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A New Birthday Present-for Men.

Before the President of the Board of Education introduced the much-talked-of Votes-for-nearly-all-men-and-no-women Bill on June 17, Mr. O'Grady desired that the House should discuss the urgent matter of the Transport Workers' Strike, in which "unfortunately, many various and children to heise the death in many women and children are being done to death in the East-end of London," but a Bill which concerns itself entirely with men, giving them privileges for which there has been little demand, and deliberately leaving women out, was held to have precedence. So the House settled itself to listen to Mr. J. A. Pease's glowing periods on the great subject of democracy, while he completely overlooked the

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fact that democracy means men and wo-men. "The real strength of the House of Commons depends," he said, " on the democracy behind Members of this House, and the views of the democracy do not depend upon the accumulation of votes in the hands of the few, but on the equal votes of the many." Indisputable fact,

but only when

"the 'many' includes women as well as men. Mr. Pease could only bring himself to refer to women when he wished to impress the House by the number that would be enfranchised if the Bill were really democratic. He was delighted to promise the vote as a new comingof-age present to practically every man, and to add that the qualifying period of six months' residence might be made during minority.

The one noteworthy feature of the debate was the strong stand by Mr. David Mason, Liberal Member for Coventry, in opposing the Bill from the first "for the simple reason that women are left out." His speech was a fine vindication of Woman Suffrage, and he did not scruple to stigmatise the Government's action with regard to women as a dishonest proceeding and declared that to talk of amendment in Committee was a delusion.



THE NEW STATE ARITHMETIC BOOK, by Lloyd George

Here is our position admira bly stated: "Surely, a Government bringing forward a measure of this m'agnitude must either stand or fall by it." Only in one way can Mr. Asquith wipe out the deliberate insult to the women of the country, and that is by putting women into the Bill. The Opposition, of course, regards the Bill as "window dressing." It is significant that The

Daily Chronicle still talks of the circumstances necessitating the abandonment of the Reform Bill and carrying the Plural Voting Bill. Our part is to fight on for quarters is noteworthy and significant. justice.

No Equal Treatment.

The one lively interval in the speech of Mr. Pease, in introducing the Manhood Suffrage Bill was when he informed the House that any attempt to register more than one vote would be regarded a' corrupt practice, involving a fine of £200, or one year's imprisonment. When challenged as to whether it would be in the first or second division, the reply was that it might mean hard labour! Meanwhile, however, women political prisoners are still refused equal treatment as first class misdemeanants, and Mr. McKenna, answering a question by Mr. R. McNeill, on June 17, said that his decision with regard to the suffragist leaders was based on the recommendation of the jury and the advice of the judge. This is mere quibbling and equal treatment must be given to the rank and file.

The Ruling on the Referendum.

On June 11 the Speaker made an important ruling on the question as to whether the referendum could be brought within the scope of the Government of Ireland Bill by means of an instruction to the committee. He supported the ruling of Mr. Speaker Peel in 1893 when he declared with regard to a Home Rule Bill and to an instruction described by to-day's Speaker as "almost identical to the present case," that

This instruction is a proposal to enable the electors to override the decision of this House; to go over the heads of the elected representatives, and to submit to the electors generally whether a Bill of this great magnitude should come into force or not. That, I think, is quite beyond the scope of the Bill, and could not be brought within the scope of the Bill by an instruction. This ruling is most important in view of the possibility of introducing the referendum on the question of woman's enfranchisement, and its significance is pointed out by The Westminster Gazette, which frankly confesses that it advocated such a step-" and a sad scrape it got us into with the more convinced advocates of Woman Suffrage "-and regrets its impossibility. The Westminster Gazette observes :-

If a referendum cannot be proposed in the case of the Home Rule Bill, neither could it be proposed in the case of the Franchise Bill, and if an "instruction" is out of order, a fortiori would an amendment be out of order. The conclusion of the whole matter is that, if we are to have the referendum at all, we must have it openly and deliberately as part of our avowed policy, and not slip into it as an incident of debate.

