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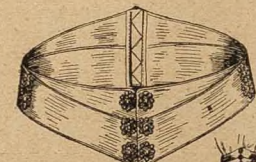


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DEDICATION.

To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

Our readers will learn with pleasure that we erred last week by a matter of several hundred pounds in underestimation of the total financial result of the Women's Exhibition. The crowded attendance of the last day after we had gone to press, the vigour with which the sales were carried on, and the interest evoked by the entertainments secured a grand total of no less than £5,664—a splendid figure with which everyone is delighted. So great has been the success that, in accordance with the wishes expressed by many members, it has already been decided to hold another exhibition, if possible, in the same place, and about the same time during the year 1910.

The Political Campaign.

Meanwhile the Women's Social and Political Union has already returned, with replenished purse, to the more political side of its campaign. On the day following the close of the Exhibition the first At Home for three weeks was held at the St. James's Hall, and was attended by about 800 people. Great enthusiasm prevailed. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence made a "budget" speech; Miss Forbes Robertson, who was received with cheers at her first appearance on a W.S.P.U. platform, dealt with the advantage which would accrue to men from the new position of women; Christabel

Pankhurst called upon the women present to take their share in the deputation of June 29 to the Prime Minister. The meeting broke up with confident expectation of a busy political campaign in the coming months.

Mrs. Pankhurst at Edinburgh.

On the same evening Mrs. Pankhurst spoke at the Synod Hall, Edinburgh, to an audience so large and enthusiastic that it was evident Scotland is becoming as thoroughly aroused and sympathetic as England. Great applause greeted her assertion that women were reviving old ideals and working for the good of the whole human race; and the audience shared her conviction that the Sweating Bill was a bye-product of the Suffrage campaign. A practical sign of the strength of the movement in Edinburgh is the gift, from a friend of the movement, of a motor-car for the use of the W.S.P.U., while another is providing a chauffeur, and all expenses have been guaranteed until October 23.

The Prime Minister's Holiday.

While one member of the Union was still in prison working out a monstrous sentence of three months, Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, who, as the head of the Government, is directly responsible for this injustice, spent Whitsuntide holiday-making at Clovelly. He was not, however, allowed to forget, for, as will be seen on page 758, he was personally reminded several times both of the Government's broken pledge and of the imprisonment of Patricia Woodlock. The three brave women who went for this purpose to Clovelly attained their object in spite of the greatest difficulties and hardships, and popular sympathy was undoubtedly with the dauntless Suffragettes rather than with the harassed Minister. Departing, they left behind them a tangible reminder, for in one night even the trees had broken into "Votes for Women" blossoms. Perhaps it may have reminded Mr. Asquith of another miracle, when Birnam Wood came to Dunsinane.

Mr. John Burns Heckled.

The President of the Local Government Board also had proof on Wednesday afternoon of the sympathetic attitude of the public towards the Woman Suffragists and of the declining estimation in which members of the Cabinet are held. On the occasion of his opening of the Tuberculosis Exhibition in Whitechapel, not only was Mr. John Burns booed by the crowd as he left the Art Gallery, but they showed the greatest possible sympathy with the women who protested inside the Gallery. As usual, Mr. Burns's attitude towards the women was deplorably discourteous, and both towards them and towards the men who indignantly protested against his treatment of the women he adopted a rude and bullying manner. His statement that the interruptions would not be reported in the public Press, which he said had decided not to give the women the notoriety they desired, received ample refutation within the next hour or so, when several evening papers appeared with large headlines on their posters calling attention to the successful protest of the Suffragettes.

The Great Deputation.

Again and again since the militant campaign was started has proof been forthcoming that the bye-election policy, as well as hitting the Government very severely, has had a tremendous educative effect upon the people of the constituencies. A striking exhibition of popular sympathy was given by the people of Sheffield during the recent attempt to interview the Prime Minister, and the same feeling is ready, waiting to be stirred into action, all over the country. It is this feeling—the will of the people—that will be behind the deputation on June 29, and to organise it in a thoroughly representative way is the task before the members of the Union for the next three weeks. Hard work must be done—especially in London. How to do it is explained on page 754. That it will be done we know.

THE "PHYSICAL FORCE" ARGUMENT.

By SIDNEY LOW.

It always strikes me as rather funny, this *ultima ratio* of the anti-suffragist. For, observe, it is the ground on which he is taking his last stand. If you will read the articles in the more serious journals which oppose votes for women, you will note that they have nearly abandoned everything else. The average unthinking male person, who has never really brought his intelligence to bear on the subject, is roughly content with the old Latin-grammar rule—"the masculine is more worthy than the feminine." He has been brought up to regard women as the weaker sex, by which he means, in a general way, the inferior sex; and, being inferior, he naturally thinks—or rather assumes without thinking very much about it—that they ought to be denied certain privileges which belong to him.

But educated and intelligent persons like Lord Cromer and those who condemn women's suffrage in the *Times* and the *Spectator*, are not quite satisfied with this rough-and-ready reasoning, and neither their politeness nor their discrimination will allow them to use the tar-brush and the branding-iron like the man in the street. To say that women "in the lump" are fools and men as a general rule wise cannot exactly be accepted as argument. You have got to analyse women's inferiority and point out wherein it lies. It used to be deemed safe to base it on the ground of character. Women are excitable and emotional, men reasonable and self-controlled. But we belong to a generation which remembers Mafeking night and has seen the present and the last House of Commons!

Even if the allegation were true it is not worth much. If all women were rather more emotional than men, that would be an argument for giving them the vote, not for denying it them. Emotion has its place in politics as well as reason, and is indeed a valuable element which ought to be represented. Do we give double votes to professors of mathematics and disfranchise all the ardent, impulsive, capricious, intuitional persons? If you are going to limit the vote to the cool, reflective, ratiocinative, unexcitable, non-sentimental members of the community, how many of us would ever appear at the ballot-boxes? I think Mr. Gladstone (I mean the other Mr. Gladstone, of course) might have been ploughed in that examination. I am pretty sure Mr. Lloyd George would have failed, and Mr. John Burns, and Mr. Winston Churchill. I can imagine that Mr. Harold Cox might have "satisfied the examiners"; but, perhaps, no other member of the existing Legislature. No; the vote by character won't work, especially as we don't know anything about anybody's character except (sometimes) our own.

Intellectual Equality.

And the brain test is equally futile to all but the unintelligent anti-suffragist. The intelligent one has thrown it over. He knows, of course, that mental incapacity is not a matter of sex; he knows that a girl and a boy might be taught mathematics out of the same text-books and by the same teachers, and the girl come out "above the Senior Wrangler," and the boy never really master Conic Sections. He cannot say, as he tried to say twenty years ago, that the feminine brain is only capable of the inferior, the imitative, the adaptive operations, and unfit for the tasks that involve originality, creation, and co-ordination; that a woman may play, and sing, and dance, and act, and so forth, but cannot achieve genuine greatness in painting, poetry, astronomy, philosophy, history, philology, sculpture, architecture, jurisprudence, or

administration. He cannot say that, because he knows that women have done all those things with success when they have been given a fair chance of learning how to do them. Besides it is so easy to confute him with the *argumentum ad feminam*. In the age of Mme. Curie, and Mrs. Fawcett, and Mrs. J. R. Green, and Mrs. Humphry Ward, and Mme. Darmesteter, and Mrs. Sidney Webb, and many other famous women writers, workers, scholars, the natural inferiority of the female mind is a difficult proposition to establish. And as for women's incapacity to grasp the complicated problems of public affairs (those problems on which retired tradesmen and young men of fashion bend their massive intellects in the groves of Westminster), do not many of the Anti-suffragists themselves promote Women's Navy Leagues, and Primrose Leagues, and Women's Empire Leagues, and other movements and associations which presuppose at least sufficient mental force to understand politics?

Is Woman Physically Weaker?

Thus the psychological and the intellectual arguments have to be abandoned. One has to fall back on the physical and physiological. Driven to his inner defences the anti-suffragist reiterates that women after all are the weaker sex physically. That, at any rate, he says triumphantly, you cannot deny. I am not quite sure that one couldn't if it were worth while. For what constitutes physical superiority? Muscular strength, no doubt, is an element, but it is not the only one. What about health, endurance, longevity, adaptability to varying conditions? Have men any advantage in these respects? It is very doubtful. Women, as all insurance officers know, are "better lives" than men: so much better that while a man of fifty-five will get a Government annuity of £7 9s. 10d. for every hundred pounds paid in, a woman of the same age can only have £6 15s. 8d. Which means that in the ordinary course of things the individual of the Weaker Sex will go on drawing her annuity for some years after the representative of the Stronger Sex is dead. So the average female lives longer than the average male, and that is not exactly a proof of physical inferiority. She stands toil, privation, discomfort, no worse; in shipwrecks and sieges the women often survive longer than the men. In factories and workshops it is found that on the whole the women workers can be depended upon to attend more steadily than their male competitors; the periodical diminution of vitality which does no doubt somewhat reduce their economic efficiency is more than offset by the greater liability of the men to catarrhal and gastric troubles, rheumatism, gout, and the ailments and disabilities induced by alcohol, excessive smoking, and other indulgences. And even as to mere muscular strength, women, under equal conditions, do not lag far behind their rivals. In India some of the coolie women are better at dragging loads and lifting weights than the men; at Darjeeling they tell you that if you want a grand piano brought from the plains a woman will carry it up for you on her head. I have myself seen a little blackened Madrassi woman moving under a huge packing case which I do not think two average British voters would willingly tackle.

However, let us admit that women are inferior as a body to men in muscular vigour—that men could as a rule strike a harder blow with the naked fist or a weapon. What follows? Here the Physical Force man raps out his triumphant argument? "Men," he says, "can fight; women cannot." There are, I believe, some valiant suffragettes who won't concede even that. They would say, these boldly logical reasoners, that in these days fighting is not a question of physical strength at all, but of skill, coolness, and

practice; and that a woman with a good eye and a steady hand could use a rifle as effectively as a man, just as a little Japanese soldier five-feet five high was able to prove more than a match for a six-foot Russian. But one need not dispute the general proposition. Most women could not or would not fight. Therefore, we are told, they should be denied the vote. Then the vote is a reward for actual or potential warlike capacity? In that case how many males could claim it? A gentleman well over sixty, short-sighted, deaf, slightly lame from gout would not make an efficient soldier; nor a weedy, under-sized youth of two-and-twenty, narrow-chested, and flat-footed; nor an undeveloped, degenerate, half-starved, casual labourer afflicted with congenital disease; nor a bloated, middle-aged publican with an enlarged liver. Put these persons into the fighting line and they would be less valuable than the teaching staff of a high school for girls. But each of them obtains the vote, provided he has the requisite property and residential qualifications. If the franchise were bestowed, as the Physical Force argument implies, for possible military effectiveness, we might indeed refuse to enfranchise women; but we should have to begin by disfranchising about two-thirds of the men.

This particular contention seems specially absurd and even rather mean and cowardly when brought forward in Great Britain. It might be employed with some warrant in a country like France or Germany, where military service is compulsory upon all adult males. The Frenchman or the German might urge that as he devotes some years to irksome public duties, and is always prepared to undergo serious dangers from which women are exempt, he is entitled in return to certain political privileges. But you cannot, with any decency, make that plea for the British voter. He has no claim to any electoral monopoly on patriotic grounds. He is not compelled to defend his country by personal service. He hires other people to do that for him; and the woman taxpayer, ratepayer, lodger, householder, worker, has to bear her share of the cost as well as himself. As long as Englishmen shirk the duty which the men of most other civilised countries perform they have no right to exclude women from political equality on military grounds. Women, it is true, do not bear arms in defence of their country. Nor, in England, do most men. They hire other people to do it for them. Women take their part in the national defence by paying towards the cost of the Army and Navy; and the majority of male voters do no more.

Does Physical Force Decide?

But, we are told, law must always have the "sanction" of Physical Force behind it. There must be the consciousness that it can be enforced by actual violence if necessary. Are women prepared to do this? No. But, are men? And, if so, which of them, and how many? This idea of sanctions, derived from Austin and other jurists, is pretty enough in theory; in practice I do not see that it amounts to much, at any rate in a constitutional country habituated to decide all questions, in the last resort, at the ballot-box. The maimed, the halt, the blind, the feeble, the cowardly, the aged, males would no more turn out to suppress civil disorder than to repel invasion; yet they all get their votes as well as the strong and the valiant. As a fact laws are obeyed, and no one ever thinks of even inquiring whether the sanction of physical force could really be exercised in their support. Take Mr. Lloyd George's Budget. I do not know whether or not the actual majority of the male population is in its favour; but I feel pretty certain that if the matter were to be decided by Physical Force the anti-Georgites would win the fight, for they include nearly all the rich people in the country; nearly all the strong, healthy, well-nourished people; nearly all the sportsmen, soldiers, athletes; the men who can shoot, and ride, and play games, and understand

something of the use of weapons; the public-school men, the university men, the officers of territorials and volunteers, probably the great mass of brisk young clerks, tradesmen, City men, the persons who could most easily organise and combine for fighting purposes. It is a very doubtful question whether the Government could compel all those who object to the new taxes to pay them if these were resolved on active resistance.

