, and have telegraphed the governor of the gaol for an appointment to see them at 11.30 to-morrow. In the meantime we shall be glad if you will kindly give us the order for admission to the prison and permission to see them

The Home Office Reply.

To this last they received from the Home Office the reply which follows :--

Office the reply which follows:--"Gentlemen,--I have laid before the Secr-tary of State your letter of the 24th instant re-guesting permission to pay a special visit to Mrs. Leigh and other prisoners in Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, and I am directed by him to say in reply that the proper course for any prisoner desiring to complan of his or her medical treatment in prison is to make a

complaint to the Visiting Committee of the inson, and he cannot, therefore, acceled to your opplication for a special visit. The Secretary o ate will arrange that immediate facilities ar-ven for the hearing by the Visiting Com-ittee of any complaint that may be made by

mittee of any complaint that may be made by the prisoners mentioned in your letter." Upon receipt of this reply the solicitors again wrote to the Home Office :--"We desire to draw attention to Rule 72 (6) of the existing Frison Rules, and to make it clear, as we pointed out at our interview, that we wish to see Mrs. Leigh and the other prisoners as their legal advisors, on legal busi-ness-mamely, the legality of the action of the authorities in forcing food upon them. We sincerely trust that owing to the urgency of the matter you will see your way to give us the permission at once." **Definite Refusal.**

Definite Refusal.

On Tuesday Mr. Troup, on behalf of the Home Office, wrote to the solicitors as fol-

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Protests.

Many letters of protests, the Press, and in an interview Mr. Forbes Robertson describes this treatment of women who are political offenders as "perfectly monstrous." At Swansea, Mr. Keir Hardie monstrous." At Swansea, Mr. Keir Hardie called it "a shameful and scandalous mis-use of the powers vested in our prison authorities." "What do you think," he said, "of the latest attitude of the Home Scretary? The methods adopted by the women now in Birmingham Gaol of refusing to take food have even in Russia been suc-cossfully practised by women prisoners. Some of those women at Birmingham have been compelled by force to take food. (Ories of "Shame.") What that means is five, six, or eight strong warders struggling with one helpless and weakened woman, fax-ing tubes in her nostrils, and pumping the food into her. I ask you, does not manhood revolt at auch treatment?" (Cheers.) Indignant questions have also been put in the House of Commons to the Home Sccre-tary, a report of which will be found below. The Suffragettes in Birmingham visit the prison gates every night, accompanied by a brass band, followed by thousands of people, and by their cheers and bugle calls prove to the brave spirits inside that their com-rades appreciate their courage and devotion. Miss Wurrie's Scntence. called it "a shameful and scandalous mi

rades appreciate their courage and devotion. **Miss Wurrie's Sentence. Miss Evelyn Wurrie, who had been ac-quitted and then re-arrested for breaking a police-court window, was charged on Friday last. Her explanation was that she did it as a protest against being kept in a cell for seventeen hours without being charged, and although there was no evidence she was not allowed bail, and had to sleep on a plank. She was fined 11s., or in default seven days' hard labour, and chose the imprison, as her fine had been paid by "a member of the Birmingham Liberal Club."**

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

HOUSE. In the House of Commons on Monday, Sep-fember 27, Mr. Keir Hardie asked the Home Secretary, after giving private notice of the question, whether he had official information Green Prison, Birmingham, and whether it had been found necessary to administer food to three wornen by force, and it so under what whether he had been done. Mr. Masterman: I do not think that that is the exact form of any question of which pri-vation of the ground. The medical officer of Birmingham Prison reported that car-ting to take food. The Prison Commissioners, therefore, with the approval of the Home Sec-terary, instructed the medical efficer to apply understructed the medical the commis-tion edical treatment as was in his opinion accessary to prevent the risk of their commi-tion of the prison the commisting suicide by starvation. (Cheers.) Mr. Keir Hardie: Will the hon. gentleman

say under what authority this action was taken; under what Act or prison regulations? Mr. Snowden (Blackburn, Lab.): What does

the hon. gentleman mean by medical treat-ment? What was the kind of medical treatnent administered to these women, and was it

by force? Mr. Masterman: The authority is the general responsibility of the Prison Commissioners to the Homo Secretary. (Cheers.) There are no special regulations in the matter beyond the general duty of those in charge of prisoners to revent them from committing the felony of

suidle. Mr. Snowden: Is it the fact that food has been administered to these women by force? The hon. gentleman has not given an answer o that.

Mr. Masterman: Certainly. The treatment

Autorities to take such steps as are necessary to prevent prisoners committing suicide or doing themselves personal violence. If they allowed any of their prisoners to cause their own death by starvation they would incur the severest censure, if, indeed, they did not lay themselves open to criminal proceedings. In previous similar cases of this kind the prison authorities have always recognised this fact.
 Mr. K. Hardie: Are six of these women \$2000 monitors in the reservence of the stomation I have recorded to the severest of the stomation of the severest is that there are various means of persuading these women to take nourishment, and hopital instrument used. I believe that has no the sponse of law; they will be dealt with elsewhere; but I want to know whether one of the methods has been to use the stomath pump on one of the prisoners in presence of all the others?

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on one of the prisoners in presence of all the others? Mr. Masterman: I am afraid I have no in-formation on that, but I should think it is in-accurate. Mr. Belloc: May I not ask whether the pump has not' been used in the case of men-very often, and that no questions have pro-ceeded from the Labour bench or elsewhere? (Hear, hear.) The Speaker: Notice should be given of that. Mr. Snowden : Is it a fact that these women-are bound in irons during the time they are under this treatment? Mr. Masterman: I do not think so; I will make further inquiry, but my own informa-tion is that it is done entirely by female warders in the presence of the doctor, who is in charge.

n charge. Mr. Lupton: Will it not lead to an ameliora-tion of affairs if all these women were discharged from prison at once? (Laughter.) No answer was given.