We congratulate the women Liberals who have, according to The Times, been roused to great indignation by the advancement of Mr. Harold Baker to membership of the Government. Is the Prime Minister relying upon the presence of a young stalwart to make good the loss of Lord Loreburn, or is he wilfully blind to the message of the Federation last week? In any case, this latest action cannot be construed as complimentary to Liberal women, but some anti-Government successes in impending by-elections would be calculated to produce a different attitude towards the woman question. Mr. Harold Baker, it will be remembered, moved the rejection of the Conciliation Bill and is the member in charge of the Plural Voting Bill, which, "owing to pressure of circumstances," the Government may still find it convenient to adopt officially. The Prime Minister evidently feels it necessary to call in further aid from Antis," a fact which we take as significant of the strength of our Cause. Another incident of the past week which showed the way the wind is blowing has been the presence in the Holmfirth Division of Mr. E. G. Hemmerde, the recent victor of North-West Norfolk, to encourage Mr. Arnold in his fight. The cry went forth that the Liberals cannot be expected to submit without retaliation to the grasping of their seats by Labour, consequently Mr. Hemmerde was in the Division with his "gloves off" against the Labour, rather than against the Tory, candidate. The result

will only be known after this week's Vote is in the

Advisable or Undesirable?

THE VOTE.

Sir Edward Grey appears to have judged "the general sense of the House" by the few Tory cheers, led, no doubt, by the irrepressible Sir John Rees, and takes his stand on the declaration that it is undesirable to lay papers on the Table of the House with regard to Mis Malecka's trial, suggesting that hon. Members should read the account published in a Warsaw paper, and refusing them the necessary sanction to consult the official papers at the Foreign Office. Mr. Morrell, Mr. Wedgewood, and other Members who have pressed for papers on the ground that in the interests of British subjects in the future there should be a record of the case from the point of view of the British Government, are asking what is reasonable. Mr. Morrell pointed out that it was at the request of the Foreign Minister himself that, pending negotiations, no debate took place in the House of Commons. Miss Malecka herself has urged that the papers should be published, but Sir Edward Grey, gratified by the Tsar's "pardon," shrinks from further revelations which might bring the deadly light of truth to bear on Russia's treatment of a British subject—a woman. Gratitude towards the autocrat of All the Russias weighs more heavily in the balance than the possibilities of the future as they concern British subjects. Miss Malecka's record of her experiences, which The Chronicle has published, is a repetition of the harrowing story of women politicals" imprisoned on the flimsiest of evidence supplied by informers, yet facing their fate with calmest courage, hoping for the regeneration of Russia which they will never see. Again we heartily congratulate Miss Malecka on her freedom, and join our thanks with hers to The Daily Chronicle for making so strong a stand in her case.

In Memoriam: W. T. Stead.

We welcome the announcement that on Wednesday, June 26, at 8 p.m., a mass meeting will be held at the Queen's Hall in memory of Mr. W. T. Stead. It is fitting that a resolution with regard to the White Slave Traffic Bill, read for a second time last week, should be put to the meeting, for it is clearly evident that Mr. Stead's death, with the subsequent movement to make the passing of the Bill a memorial to his work, has been the driving force behind the progress of the Bill, and the hope that it will reach the Statute Book this Session. Speakers at the meeting will include :-

Lady Stout, Miss Lind-af-Hageby, Miss Margaret McMillan, and Messrs. Noel Buxton, M.P., W. L. George, Dr. Horton, R. T. Hawkins, George Lansbury, M.P., Stanley Lee, J. E. Millholland, J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., H. Snell, Herbert Stead, M.A., Josiah Wedgewood, M.P. Tickets, from 6d. to 10s. 6d., may be had from all Women's Societies, the Hall, Stead's Publishing House, and The International Suffrage Shop, 15, Adam-street, Strand, W.C.