But the idea never enters their head. It never enters anybody's head; and I cannot see the slightest reason for supposing it would do so even if the law-makers were elected by female as well as by male voters. We are sometimes confronted by the terrifying vision of a kind of civil war between the sexes. Suppose all the women voted together to pass an Act to which all the men objected; would the men in that case obey, or could the women make them obey? The question will be worth considering when somebody has found some subject on which all women agree and all men differ from them. As things stand the women voters will be Liberals, Conservatives, Radicals, Socialists, Free Traders, Tariff Reformers, and Home Rulers, like the men; and the figment of a triumphant feminine majority seeking in vain to coerce into obedience an entire population of insurgent males need not trouble us. It has no relation to anything likely to occur in these islands.

MRS. PANKHURST AT EDINBURGH.

The great meeting at the Synod Hall on Thursday evening was a splendid success. The doors were open soon after seven, and from 7.30 Miss Somerville's orchestra whiled away the time of waiting by playing charming selections.

The Chairman, Mrs. Maxtone Graham, in an excellent and telling speech, recalled the militant action of Scottish women in the seventeenth century, when their religious liberty was in peril, and reminded her audience that the men of that time knew how to appreciate the courage and devotion of their women.

After the organiser had called attention to the coming programme of events and invited everybody to inspect the new shop at 8, Melville Place, Mrs. Pankhurst rose and received a warm Edinburgh welcome. She drew attention to the necessity of the vote for working-women, and showed what its possession had done for the working-man. Some men did not seem to realise that women were human beings, but regarded them as a race apart. Some people thought that women were inferior to men, but she did not think so, and the women of to-day were reviving the old ideals of putting courage into the men. They were willing to fight and make sacrifices for political freedom, because men could not realise what it meant to women to be able through the vote to work out their own salvation. They who were called militant suffragettes and sometimes hoodligan women were fighting for the vote because they knew what it would do for their own sex, and through them for the men and the children. Mr. Winston Churchill had recently introduced a Bill to deal with the evil of sweating; but that measure was one of the bye-products of this agitation—(applause)—and it would not have been introduced by the Government if the women had not used the industrial position of women in support of their arguments for the vote. (Applause.) Speaking of the prison treatment meted out to convicted suffragettes, as it came under her own observation, she said our modern prison system of solitary confinement was the most brutal that the world had ever known.

Mrs. Pankhurst's allusion to the shameful sentence inflicted on Patricia Woodlock was met with cries of "Shame" from the audience, who were intensely interested and very sympathetic. Those who came, as they themselves acknowledged, to laugh, went away with an entirely new idea of the movement, and felt the force of the restraint and impressiveness of the speaker. A considerable number of clergy were present—owing to Assembly week—and Mrs. Pankhurst appealed to them to remember the debt owed by the churches to women, and the need of women's work to better the present social evils.

A number of questions were asked and answered, to the delight of the audience, and a most successful meeting was brought to a close by more music from the orchestra.

THE WOMEN'S EXHIBITION.

The Women's Exhibition at the Prince's Skating Rink closed on Wednesday evening, May 26, amid scenes of great enthusiasm, people crowding in long queues to the door up to a late hour, and it was not until nearly midnight that the eager buyers could be induced to leave the many attractions of the Exhibition. During the whole of Wednesday afternoon and evening, as well as on the previous evening, auctions were briskly carried on, adding very much to the interest and profit of the Exhibition. Notwithstanding the success of the auctions, however, several of the stalls did remarkably well up to the closing hour; indeed, at one 12s. worth of goods were sold at the very last moment, just as the coverings were being placed over the stall for the night, while another took 8s. 6d. on the following morning, when the stall-holders arrived to clear away.

The Actresses' Franchise League were kept very hard at work almost up to the last moment, entertainments being called for again and again. "How the Vote was Won," by Cicely Hamilton and Christopher St. John, was played three times running, only a few moments elapsing between each performance. "Thus It Was," by Miss Rita Milman, was another attraction, and crowds were standing in a long line four or five deep, outside the entrance to the theatre, waiting their turn to be admitted.

Towards the close of the evening short speeches were made by Mrs. and Mr. Pethick Lawrence, and Miss Mary Gawthorpe. Mrs. Lawrence, who was received with great enthusiasm, in a brief speech thanked everyone who had taken part in the Exhibition. She could not then, she said, announce the result, the accounts not having been closed, but the total financial result would be announced on the following day at the St. James's Hall At Home. She could, however, tell them in advance that the financial success of the Exhibition had been magnificent. Everyone concerned was more than satisfied, and she wished especially to thank everyone who had been concerned in making this Exhibition so great a success. Especially she wanted to express the appreciation of the members of the W.S.P.U. of the services of outside Leagues, such as the Actresses' Franchise League, the Women Writers' Suffrage League, and the Artists' Suffrage League, who had so generously given their ability, and also to those professional women, such as the musicians, artists, actresses, writers, and palmists, who had given personal help. She must not forget also that this was a movement in which men and women participate, and very much was owed to the services of the men who had given so generously of their time. Members of the W.S.P.U., she added, never expected thanks, because all they did was done for love of the cause; she wished, however, to thank everyone for all the time and devotion which they had lavished upon the Exhibition, both in the months preceding and during the fortnight it was open. Mrs. Lawrence especially mentioned those women who had volunteered for kitchen duty, and who in great heat and discomfort, out of sight and sound of the attractions in the Rink, had catered so well and efficiently for everyone, and had throughout been so charmingly courteous.

Mrs. Pankhurst had been obliged to leave in order to fulfil an important engagement at the Synod Hall, Edinburgh, on the following evening, and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was followed by Miss Mary Gawthorpe, who in a bright little speech said how much she, in common with her fellow-workers, had enjoyed that fortnight at the Prince's Skating Rink.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence returned thanks on behalf of the men, whom Mrs. Lawrence had included in her thanks; and special mention was made of the services of the auctioneer, Mr. Leopold Farmer, of Messrs. Leopold Farmer and Sons, to whose exertions so much of the success of the closing hours of the Exhibition was due.

The busy scene of buying and selling continued up to the very last moment. Looking down from the Royal box, where the palmists were kept busy to the end, one could only see a mass of people packed so closely that they had hardly room to move.

Voting in the polling booth on the final day was on the question of the Channel Tunnel, the result being a majority in favour of the Channel Tunnel of 253.

ST. JAMES'S HALL AT HOME.

"Never have the W.S.P.U. failed to reach the standard they have set themselves, and in this case they have not only done it, but done it handsomely." Thus did Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Honorary Treasurer of the Union, announce the magnificent financial result—close upon £6,000—of the fortnight's Exhibition at Prince's Skating Rink to the expectant crowds gathered at St. James's Hall on Thursday evening.

Needless to tell how enthusiastic was the reception of the news! Nor how, notwithstanding their strenuous labours at Knightsbridge until nearly midnight on Wednesday, stall-holders and other workers, with hundreds of their friends, assembled at the Thursday evening At Home eager to hear the result of their splendid endeavours. This, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence said, was her Budget, and she hoped her audience would approve of it and pass it with acclamation.

Miss Forbes Robertson, introduced by Mrs. Lawrence as a "real W.S.P.U. Suffragette," said that although this was her maiden speech the time before she believed in the suffrage was lost in the mists of antiquity. This movement was not a sex war, and when women got the vote it would result in material advantages to men. She could see only two logical points of view. Either women were human beings, independent units with brains and a right to life in the great world, or merely appendages to men, belonging to them as their horses and cattle did. In that case men must not only support women, but be responsible also for women's misdeeds—as a man was for his mare's damaging a gate, for example. This might sound absurd, but it was logical. Women might receive a salary from a political party to explain to men which way they should vote, but they must not have votes themselves. They were allowed an opinion on streets, housing, drainage, etc., but it was left for men to decide that a baby might not sleep in bed with its mother, but must be provided with a banana box!

It was very sad to go through life with one's reasoning powers atrophied. The place for Lord Cromer, and men who thought with him, was in the East. Women nowadays were very different from those Lord Cromer left behind when he went to India many years ago. Men of such stamp were not only against the Parliamentary franchise, which was only the sign and symbol of something very much greater, but were against the whole trend of woman's work and life during the last fifty years, and wanted women to go back to the old patriarchal system. But you could not send people who had become free back to a state of slavery. The Arcadian age, when women sat and sewed a long seam, was gone for ever. Men must make the best of present conditions. They could not stop the onward march of women. They could not say, "Yes, the professions; yes, the municipal franchise; and no! not the political franchise!" Men would be better off when women were free to counsel them as reasonable human beings first and women afterwards.

Miss Forbes Robertson concluded with a beautiful description of a symbolical group of which she dreamed as an art student, showing how primitive man was practically alone, and in his eyes was a perpetual fear of the unknown; while with woman at his side as an equal he faced the future fearlessly.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst described the events at Manchester and Sheffield during Cabinet Ministers' visits. The recent happenings had called out in men an enthusiasm and sympathy for the cause greater than could ever have been imagined. It was the militant methods that had aroused this enthusiasm. Men admired pluck, and women had shown that they were ready to face the consequences of their actions. They had pluck, patience, and persistence. It was a good fight, and women gloried in it, and were rising day by day to the heights they would soon scale, and on which they would plant their banner of purple, white, and green. She reminded them of the forthcoming deputation to the Prime Minister on June 29, and called upon the women present to come into the ranks and take their share of the fight so that when victory came they might know that they had helped to bring it about.

PROMINENT LIBERAL WOMEN ON MR. CHURCHILL'S MEETING.

MANCHESTER LIBERAL FEDERATION.

Mr. Winston Churchill's Visit,
Free Trade Hall, May 22nd, 1909.

APPLICATION FOR LADY'S TICKET.

Application for Reserved Seat at 2/6
5/-
1/-

Remittance herewith £ : :

(In the event of the application for Ladies' Tickets exceeding the accommodation available, seats will be allotted by ballot. In cases where the seats are not allotted money paid will be returned in full.)

Signature and Pledge of the Lady for whom Ticket is required:

I hereby undertake not to transfer the ticket issued to me to any other person and not to disturb the Meeting by interrupting.

Address.....

This signature must be written in the presence of the Secretary of the Federation at 20, York Street. Hours 9.30 to 1 and 2 to 6.

Signature of Member of the Manchester Liberal Federation who will certify that the lady named is personally known to him as a Liberal Worker, that she will undertake to observe the conditions of her pledge.

No application for a Lady's Ticket will be considered unless it is on behalf of a known worker for the Liberal cause and countersigned by an Officer of the Divisional Liberal Associations of Manchester (President, Chairman of Executive, Treasurer, or Secretary)

All Ladies' Tickets allotted will be posted on Thursday, May 20, 1909.
Tel. 6767. 20, York Street, Manchester, May 13th, 1909.

The above is an exact reproduction of the application form for tickets sent out by the Manchester Liberal Federation in preparation for Mr. Winston Churchill's visit to the Free Trade Hall on May 22. Local members of the W.S.P.U., however, determined not to allow this precaution to keep them out of the meeting which Mr. Churchill was to address. Several members, therefore, went into the hall on the previous evening and hid in a director's box, and under the platform, and behind a screen. Here they remained all night, and were only discovered after many hours' search. Two contrived to hide themselves with such complete success as to enable them to make their protest and to do what they intended to do—namely, prevent Mr. Churchill from forgetting that the enfranchisement of women is a matter of the utmost importance.

The precautions taken to exclude the women from the hall were, says the *Manchester Courier*, quite Russian in their severity. At the meeting Mr. Churchill congratulated those present that the women had been kept out, whereupon he was immediately interrupted by Miss F. Clarkson and Miss Helen Tolson, the two women who had crouched for hours behind a screen. During the meeting a male supporter who tried to put a question in the usual conventional way, at the close of the meeting, was ejected, and no reply was given to his question.

The leading Liberal women of the district are indignant at being denied admission to the meeting except on terms which they think undemocratic, un-Liberal, and inconsistent with their self-respect, and correspondence is now going on in the *Manchester Guardian* in which several of the most prominent Liberal women in Lancashire are taking part. From some of these letters extracts have been taken and appear below. The first is from the pen of Miss Margaret Ashton. Miss Ashton is a member of the Manchester City Council, a daughter of the late Thomas Ashton, Esq., a prominent Liberal, and a well-known Manchester citizen. She herself has been President of the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation of Women Liberals, and is one of the most prominent women Liberals in the North of England. Miss Ashton writes:—

Sir,—My attention has been called to the extraordinary insult offered to Liberal women by the Manchester Liberal Federation in its arrangements for Mr. Churchill's meeting next Saturday. Not

only are the few picked Liberal women to have their application for tickets "endorsed by an official of one of the divisional associations," but they are to "sign a pledge not to transfer the ticket and not to disturb the meeting by interruptions." They are then to sit in special seats (whether segregated, like lepers, is not stated), and all this because some women—who are not Liberals—have disturbed public meetings.

Is this the way Liberal men are treated by their party officials when men of other parties break up their meetings? Is the party really trying to get rid of its women members? It looks like it.