to that. Mr. Masterman: Certainly. The treatment is the ordinary hospital treatment in such cases, and such as has been frequently applied bolt to men and women who are contunnacious, or wak-minded persons refusing food. Nine women alcogether were in such a condition as to be reported by the medical officer as necessi-tating this treatment for their headth, and I rather gather that some of them at the last moment found no necessity to persist in their resistance to food, and that the application of the full hospital treatment was only made in the case of one of the mine. Mr. Keir Hardie: Will the hon, gentleman spital application?? Has the food been pumped through the nostrile or administered by a tubi-inserted in the second described. Mr. Keir Hardie: That is to say, a tube in-serted in the sconach and food pumped through the schewith will the hon, gentleman make over experts in the most brutial and up-to-date "Oh!") Mr. Keir Hardie: Is it a fact that a respon-Mr. Keir Hardie: Is it a fact

bear experts in the most brutal and up-to-dation of the calcin taken by the women on Friday last."
Mr. Keir Hardie: Is it a fact that a responsible firm of solicitors acting for these ladies has applied for leave to interview them and obtain their own statement, and the request has been refused, and, if so, on what grounds?
Mr. Masterman: I must have notice of the treatment assured them that they would not receive the treatment dealt out to men at Mr. Asquich's meeting: in short, the interruptors would be allowed to remain in the hall, as the was not a fraid of remarks they might make. She then traced the tactices of the make is the tappicet vein, and ave for a few interruptions, to which she replied most brilliantly, the address was only punctuated with appluse.
Mr. Belse aked whether the Home Office had any official information concerning the hashift of the nine women prisoners in Winson Green Gaol, Birmingham; how many of them had been subjected to 'h capital treatment,'' and whether he could say under with prison rule and regulations one of they intervent. Was Liberal, has had food pumped down her throat against her will.
Mr. Pelloc: I should like to aki whether it last." Miss Pankhurst was welcomed in a most

what prison rule and regulations one of these prisoners, Mrs. Leigh, has had food purped torily proved her determination to continue down her throat against her will.
Mr. Belloc: I should like to ask whether is is not a fact that a main prison for a peety offence in this very year was flogged, and ifter his flogging refused to take food, was submitted to this treatment and died.
Mr. Mastermani-In answer to Mr. Kein Mr. Mastermani-In answer to Mr. Kein a consequence of this treatment that as received a report this morning from the Governor of the Suffragist prisoners are still under special more with so much power, but I want to asy that the women and my request, in the the suffragist prisoners are still under special more women who were them in Winson Gaol called forth great enthusiasm. Referring to the Daily News, which had appealed to her to say the word that would stop the present phase of the agitation, she said :--- "It is very good of the editor, of the Daily News to credit me with so much power, but I want to asy that the women in this movement in to arm y behast or at my request, but because they feel a burning desire to promote this cause of votes for women, and if I were so false to this movement as to turn

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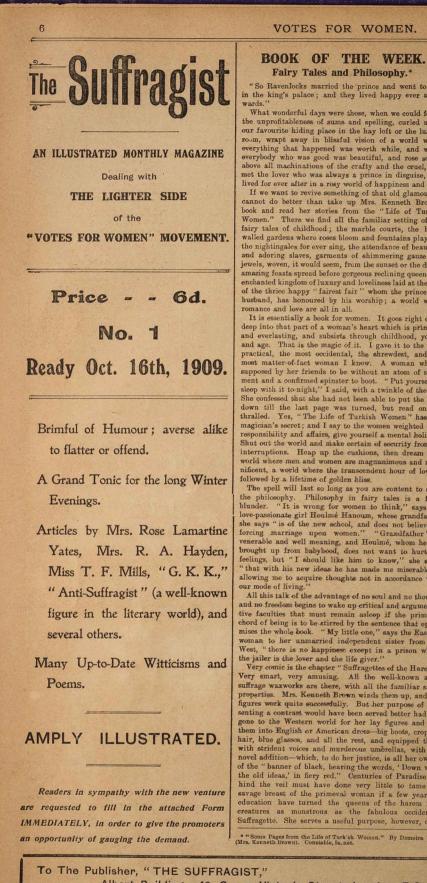
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"So Ravenlocks married the prince and went to live in the king's palace; and they lived happy ever after-What wonderful days were those, when we could forget What wonderful days were those, when we could forget the unprofitableness of sums and spelling, curled up in our favourite hiding place in the hay loft or the humber room, wrapt away in blissful vision of a world where overybday who was good was beautiful, and rose serene above all machinations of the crafty and the cruel, and met the lover who was always a prince in disguise, and lived for ever after in a rosy world of happiness and love. If we want to revive something of that old glamour we cannot do better than take up Mrs. Kenneth Brown's book and read her stories from the "Life of Turkish Women." There we find all the familiar setting of the fairy tales of childhood; the marble courts, the high-walled gardens where roses bloom and fountains play and the nightingales for ever sing, the attendance of beautiful the nightingales for ever sing, the attendance of beautiful and adoring slaves, garments of shimmering gauze and jewels, woven, it would seem, from the sunset or the dawn, process, which is would seen, from the subset of the dawn, amazing feasts spread before gorgeous reclining queens, an enchanted kingdom of luxury and loveliness laid at the feet of the thrice happy "fairest fair" whom the prince, her husband, has honoured by his worship; a world where In the instant of the second o deep into that part of a woman's heart which is primeval and averlasting, and subsists through childhood, youth, and age. That is the magic of it. I gave it to the most practical, the most occidental, the shrewdest, and the most matter-of-fact woman I know. A woman who is supposed by her friends to be without an atom of senti-ment and a confirmed spinster to boot. "Put yourself to sleep with it to-night," I said, with a twinkle of the eye. She confessed that she had not been able to put the book down till the last page was turned, but read on en-thralled. Yes, "The Life of Turkish Women" has the magician's secret: and I say to the women weighted with magician's secret; and I say to the women weighted with responsibility and affairs, give yourself a mental holiday. Shut out the world and make certain of security from its Shut out the world and make certain of security from its interruptions. Heap up the cushions, then dream of a world where men and women are magnanimous and mag-nificent, a world where the transcendent hour of love is followed by a lifetime of golden bliss. The spell will last so long as you are content to skip the philosophy. Philosophy in fairy tales is a fatal blunder. "It is wrong for women to think," says the love-passionate girl Houliné Hanoum, whose grandfather she says "is of the new school, and does not believe in forcing marriage upon women." "Grandfather" is venerable and well meaning, and Houlmé, whom he has brought up from babyhood, does not want to hurt his feelings, but "I should like him to know," she says, "that with his new ideas he has made me miserable by that with his new ideas he has made me miserable by allowing me to acquire thoughts not in accordance with All this talk of the advantage of no soul and no though