When Votes are Wanted: Mr. Roosevelt's Conversion,

America is once again affording an important objectlesson to politicians who are blind to the fact that women must count in the State as in the home. The whirlyind campaign, leading to the Presidency, shows that Mr. Roosevelt recognises the value of women's votes. Now he wants them he becomes a convinced Suffragist.

On June 12, Reuter cabled the following message from Oyster On June 12, Reuter cabled the following message from Oyses. Bay, United States:—"Mr. Roosevelt has announced, through Judge Lindsay, of Denver, that he is in favour of woman suffrage in this country, and that the platform which he will submit to the Chicago Convention will contain an unequivocal declaration to that effect. Judge Lindsay, in communicating the above statement, added that Mr. Roosevelt had been induced to take statement, added that Mr. Roosevelt had been induced to take this definite stand by what the woman voters had done in opposition to the 'bosses' in Colorado, Washington, California, and other Western States. He was convinced from this record that an advantage to the country would be gained by placing the ballot in the hands of women."

Special reports of the meetings at the Queen's Hall on June 19 on "The Religious Aspect of the Women's Movement" will appear in a four-page supplement to the next issue of *The Christian Commonwealth* (June 26, price 1d.).

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AT HEADQUARTERS.

Joint Demonstrations.—By the courteous invitation of the North-West London Branches of the Women's Social and Political Union, the Women's Freedom League is taking part in the Demonstration next Sunday in Gladstone Park. A procession will start from Messina-road, Kilburn, at 4.30 p.m. Mrs. Despard is to speak, and those who wish to drive to the Park with her in a brake decorated with our colours are requested to send in their names at once to Mrs. Spiller, the hon. secretary of our Hampstead Branch, 63. South-hill-park. Seats can be booked at 6d. per head.

We have also accepted an invitation from the London Local Unions of the W.S.P.U. to take part with other Suffrage Societies in a Joint Demonstration in Hyde Park, Sunday afternoon, July 14. Further particulars will be given later in THE VOTE, but we ask our friends to keep this date free of other engagements. Members are urged to wear their badges and our colours at both demonstrations.

Meetings at Caxton Hall.-Mrs. Despard has promised to speak at our next "At Home," wednesday afternoon. June 26, so we hope our friends will come in good numbers to welcome her after her absence in Switzerland. Speeches will begin at four o'clock.

Wednesday, July 3, there will be no afternoon meeting, but the London Branches Council is organising an evening reception to Mrs. Despard in the Large Hall. It will take the form of a Birthday Party to our President, and a specially attractive programme is being prepared. Tickets, at 1s. each, can be obtained from Mrs. Huntsman at this office.

W. F. L. Tratalgar - square Demonstration will take place Saturday afternoon, June 29, at four o'clock. We are inviting other Suffrage Societies to take part in this Demonstration, and hope to give a list of the speakers next week.

Open-Air Meetings and "Yote" Street Sales. We congratulate those London Branches resuming regular open-air meetings on their excellent propaganda work. These meetings and THE VOTE are the best possible media for reaching the general public, and it has been decided to try and bring these two forces into closer touch with each other. Mrs. Bigger, a member of our League, who has had a good deal of experience of organisation of various kinds, has therefore been appointed to look after these two branches of our work. We need the co-operation of our London workers and appeal to them strongly to send in their names at once, giving definite days or hours when they can help us by selling THE VOTE, distributing handbills, taking the F. A. UNDERWOOD. chair at meetings, &c.

GREETINGS FROM SWITZERLAND.