I hope that no self-respecting woman will take a ticket so insolently offered, and that they will remember that as citizens and taxpayers they have as much right to hear the Government policy expounded and defended by the Ministers they pay as any other "person" in the land.

Another letter is from Mrs. E. Lindsay, another ardent woman Liberal, who says:—

Sir,—I am sure you will allow one thirty years a citizen of Manchester to explain that I am no longer a member of South Manchester Liberal Association, lest I should be supposed to be present at Mr. Churchill's meeting "under conditions." The next vote I give will be the Parliamentary vote.

Miss Emily Smith, in her letter, says:—

Sir,—It is earnestly to be hoped that the Executive of the Manchester Liberal Federation, who suffered the humiliation of imposing a pledge not to interrupt Mr. Churchill's meeting on honoured and trusted women fellow-workers in the Liberal cause—even on valuable women officials of men's Liberal organisations—and of limiting the attendance by sundry undemocratic restrictions, will realise that the sooner the women's suffrage resolution passed at the last annual meeting of the Manchester Liberal Federation becomes law the better.

The honoured president of the Manchester Liberal Federation is an old and valued friend of the women's suffrage cause. Let him and his Executive exert pressure on the Cabinet Ministers, whom we constitutional women suffragists are not allowed the constitutional means of approaching, and on the local M.P.'s, who never attend our non-militant women's suffrage demonstrations, and who in some cases have not even the politeness to acknowledge our official invitations.

When will men's Liberal organisations and individual men Liberals take up really earnestly the educational women's suffrage propaganda among and exert the pressure on electors which is now almost entirely left to the efforts of women themselves?

Another letter comes from Mrs. Swanwick, also an active supporter of the Liberal cause, who says:—

Many women who are of a nature to detest violence have felt themselves compelled to use it in order to bring their case before men in the only language which men seem to understand. You will find it not difficult but impossible to make any distinction when neglect and contempt shall have brought all women to feel that by reason and patience they cannot appeal to men.

You think we should blame the brawlers? When one is overwhelmed with shame and indignation at a great wrong one has hardly energy to reprobate any errors that may occur in the resenting of the wrong. The constitutional Suffragists do think the attempts made to break up meetings are a misdirection of energy, but we think this offence incommensurable with that of the Government; most of us in Manchester are too indignant at the fact that Mr. Churchill could afford time to receive and answer civilly a deputation on electoral reform which never even mentioned the greatest electoral reform there has ever been, that he could deal with questions on registration and proportional representation, but that neither he nor any Cabinet Minister receives the women whose cry is going up through the length and breadth of the land, and that Mr. Churchill's only reference to them was a sneer, thoroughly enjoyed by his audience on Saturday.

We are always being told this is a Liberal principle. Who—except you, sir—of the Liberals in Manchester speaks in public for us? Where were our friends at the Reform Club that not one of them remembered the women? There is no place in this men's world for the women; they are brawlers and disorderly everywhere, for their question is never in order, no, not even when it is asked in a perfectly orderly way, and with no intention of disturbing the meeting, as it was last Saturday by Mr. Brooks. The meeting should have been announced as a "private meeting."

Miss Bertha Mason, a daughter of the late Hugh Mason, Liberal Member for Ashton-under-Lyne, and herself one of the

most active Liberal women in Lancashire, after explaining that she has no sympathy with the policy of disturbing meetings, goes on to say:—

I wish to enter a strong protest against the exclusion of women—an exclusion now becoming general in the country—from Liberal meetings at which Cabinet Ministers are announced to speak, not only of "unknown women," but also of Liberal women, unless they are "guaranteed" by officers of the associations under whose auspices the meetings are held. Let me give just two examples of the injustice of such regulations.

1. So far as I am personally concerned, I am now prevented attending any Liberal meeting at which a Cabinet Minister is present, for nothing, not even the privilege, if such it be, of hearing a Cabinet Minister will induce me to submit to the insult of being asked to give a personal pledge of good behaviour if allowed to enter the building, nor will I go through the humiliating process of asking anyone to go bail for my behaviour.

2. In December last the annual meetings of the National Reform Union were held in Liverpool. The Ashton-under-Lyne W.L.A., of which I am president, is affiliated to the National Reform Union, and, in accordance with custom, were asked to send delegates to that meeting. Delegates were duly appointed, but shortly before the date of meeting we were informed that as the evening public meeting would be restricted to men only . . . I fully realise that the Committee of the National Reform Union were placed in a most difficult and delicate position, as I understand the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the speaker at the evening meeting, had laid down as a condition of his attendance that women were not to be admitted. So once again the claims of voteless women, loyal supporters of the Liberal party, were sacrificed. . . . Already the party loyalty of many thoughtful and hard-working Liberal women has been strained to breaking point by the disregard of their just claims. Is it right, is it even expedient still further to alienate them and women generally by the adoption of drastic and arbitrary regulations in respect to admittance to public meetings? As far as I can ascertain these regulations do not even serve the purpose for which they are made. The "guilty," as a rule, force their way in by hook or by crook, the "innocent" remain outside.

Another Liberal woman (Madeline Grubb) writes:—

Many of us are inexpressibly disappointed that we have had no encouragement from the Liberal Government, to whom we naturally looked for, at any rate, a sympathetic consideration of our demand for simple justice

And yet another:—

I am a life-long Liberal (which looks like a contradiction in terms, but I really was born a Liberal), and when I look even at my own "womankind" alone I am obliged to be a woman Suffragist. It seems to me that it is at once more Liberal to throw wide the doors of our public meetings to all comers, tickets or no tickets, women or men, and more respectful to woman Suffragists to eject them when they are disorderly than to exclude all women beforehand by a test to which no woman of spirit would submit. It is unpleasant to have to eject one or two or twenty women; it is a kind of discrimination which partakes of tyranny—and an insolent tyranny at that—to exclude all women because they are women.

An amusing comment is made by the *Manchester Courier*:—

Cherchez la femme! The gentle instructions to preserve the peace at the Winston Churchill meeting at the Free Trade Hall are worth a wider circulation than that which the stewards can give them. The terribly rough treatment that ladies received who had the audacity to ask questions at a previous "Liberal" meeting inspired the following "instructions to stewards" on Saturday:—

The wish of the promoters of the meeting is that NO WOMAN SHALL BE FORCIBLY PUT OUT OF THE HALL.

If a woman interrupts, Stewards MUST REMAIN IN THEIR PLACES, and not move towards the interrupter.

In case of interruption, Stewards must ask the audience to remain seated.

The Chairman, in the first place, will deal with the interrupter.

No attempt is to be made, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, TO EJECT A WOMAN, UNLESS EXPRESS DIRECTIONS ARE GIVEN BY THE CHIEF STEWARD OR THE SECRETARY.

If the ejection of a woman is ordered, Stewards must act with all possible gentleness. The interrupter must be BROUGHT WALKING towards the platform and taken out at a door near to the platform.

It suggests the query:—

Ye Stewards tell me,
Tell me, have ye seen
My Chloe pass this way?

Or, as David James would say in "Little Jack Sheppard," "Liberty 'A'!"

PREPARING FOR THE DEPUTATION.

It will be evident to all who read the account in last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN of the protest at Sheffield on the occasion of the Prime Minister's visit that the great success of that protest was due to the recent bye-election campaign, which had thoroughly roused the whole neighbourhood. With a view to rousing London as Sheffield has been roused, and in order that the women taking part in the deputation to the Prime Minister on June 29 may have the support of the citizens, it has been decided to divide up London and the neighbourhood into various districts, each of which will be under a special organiser, as follows:—

Districts.	Organisers.	Large Indoor Meetings Already Arranged.	Great Open-air Demonstrations
Westminster	Miss Ayrton		
Holborn, and Finsbury	Miss Wyatt	Holborn Town H., 8 p.m., Wed., June 9	
St. Pancras	Miss Crocker	Mrs. Pankhurst and others	
Marylebone	Miss McClelland		Regent's Park Thurs., June 24
Hampstead	Mrs. Mosen		Hampstead Heath Fri., June 25
Kensington	Kens. W.S.P.U.		
Fulham	Miss Dora Marsden		
Chelsea	Chelsea W.S.P.U.		
Battersea	Miss Corson	Battersea Town Hall, 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 8.	Battersea Park, Wed., June 23
Lambeth, Southwark, and Bermondsey	Miss Gye	Mrs. Pankhurst and others	
Peckham and Camberwell	Miss R. Robinson		Clapham Common, Fri., June 25
Dentford, Lewisham, and Greenwich	Lewisham W.S.P.U.		Peckham Rye, Tues., June 22
Hammersmith	Hammersmith W.S.P.U., assisted by Miss Roe.		

In each district there will be the equivalent of a bye-election campaign. Committee rooms will be opened, open-air meetings will be held every night, there will be dinner-hour meetings at factory gates, drawing-room meetings, and special meetings for women. A band of paper-sellers will work in each district, and notices of the meetings will be chalked on the pavements. In most of the districts at an early stage in the campaign a big indoor meeting will be held, and immediately before the 29th there is to be a great open-air demonstration in the parks. The drum and fife band will also visit each district. London members are asked to communicate with the district organisers whose names appear above.

A special appeal is made to workers to come forward at once and help in this great scheme. They are wanted as speakers, bill distributors, for sandwich parades, for chalking pavements, for addressing envelopes, and all other bye-election activities.

It is especially important to make the indoor meetings in Battersea and Holborn Town Halls completely successful. Next week women are wanted to take part in sandwich parades and bill distributing on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holborn and Battersea, and speakers are wanted for open-air meetings twice a day in Holborn. All who can help in any of the ways mentioned above are asked either to communicate with (for Holborn) Miss Wyatt, 4, Clements Inn, and (for Battersea) Miss Corson, 23, Sugden Road, Lavender Hill, or to call at the office, 4, Clements Inn, at 10.30 every morning. As the time which remains to work up these meetings is very short, it is hoped that all members and friends who can possibly do so will come forward at once and help to make a successful beginning to the great London campaign.

Another form of very efficient help towards making the deputation on the 29th the greatest success the Union has yet achieved is by acting as hostess to the members of the deputation coming up to London from the country. No one who has not acted in this capacity on previous occasions can understand the inspiring and educating effect of intercourse with those who are taking part in militant action. The woman who cannot enter into active service herself can show her sympathy in no better way. Will any who feel that they can do their part in this way send in their names to Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 4, Clements Inn, at once.

In order to increase the number of workers in the campaign, it is intended to hold a business meeting for London friends on Thursday, June 10, in the St. James's Hall, at 6.45, preceding the usual Thursday evening At Home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The "At Homes."

The At-Homes on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings have recommenced now the Exhibition is over. Next Monday afternoon, at the Queen's Hall, at 3 p.m., the speaker will be Israel Zangwill, Esq., who will take as his subject "Old Fogey and Old Bogeys," and on Monday week, June 14, the speaker will be Miss Gertrude Kingston. On Thursday evening, June 10, at St. James's Hall, at 8 p.m., the speakers will be Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and Miss Evelyn Sharp. At 6.45 (before the At-Home) a business meeting will be held in the St. James's Hall for London friends, in order that the plan of campaign in preparation for the deputation to the Prime Minister on June 29 may be explained. It is hoped that all those who are able to help in the special London campaign will endeavour to be present.

Meeting for Business Women, June 9.

In response to a widespread appeal from business women, it has been decided to hold a meeting specially for them at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 6.45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9. Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be the speaker. It is hoped that all members of the W.S.P.U. engaged in the City will make this meeting as widely known as possible.

Meeting for Business Men, June 14.

A meeting has been arranged specially for business men, to be held at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C., on Monday, June 14, at 4.30 p.m. Mrs. Pankhurst will be the speaker.

Meeting at Chiswick, June 14.

On the evening of Monday, June 14, an important meeting will take place in Chiswick Town Hall at 8 p.m., when Mrs. Pankhurst will be the speaker. Local sympathisers able to give time to help in making this meeting a success are asked to communicate without delay with Mrs. East, 21, Brandenburg Road, Chiswick.

St. James's Theatre, June 15.

Readers are reminded of the important meeting to be held in the St. James's Theatre, King Street, S.W., on Tuesday, June 15, at 3 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Mrs. Pankhurst, and the speakers will be the Earl of Lytton, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, and Miss Gladice Keevil. Tickets, price 5s., 4s., 3s., 2s., and 1s., should be applied for at once from the Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. A few boxes are available. The theatre has been kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. George Alexander.

Patricia Woodlock's Release, June 16.

On June 16 Miss Patricia Woodlock will be released from Holloway after the excessively long imprisonment of three months for her action in going to the House of Commons on March 30. She will be met at the prison gates at eight o'clock by personal friends and members of the W.S.P.U., and a band will be in attendance. There will be no procession, but a welcome breakfast will be held at the Inns of Court Hotel at nine o'clock (tickets 2s.), and in the evening a Mass Meeting will take place in Hyde Park at 8 p.m., when there will be four platforms. A procession will form up in Kingsway at 6.15 p.m., and, starting at 6.45 p.m., will march by way of Kingsway, New Oxford Street, Oxford Street, and Marble Arch to the Reformers' Tree, where the meeting will take place. The order of procession will be:—Colour-Bearer, W.S.P.U. Drum and Fife Band, Committee, Local Unions, Carriage with Patricia Woodlock drawn by women, Band, Walking Procession of W.S.P.U. members.