All this talk of the advantage of no son! and no thought and no freedom begins to wake up critical and argumenta-tive faculties that must remain asleep if the primeval chord of being is to be stirred by the sentence that epito-mises the whole book. "My little one," says the Eastern woman to her unmarried independent sister from the West, "there is no happinese except in a prison where the jailer is the lover and the life giver." Very comic is the chapter "Suffragettes of the Harem." Very smart, very amusing. All the well-known anti-suffrage waxworks are there, with all the familiar stage Very smart, very amusing. All the well-known anti-suffrage waxworks are there, with all the familiar stage properties. Mrs. Kenneth Brown winds them up, and the figures work quite successfully. But her purpose of pre-senting a contrast would have been served better had she gone to the Western world for her lay figures and put them into English or American dress—big hoots, cropped hair, blue glasses, and all the rest, and equipped them with strident voices and murderons umbrellas, with the

with strident voices and murderous umbrellas, with the novel addition—which, to do her justice, is all her own— of the "banner of black, bearing the words, 'Down with the old ideas,' in fiery red." Centuries of Paradise be-hind the veil must have done very little to tame the savage breast of the primeval woman if a few years of education have turned the queens of the harem into creatures as monstrous as the fabulous occidental Suffragette. She serves a useful purpose, however, does * "Some Pages from the Life of Turk'sh Women." By Demetra Vaka Mrs. Kenneth Brown). Constable 5. net.

he harem (scarem) Suffragette, for she brings us down

again to the "C major of this life." Away go the cushions. We fing the windows wide and let in the fresh, damp air. We are ready for a trudge over the windy common. And the sone in our soul is the song not of the East, but of the West. Then welcome each rebuff

That turns earth's sweetness rough Each sting that bids nor sit, nor stand, but go! Be our joys three-parts pain ! Strive, and hold cheap the strain; Learn, nor account the pang; dare, never grudge the three!"

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The Game that wasn't Cricket. By EVELYN SHARP.

Down the alley where I happen to live, playtime draws a sharp line between the sexes. It is not so noticeable during working hours, when girls and boys, banded to-gether by the common grievance of computery educa-tion, trot off to school almost as allies, even hand in hand gether by the common grievance of computery tende-tion, trot off to school almost as allies, even hand in hand in those cases where protection is sought from the little girl by the little boy who raced her into the world and lost—or won—by half a length. But when school is over sex antagonism, largely fostered by the parent, immedi-ately sets in. Knowing the size of the average back yard in my neighbourhood, I have plenty of sympathy for the mother who wishes to keep it clear of children. But I always want to know why, in order to secure this privacy, she gives the boy a piece of bread-and-dripping and a ball, while the girl is given a piece of bread-and-dripping and a baby. And I have not yet decided which of the two toys is the more destructive of my peace. Byery evening during the summer, cricket is played just below my window in the hour preceding sunset. Cricket, as played in my alley, is less noisy than foot-ball, in which anything that comes handy as a substitute for the ball may be used, preferably an old, jagged salmon tin. But cricket lasts longer, the nerves of the parents whose windows overlook the cricket ground being able to stand it better. As the best working hour of my

able to stand it better. As the best working hour of my day is desiroyed equally by both, I have no feeling either way, except that the cricket, as showing a more masterly way, except what the criticity as more than a the rather more. It is comparatively easy to achieve some resemblance to a game of football even in a narrow strip of pavement borgame of football even in a narrow strip of pavement bor-dered by houses, with one goal in the porch of the model dwellings at the blind end of the alley and the other goal among the motor traffic at the street end. But first-class cricket is more difficult of attainment with a field so crowded as to make it hard to decide which player out of three or four has caught you out, while your only chance of not being run out first ball is to take the wicket with you—always a possibility when the wicket is somebody's coat that has a way of getting mixed up with the hatsman's feet.

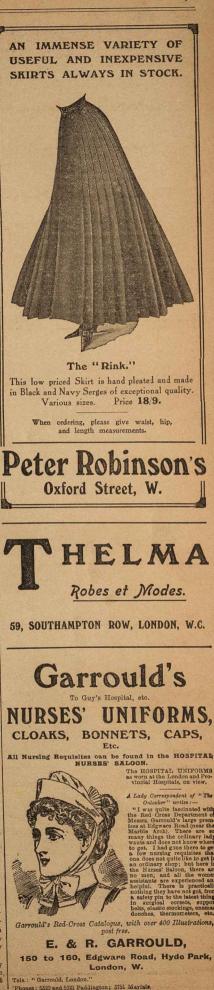
the batsman's feet In spite of obstacles, however, the cricket goes on every evening before sunset; and all the while, the little girl who tripped to school on such a gay basis of equality with her brother only a few hours back sits on the door-step minding the baby. I do not say that she actively objects to this; I only know with acute certainty that the baby objects to it, and I have felt for a long time that it would be at least interesting to see what would happen if the little for a change.

would be at least interesting to see what would happen if the little girl were to stand up at the wicket for a change while her brother dealt with the baby. And the other evening this did happen. A mother, making one of those sortice from the domestic strong-hold that in my alley always have the effect of bringing a look of guilt to the faces of the most innocent, shouted something I did not hear, picked up the wicket, ouffed someboly's head with it and made him put it on, gave the baby to a brother, and sent his sister off to the oilshop with a jar in one hand and a penny tightly clasped in the other. The interruption over, the scat-tered field re-formed automatically, somebody else's jacket was made into a mound, and cricket was resumed with the loss of a player, who, by the way, showed an jacket was made into a mound, and cricket was resumed with the loss of a player, who, by the way, showed an astonishing talent for minding the baby. Then the little girl came back from the oilshop. I know not what spirit of revolt entered suddenly her small, subdued soul; perhaps, the sight of a boy minding the baby suggested an upheaval of the universe that de-manded her instant co-operation; perhaps, she had no distinct idea in her mind beyond a wish to rebel. What-ever her reasons, there she stood, bat in hand, waiting for the ball, while the baby crowed delightedly in the unusual embrace of a boy who by all the laws of custom was unsexing himself.

unusual embrace of a boy who by all the laws of custom was unsexing himself. Another instant and the air was rent with sound and fury. In front of the wicket stood the Spirit of Revolt, with tumbled hair and defiant eyes, breathless with much running, intoxicated with success; around her, an outraged cricket team, strong in the conventions of a lifetime, protesting fiereely. What had happened was guite simple. Grasping in an instant of time the only possible way of evading the crowd of fielders in the narrow space, the little impromptu batswoman had done the obvious thing, and struck the ball against the wall high over their heads, whence it bounded into the open street and got lost in the traffic. Then she ran till she could run no more. Why wasn't it fair? she wanted to ould run no more. Why wasn't it fair? she wanted to

know. "'Cause it ain't-there!" was one illuminating reply. "Cause we don't never play that way," was another, upon which she was quick to pounce. "You never thought of it, that's why!" she retorted

She was desperately outnumbered. It was magnificen She was desperately outnumbered. It was magnificent, but it wasn't cricket; moreover, her place was the door retep, as she was speedily reminded when the door re-opened and avenging motherhood once more swooped down upon the scene. A shake here, a push there—and the by was back again at the wicket, while a weeping baby lay unheeded on the lap of a weeping Spirit of Revolt. And the queer thing is that the innovation made by the small batswoman in her one instant of wild rebellion, has now been adopted by the team that plays cricket down my alley every evening before sunset.