Dear Friends and Fellow-workers,-From this lovely retreat, to which the noise of the outer world seems to come as a distant echo, Mrs. Harvey and I send you cordial greetings. It seems strange, just at this moment to be out of the fight. I want to be amongst youin Yorkshire where I see there is a by-election—in London and its neighbourhood where the workers. men and women, are making so gallant a fight for liberty. But, after all, every moment in this great conflict of ours is momentous, and it is well that now and then all of us should each, in her turn, stand aside



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for a time and gather her forces together for the coming battle, sharper, it may be, than any that has preceded it. Our temporary home is near the head of the lake of Geneva. From our balcony we look right into the mountains—the Savoy range with the beautiful Dent du Midi facing us-the Bernese Alps to the left. Some of the higher peaks are still snow-clad. The lower slopes show woods and meadows and scattered homesteads and villages. I am struck with the culture here. Land is not wasted as it is in England. On every side, as we drive up the mountains we see vineyards, orchards, gardens, potato fields, rich meadows and growing corn. Women and men are working together in the fields and in the vineyards. I am told the women work harder than the men. It is a changing scene. We have had storms, thunder rattling amongst the hills, and wonderful cloud skies, which threw purple shadows on the tranguil lake, and torrents of rain; but no day when the open air has not been a joy. In the sweetness of the air, in the strength of the mountains which, this evening, are most clearly defined against a windswept sky we are finding the rest and gaining the vigour which we need for our task.

The English daily papers and some of the weeklies come to us and we scan them eagerly for news of the movement. It is piteous to know that, while we are enjoying this free life, brave men and noble women are shut up in prison-cells. But that should stimulate us to still stronger efforts. The Vote of course was very warmly welcomed. It gives a good record of work done, and of work projected; and we send our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to those who are striving thus gallantly, in the teeth of difficulties and temptations to despair. Here we talk constantly of the League and of the Cause, and in the quiet hours of leisure, we are laying out plans for autumn and winter campaigns. Meanwhile we do not forget the noble men and women who have suffered and are suffering for the redemption of Society. Sometimes it comes to us, a thought almost too piteous to be borne, that now, at this very moment, while we are taking holiday in the sweetness of sun and air some of these are shut up in narrow prisoncells and taking exercise in bare prison-yards. For their sakes, as well as for our children and ourselves, we must put always more vigour into our battle, so that the first victory may soon be won, and that we may go forward to the larger work of the future. Yours in approximately amounting to half a million. C. DESPARD. Maison Suisse Bellaria, near Vevey, Switzerland.

THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE BY-ELECTION POLICY.

A great majority of our Branches have decided in favour of supporting Labour candidates in three-cornered contests. This policy will be at once pursued in the Holmfirth division, where Miss Nina Boyle will be in charge of the election work of the Women's Freedom League. Mrs. Merivale Mayer will assist her, and every effort will be used to secure the return of Mr. Lunn. At the Special Conference held at the end of April the W.F.L. decided to revert to an anti-Government policy at by-elections, and the support of Labour candidates in three-cornered contests is regarded as a most effective extension of this policy. It is certainly clear that the Government candidate will have the least chance of the three of being returned to Parliament.

HOLMFIRTH BY-ELECTION.

Mr. S. Arnold (Lib.).
Mr. W. Lunn (Labour).
Mr. Geoffrey Ellis (C.).
Polling—June 20.
Liberal majority over Conservative in January, 1910, 3,296.

Difficulties that seemed insuperable beset the path of the W.F.L. organisers on their arrival at the seat of action. The N.U. and the W.S.P.U. had secured very inadequate quarters in Peniston, but further accommodation was impossible to obtain; and in Holmfirth read a first time.

things were worse. By the kind support of Mr. Morton' of Holme, however, quarters were at last forthcoming at Upper Bridge, Holmfirth, for the Committee-room, and at Croft House, Holme, for lodgings; and the kindness and sympathy evidenced by all and sundry speak volumes for the energy and tact of the suffrage orkers; they were first in the field, and the first Suffragists ever to visit the district.

Mr. Lunn's chances are good, and the suffrage meetings are splendidly attended and listened to with eager interest and understanding. Untold hospitality and kindness are forthcoming from the local sympathisers; the ready help received from Miss Barnett and the Sheffield members, and members from Huddersfield who have given their services at the shop, must be gratefully C NINA BOYLE acknowledged.

THE REFORM BILL. VOTES FOR EVERY MAN.