The Deputation, June 29.

Names of those anxious to take part in the deputation to the Prime Minister on June 29 should be sent in to Miss Christabel Pankhurst without delay. It is requested that the names of those London members who would be willing to act as hostesses to members of the deputation coming up from the country should also be sent in at once to Miss Dallas, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Details of the plan of campaign in preparation for the deputation will be found on page 754.

The Drum and Fife Band.

The Drum and Fife Band, which paraded through the streets of the West End every evening during the Exhibition, will continue its practices as usual. There is room for more volunteers, especially for those who can give time during the day; this will make it possible to have day parades. At present it is practically impossible for the band to turn out except in the evenings. Intending volunteers should send in their names at once to the Band Secretary, Miss Irene Dallas, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Summer Holidays.

Suggestions and offers of help for work at the seaside and

elsewhere will be welcome, and those interested are asked to communicate with Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

Date	Time	Event	Organiser	Time
June 4	Fri. 4	Bristol, Top of Blackboy Hill	Miss Naylor	12 noon
		Chelsea, Sloane Square	Miss Vera Wentworth	12 noon
		Bristol, Sea Walls		3.30 p.m.
		Plymouth, At Home, Royal Hotel	Miss Kelly	7 p.m.
		Hammersmith, Down Place		7.30 p.m.
		Bristol, near Band, Durham Downs	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	8 p.m.
		S. Norwood, Stanley Hall	Miss Evelyn Sharp; Chair—Mrs. Cameron Swan	8 p.m.
			Mrs. Bessie Smith	8 p.m.
		Stratford-on-Avon, Stratford Place	Miss G. M. Hazel	8 p.m.
		Saltley	Miss Flatman	8 p.m.
		Liverpool, Open-air Meeting, Wellington Column	Mrs. Mayer	8 p.m.
		Putney, At Home, 8, High St.	Miss MacClelland	8 p.m.
		Wanstead, Open-air Meeting	Miss Edith Drummond	
		Southport, Mrs. Ashby's Garden Party		
		Brighton	Miss Una Dugdale	
		Southport, Sand Meeting	Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Edith Drummond	3 p.m.
			Miss Flatman	3.30 p.m.
		New Brighton, Open-air Mtg.	Miss Kelly	3.30 p.m.
		Bristol, Durham Downs	Hornsey W.S.P.U.	7 p.m.
		West Kensington Station	Miss Ethel Mills	7.30 p.m.
		Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Una Dugdale	
		Wood Green, Open-air Mtg.	Miss Barrett, Miss Cather	11.30 a.m.
		Brighton	Mrs. Mayer	3 p.m.
		Hampstead Heath	Dr. Rose, Miss W. Auld	3 p.m.
		Clapham Common	Miss Dallas, Miss Wyatt	3 p.m.
		Wimbledon Common	Miss Ogston, Miss B. Ayrton	3.30 p.m.
		Blackheath	Miss Hazel	3.30 p.m.
		Finsbury Park		
		Hyde Park	Mrs. Massy, Miss Lowy	5.30 p.m.
		Birmingham, Small Heath Park Gates	Miss Joan Dugdale	6.30 p.m.
		Regent's Park	Miss Mills	7 p.m.
		Battersea Park	Manchester Members	8 p.m.
		Putney Heath	Miss L. Ainsworth, Miss Roe	
		Rochdale, Town Hall Square		
		Peckham Rye	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Israel Zangwill, Esq.	3.5 p.m.
		Kew Green		
		London, At Home, Queen's Hall		
		Stratford-on-Avon, Stratford Road	Miss Barry	8.30 p.m.
		Chelsea, World's End	Bowes Park W.S.P.U.	3.15 p.m.
		Wood Green, Unity Hall	Miss Beatrice Harraden, Miss Gladice Keevil	3.30 p.m.
		Birmingham, Midland Hotel	Miss Beatrice Harraden, Miss Gladice Keevil	7.30 p.m.
		Birmingham, Priory Rooms, Old Square	Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Flatman	8.10 p.m.
		Liverpool, At Home, 48, Mount Pleasant	Miss Hamilton Williams	8.30 p.m.
		Pimlico, Orange Square	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	6.45 p.m.
		London, Winchester House	Miss Beatrice Harraden	7.30 p.m.
		Wolverhampton, St. Peter's Institute		
		Saltley	Dr. Helena Jones	8 p.m.
		Stratford-on-Avon, Stratford Road	Mrs. Bessie Smith	8 p.m.
		Manchester, Members' Meeting, 164, Oxford Road		
		Chelsea, 55, Oakley Street	Chelsea W.S.P.U.	8.30 p.m.
		Wood Green, Unity Hall	Miss Bonwick	3.30 p.m.
		Edinburgh, At Home, 8, Melville Place	Miss Macaulay	3.30 p.m.
		Finsbury Park	Hornsey, W.S.P.U.	7 p.m.
		London, At Home, St. James's Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Evelyn Sharp	8 p.m.
			Miss Macaulay	8 p.m.
		Edinburgh, At Home, 8, Melville Place	Miss Flatman	8 p.m.
		Boothle, Open-air Meeting	Miss Elizabeth Robins; Chair—Miss Mary Gawthorpe	8 p.m.
		Bowdon, Assembly Room, Lecture		
		Chelsea, Sloane Square	Miss Elizabeth Robins; Chair—Miss Mary Gawthorpe	12 noon
		Hammersmith, Down Place		7 p.m.
		Manchester, Memorial Hall, Lecture	Miss Mary Gawthorpe	8 p.m.
		Stratford-on-Avon, Stratford Place	Mrs. Bessie Smith	8 p.m.
		Saltley	Miss G. M. Hazel	8 p.m.
		Wanstead, Open Air Meeting	Mrs. Henry	3 p.m.
		Liverpool, Open-air Meeting, Blundell Sands	Miss Flatman	7.30 p.m.
		Southport, Sand Meeting		3 p.m.
		Wood Green, Open-air Meeting		7.30 p.m.
		West Kensington Station		7 p.m.
		Crouch End, Garden Meeting		
		Crouch End, Open-air Meeting, Clock Tower	Hornsey W.S.P.U.	

IMPORTANT FUTURE EVENTS.

Date	Time	Event	Organiser	Time
June 14		London At Home, Queen's Hall	Miss Gertrude Kingston, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst	3.5 p.m.
14		London, Winchester House	Mrs. Pankhurst	4.30 p.m.
14		Chiswick, Town Hall	Mrs. Pankhurst	8 p.m.
15		Public Meeting, St. James's Theatre, King Street, St. James's	Earl of Lytton, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Gladice Keevil; Chair—Mrs. Pankhurst	3 p.m.
15		Fulham, Town Hall	Miss Mary Gawthorpe and others	8 p.m.
16		Release of Patricia Woodlock	Holloway Gates	8 a.m.
		Procession from Kingsway, (form 6.15)		6.45 p.m.
		Meeting Hyde Park		8 p.m.
21		London, At Home, Queen's Hall	Ellis Griffith, Esq., M.P.	3.5 p.m.
26		Bristol, People's Palace	Miss Annie Kenney	3.5 p.m.
29		London	Deputation to the Prime Minister	

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SUFFRAGETTES AND CABINET MINISTERS.

Recent events have shown more clearly than ever how effective are protests at Cabinet Ministers' meetings as a means of embarrassing the Liberal Government. The first time members of the Women's Social and Political Union went to a Cabinet Minister's meeting, they did so with the object of finding out whether the Liberal leaders would, when in office, grant the Parliamentary vote to women. Accordingly they waited until the speaker had had his say, and then rose to put their question in the ordinary conventional fashion. No reply was given, and the questioners were forcibly ejected from the meeting. The same thing happened at other Cabinet Ministers' meetings, no answer being forthcoming save the answer of physical violence. The Women's Social and Political Union had wished to be at peace with the Government, and had asked that an honourable peace should be established upon the foundations of women's political enfranchisement, but the Government responded to these overtures with an act of war.

The Liberal Party having thus declared war upon women, war it must be. There is no more appropriate field of battle than a public meeting to which a member of the Government goes to explain his future policy and to defend his past action. The members of the Women's Social and Political Union attend such meetings in order to express their indignation at the Government's refusal to grant them the vote. They are bent upon silencing those politicians whose policy in denying representation to women is so unconstitutional, whose methods of dealing with claimants to the vote are so barbarous. Therefore from the beginning of his speech to the end a member of the Liberal Government is met by a constant fire of protest. This is, as everyone knows, a time-honoured means of expressing political discontent, and at all times of political change and crisis disturbed meetings are the rule. It is pretended by Cabinet Ministers and their apologists that the protests made at meetings by militant Suffragists are an interference with the right of free speech, and so hallowed is that expression and so solemn are its associations that its use is apt to confuse people and to move them to condemn a method of agitation which their reason bids them approve.

As a matter of fact, this method of censuring and rebuking the politician is not an interference with the right of free speech. That right forbids the interference of the authorities with the free expression of opinion by members of the public but it does not protect the members of the Government from the reproaches and from the condemnation of those people whom they are treating unjustly. So long, therefore, as they persist in withholding the vote from women there is no prin-

ciple of law or morals by which Cabinet Ministers can claim immunity from the opposition of women at meetings.

This policy of protesting at meetings is a perfectly legitimate and proper form of political action for those who do not belong to the enfranchised portion of the community. The people control the Government by expressing their assent to or dissent from the Government's course of action. This they can do by means of the vote if they have it, but if they have it not, then they are thrown back upon another alternative, that of meeting Ministers face to face at public gatherings, and expressing by word of mouth their approval or disapproval of the Government's policy. Obviously, the use of the Parliamentary Franchise is the better way for the Government and people alike, and of this fact we hope the Liberal leaders will soon show their recognition by carrying the Women's Enfranchisement Bill.

Evidently they still live in the hope of escaping from what is to them, the unpalatable choice between votes for women on the one hand, and protests from women on the other. Therefore they are trying the plan of excluding their women opponents from all their meetings, and, since in these days any or every woman may be a suffragette, that means that women in general are excluded.

The utter failure of this plan was recently exemplified at Sheffield and Manchester. At Sheffield, the women who were barred out from the Prime Minister's meeting called upon the general public to help them to force a way into the meeting and to this appeal there was a wonderful response. The entrance of the women and their supporters was prevented only by the efforts of an enormous number of policemen and by the plentiful use of barricades, while according to the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, "the great 'demonstration' ended, as it began, practically in a fiasco. The women were not in the meeting, but their influence, and the poor speech of the Premier, robbed it as a meeting of all interest. The interest was 'outside the Drill Hall—not inside.'"

It is impossible to believe that the Prime Minister was satisfied by the result of the precautions taken to exclude the women who want votes. Surely he must realise that in the public eye he cuts a sorry figure in comparison with the women of whom the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* says:—"They fought with as much determination as the women must have 'shown in the French Revolution. The spirit within them 'seemed equal to anything.'" Surely he must realise also that by his opposition to the women's movement he is antagonising the men of the country.

From Mr. Churchill's meeting in Manchester all the women were excluded, with the exception of some who, by hiding in the hall all night, outwitted the conveners of the meeting, and with the exception also of those Liberal women who, in the presence of the Secretary of the Liberal Federation, signed a pledge not to interrupt Mr. Churchill's speech, and were in addition vouched for by a man member of the Liberal party. For a moment the organisers of the meeting congratulated themselves on the success of their precautions, but very soon they awoke to realise the fact that the price of securing a semblance of peace at their meeting was to offend and alienate the most influential and devoted Liberal women in the city. These women, in letters to the *Manchester Guardian*, extracts from which are reproduced on another page, express their indignation that, rather than give votes to women and thus remove the cause of the militant suffragist agitation, the Liberal party should, in the attempt to stifle criticism and protest, resort to practices which are undemocratic and illiberal.

There is no doubt whatever that in the policy of protesting at meetings women have a very strong weapon of attack against the Government, and in the name of political duty this weapon they will continue to employ until their object is achieved.

Christabel Pankhurst.

RESULT OF THE WOMEN'S EXHIBITION.

Total Receipts, £5,664. New Members, 250.

Last year the Women's Social and Political Union organised and successfully held in Hyde Park the greatest political demonstration that has ever taken place in the history of this country. The cost of that great demonstration was £5,000, and towards this sum £900 was raised in direct return from sale of railway tickets. In laying down the plans for the campaign of 1909, the Executive Committee determined to reverse these figures, by organising an Exhibition which should yield £5,000 to the campaign funds, £900 being the estimated expenditure needed for its adequate organisation.