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THE FIERY CROSS.

To-day throughout the country every heart that loves it will irradiate their lives with a new hope, a new stice is burning with indignation at the latest act of certainty of victory. he Government against women.

Because we will not give in or abandon our deter-mination to wring from them the emancipation of womanhood they are inflicting upon the bodies of our dear comrades in prison a cruel and inhuman violence. Were it possible for them to inflict still greater tortures upon our women, even to the taking of life itself, it would still be triumphant over them. For the spirit They hope in this way-and hope in vain-to crush which is in woman to day cannot be quenched; it is the women's revolution. stronger than all earthly potentates and powers; it is

Last week I was appealed to by the Liberal Press to stronger than all tyranny, cruelty, and oppression ; it is call a halt to our agitation and to pass a censure on stronger even than death itself. such scenes as were witnessed outside Bingley Hall.

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I should be cowardly indeed were I to listen to this appeal. Were I to attempt to restrain the members of the Women's Social and Political Union from such legitimate protest I should be false to the sacred trust which has been committed to me. But above and beyond that, ny attempt would not succeed. The women who are in his movement know too well the folly, the weakness, the wickedness of turning back. Step by step, they have been driven by the repressive measures of the Government to more and more vigorous protest. Forbidden access by deputation, excluded from public meetings, punished over and over again as common criminals for merely demanding an interview with the Prime Minister, they have gone steadily forward, never taking

single step that was not absolutely forced upon them. It is too late to-day to appeal to them to turn back. The only appeal that can possibly succeed is to the Hovernment; they have it in their power to stop this gitation at once by one simple act of justice; for by the concession to women of their proper citizen rights -and by that alone-can the present terrible situation be brought to an end.

But the Government are trying a different course. Chev have resorted to torture. Even as I write these words the outrage of forcible feeding is being inflicted upon those brave women in the Birmingham prison who have refused food as a protest against injustice and tyranny. The hunger strike as a last protest against the misuse of power has hitherto been known only in Russian prisons, but under a Liberal Government in Free England women have been driven to use this terrible weapon against their oppressors. To break their spirit a Liberal Home Secretary has gone further than ever Russian officials have dared to go. By his orders women have been overpowered by numbers, held down while a tube has been inserted into their struggling bodies, and forcibly fed. In this way the Government seek to end the hunger strike and repress the agitation. Once more they will fail, as such miserable acts of cruelty and repression have invariably failed in the past. Just as it is in the hottest furnace that the steel It is estimated that when this claim has been conceed, bout a million and a quarter women will possess the vote, a gdditon to the seven and a half million men who are at the seven are at the seven and a half million men who are at the seven are at the seven and a half million men who are at the seven are at forth. Since the news of this abominable action of the

> I have received letters from women asking to be allowed to take their share in the fight, demanding that they shall be given a place where the struggle is keenest, the danger greatest, the suffering most severe. And so it has always been. Every fresh denial of ustice, every successive act of repression, brings new

recruits to the corps for active service. And what of the ninety women now awaiting trial for their part in DEAR FRIENDS,-To-day there is urgent need that the deputation of June 29? Do the Government imaour statement of the facts and our interpretation of them shall be placed before every woman and every man terror into our hearts? They may be able to feed by terror into our hearts? They may be able to feed by Press will not do this for us. There is only one way in which it can be done, and that is by means of this if the legal case goes against us and we are all sent to Holloway, do they imagine that they will be able to

n an enlarged form with wider possibilities for useful - The hearts of women right through this Union, and ness. While our dear comrades are in Birmingham Gaol even of those still outside our ranks, are stirred to their depths. This fire of suffering whose flame is upon our sisters in prison is burning us also. For we suffer with o those in prison, as a sign of devotion to them, I ask them, we partake of their affliction, and we shall share very member and every friend of our Union to press their victory bye and bye. This fire will breathe into orward with a renewed effort so that the circulation of the ear of many a sleeper the one word "Awake," and our paper may be doubled and even trebled during their she will arise to slumber no more. It will descend with the gift of tongues upon many who have been hitherto dumb, and they will go forth to preach the news of deliverance. Its light will be seen afar off by many who suffer and are sorrowful and oppressed, and

For this spirit which the Government in their blind-Because we will not give in or abandon our deter- ness have called forth against themselves is nobler and

Emmeline Pankhurst.

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WHY WE FIGHT.

Women are often told that politics are too base, too making

found ready to cast aside self-interest and throw self- bondage of government by male right. Our masters regard to the winds. History is lifted to the level of have put the bit in our mouths, they have harnessed us and driven us whither they would. They have harnessed us and driven us whither they would. They have human spirit and the human will, braced by heroic conceptions of freedom, right and duty, pitted against purchased for his use. But no more! Not if we die all the forces of material domination

We have only to recall the rally of the French nation led by Joan of Arc, who taught her people to realise that fear was the basest of all base passions, more potent to enslave than the armies of the foreign foe.

We need only think of Garibaldi, who made Italy a acknowledges no citizens but men. Our masters nation and a kingdom by the might of his arm and the hold the lash; they can do the mortal body valour of his illustrious "Thousand," and threw off the to death as it stands shuddering between the shafts. bitter yoke of alien rule. Or of the peasant deliverer of But they will never have our submission again. the Tyrol, whose story was told in the pages of this paper a fortnight ago. These illustrations are but typical of those heroic periods in the life of the human now-laughing in sheer joy of triumph, for it knows that race when a great and passionate conception of liberty has led to the beating down of the strongholds of one body doomed to the inevitable mortal fate of dissotyranny and the release of the imprisoned and captive | lution. Death will come some time sure and certainspirit of a race.

We see these scenes of conflict now in the perspective which time affords. But there was a time when the hundreds of women in this Union who are ready to lay nalities which stand exalted above mortality were lost in the hurly-burly of the politics of those far-off days. There was a time when in men's minds these death she could purchase for the women to come after very names were linked with opprobrium. There was a time when the principalities of the Church and the powers of State, supported by the clamour of the dcceived public, burnt Joan of Arc at the stake, as "I, too, possess a human mind and soul." a very limb of the devil. There was a time when proud Britain dared not harbour Garibaldi as its guest. The day came when Andreas Hofer was shot as a rebel, without protest from the Emperor he adored and gave his life to serve. The nature and significance of those heroic struggles were unguessed at the time, save by a powerless few, who shared the faith and mourned the tragic fate of these defenders of their race.