On June 17 the Reform Bill was introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. J. A. Pearse, President of the Board of Education. The chief points of the Bill are as follows :

One man, one vote established; one qualification, twenty-one years of age or over and six months' continuous residence or occupation, commencing on any date; property qualification and plural voting swept away, and nine University seats abolished; register of voters to be published at least once a year; registration courts abolished; town clerks, and clerks of county councils, aided by overseers, to act as registration officers; peers can vote for Parliamentary candidates. but cannot be candidates themselves; the Bill is to come in force on June 1, 1914, or such earlier date as may be fixed by an Order in Council.

The Bill raises the electorate, roughly, from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000, the total number of males above twentyone years of age being 12,332,000, of whom 300,000 are aliens, lunatics, felons or paupers. The total num ber of women over twenty-one is 13,350,000, of whom 10,500,000 would be added to the electorate, if an amendment were carried extending the proposed suffrage from one to both sexes. Such an amendment would enfranchise a majority of women,

MR. F. E. SMITH replied for the Opposition. He protested that there was not time this session to discuss adequately the three great measures of Home Rule, Welsh Disestablishment, and Electoral Reform. He intimated that the Prime Minister did not realise the meaning of his pledge with regard to a woman's amendment, but that the Suffrage Societies did. He objected to the inclusion of 10,000,000 women in the Bill "without the most protracted debate."

MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON, speaking as a Labour Member, welcomed the Bill "as a very long step in the direction of Adult Suffrage," but desired a three, instead of six months' qualification. He expressed great disappointment that women were not included and said that the Labour Party would move an amendment in Committee with a view to including the women of the country on the electoral register, and if on Third Reading the Bill made no provision in this respect, he should refuse to support it.

MR. D. M. MASON (L., Coventry) announced that he would oppose the Bill because women were left out of it. Instead of being a menace, he believed the extension of the franchise to women would be of immense advantage to the country. By ignoring their claims in a Bill of this kind, the Government were branding woman as an inferior creature.

A division on the motion for leave to bring in the Bill was forced on the ground of the exclusion of women. Mr. D. M. Mason, and Lord Wolmer were tellers; the result was for, 274; against, 50. The Bill was

POLITICAL NEWS.

The Labour Party and the Reform Bill.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., Chairman of the Labour Party, at a Labour demonstration at Stanhope, in his constituency, on June 15, said that

The difference between the followers of the Government and the members of the Labour Party was that not only were the Labour Party concerned about the greater representation of the male section of the population, but they were equally concerned with the non-representation of the greatest section of the popula-tion, the womanhood of the land. The Labour Party would avail itself to the full of the opportunity which the Reform Bill would give of introducing women, and it would be no fault of would give of introducing women, and it would be no failt of theirs if, before that measure came up for third reading, women had not been included within its provisions on exactly the same terms as men. Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., said that the Labour Party were out for a big fight to the finish on the women's question. No promises or soft words would put them off.

For the Rank and File.

A memorial signed by Earl Russell and over 100 members of Parliament was presented to the Home Secretary on June 14 by Mr. Atherley Jones, M.P., regarding the treatment of woman suffrage prisoners. The memorial asks the Home Secretary to place in the first division those prisoners who are now underto place in the first division those prisoners who are now undergoing sentences of imprisonment for offences committed "during the present political agitation for Women's Suffrage," and in the case of those prisoners other than the leaders now serving sentences which, it is submitted, are disproportionate to the political offences committed, to order like elemency of treatment in the first division during the remaining period of their detention in his Majesty's prisons, or their immediate release.

OUR PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY.

Members of the Freedom League are aware that the Birthday "At Home" to our President on July 3, when we hope to present her with a substantial present for the work of the League, will not be on the actual birthday, which is June 15. The staff of the W.F.L. and Vote offices sent greetings, and, through the kind help of Mrs. Harvey, flowers to Mrs. Despard for June 15, and from her reply we take the following sentences:

Maison Suisse, June 15.