We have somewhat exceeded the standard both of cost and of financial result. The expenditure in connection with the expenses of the Exhibition totals nearly £1,000, the receipts over £5,600, of which the principal items were as follows:—

Entrance money (including season and day tickets)	£651
Takings at the stalls and auctions	4,289
Entertainments and sideshows, etc.	369
Special subscriptions to the Exhibition	292
Advertisements in the programme	60
Total	£5,664

Of the £4,289 taken at the stalls the largest amount, viz., £600, has to be credited to the refreshment stall; next in order are the two Kensington stalls, which together realised £255; Dr. Garrett Anderson's two stalls, which realised £245; the Chelsea members by their general stall, their sale of pictures, and lightning sketches, reached the figure of £223; the Marylebone dress stall made £161; farm produce, £150; the Lancashire stalls, £136; the Midlands, £122; the West of England, £114; the sweet stall, £109; and the London City, Battersea, and Clapham stall, £112. Meanwhile the four stalls of articles sent direct to the National Woman's Social and Political Union took in all £250, and the Women's Press Stalls of colours, pamphlets, postcards, programmes, and VOTES FOR WOMEN, £307. The full list is as follows:—

Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D.	£245 3 6
Newcastle	54 11 6
Nottingham and Leicester	25 1 0
Chiswick, Barnes, and Hammersmith	65 5 10
Flowers	41 8 10
International—Sweden	£23 11 10
—General	34 18 3
Hornsey and Boves Park	58 10 1
Forest Gate, Hendon, and Richmond	76 1 4
Wimbledon	90 7 2
Chelsea—General	51 8 5
—Pictures	65 9 6
—Sketches	120 17 8
Brighton and Hove	37 0 0
Putney and Fulham	223 7 2
Lewisham, Brixton, and Camberwell	39 18 1
London City, Battersea, and Clapham	51 12 10
China and Curios	57 2 1
Glasgow	112 16 9
Edinburgh	83 18 4
N.W.S.P.U. Stalls	54 17 10
Streatham	43 5 1
Women Writers' Suffrage League	250 11 2
Lady Sybil Smith	66 14 7
Mrs. Merryweather, Mrs. Marrell, and Mrs. Townshend	69 18 8
West of England	69 7 0
Kensington—General	80 1 11
—Millinery	114 0 0
Lancashire—Manchester	111 3 5
—Liverpool	144 2 0
—Southport and Preston	39 17 3
Y.H.B.	31 10 11
Farm Produce	65 5 0
Marylebone (dresses)	136 13 2
Miss Amy Kotzé (dresses)	63 9 11
Mrs. Thomas (furniture)	150 4 2
Midlands—Birmingham	161 8 1
—Malvern and Cradley	50 7 6
Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Donkin, Miss Turle, and Miss Woolans	56 14 11
Yorkshire	122 11 11
Sweets	41 4 0
Lucky Tub	69 6 6
Refreshments	109 12 5
Soda Fountain (Mrs. Guthrie)	23 6 8
Fanny Brough's Doll	600 0 0
Miss Ethel Wright's Photos	50 0 0
Auction (exclusive of auction of articles credited to special stalls) ..	3 3 0
Total	11 3 6
Woman's Press Stalls	52 2 7
Total	3,982 2 11
Total	307 0 0
Total	£4,289 2 11

The total figure of £369 for entertainments and side-shows was made up as follows:—

In the Theatre	£251 0 0
Palmistry	52 7 0
Prison Cells	24 19 1
Maze	1 13 0
Sale of Programmes for Cartoons	8 3 11
Miscellaneous	21 16 9
Total	£369 19 9

To-day we have to congratulate one another on one more complete fulfilment of our hopes and plans; one more entire justification of all the time and trouble that have been taken by Dr. Marie Pethick and Miss Ellen Smith, the Hon. Secretaries of the Exhibition, by the Executive Committee, and by all the members of the Union.

For the Exhibition has been an immense success, not only from a financial point of view, but from the point of view of education and propaganda. We made during the fortnight 250 pledge members and hundreds of new friends. We have shown a new side to the public, with the result that our Movement has won a better understanding on the part of those who knew nothing about it except from hearsay. The past fortnight has also brought us into closer touch with one another, and it has brought the Movement at Headquarters into closer touch with the Movement in the Provinces throughout the country.

But in our militant agitation there is no time to dwell upon any achieved result. No sooner is one mile-stone put behind us than we are thinking of the next. In April it was the Albert Hall meeting. That was a magnificent success. But no sooner was it over than we turned our energies to the Exhibition in May, and now that this is over we have before us the greatest of all our projects which we must bring to a triumphant issue. I mean, of course, the Deputation to the Prime Minister during this month of June.

Part of the Campaign Fund which we have just raised will be devoted to arousing and organising public opinion in London and in the Provinces and rallying it to the support of the Demonstration which will take place on the 29th of this month. London is already divided into districts; each district with a shop and committee room as headquarters will be placed under the charge of an experienced organiser or voluntary worker, with ten or twenty workers co-operating with her. Similar arrangements are being made in the Provincial centres throughout the country. Both speakers and workers are urgently and immediately needed, and there will be, we are sure, no holding back. Every member with even half a day or a few hours to spare will put them now at the disposal of the National Organisers. Names must be sent in at once—there is not one day to lose.

We have set a high standard of achievement before us—we shall reach it. Either we shall be received by the Prime Minister on the 29th or we shall have a Demonstration that will be remembered in history. We call on every one of our members to rally to the colours now, and to work during the next three weeks with greater energy and greater devotion than they have ever given proof of before. As I have said, the Women's Social and Political Union has to make history before the current month has run out. Let us always remember one of the chosen mottoes of our militant Movement:

"Il faut de l'audace, encore de l'audace, toujours de l'audace."

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

HECKLING CABINET MINISTERS.

In spite of the elaborate precautions taken by the Prime Minister to escape the Suffragettes on his visit to Clovelly, they had two interviews with him, and moreover effectively brought VOTES FOR WOMEN to his notice. It is said in the *Devon and Exeter Gazette* that Mr. Asquith motored from Exeter last Friday instead of going by train to Bideford with Mrs. Asquith. However, three Suffragettes, Miss Jessie Kenney, Miss Elsie Howey, and Miss Vera Wentworth, followed him, determined to interview him if it was humanly possible.

On Sunday morning when the women attended the service in church they could not help wondering whether Mr. Asquith, who sat opposite to them, noticed the peculiar appropriateness of the words of one of the special psalms, "He bringeth the prisoners out of captivity," and of the Litany, where "grace, wisdom, and understanding" are prayed for on behalf of the Lords of the Council. Mrs. Asquith detected the presence of the Suffragettes, and it was observed that she passed a note to her husband, who frequently cast furtive glances in their direction, and hurried out by a side door immediately the service was over. The Suffragettes then began their campaign. They caught the Prime Minister just as he was proceeding down a little side path towards Clovelly Court, and asked if they could have a short interview, but he replied, "Not a second," and urged them to go away.

"Miss Woodlock is in prison while you are on your holiday," they said; "if you will not give us an interview we will force one."

"I will not listen to you," was the Prime Minister's rejoinder.

On arrival at the Court, the Premier hastened inside, and the door was closed upon the women.

The next morning they returned to the attack. They went into the grounds of the Court and endeavoured to hide behind some bushes on the lawn in order to catch the Prime Minister when he came out, but they were discovered and led away by police and detectives, who watched them closely. For some time they evaded the police and detectives by scrambling down some cliffs, and emerging again after about an hour they saw Mr. Asquith playing on the private links. They all three managed to reach the spot where Mr. Asquith was standing, and, taking him by the arm, reminded him of their words to him on Sunday. Turning to the constables, Mr. Asquith said, "Take these women away; I refuse to speak to them." The guests by this time had all arrived on the scene, and were much interested in these manoeuvres.

"Do not be a coward, Mr. Asquith," "Receive the deputation on June 29," "Why do you not release Patricia Woodlock?" were some of the questions asked by the women.

A Midnight Adventure.

After these two interviews with Mr. Asquith, the Suffragettes were followed by detectives wherever they went, and they decided to leave for Bideford, twelve miles distant. They, therefore, drove away with their luggage during the afternoon, all the village people of Clovelly coming out to see them. One fisherman cried out, "You did give him a shake up, miss, this morning, and no mistake."

When they arrived at Bideford they deposited their luggage in the railway station, and, tired as they were, prepared to walk back to Clovelly. They had thoroughly mastered the plan of the Court grounds, and their intention was to decorate them in the colours of the Union. They arrived at Clovelly Court about two o'clock in the morning, and began their work. One little rhododendron shrub was decorated with small discs of paper with "Votes for Women," "Receive our deputation on June 29," painted in purple, white, and green; "Remember Sheffield" and "Release Patricia Woodlock," etc., was the wording on other discs. While one of the women was decorating shrubs with these unnatural flowers, another was tying copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN to the balustrade just below the ground windows, and another was fixing up little banners on the lawn, made from handkerchiefs, etc., and painted from a little paint-box borrowed from an artist in the village. After having successfully finished their work, they left the grounds and started back on their twelve miles walk to Bideford, having completed twenty-four

miles during the evening. Their only regret was that they could not see the face of the Prime Minister when he looked out upon the decorated trees and shrubs in the morning.

Some of the London papers having stated that the villagers of Clovelly, including the landlady with whom the women lodged, were unfriendly, a contradiction of this unfounded statement has been sent to the Central News Agency. So far from being unsympathetic, the entire village accompanied the women to the railway station, and cheered them as they left by train, while the landlady rendered invaluable help in their preparations for the midnight decorations.

Mr. John Burns Heckled.

If Mr. John Burns imagined that he would be allowed to deliver a speech uninterrupted on the occasion of the opening of the Tuberculosis Exhibition in Whitechapel on Wednesday afternoon he was very much mistaken.

He had not been speaking more than four minutes when a woman rose in the audience and, pointing at the President of the Local Government Board, said: "How can you appear in public while a woman is being unjustly imprisoned?" This was followed by a whole series of similar interruptions, and a concerted protest was made by a group of women, who advanced towards the platform, one of them carrying a flag. Women, indeed, started up from all over the Art Gallery (where the opening took place), and it was evident that their protests were of far more interest to the audience than was the speech of Mr. Burns.

As usual, Mr. Burns's manners left much to be desired, and it is amusing to note that while he publicly stated that no account of the women's protest would appear in the Press, which he said had boycotted the cause, Pressmen and photographers were eagerly making records both inside and outside the Art Gallery, and that several of the evening papers came out with large headlines advertising the Suffragettes. Mr. Burns also blossomed into verse:—

"The safest answer to them all

Is simply silence when they bawl."

His allusions to citizens and voters called forth an apt response from several of the women, and on his remark that the fight against tuberculosis had been going on for forty years, the obvious retorts were made: "Yes, we also have been working for forty years demanding the vote," and "Women have been foremost in the battle with disease as doctors and nurses."

Rapidly losing his temper, Mr. Burns at one point said, "I am sorry that these vulgar women have come to Whitechapel," adding, "I am used to this sort of thing." To which a man retorted, "You were a hooligan, too, John Burns; have you forgotten 1837?" while a woman asked him, "Have you forgotten your youth completely, Mr. John Burns? You have been in prison yourself; . . . Mr. Burns's response was: "Take that woman out. If those women who are not interrupting would only sit still . . ." Mr. Burns further apologised to the audience for the "vulgar creatures."

More protests followed, one Suffragette waving a banner, and another speaking through a megaphone. Mr. Burns shouted: "Put her out; turn her out; that's the way. Downstairs, you!" and told the audience that they might safely leave these "hooligans" to him; he "had had more experience in sweetheating, though some of his hearers might have been married longer."

In all over twenty women heckled Mr. Burns, and two men who entered a protest against his rough instructions to the stewards were promptly ejected.

Outside the hall the crowd showed the greatest sympathy, cheering the women again and again as they were ejected one by one, and calling out "Bravo," "Good luck," while an invitation to hold a meeting in Whitechapel was heartily given.

"An Eye-Witness" writes with regard to Sheffield:—I never saw anything finer, nobler, or braver than the conduct of the Suffragettes on that occasion. They were pushed, jostled, and crushed in a manner that many men could not have stood. All through the following week the one topic of conversation was the pluck and grit of the Suffragettes, and if Mr. Asquith wants proof of the will of the community for Women's Franchise let him take Sheffield as an example, where I should estimate that fully 80 per cent. of the ratepayers are in favour of "Votes for Women."

THE CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES.

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The wonderful success of the protest on the occasion of the Prime Minister's visit to Sheffield last week was due to the recent bye-election campaign, which had thoroughly roused the neighbourhood. We want to have a campaign on precisely the same lines in London in preparation for the deputation to the House of Commons on June 29. For this purpose London has been divided into districts, each with an organiser in charge. For further details please refer to page 754, "Preparing for the Deputation." A business meeting for workers will be held at St. James's Hall next Thursday, June 10, at 6.45 p.m. (just before the usual At Home), when the details of the deputation will be announced. Workers are specially wanted to help in getting up two important meetings in connection with this campaign—i.e., Battersea Town Hall next Tuesday, June 8, and Holborn Town Hall, Wednesday, June 9. We want women for sandwich parades on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and ten workers to distribute bills on the same days. Then we want speakers for open-air meetings twice a day in Holborn. Will workers in any of these ways kindly communicate with Miss Wyatt, 4, Clements Inn, or call at 10.30 every morning. As the time is very short, will workers come forward without delay. And will those who cannot undertake militant action themselves, but who can act as hostesses, let us have their names at once.