History repeats itself. And here in the twentieth century those who would free their sex from age-long subjection find themselves engaged in what is a very war for freedom - a war which grows more serious every day, of which no one can foresee the course, and only those who possess the vision of faith can see the end.

We shall be told that we are comparing small things with great, that we have lost all sense of proportion in the obsession of a fixed idea. But that is what these others were told in their time, what all have been told who have set forth to break the fetters that bind humanity, of which the majority of men and women, dupes of custom or of fear, are but vaguely and im potently conscious. It is true that the conflict is not war in the literal sense of the word, nor is it conceivable that it ever can be, but the principles of the conflict are precisely the same, though the weapons are different. It is a war against a Government that would deny to woman the freedom of the constitution, to which as human beings they are entitled.

"But, those of whom you speak were fighting for a very definite thing-freedom, nationality, the flinging off of an alien yoke. It cannot be maintained that women are fighting for anything as fundamental, as vital, as that.'

Women are fighting for something infinitely more fundamental, infinitely more vital even than that form of freedom that is comprehended in the word nation-ality. They are fighting for the very right to possess their own body and soul, they are fighting for the elemental right to be human beings, living members of the body politic, citizens of a self-governing State instead of cattle, adjuncts to, but not partakers of the mental right to be human beings, living members of the body politic, citizens of a self-governing State. body politic.

That is the meaning of our struggle. Men have fought that they may be called citizens of one State rather than of another; they have fought against tyranny of priesteraft, against restriction of liberty of cience. But we are fighting to obtain the elementa right to be existent at all in a State that now is in-clusive only of men. We are fighting against the suffocating power of a worse than priestcraft tyranny— that power that in some countries still openly avows that woman has no soul, and in every country that power that in some countries still openly avows forbids it to develop

"He for God only, she for God in him." So wrote in unforgotten words the champion of religious liberty and the challenger of priestly rule, England's great

poet reformer, Milton. Yet no priest in the darkest days of religious decadence ever arrogated to himself so monstrous and impious a claim as this. The sordid for their touch. Yet the politics of to-day are wickedness of this utterance has never stirred the Nonthe history of to-morrow; politics are history in the conformist conscience or brought forth any protest from the official representatives of the Pro tostant From time to time the sordidness of politics is redeemed by some magnificent idea, for which men are has stifled its moan and borne the bitter yoke of

for it! This Government is breaking the bodies of women in prison because it will not break the bondage which holds us in subjection. It is determined to keep women as the cattle of the State-the State that

We have but one soul, and that, whether our masters like it or not, is never again for their yoke. There are

down their lives, if that is the price exacted; who would not deem her fate a fortunate one if by her her the right to that elementary foothold in civilisation comprehended in the phrase, "Homo Sum," which can

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Next Monday afternoon the first open meeting, or At Home, as it is called, after the summer holidays will be held at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, from 3 to 5 p.m. The speakers will be Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Miss Rona Robinson, one test and the summons has been of the women upon whom a summons has served for damage to prison property in connection the recent imprisonments at Liverpool. Similar At I the recent imprisonments at Liverpool. Similar At in-are held at the Queen's Hall every Monday aftern and every Thursday evening at St. James's Hall, but and every Thursday evening at St. James's Hall, but ne: Thursday there will be no At Home in the St. James Hall, as on that evening the great Albert Hall meetin takes place. At Homes of a similar character to those London are also held regularly in various centres the out the country. Particulars will be found on pr ("The Campaign Throughout the Country"), as w in the Pregramme of Events (page 11).

Indignation Meetings Throughout the Country.

The great meeting already announced to take place at the Royal Albert Hall next Thursday evening at 2 p.m. will take the form of an indignation meeting to pro-test against the vindictive action of the Government in causing the compulsory feeding of the women Suffragists imprisoned at Birmingham. Particulars will be found an p.2.

imprisoned at Birmingham. Particulars will be found on p. 2. At a number of other meetings which have been arranged to take place throughout the country, owing to the action of the Government with regard to the women at Birmingham the same note of indignation will pre-vail. Among these are a Welcome to the Lancashire Hun-ger-strikers at the White City, Manchester, to-morrow, when the speakers will be Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Gladice Keevil, and some of the Hunger-strikers. Another important meeting is that in the Sun Hall, Liverpool, on the evening of Monday, October 11, when Mrs. Pankhurst will speak; and some of the Liverpool Hunger-strikers and prisoners on remand will be present on the platform. Tickets, price 28. 6d., 1s., and 6d., can be obtained at the new W.S.P.U. shop, 28, Berry Street, Liverpool. The names of those wishing to act as stewards ahould be sent in immediately to Miss Flatman at the Sam address.

Release of Miss Ainsworth.

Miss Ainsworth, who was sentenced at Birmingham t two weeks imprisonment, will, if she serves her full time be released on Tuesday, October 5. Arrangements ar being made to hold a meeting in Birmingham the sam evening, at which Mrs. Pankhurst will speak. Protest at Newcastle

The wrong of the second The Scottish Demonstration. Miss Constable Pankatis, Animant Factors to Date is also ready in leaflet form at the same price. The Woman's Press has three complete sets of "Exhibition China" on hand, as well as odd pieces. Particulars can

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TREASURER'S NOTE.

September 22-29. More than £600.

There is only one thought in our hearts now. It is the thought of the women whose bodies are being violated in prison. The Government, having cut off from wome every constitutional right, and repressed with cruel vio lence every form of protest, have driven women to the last extremity of passive resistance. Women are prepared to die rather than acquiesce, even by the simple action of oluntarily taking food, in the iniquities of the political and legal system imposed upon them. There is no justice for women. And there is no ruth.

And in order to batter down their resistance women have been grossly outraged in their person by the gag and the tomach pump.

There is nothing so certain in the whole world as that the women in this Union will go through humiliation, agony, and death without flinching. There is nothing so ertain as the fact that women will never give in after

When the unspeakable treasure of flesh and blood is being poured out as a price for that which is ours by every human right, silver and gold are dust and ashes in

But we are going to carry on this fight as never before. And money is needed to carry it on. Soven new organisers have been appointed. We are going to fight in the law courts this case of forcible feeding. There is a contribution this week of £400, completing a gift of £500 to the Legal Defence Fund. Now has come the time when there will be no holding back of self or of sub-stance. We have to give ourselves, if need be, as Marie Leigh, Charlotte Marsh, and their eight comrades, as women by the hundred in this Union have given them-selves, body and soul. We are welded together now, we the members of this Union, like iron at white heat. They little know, these puny men in power, the spirit which they have evoked. It is for the women now to teach them. And they will. E. P. L. But we are going to carry on this fight as never before.