My dear Friends and Colleagues.—This morning I had a great by and a very great pleasure. When I came in to breakfast joy and a very great pleasure. When I came in to breakfast a table decorated in our colours was laid out with flowers, letters, and other little mementoes, and amongst them—drawing me at once with rapture—a big bouquet of the loveliest pink roses. With it was a word of affection from you, my friends at

To tell you that the sweet remembrance gave me true joy will, To tell you that the sweet remembrance gave me true joy will, I know, be to thank you best. It gives me also the opportunity of saying in written words what I have sometimes tried to speak, how warmly I have recognised your courage and how deeply I appreciate your affection and confidence. The first victory for woman's citizenship may or may not be near. In any case, we of the Women's Freedom League have our part to play—and I believe it is going to be a grand one.—Yours, dear friends, in true comradeship,

C. Despard.

OUR OPEN COLUMN.

To the Editor of THE VOTE.

To the Editor of The Vote.

Dear Madam,—In your issue of June 1 is a letter from a "Glasgow Woman-Teacher," advising women to refuse to pay subscriptions to their Educational Associations until the men adopt a more reasonable attitude towards Woman Suffrage. I think that would be a grievous policy to pursue. What would the men care, or what difference would it make to them? Further, the writer must know that the majority of the members of the Educational Institute, or of the Class Teachers' Association, consists of women, and that, if the women themselves liked, they could take the lead there and dominate things just as the writer alleges the men are doing. Isn't the fault in the apathy of the women? Many of them are interested, so far, in the question the women? Many of them are interested, so far, in the question of Woman Suffrage, but just to this extent—that it will be sure to come and that they can patiently wait for it, seeing it won't

to come and that they can patiently wait for it, seeing it won't affect their immediate prospects very materially. Selfish, you may reply; but still it is human nature.

Then, as regards the London deputations. When these went to London to interview Sir John Struthers, etc., on the Superannuation Scheme, a well-known Glasgow woman-teacher was asked to represent the women of the Institute then. On most of the LIS committees there is one women at least and there asked to represent the women of the Institute then. On most of the E.I.S. committees there is one woman at least, and there would be more but for the searcity of women delegates. There, again, many women are to blame for not voting for a woman-delegate. I know of one Branch where a woman came forward, and was rejected. The policy of the W.F.L. is to enlist the sympathies of all classes in their fight for justice. "Come ye out from among them and be ye clean" is not the motto for us. We must be in everything—in Church and in the State. We are asking the men of the Labour Party to support us, even though some of them voted against us—notably, the miners. Even so must we get the support of our profession.—Yours, etc.,



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SPAS AT HOME.—A journey to Harrogate or other British Spas is not always convenient, but no one need despair, for Vitaregis water brings most of the benefits of sulphur springs into the home. Those who know Harrogate have vivid recollecinto the home. Those who know Harrogate have vivid recollections of the pump-rooms and the courage required to drain the glasses so calmly given out by the attendants. Grimaces and sighs, however, do not avail if the doctor's orders are to be obeyed. Vitaregis is an improvement; it can be drunk with a smile, and when such foes as gout, rheumatism, neuritus, sluggish liver, and some forms of eczema are overcome largely through drinking it, the smile does not come off. It seems hardly possible now to escape meeting Vitaregis in hydropathic establishments; it has come to stay. Doctors in many parts of the country are finding out its value, and so will all who need a gentle saline aperient and desire a good complexion. Try its effect by writing for a sample bottle to the Vitaregis Water Co., 39, Aldermanbury, London, E.C., and mention Water Co., 39, Aldermanbury, London, E.C., and mention

MEN'S LEAGUE DEMONSTRATION.