A large amount of circularising has also to be done in connection with the two business meetings on June 9 and 14 (see announcements, page 755). Workers who can spare time to come to the office and address envelopes will be welcome at 10.30 every morning. So far as is known, there are about 3,000 circulars to address to business men, and 1,000 to business women.

Patricia Woodlock's Welcome.—Full details of the preparations for the release of Miss Patricia Woodlock appear on page 755 under Announcements. London members will, of course, be present in large numbers to show their gratitude to Miss Woodlock for the excessively long sentence she has served in consequence of her action on March 30. The four events to remember are (1) at 8 a.m., the release from Holloway; (2) Breakfast, Inns of Court Hotel, 9 a.m.; (3) at 6.15 p.m., procession forms up in Kingsway; and (4) 8 p.m., Mass Meeting in Hyde Park.

"Votes for Women"—Street sales of VOTES FOR WOMEN have been resumed after the Exhibition with redoubled energy, and it is intended to concentrate upon shopping centres in the West End. Sellers are needed for this work every day in the week, and they should call at the office, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., and ask for Miss Mills, every morning at 10.30 and every afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Two Business Meetings.—In response to a widespread appeal, we are holding two business meetings in the City at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C.: (1) for business women, is on Wednesday, June 9, at 6.45, when Miss Christabel Pankhurst, is the speaker; (2) for business men, on Monday, June 14, at 4.30 p.m., when Mrs. Pankhurst is the speaker. Please note 4.30, not 2.45 as announced last week.

The At Homes.—Will London members make a special effort to be present at the At Homes on Monday afternoons at Queen's Hall at 3 p.m., and Thursday evenings at St. James's Hall at 8 p.m.? Last Thursday we had the pleasure of hearing Miss Beatrice Forbes Robertson, who gave such splendid help in the entertainments during the Exhibition, and next Thursday, June 10, the speakers will be Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and Miss Evelyn Sharp. N.B.—Please remember the business meeting at 6.45 p.m., which precedes this.

Drawing-room Meetings.—We are anxious to arrange for more drawing-room meetings, and shall be glad to hear from anyone able to place their drawing-room at our disposal; we will provide the speakers. In this way we hope to be able to reach people who otherwise would not come in touch with the movement and to secure more volunteers for the deputation on June 29.

The Deputation on June 29.—Names are coming in very well for the deputation to the Prime Minister on Tuesday, June 29. Those anxious to join should not delay, but should send in their names at once to Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., as this will make it much easier to draw up the plan of campaign for the eventful day.

Flora Drummond.

WEST OF ENGLAND.

Shop and Committee Rooms.—Bristol: 37, Queen's Road (opposite Art Gallery), Clifton. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

At Homes.—Bristol: Victoria Rooms, every Monday, 5.30 to 5.50 p.m.

Bath: Beau Nash Rooms, every Saturday, 3.30 p.m.

Plymouth: Royal Hotel, every Friday, 3.30.

Torquay: Swiss Café, 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Cardiff.—Our work here is progressing so well that we are taking a

house in Newport Road to be used as a shop. This is on the tram line, and as thousands of people pass it daily it will be a great advertisement for us. We are also going to show our pamphlets and colours in a photographer's case in the garden. We hope to move in by June 15, and I hope that all sympathisers will contribute as much as they can. The shop will cost us £100, and I am anxious to raise this money locally. Miss Mary Allen will take charge here during my absence in Penzance. We held our first meeting in Cardiff last Thursday evening. The audience was most interested in what we had to tell them, and two ladies are contemplating giving us an At Home later on. A collection of £1 16s. was taken, members were enrolled, and a quantity of literature was sold. The next At Home will be on June 15.

Bristol.—This week has been a very busy one. On Monday Mrs. Falk made a delightful speech on George Meredith's heroines. On Tuesday Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Fowler together held a drawing-room meeting in Mrs. Evans's house. There was a large attendance; tea was served in the garden. Mrs. Fowler, a Dutch lady, took the chair, and her maiden speech was delivered with much charm. Mrs. Rogers made a special appeal to the women not to lag behind in this battle for freedom, and Miss Kenney, who had come especially for this meeting, and who always puts fresh heart into us, finished the proceedings. We wish to thank Mr. Evans for being present, and acting so splendidly the part of host, also for wearing our colours, and supporting us so openly. On Tuesday evening a meeting for teachers was held at Stratford House, St. George, organised by Mrs. and Miss Hay, at which Miss Kenney spoke. I should like to make a special appeal for Miss Hay, who is organising Mr. Hobhouse's constituency (Bristol East), and has had to work against great odds, being almost single-handed. It is quite impossible for me to call on all the members, as we have so much to deal with at 37, Queen's Road, and as Miss Hay gives all her time to the movement I want friends to rally round and help her. The work in East Bristol is in full swing; chalkers particularly are wanted for that constituency, so will those who can give time to help Miss Hay come forward at once?

We have now concluded our arrangements for Bristol South, and a shop has been taken at No. 76, Bedminster Parade. It is opposite Wills's factory, and should thus be a good centre for propaganda. When Mrs. Baldock returns from London we hope to hand the shop over to her ready decorated. Miss Jessie Smith has most kindly helped to get it ready. No. 45, Stokes Croft (in Mr. Birrell's constituency), has attracted crowds of people all the week. Mrs. Paul has been working hard there, with Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Trafford, Mrs. Cowley, and Miss James to help her. VOTES FOR WOMEN have been sold, and many inquiries made from people anxious to hear about the movement.

From 195, Blackboy Hill (Mr. Gibbs's constituency) I get the following report:—"We have had an exceedingly busy week preparing for our campaign, which opened on Thursday afternoon with a most successful meeting at Stoke Bishop. Miss Baker took the chair, and the speakers were Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Baldock. The local papers gave splendid accounts of this meeting, and reported both speeches fully. At 7.30 the first open-air meeting was held on the Downs, Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Baldock speaking to a large and attentive crowd. On Friday three meetings were held on Durdham Down, the speakers being Mrs. Baldock and Miss Mary Phillips. On Saturday afternoon Miss Helen Ogston spoke to a large crowd on Durdham Down. People are constantly going into 195, Blackboy Hill, and asking to have their names placed on our list of sympathisers, and residents are ordering VOTES FOR WOMEN regularly. Mrs. Barrett finds the work most interesting, and makes an urgent appeal for more workers."

[LILIAN DOVE-WILLCOX.]

Bath.—An At Home was held at Jubilee Hall Young Men's Christian Association on Saturday, 29th ult. Mrs. Massy was the speaker, and Miss Jessie Smith took the chair. The same day a big open-air meeting was held in the Sawclose at 7 o'clock, and although only advertised two hours beforehand, by the usual chalking of pavements, a crowd was waiting when the speakers, Mrs. Massy and Miss Jessie Smith, arrived. Eventually many hundreds of people were present, and Mrs. Massy spoke for about one hour and a-half. Many questions were asked, and people pressed forwards to shake hands with the speakers at the close.

Plymouth.—Our meetings this week have been a great success. Miss Brackenbury was unable to visit Plymouth for the meeting in the Corn Exchange, but Mrs. Massy came instead, and was received with great enthusiasm. Local members and friends of the W.S.P.U., please do not forget to send contributions for our shop to me at 11, Alfred Street. All friends who are willing to help in the local campaign please write to me at same address.

[VERA WENTWORTH.]

Torquay.—Miss Wentworth spoke at our last At Home, and we were glad to welcome several new faces there. Miss Mills is in charge of the work during my absence for a short holiday.

[E. N. HOWEY.]
Annie Kenney.

LANCASHIRE.

Headquarters.—Manchester, 164, Oxford Road.

Local Offices.—Liverpool, 22, Mulgrave Street.
Preston, 41, Glover's Court.
Rochdale, 84, Yorkshire Street.

At Homes.—Manchester: Memorial Hall, Albert Square, Tuesdays, 3-5;
Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Fridays, 8-10.
N.B.—No "At Homes" June 8th and 11th; see important events below.

Liverpool: Engineers' Rooms, Mount Pleasant, Tuesdays, 8-10.

Important Events.

June 10.—Thursday: Miss Elizabeth Robins' Lecture, "Shall Women Work?" Bowdon Assembly Rooms. Chair: Miss Mary Gawthorpe. Tickets, 2s. 6d. and 1s. on application.

June 11.—Friday: Miss E. Robins' Manchester Memorial Hall, Albert Square. Lecture, 8 p.m. Chair: Miss Mary Gawthorpe. Tickets, 1s. and 6d. on application.

June 19.—Saturday: Welcome to Patricia Woodlock, Manchester.

June 21.—Monday: Welcome to Patricia Woodlock, Liverpool.

June 22.—Tuesday: Reception to meet Patricia Woodlock, Liverpool. Tickets, 1s. 6d., inclusive.

Future Events.—In Manchester these particularly suggest Miss Elizabeth Robins' forthcoming lectures, and in both Manchester and Liverpool the preparations we are making to receive Patricia Woodlock on her release. With respect to Miss Robins' visit, the Altrincham and Bowdon lecture arrangements are in the hands of Miss Helen Tolson, "Yealand," Hale, Cheshire, to whom applications for tickets, 2s. 6d. (reserved), 1s. (unreserved), and inquiries should be addressed. Miss Tolson will be glad of all local help in selling tickets, distributing handbills, and special visiting. "Chalking" assistance will be wanted later. In Manchester the Lecture Secretary, Miss F. Helliwell, has tickets on sale at the office, and applications may be made there. Admission prices are 1s. (reserved) and 6d. (unreserved). Profits on both lectures (and may they be handsome ones!) will go to the Patricia Woodlock Welcome Fund.

Special days will be set apart for our Lancashire "welcomes," Liverpool in addition, as the home of our released prisoner, giving a reception on the Tuesday, to follow the more public welcome of the Monday. Tickets, 1s. 6d. inclusive, may be had from Miss Flatman, 22, Mulgrave Street, or of the Ticket Secretary, or of members. In Manchester members are bent on raising the necessary funds to bring the N.W.S.P.U. Drum and Fife Band to assist in the procession arrangements. This will entail considerable expense, apart from other considerations, and I shall be glad to have contributions from admirers of Patricia Woodlock from all parts of the country; if desired an official collecting-card can be had from the office on application to the Secretary. Already a gratifying beginning has been made (see Fund Account below); but at least £50 must be forthcoming, as collections may not be taken in the Alexandra Park, where the subsequent demonstration will take place. N.B.—Manchester members please note important office meetings, Wednesdays, June 9 and 16.

Manchester.—Miss Gladice Keevil's visit, Miss Dora Marsden's lecture at Mrs. Leo Grindon's life-study class, and a very successful At Home, held by Mrs. Attwood and Mrs. Warburton in the Church Institute, Chorlton, with Miss Mary Gawthorpe's return from London and her racy account of the Exhibition have been the events of the week. There will be no At Homes on either Tuesday or Friday, June 8 and 11. Instead, members will devote themselves to making Miss Robins' lectures (see Important Events above) a great success.

Lancaster.—A meeting, organised by Miss Selina Martin and Miss Redhead, was held in the Co-operative Hall, Lancaster, on Wednesday, May 26. The speaker was Miss Rona Robinson.

[DORA MARSDEN and RONA ROBINSON.]

Liverpool.—I am delighted with the warm welcome given me by the members here. I am sure, with such a splendid set of workers, we shall do great things in Liverpool. The immediate work is the demonstration to welcome Miss Patricia Woodlock. I hope all Liverpool readers will come to the Central Station on June 21 at 3 o'clock, and give her a splendid welcome; we are arranging to have a band, banners, and a decorated carriage, and members will walk in the procession behind, carrying tricolours. We shall end our parade with a mass meeting at St. George's Plateau. On Tuesday, the 22nd, at 8 o'clock, we are holding a reception at the Yamen Café, Bold Street. There are only a limited number of tickets to be had, price 1s. 6d. each, to admit ladies and gentlemen. We shall have music and refreshments and short speeches. On both occasions we are to have Miss Mary Gawthorpe with us. Tickets may be had from Miss Elam, 8, Roscommon Street, or by post from me at 22, Mulgrave Street. I am very anxious to have all names in during the next few days of those intending to take part in the great deputation of June 29. This must

be a record, and we want Liverpool as usual to be well to the front. All donations should be sent to me at 22, Mulgrave Street.

[S. ADA FLATMAN.]

Financial Report.—Manchester At Home Collections: May 11, £1 15s.; May 14, 5s. 6d.; May 18, 16s.; May 21, 4s. 10d.; May 25, 4s. 3d.; May 28, 9s. 5d.; Emmanuel Institute, Didsbury, 19s. 6d.; Chorlton: Mrs. Attwood's and Mrs. Warburton's meeting, 14s. 1d.; per Miss Marsden, lecture fee, Southport, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Sarah Mayor, Preston, £1. Total, £5 19s. 1d.