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PROTESTS AT CABINET MINISTERS' MEETINGS.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS. On several occasions during the last few days Cabinet Ministers have been questioned on the subject of Votes for Women. At Cinderford on Friday. Mr. Herbert Gladstone, although encompassed about with the accusing voice of Miss Pitman, who met is motor-car at Bristol. During his visit and Cinderford in bringing the moviment to the notice of the public. At Hampton Court on Saturday, on the focasion of a lancheon to the members of the publics are Mr. Lawis Harvourt as he was leaving the marquee, and approached him, saying, "Will you buy a copy of our paper?" Mr. Harcourt appeared to be in-topment. The several and fled-he man was immediately pounced upon by Women were anded, he turned and heu-The man was immediately pounced upon by three keepers and hastled out, but not before he had time again to shout "Votes for Women," in the hearing of the crowd which had been attracted.

had been attracted. On Monday morning Miss Jessie Kenney, finding herself in the same transcar with Mr. John Barns, attempted to discuss with him the treatment of the Hunger-Strikers at Bir-mingham. Mr. Burns dodged from side to oide of the tran, followed by Miss Kenney, and finally, in desperation, after using some strong language, he jumped off the foot-board. No one attempted to interfere, but the conductor warned Miss Kenney not to follow Mr. Burns, as the car was going at a dangerous speed, "for," said he, "he isn't worth i."

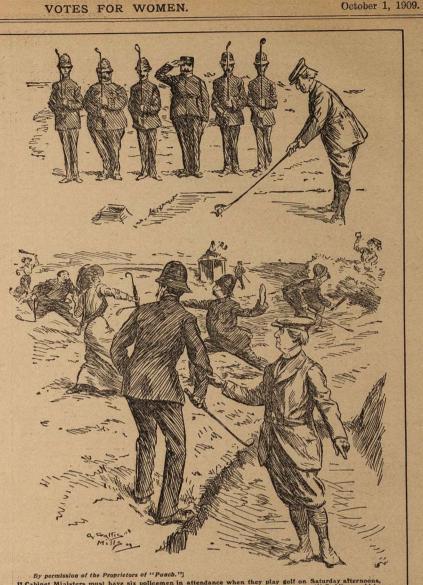
A magnificent protest meeting was held at Peterborough on Monday outside a hall in which Mr. Sydney Buxton was speaking. To this hall only twelve women, well known To this has only twerve women, wen shown to the Liberal party, were admitted. At an overflow meeting the words "Votes for Women" were written on the pillars by someone in the audience. The meeting ad-dressed by the women was perfectly orderly, and the sympathy of the audience was abun-dents without the sympathy of the audience was abundantly evider

MR. MASTERMAN QUESTIONED

As he has acted as the mouthpiece of the overnment in regard to the forcible feeding the Suffragist prisoners at Birmingham, of the Suffragist prisoners at Birmingham, Mr. Masterman was severely questioned by both men and women at a meeting in Fulham Town Hall on Tuesday night. After some plati-tudes by the chairman, Mr. Timothy Davies, with regard to Mr. Masterman's prospects of entering the Cabinet, and Mr. Masterman's own boast that so far he had been free from Suffarentic stades. a woman come in the own boast that so far he had been free from Suffragette attacks, a woman rose in the audience and said pointedly. "What about feeding by force in Birmingham Gaol? Is this the price you are paying for a place in the next Liberal Cabinet?" She was hustled from the hall, and was only saved from the buttality of the stewards by men in the audience. After another woman had been thrown out, a man rose and called for "Three cheers for Keir Hardie," while another shouted, "He at least has stood by the women," and the words "Sbomach pump" in stentorian tones rang

men in the audience. After another woman had been thrown out, a man rose and called for "Three cheers for Keir Hardie," while another shouted, "He at least has stood by the women," and the words "Stomach pump" in stentorian tones rang through the hall. There was a series of pro-tests from the balcony and door of the hall, and a well-known South London Liberal in the second row asked to be allowed to put a question. After some disorder Mr. Master-man asked, "Is the question about the medi-cal treatment of the prisoners at Birming-ham?" In response there were loud cries of "Yes, yes. Answer, answer," from the back of the hall.

Description of the principle of the principle of the series of the s Their tickets were in proper form, and they England.



If Cabinet Ministers must have six policemen in attendance when they play golf on Saturday alternoons, then each policeman might surely carry a club. This would serve a double purpose (1) Cadlies could be dispensed with (2) The clubs would serve as weapons of Offence and delence in case of a Suffragette Raid.

POST BOX.

POST BOX. To the Editors of Vortes ron Wortes. To the Editors of Vortes ron Wortes. Dan Siz,-I would like to tell you how delighted I am with my Suffrage bicycle. Decorated very delicately in the W.S.P.U. colours, it is really the most beautiful bicycle I have ever seen. It is not at all aggressively Suffragist, as it is very sober in appearance, but it is an easy way of doing a little gentle propaganda when marketing, etc. What I like best is that it is a direct contribution of \$10 to the W.S.P.U. through the kindness of the giver of the bicycles. I would like her to be told how much I like it, and that my husband has bought an Elswick since.--Yours, etc...

Yours, etc., KATHERINE VULLIAMY. Maitland House, Nøwnham, Cambridge.

Mr. R. H. Pott writes that the leading newsagent in Woking has voluntarily offered to display fourteen posters for twenty-four hours this week, practically devoting every board outside his shop for this purpose. He suggests that other readers should obtain similar promises.

THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE. The above League extends a cordia tion to members of the W.S.P.U. to be in the Grand Hall of the Criterion at the Presiden in the Grand Hall of the Criterion as 5 o'clock today (Friday), when the President of the League (Mrs. Kenda) and the vice-presidents are At Home. The chair will be taken by Miss Fanny Brough, and the speakers will be Miss. Margaret Halstan, Miss Christopher St. John, Miss Ogrøton, Mrs. Arnolif. Sennet, Mr. Mal-colm Mitchell, Major-General Sir Alfred Tur-ner, and Mr. Granville Barker.