Trafalgar-square presented a very animated scene on Saturday afternoon, June 15, when the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, supported by many Suffrage Societies, held a great demonstration. About two thousand people were present, and thirty speakers were divided between five platforms. In addition to the usual three on the plinth of the Nelson Column, there was one at each corner of the Square by the steps leading down from the National Gallery. Mr. Herbert Jacobs presided, and among the speakers were Mr. J. Malcolm Mitchell, Mr. H. W. Nevinson, Mrs. Nevinson, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Kineton Parkes, of the Women's Tax Resistance League, Mrs. Merivale Mayer, Mrs. Nourse, representing the Women's Freedom League, Dr. G. B. Clarke, Miss P. Hoey, Mr. J. Kennedy, the Rev. F. M. Green, Miss Price, Miss Lennox, and Mr. Mark Wilks. The following resolution was put from all the platforms and carried with enthusiasm—only nine dissentients being found:—That this meeting approves the action of the Home Office

That this meeting approves the action of the Home Office in transferring the W.S.P.U. leaders to the first class, and claims that the same privileges should be extended to other members of that society still serving their sentences. This meeting further declares that the passage of a Reform Bill which does not include women would be intolerable.

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THE PEACE MOVEMENT AND SEX WAR.

The International Arbitration and Peace Association held its annual meeting at Caxton Hall on June 6. The principal speaker was the Baroness von Suttner, that grand old veteran of the Peace Cause whose work, "Lay Down Your Arms," is a European peace classic. Urging the necessity of a campaign against war, she said:—

As a religion, we must preach it. As a science, we must teach it. As a conflict, we must fight it."

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We will take the Baroness's advice to heart and apply it to our campaign for Votes for Women. It appeared to her, she said, that in politics "every abomination and every murder is allowed." If her assertion is ever questioned, let her come to the Suffragists. Let her hear the tales of Holloway and Birmingham, and of forcible feeding and hose-playing. Let her hear of Nurse Pitman and other martyrs to the cause of Liberty.

We of the Freedom League could tell her of the young lives whose health and strength have been freely lavished in our Cause—so freely that it is doubtful if they will ever regain their full measure of vigour and well-being. These are the "abominations" which the Liberal Government allow. Sir "Crocodile" Byles, M.P., made an targent appeal to the women present to emulate the hoble example of the Baroness and to throw themselves into the fight for peace. Crocodiles have short memories, and he may have already forgotten his efforts earlier in the Session to prevent women from exercising any really effective influence upon the peace cause, and his really effective influence upon the peace cause, and his

rdy repentance.
The President of the Association, Mr. Felix Moscheles, now The President of the Association, Mr. Felix Moscheles, now over eighty, but young as ever in thought and spirit, insisted on the necessity of one woman one vote. One trusts this may have come as a mordant reminder to Sir "Crocodile" that the saints of the Suffrage societies prefer candles to acts of empty homage. Speaking to one of our members later on the subject of the prisoners in Holloway, Mr. Moscheles said: "Yes! it is norrible to think of but every door closed on them opens other doors." How earnestly we wish that Liberal politicians and those "set in authority over us," understood as well the moving spirit of our movement. But militant Suffragists know well that all politicians do not "allow abominations" without projects. The our movement. But militant Suffragists know well that all politicians do not "allow abominations" without protest. The real instigators of a sex war are those who are denying political justice to women, and to them we would commend the closing words of our good friend, Mr. Keir Hardie: "The interest of the race," he said, "is not in war and strife, but in peace and harmony, and to operation for the common good."

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ADULT SUFFRAGE CONFERENCE.

At the conference of the People's Suffrage Federation at the Essex Hall on June 8, Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., who presided, Essex Hall on June 8, Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., who presided, said that there must be a unanimous demand for the immediate introduction of the Government Reform Bill, and that all franchise anomalies should be swept away by the simple plan of manhood and womanhood suffrage. Mr. W. C. Anderson (Chairman of the Independent Labour Party), in moving a resolution to this effect, insisted that the peaceful conquest of political power was a more effective weapon than strikes, but that in dealing with all problems, especially poverty, the woman's voice as well as the man's must be heard. Mr. W. S. Glyn. Jones, M.P., seconded, and the resolution was carried. Mr. W. H. Dickinson, M.P., in urging the Government "to enable the House of Commons to extend the suffrage to women during the present Parliament," said it would be impossible, after the pledges given, for the Government not to deal with the subject

this year. Mr. Philip Snowden asserted that if the Government did make a Plural Voting Bill a Government measure this Session to the exclusion of the Reform Bill, he would regard it as an act of hostility to the women's movement, and as a declaration on the part of the Government that they did not intend to provide facilities for the passing of a Women's Enfranchisement Bill during the present Parliament. He attached more importance to the enfranchisement of women than to that of four million men still unable to exercise the Parliamentary franchise. As long as women were politically and economically subject to men there must be sex conflict. It was only by removing the causes of this war that the war itself would be removed.