Patricia Woodlock Welcome Fund.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, £2 2s.; Mrs. Basil Green, £5; Miss Lillian Pallister, 4s.; Miss Ruth Hart, £1. Total, £8 6s. to May 30.

Mary E. Gawthorpe.

MIDLANDS.

Office and Committee Rooms, 14, Ethel Street, Birmingham.

At Homes.—Birmingham: Midland Hotel, Tuesdays, 3.30; Priory Rooms, Tuesdays, 7.30.
Wolverhampton: St. Peter's Institute, Wednesdays, 7.30.

Important Events.—Miss Beatrice Harraden, Midland Hotel, Birmingham, June 8; Wolverhampton, June 9.

We all welcome the arrival of Miss Laura Ainsworth to help organise in the Midlands; we shall be able now to work up a number of towns which have been asking for assistance for some time. During the summer months, as we enlarge our area, travelling expenses will be much heavier; therefore donations from friends in outlying towns where they are anxious that work should be done will be very gladly received.

The next important event is Miss Beatrice Harraden's visit on June 8 and 9. Some of the articles not sold in London will be on sale at this At Home, making an additional attraction on this occasion. A larger room has been taken at the Midland Hotel, so members and friends should make a particular effort to be present in great numbers.

We are canvassing the route along which the King's procession will pass when he visits Birmingham on July 7 to open the new University. Miss Margesson has very kindly consented to take charge, and those who can help, even if only for an hour once or twice a week, should please write and offer their services, as we are in great need of more helpers.

The Exhibition.—I want to take this opportunity of thanking all those friends, too numerous to mention by name, who have come forward so generously and kindly with many beautiful and varied gifts for our stalls. We have deeply appreciated the splendid way in which members and sympathisers have responded to our appeal; much over the requisite amount was sent in by May 12. Mrs. Howey and Mrs. Kerwood have every reason to be pleased with the result of their work. Our very special thanks are also due to Miss Kennard, who has done true yeoman's service in selling at the Exhibition; indeed, we should have been in great difficulties if she had not taken charge during the last ten days.

Cycling Scouts.—Dr. Jones and several other members had another most successful afternoon at Bromsgrove. A large meeting was held in the market-place. The audience were very friendly, and asked the Suffragettes to be sure to come again.

Derby and Fitchley.—Miss Jean Young has very kindly undertaken to organise a meeting in Fitchley, near Derby, for Wednesday, June 9, at which I have promised to speak. The next week, with the assistance of Miss Young and the Misses Dowling, a meeting will be held in Derby. After this we shall have the pleasure of Miss Young's help in Birmingham.

Saltley.—A number of members have formed themselves into a working committee, under the captaincy of Mrs. Davis, and an open-air campaign is being started. Miss Hazel and Miss Neale have already spoken at one meeting. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, and on Mondays also a little later. On June 17 Father Adderley is very kindly allowing us to have a meeting in his garden at the Vicarage. Invitations are now being issued.

Midland Caravan.—At last our caravan, lent by Mrs. Howey, and decorated gaily in purple, white, and green, with Dr. Helena Jones and Miss Leonore Pearce in charge, is really on the road. Owing to the kindness of Miss Shaw, we have been able to stay in Malvern and set things going. Lady Harberton, by her generous donation, has enabled us to start free of debt. If all the future meetings come up to the Malvern ones we shall have every reason to be satisfied. Larger crowds have attended each meeting; the hecklers have invariably had the worst of it, much to the glee of the audience, one of whom remarked, "Ay, but she could wipe him off any road, she could!" We went away amidst many good wishes, and the assurance that we had converted everybody. The caravan is passing through Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Wellington, and Shifnal this week.

Walsall.—Mrs. Blake Barber, to whom we are most grateful, is very kindly giving a drawing-room meeting on Thursday, June 17.

Summer Holiday Campaign.—Preliminary Notice.—During August and September I shall be carrying on a coast campaign on the west of Wales, starting at Aberystwyth, and working up through Barmouth, Cricceith, etc., to Bangor. Will any members who can

join me, or who will be staying on the west coast, please communicate with me as soon as possible.

"Votes for Women" Corps.—Miss Freeth is now in charge of the sales of VOTES FOR WOMEN. It is the means by which we bring in new sympathisers and break down prejudice. We want more volunteers for Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 3.30 p.m., Fridays at midday and 5.30 p.m., Saturdays at midday, and also at the open-air meetings, as well as for calling on the booksellers and newsagents.

I am sending to the Treasurer the week's collection, 18s.; Viscountess Harberton, £10; Anonymous, 1s. All donations and communications should be addressed to me at 49, Bristol Street, Birmingham.

Gladice G. Keevil.

YORKSHIRE.

Headquarters.—68, Manningham Lane, Bradford.

Important Events.—Bradford: Mechanics' Institute (Saloon), June 8, Miss Elizabeth Robins, 7.30 p.m. "Shall Women Work?"
Leeds: Literary and Philosophical Hall, June 9, Miss Elizabeth Robins, 7.30 p.m.

Yorkshire Stall.—Friends and contributors will be interested to hear Miss Roberts, who was in charge, has returned from the Exhibition with news that the total receipts have reached the sum of £70. We are certain the labour and sacrifice which lies behind this amount will result in great development of the work in Yorkshire. Gifts unsold will be disposed of later, locally, at the first favourable opportunity.

Will friends at Bradford make a special effort to be early at the shop for the fortnightly meeting on Monday, June 7. Plans for the summer campaign will be made, and it is important everyone should realise their help is needed to bring about success.

Miss Davids will be glad if workers will forward to her names and addresses of any friends anxious to attend Miss Robins' lecture on June 9, 7.30 p.m., at the Literary and Philosophical Hall. In error the wrong address was given last week. It should be, Miss Davids, 40, Cliff Lane, Hyde Park, Leeds. As no public announcement is being made of either lecture, workers can help greatly by making it widely known. Entrance by invitation card to be had on application.

In answer to the appeal last week the shop curtains are already paid for. The donor would feel the value of her gift did she hear the comments of all comers. Thanks are due to Miss Steventon for making them. Another feature of our shop is the novel and appropriate frieze now in place on the walls, hand-done, and of original design. The vacancy of the upper room still calls aloud for chairs. Bedroom ones serve the purpose well.

I am glad to acknowledge the receipt of several contributions towards the jumble sale. We hope friends will bear it in mind. Much more is needed.

Financial Report.—An Enthusiastic Friend, £1; For Shop Curtains, 11s. 6d.; Miss Symes, 1s. 6d.; On Coliseum Meeting, 6s. 6d.; total, £1 19s. 6d.

N. Crocker.

SCOTLAND.

Glasgow.

Office: 141, Bath Street.

At Homes: 141, Bath Street, Saturday, 8 p.m.

Important Event.—June 5, Charing Cross Halls, 3 p.m. Mrs. Drummond and Miss Canning.

Our great meeting on Saturday is occupying all our attention, and we look for great encouragement from the visit of "General" Drummond and Miss Canning, who is already in Glasgow. Miss Underwood and her band of energetic sellers of VOTES FOR WOMEN are doing good propaganda work in the streets of Glasgow. We are delighted to learn from this week's issue of the paper of the splendid financial results of the Exhibition.

A. R. Craig.

Edinburgh.

Shop and Office: 8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street.

At Homes.—8, Melville Place, Thursdays, 3.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Our very successful Synod Hall Meeting (of which an account will be found on page 751) is over. On Friday, 28th, at 3.30, Mrs. Pankhurst addressed a large meeting of women only in the Society of Arts Hall, 117, George Street, and in the evening she opened the new shop and office at a private meeting to which only members were invited. Mrs. Pankhurst's family party was certainly a very great success.

This has been a week of delightful surprises. First and foremost we have had a motor-car presented to us by a member. Not only that, but a chauffeur has been found and expenses guaranteed until October 25 by others. In view of our coming preparations for the great autumn demonstration, this generous gift will prove invaluable. Then Mrs. Stewart is providing the benches for our office, and Mrs. Robertson has lent us the typewriter we so much need.

The great Scottish demonstration to demand the political enfranchisement of women is to take place on Saturday, October 23, in the afternoon. Representatives will come from all parts of Scotland, and a huge procession, starting from the King's Park, will culminate in large indoor meetings, which will be addressed by

Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and Miss Mary Gawthorpe. The campaign to prepare for this is to open immediately. Further details will appear in next week's number.

Mrs. Robertson (with Miss Fairfield as her deputy) is undertaking the superintendence of the sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN. A corps of sellers is being formed—the Misses Gorrie and Miss Roberts having already given in their names. Will all those who can help in this most useful way write to Mrs. Robertson, 21, Grosvenor Street, or call upon her any Friday evening between 8.30 and 9.30.

Our thanks are due to all those who worked so hard to make our Synod Hall meeting such a success. As a seller of tickets, Miss Mary Thomson, who disposed of 63, is probably hard to beat. We know how much the splendid result on Thursday evening was owing to the patient unrecorded work of our voluntary helpers, but we are sure they felt that night that their efforts had been well worth while.

I have to acknowledge two annual subscriptions of 6s. 6d. for VOTES FOR WOMEN from two new members, Mrs. Inglis and Mrs. Kilpatrick, through Miss Mitchell, also a donation of 7s. from Miss MacFarlane.

Florence E. M. Macaulay.

Aberdeen.

Offices.—Aberdeen: 413, Union Street.
Dundee: 134a, Nethergate.

Miss Rhind's garden party has greatly encouraged our work. It was most successful in every way, and we hope much good will come from the gathering, as many new people came to it.

Next Saturday our At Home is to be held in our office, where I shall report on what I have done in Dundee.

Dundee.—Our shop in the Nethergate is doing useful service. As we need people to look after it I hope friends will volunteer for this most useful part of the work. Five open-air meetings have been held by myself and Miss Clunas. On Monday we held a teachers' meeting, and on Thursday we have an At Home (both in Mather's Hotel) at 3.30, and a public meeting in the Foresters' Hall at 8 p.m.

Adela Pankhurst.

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THE SUFFRAGETTES DREADNOUGHT.

On May 27, 1909, at Bow Street Police Court, Henry Daniels, of Laburnum Terrace, Globe Road, Mitcham, was summoned before Mr. Marsham for unlawfully firing a number of shells at Westminster, contrary to the byelaws of the Thames Conservators.

Mr. Glenshaw represented the Port of London authority, and Mr. Frost appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Glenshaw, in opening the case, stated that on May 11 the defendant was on a launch chartered by the Suffragettes, and that when opposite the Houses of Parliament he exploded a number of shells containing handbills relating to the Suffragette Exhibition held at Knightsbridge. The defendant had exploded three shells when he was told by the river police to desist, but he nevertheless went on and exploded another seven shells, making ten in all.

Mr. Frost said that so far as the defendant himself was concerned he undoubtedly exploded the shells, and had pleaded guilty. But in point of fact he had merely acted upon the instructions of the Women's Social and Political Union, who had adopted this method of conducting their political campaign and advertising their Exhibition. The Women's Social and Political Union wished to stand up to what they had done, and would see that the result of the case did not in any way fall upon the shoulders of the defendant, who had acted upon their instructions. He nevertheless pointed out that not the slightest damage had been done, and that it would be absurd to look upon what had been done as any real offence.

Mr. Marsham, in giving judgment, recognised that no harm had been done, but held that they ought not to have done what they did, and, in particular, ought not to have gone on exploding shells after being warned to desist. He therefore imposed a fine of £5 and 2s. costs, which amount was paid by Mr. Frost on behalf of the Union.

CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

The Kensington Committee held a most successful meeting on the 25th ult., at 32, Onslow Square (by kind permission of Mrs. Tabor Brookes). The speakers were Mr. John Cameron Grant, who also took the chair, Miss Packer, Miss Gordon, and Mrs. Gilbert Samuel (Hon. Secretary of the Association). The room was crowded and the audience greatly interested. Several new members were enrolled and much literature was sold.

The Committee have arranged for three informal social evenings on June 4, 18, and July 2, at 8.30 to 10 p.m., to be held at Studio 1A, 5, Bedford Gardens (by kind permission of Miss Luxmoore). Debates will be held and discussion carried on as to the best means of organising propaganda work. Members and their friends are cordially invited. The work of this Committee has increased so much that Miss Ada Sheppard has consented to help Miss Luxmoore as Hon. Assistant Secretary.

An important meeting is being arranged for the middle of the month; details and speakers will be published later on.

The Kensington Committee is greatly encouraged by the many offers of help they are receiving from new workers. They are already planning a comprehensive scheme of work for the autumn and winter.

WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

This League, which has been in existence little over a year, already includes many of the best-known writers and journalists. Latterly the League devoted its energies to the special bookstall at the Women's Exhibition which was generously supplied with books, many of them autographed by the authors. Miss Beatrice Harraden gave two copies of all her books, autographed, and the MS., bound in green leather, of the play, "Lady Geraldine's Speech," which was published in VOTES FOR WOMEN. She was assiduous in personal help also. Other generous contributors included Miss Violet Hunt, Mr. H. G. Wells, and Mr. John Galsworthy, while Miss Elizabeth Robins, Mrs. M. Lucette Ryley, Mrs. Zangwill, Miss Cicely Hamilton, Miss Evelyn Sharp, and Miss Bessie Hatton all helped as sellers. A pathetic interest attached to two autographed novels from Mr. George Meredith, which were quickly sold. The stall was decorated with a beautiful cartoon, given to the League by Mr. Margeson, and representing a woman tearing herself from the grasp of Prejudice and flying to the feet of Justice. The stall realised nearly £70.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £50,000 FUND.