Mme. Garrud will give a demonstration in the Japanese art of self-defence, i.e., Ju-Jutsu, at her school, 31, Goldan Square, Piccadilly, on Saturday, October 9, at 3.30 p.m. The demon-stration is for ladies only, and tickets will be supplied free on application. Those who wit-messed Mme. Garrud's shows in Ju-Jutsu at event

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Dotober Friday, 1	Birmingham, Barton Arms, Aston	Miss G. M. Hazel	7 p.m.	
	Birmingham, Barton Arms, Aston Edinburgh, Drawing Room Meeting, 29, George Square Edinburgh, Leopold Place Edinburgh, The Mound Edinburgh, Stockbridge Dainburgh, Stockbridge	Miss Macaulay, Hon. Mrs. Havorfield Miss Navlor, Miss E. Haig	8 p.m.	
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	Liverpool, Crawford's Factory, Burns Road Liverpool, Islington Square	Miss Flatman	1.30 p.m. 8 p.m.	
	London- Brixton, White Horse, Angel Road	Miss Bonwick, Mrs. Tanner	8p.m.	
	Franchise League	Miss Ogston Miss Jacobs, Mrs. Butler	3.30 p.m. 7 p.m.	
	Hither Green, Debate, Torridon Rd. Lewisham, Market Place	Mrs. Bouvier Miss N. U. Smith Miss C. M. A. Coombs, Miss C. Mackay	8 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	
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Saturday, 2	Portob llo Glasgow, Charing Cross Hall	Miss Chapman, Miss Roberts Miss Ann Macbeth, Miss Swanson,	8 p.m.	
	Liverpool The Dingle	Miss Mary Gawthorpe Miss Chapman, Miss Roberts Miss And Macbeth, Miss Swanson, Miss Adela Parkhurst, Miss Cono- lan, Chair: Dr. Katharine Chapman Miss Flatman. Miss Flatman.	3 p.m.	F
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	Ravenscourt Avenue, W Richmond, Heron Court	Miss Elsa Myers, Miss Ellen Pitfield	7.30 p.m. 11.30 a.m. 7 p.m.	
	Wood Green, Open air Meeting Manchester, White O'ty, Great		7 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	
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Monday, 4	Edinburgh, Abbey Hill Station Edinburgh, Dalry, Orwell Place	Miss Fraser Smith, Miss Liddle Miss Chapman, Miss C. W. Haig	8 p.m. 8 p.m.	
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	Liverpool, Ogden's Factory Gates Liverpool, Beech Street, Kensington London-	Miss Flatman	8 p.m. 1.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	
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	London- Chiswick Town Hall, Hogarth Room	Miss Ogston. Chair: Rev. Cartmel		
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	Kensington, At Home, Albert Lodge Ravenscourt Avenue, W. Shepherd's Bysh, Bamboro' Gdns West Kensington Railway Station	Koolinson Miss Mary Neal and others Miss Anerbach, Miss West Miss Ellen Pitfield, Miss Roe Mrs. Nourse, Miss Jarvis Members' Meeting Miss Kelley, Miss Roberts	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	
	Manchester, 164, Oxford Road Portobello Presten, 48, Glover's Court . Rochdale, 24, Buillie Street	Membars' Meeting Miss Kelley, Miss Roberts	8 p.m. 8 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	
	Rochdale 24, Baillie Street Wolverhampton, Reception	Lady Constance Letton, Miss Gladice	8 p.m.	
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	Royal Albert Hall,		8 p.m.	
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	Edinburgh, Toll Cross	Miss Joachim, Miss Liddle Miss Fraser Smith, Miss C. W. Haig	8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m.	
	Letth. Liverpool, Protest Meeting, St. George's Plateau Manchester, At Home, Onward Build-	Miss Flatman	7.30 p.m.	
	Manchester, At Home, Onward Build- ings, Deanagate Newcastie-on-Tyne, St. George's Hall Nottingham, Small Mechanics' Hall	Miss Mary Gawthorpe Miss Christabel Pankhurat Miss Helen Ogston, Miss Crocker, Dr. Fairfield	8 p.m.	
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October 11	Liverpool, San Hall	Mrs. Pankhurst. Chair: Miss Ada Flatman	8 p.m.
October 13	Blackheath Concert Hall	M's. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Con- stance Lytton. Chair: The Ven. C. E. Escreet, M.A., Archdeacon of	
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October 19	Chigwell, Roll's Park	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	
October 21	Launceston, Town Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Annie	
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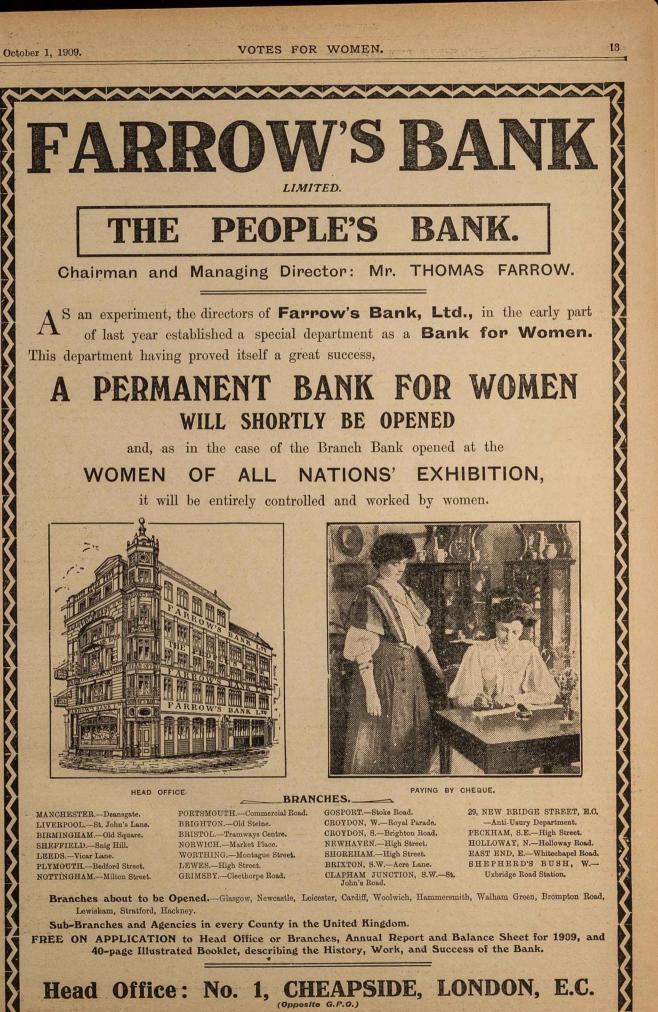


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LOCAL NOTES.

BOWES PARK W.S.P.U.-Capital meetings two been held in Wood Green and Finshury Park rring the month. Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Gibson, Miss acnamara, Miss Rose Barry, and Miss Kendall we been our speakers. The winter campaign opens CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM W.S.P.U.

W.S.P.U.-A highly successful meet at Whyteleafe on Saturday evening inst time Suffrageties had visited th

FOREST GATE W.S.P.U.-A successful open-s

HORNSEY W.S.P.U.-Wo had an excellent meeting at 54. Thoma's Road on Thursday, when Miss Bowek spoke and Miss May Kendal took the chair. In apile of the weather on Saturday, our meeting at the Clock Tower was a awaces. Miss Feek spoke, and Mis. Williams took the chair. The next meeting will be as the Archway Tavern on Saturday, October 2, at 7 p.m. The St. Thomas's Road meeting will be postponed from the 7th to the 14th. Members are canvassing the different dis-tricts for workers for the Alexandra Philoso Demon-ateration. Will all those willing to help, who have not already sent in their names to Miss Bon-wick, plenae do so at once.-Claud BROWNS. LIFORD W.S.P.U.-On September 22 we had a good meeting in Station Road, at which Miss Nay-lor spoke and Ethel Hasian took the chair. A collection was taken to cover express. Five down papers have been sold during the week. Our next HORNSEY W.S.P.U .- We had an excellent

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KENSINGTON W.S.P.U.-Our first monthly themeon At Home will be held next Wednesday,

KENSINGTON W.S.F.U.—Our first monthly aftermon At Home will be held mext Weinsedar, October 6, at Albert Lodge, Albert Place, Victoria Road, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Grant, 4 to 6 p.m. Miss Mary Neal and others will speak. Reaminder cards may be obtained from the shop, and all are invited. The At Home last Tuse-day evening in Miss Brackenbury's Studio brought a large attendance, many being strangers who had never been to a Suffrage meeting before. The Kensington News prints a sympathetic account of the excellent speeches made by Miss Evelyn Mor-rison, B.A., on the vote in Australnais, and by Mr. Laurence Housman on the present disolitities of wome. We hope to have the pleasure of hear-ing Miss Barratt, among others, next Ineeday evening. October 5, at 8 p.m. Carvassing for the Abert Hall meeting is proceeding busily under the

son, M.D., and three anonymous decore, for jumble as a parceles more of which are needed. These may be sent to meeting at evek. It is as parceles more of which are needed. These may be sent to meeting at evek. It is as the meeting of the comminations to go to the shop and offices, 143, Church Street, W. Telephone, 211.
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 RIGHMOD AMD KEW V.S.P.U.-Our Rich meeting of October 13 was aboven. Handbills of this meeting and of the Abert Hail Demonstration to warm as allow the starter branch of the garantees of the worms also distributed. To day (Friday, October 1) our new Vorts FOR WAIRS down of Office (Arrows, Section and Starters, Will be opend, and a 730 p.m. meeting will be held in the Market Flzee,
 a usual on Sturday morning, October 2, in Heron

opposite our shop. Miss N. U. Smith will speak. Next Sunday our speaker on Blackheath will be Mass Coombe, of Chiswick. Friands are urged to come to our local meetings to distribute handbills and to support the speakers. All those whe can volunter to help in the sincy please write to Miss Graham, Secretary of our Shop Committee, 41, 81. Middred's Road, Lee, stating the hours they can devote regularity to the shop. All those who can help distributing special letters and handbills re-public meeting of October 13 please call for in-structions thes Blinghund's. 7, Oakeroft Boad, Blackhesth, before October 13, and after that date at the shop. Those who can set as stewards or ilterature sellers at the Blachheath Concert Hall on October 13 abould write to Mrs. Bouvier, 28, Mourh Pleasant Road, Lewsham. Tickets on asis and return for October 32 can be obtained from Miss Blinghune. Will appose give m some linoitum. The task to cover expenses. Five each of the sector for declorer is can be obtained from Alas been sold during the week. Our next In October 5, at 7.30, will be held oppo-station; or in Station Road. Mrs. Cullen a doormat, and an umbrella-stand for our shop? Station; or in Station Road. Mrs. Cullen a cormat, and an umbrella-stand for the shop window. On Saturday, October 9, the Drum and Fire Band will parabet the streets of our dis-trict, and many helpers will be required to accom-pany the band, distributing handbills, etc.—J. A. BOWNER, Hon. Secretary.

BOUTURE, HOR. Secretary. MARYLEBONE W.S.P.U.—A year ago last May Mise Douglas Smith hold the first Suffragette meet-ing in Regent's Park. It was a great pleasure to hear her there again on Sunday. Our apeaker for October 3 will be Mrs. Mamel. Our apeaker for any of the state of the state of the state announced in next week's paper. Ladies wilshing to join this class, for which there is no charge, should write to me at 20, Weymouth Street, W. We con-tinue to have good meetings at Nutford Place, Edgware Road, on Fridays, at 8.15 p.m.—Lux NOTASE.

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Court, and on Sunday afternoon. October 3, at Kew. -CLARA T. CLATTON, Hon. Secretary. RICHMOND W.S.P.U.-Nearly ten dozen copies of the paper have been sold in the structs and at open-sir meetings in Kew and Richmond during the past fortnight.--E. BARNETT. STREATHAM AND DISTRICT W.S.P.U.--Our

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STEATHAM AND DISTRICT W.S.P.U.-Our umai meeting on September 26 was well attended, in spite of this vestion. The audience listened with the closest stitution to Miss Naylor, who spoke for nearly an hour and a-half. Miss N. E. Smith was fit the chair. We took a good collection. Next Sunday, October 8, Miss Corson will speak, and Miss Philiks Ayrion will take the chair.-Hauk Troot. WIMELEDON W.S.P.U.-On Sunday, September 26, the chair was taken by Mrs. Knight, and the speaker was Miss Barry Membra are reminded that it takes a great deal of rain to prevent us holding our meetings, and that their presence is always a help. The Wimbledon w S.2.U. desires to open offices in Wimbledon as a center for proj-ganda work and for the sale of literature. Will any symphase offer-O Suntable premises (with shop front if possible) free, or at a nominal realtal; (2) contributions towards the upkeep of such presupp root if possible) free, or at a nominal rental; (2) contributions towards the upkeep of such pre-mises; (3) dways or half-dways voluntary attendances at these offlees; (4) offlee furniture or lineleum. Re-plies should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, pro-tem., 27, Merton Hall Road, Wimbledon.

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