May 26 to June 1.		£ s. d.	
Already acknowledged	35,318 7 2	For Exhibition Fund—	£ s. d.
Miss K. Cording	0 2 6	Mrs. A. L. Janan	0 2 6
Mrs. Bannon	5 0 0	Anon. (Birmingham)	0 10 0
Mrs. Gandy	2 2 0	Mrs. Ackland	0 10 0
		Mrs. Balfour	2 17 6
Per Miss I. Seymour	6 9 0	For Organiser Fund—	
(travelling expenses to Germany)		Miss Ivy Beach	0 8 0
A. B.	0 2 0	Miss A. N. Wood	0 4 0
Annual reports sold	0 11 0	Membership Entrance Fees	6 7 0
Dr. Alice V. Johnson	1 0 0	Collections, &c.	31 12 5
Mrs. Mitchell	1 1 0	From the Exhibition—	
Mrs. M. Dixon	1 1 0	Entrance money	£54 11 6
		Less already paid in	63 13 9
Per Miss A. KENNEY—			590 17 9
Mrs. Brydges Barrett	5 0 0	Stall takings	4,289 2 11
E. C. Parfait, Esq.	0 2 6	Less Woman's Press Stalls, money still to come in, and London City W. S. P. U. £10 previously acknowledged	405 13 10
Miss Holborow	0 5 0		
Proceeds of whist drive (additional)	0 4 0	Entertainments and Side Shows, &c.	3,885 9 1
Raised at "Social"	2 0 6		
Miss Strangways	4 6 0		
Per Miss Marsh—			
Anon.	1 0 0		
(for shop curtains)	0 11 6		
Miss Sykes	1 1 6		
For Bye-Election Fund—			
Miss Juliette Heale	1 1 0		
		Total	£40,237 5 8

A HOLIDAY SUGGESTION.

A correspondent writes:— Since holiday suggestions are asked for, the following trivial and obvious detail may be of use for imitation. Some of us who ventured to take a day's holiday on the river after the labours of the Exhibition found that one of the silk scarves with "Votes for Women" on it, fixed on a stick in the prow of our rowing boat, made an excellent flag, and attracted a good deal of attention, especially in Boulter's Lock. Boating parties often sing on their way home in the evening, and our repertoire to-day included several Suffragette songs.—FABO.

WHAT IS A LADY RELATIVE?

Having received tickets for the Ladies' Gallery of the House of Commons marked "available only for a relative of the member," Mr. Myer asked the Speaker, "What is the degree of affinity which constitutes a relative, or is consanguinity alone the qualification?" The Speaker: I must decline altogether the task the hon. member imposes upon me, and I must leave it to every hon. member on his conscience to say in what relation the lady stands to him.



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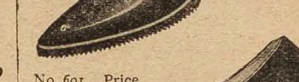
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LOCAL NOTES.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE W.S.P.U.—Owing to the enterprise of Miss Bonavia Hunt a large and successful meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, Burgess Hill, on Thursday, the 27th, at 8 p.m. Miss H. Ogston spoke. All our VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold out, and more could have been disposed of. We are looking forward to Miss Una Dugdale's visit on the 4th and 5th. On Friday, the 4th, we shall be at Queen's Square at 8 p.m., and the next day on the front at 3 p.m., and in the evening at 8 p.m. at Rutland Gardens, Hove. I would remind all members and friends that Miss Elizabeth Robins has consented to give her famous lecture, "Shall Women Work?" in the Large Hall, Hove Town Hall, on Wednesday, June 16, at 8 p.m. Miss Naylor will take the chair. Particulars as to tickets, etc., to be had at the office, 8, North Street, Quadrant. I. G. MCKEOWN.

BRIXTON W.S.P.U.—We had a large number of strangers at our thoroughly successful meeting on Sunday in Brockwell Park. Mrs. Cameron Swan, who spoke on the militant tactics, was given a most attentive hearing. We sold nearly four dozen VOTES FOR WOMEN and took a collection. KATHLEEN TANNER.

CHELSEA W.S.P.U.—The financial result of our share in the Exhibition was very satisfactory. Altogether we made over £223, and stand third in the list of stall-holders. One of the side issues of our work for the Exhibition is that it has revived a village industry in snocking. Members wishing to join in the procession on the release of Patricia Woodlock on June 16, at 6.45 p.m., should send in their names, so that we may arrange for our group. We are now concentrating our energies on working for the demonstration on the 29th. Weekly meetings will be held on Friday, at 12 noon, in Sloane Square, Miss Naylor being the speaker this week; on Mondays, at 8.30, at World's End, the meeting managed by Miss Barry; and on Tuesdays, at 8.30, in Orange Square. CHARLOTTE BLACKLOCK.

CHISWICK.—On June 14 Mrs. Pankhurst is coming to speak in the Town Hall. We hope all local sympathisers will help in selling tickets. Application should be made to the Hon. Sec., 98, Sutton Court Road. Our next At Home will be held in the garden of 98, Sutton Court Road, on Saturday next, at 3.30. All friends are invited. Our stall at the Exhibition took £68, the "Lucky Tub" £23 6s., and the Wheel of Fortune £1 4s. This includes Hammersmith and Barnes with Chiswick. M. COOMBS.

CROYDON W.S.P.U.—On Friday, June 4, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Evelyn Sharp, and Mrs. Tyson are speaking at the Stanley Hall, South Norwood, at 8 p.m., when we hope to have a good audience. Each member should try and bring at least one friend with her. Our next outdoor meeting will be on Sunday, June 13, at Katharine Street, Croydon, at 7.15 p.m.

FOREST GATE W.S.P.U.—Our open-air meeting will be held, as usual, on Friday, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Henry has promised to speak for us. Will members and friends please note that June 14 is the date of our last indoor meeting before the holidays? This will take place in Earham Hall, and Miss Mordan has promised to speak for us. M. E. SLEIGHT.

HAMMERSMITH W.S.P.U.—Now that the Exhibition is over members are asked to concentrate on local work by bringing friends to the Friday open-air meetings, at 7 p.m., at West Place, King Street, and the Saturday 7 p.m. meetings by West Kensington Station, and to the monthly meetings at 15, Hammersmith Terrace, due notice of which will be given. Propaganda work can also be done by taking the literature of the movement, which can be had on terms of sale or return at 8, Edith Road, and introducing it to friends. F. E. ROWE.

HORNSEY W.S.P.U.—The results of the sale at the Hornsey and Bowes Park stall were very satisfactory. The exact amount taken cannot be given, as many articles were sold at the auction and others at various special stalls, but we are most grateful to Miss F. Spong and her helpers, who worked so well. On Thursday evening we held a meeting in Finsbury Park, in spite of the rain. We shall be at the Clock Tower, Crouch End, on Saturday, at 7 p.m. Are there any Hornsey friends willing to speak in the open-air, or who would begin by taking the chair at one of our meetings? We are sorely in need of more speakers. THEODORA BONWICK.

KENSINGTON W.S.P.U.—In congratulating ourselves on the financial success of our two Exhibition stalls we must not forget that especial credit is due to Mrs. Reginald Pott for her able management of the milkery stall; to Mrs. Harry Silver for acting as secretary for the general stall; to Mrs. Charles Kerr and Mrs. Corbould for the work parties held in their drawing-rooms and for much time given to both stalls; to Miss Trim and the ladies working with her; to Mrs. Mills for the beautiful enamel work given; and to Mrs. Hartley Withers for her many contributions to the stall, and many others who gave time and money to the Kensington stalls. A campaign is being mapped out in order to work up the district for the demonstrations on June 16 and 29, particulars of which will be given to those applying at the Votes for Women shop, 143, Church Street. It is hoped that all those ready to help will give in their names at once. The weekly At Homes were resumed on Wednesday last at Albert Lodge, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Grant, and will be continued until the end of the month. Mrs. Massey and others will speak on June 9. LOUISE M. EATES.

LEWISHAM W.S.P.U.—The takings at the Lewisham, Camberwell, and Brixton stall amounted to £27 2s. 1d. A separate stall was allotted to the Lewisham Union for the sale of Bruges pottery (presented by Mrs. Billinghurst), and the takings at that stall amounted to £15. Several pictures from our stall were given to the art section for sale, and a smart hat was sold at the Kensington hat stall. All the remaining goods from the Lewisham, Camberwell, and Brixton stall are now on sale at our shop (72, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath Village). The takings at the shop on the first two days (Saturday and Whit Monday) amounted to £1 0s. 5d. A strong appeal is made to all members of our Union to volunteer as assistants in the shop—i.e., on one or more afternoons regularly. Mrs. Bouvier will attend to the shop every day from 10.30 till 2 or 2.30 p.m. The afternoon could be divided between two members, but they must attend regularly. Members and friends are also requested to come to the shop for VOTES FOR WOMEN, to be sold in the street at any time convenient to them. Our shop is in need of chairs, a doormat, and a trestle table. Will someone give these? We intend holding a series of street-corner meetings before June 29. All those who are willing to help as speakers, chairmen, or literature sellers please write to Mrs. Bouvier, 72, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath. J. A. BOUVIER.

MARYLEBONE W.S.P.U.—An excellent meeting, addressed by Miss Douglas Smith and Miss Auld, was held in Regent's Park on Sunday after-

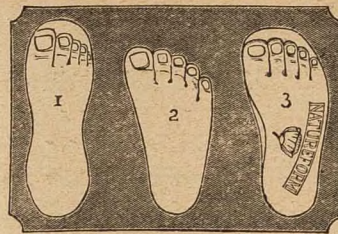
noon. Now that the Exhibition is over we have begun the work of circulating every householder in Marylebone; eight of the nine wards have been undertaken by volunteers and part of the ninth. Will some member resident in Marylebone take up the responsibility of the rest of this ward? Canvassers, prepared so as to give the minimum of trouble, will be supplied, with all other necessary materials. GENE SHEPARD.

NOTTINGHAM W.S.P.U.—The Garden Sale, which Mrs. Coates is arranging, has been fixed for June 24, from 3 to 7.30 p.m., and we hope it will be as big a success as the Nottingham stall at the Exhibition. Will all please keep free June 24? Offers of drawing-rooms are still badly wanted. Helpers of all kinds willing to act as chairmen, literature sellers, or stewards will be welcome. The fixtures at present are a members' meeting on June 17, at Morley's Café, 7.30 p.m., to welcome Miss Ogston, and a forest demonstration, probably on June 26. Others will be announced on the members' cards. In view of the advent of an organiser, who is coming to us in July, we are making preliminary negotiations for acquiring a Votes for Women shop. C. M. BURGIS.

PRESTON W.S.P.U.—The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 9, at 7.30 p.m., at 41, Glover's Court. The business of the evening will be the re-election of officers, and arrangements will be made for the summer campaign and for canvassing, and also for a sale of work. Now that Whitson is over open-air meetings will be held regularly on the Market Place on Saturdays, at 3 p.m. We intend also to undertake a canvass of the women voters in each ward all through the town. Arrangements will be made for a welcome party in honour of our comrade, Miss Patricia Woodlock, on her release from Holloway. The date for this will be announced shortly. A special effort is being made to pay off the debt on the local office, and to this end a sale of work will be held early in October. There will be a cake and apron stall, a jumble stall, special literature stall, and show of things in the colours, entertainments, etc. The sale will probably continue some days, and will be on the same lines as the London Exhibition. On June 10 there will be a public At Home, Glover's Court, commencing at 3 p.m., as a preliminary to the sale of work. Will members keep a look-out for further announcements of this in the local paper? G. M. A.

PUTNEY AND FULHAM W.S.P.U.—Our contributions to the Exhibition fund amounted to £52. The shop window (9, High Street, Putney) has attracted much attention. On Friday, June 4, an At Home will be held there at 8 p.m. Will all friends able to attend please write to the Secretary, 9, High Street, Putney? We are still in need of more tables, chairs, and oil-cloth, and, above all, the loan of a sewing machine, which would be most acceptable. On Sunday, June 6, at 7 p.m., Miss Mills will speak on Putney Heath. Arrangements are being made for a big meeting at Fulham Town Hall on Tuesday, June 15, at which Miss Mary Gawthorpe has promised to speak. H. ROBERTS and L. CULLEN.

WIMBLEDON W.S.P.U.—In spite of the fact that many regular attendants were absent on Whit Sunday, Miss Wyatt had a good audience on Wimbledon Green for her capital address. Miss M. Grant was chairman, and Mr. Basil Belmont proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers. The Secretary for the Wimbledon Stall at the Exhibition expresses, on behalf of her committee, very hearty thanks to all those who contributed towards its success. M. GRANT.



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