IRISH NOTES.

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Miss Cummins sends the following account of an open-air Suffrage campaign in co. Cork:—

"A series of open-air meetings was recently held in co. Cork. As there had been nothing in the nature of an open-air campaign in the South before, it excited great interest. Miss Gill, of the National Union of Suffrage Societies, was the principal speaker. Miss Day, Mr. G. Dorman, and Mr. T. Smith presided and spoke. Meetings were held in Skibbereen, Youghal, Glanntuir, Queenstown, Tossage, Mitchelstowh, and various suburbs of Cork. At several meetings the speakers were effusively thanked by women of the crowd. In one village, where questions were asked for, a labourer said, "Sure we're all so enthusiastically in favour we haven't any questions to ask!" He was the biggest man present, and no one dared ask a question after that! In Ireland, even more than England, open-air meetings are essential if Woman Suffrage is to go forward. It is the only way to carry the work into the scattered country towns; and in the South, at any rate, the man in the street of the man in the South, at any rate, the man in the street of the man in the field has not yet learnt to interrupt. Miss Day, P.F.G., hon. secretary of the Munster Women's Franchise League, has been elected by the Cork Corporation to the Advisory Committee of the Insurance Commissioners for Munster. At the election she tied with the Lord Mayor in gaining the largest number of votes."

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The success of this experiment, together with the impression made by Mrs. Despard during her recent visit to Ireland, leads us to expect great things from Mrs. Despard's country eampaign next September. Miss Montgomery has kindly given £2 towards the "Despard Fund" which is being raised to meet the expension of this campaign. We should, of course, be very glad to receive further donations on the same scale, but sixpences are by no means despised by the Hon. Secretary, Irishwomen's Suffrage Federation, 29, South Anne-street, Dublin.

Following upon the mass meeting on June 1 signatures are being collected to a petition in favour of the extension of the Franchise to Irish women under the Home Rule Bill. Forms for this petition are to be had at 29, South Anne-street, Dublin, and if any Irish reader of The Vorfa has not already given her signature she is earmestly requested to call or write for a form immediately. Keen interest has been aroused in the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, and an influential committee of women is about to be formed to consider amendments which might make the Bill more effective in its application to Ireland. make the Bill more effective in its application to Ireland.

MILITANCY IN DUBLIN.

Early in the morning on June 12, forty-two windows at the Custom House and of the General Post Office, Dublin, were smashed. Four Suffragists, Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington, Mrs. Margaret Palmer, Miss Jane and Miss Margaret Murphy, were arrested. Subsequently, four others, Miss Hilda Webb, Miss Maud Lloyd, Miss Marjory Haslar, and Miss Kathleen Houston, were taken into custody on charges of having broken windows at the police barracks and Irish Land Commission Office. They were remanded for a week at the Dublin Police-court. Bail was alloyed

allowed.

Speaking at a meeting in Phœnix Park on June 15, Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington said they only broke windows that were the property of the Government. Before the militancy took place Mr. Asquith had refused to receive a deputation of the Irish Women's Franchise League, and if he persisted in this refusal he must take the consequences. The Theatre Royal would be carefully packed by a select crowd. She challenged Mr. Asquith to address a meeting of the Irish people in Phœnix Park.

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THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

Not since the beginning of the Women's Suffrage movement in this country has the political crisis been so acute as it is to-day.

At the time of writing, the Government's Reform Bill has not been introduced. It is therefore impossible to state precisely the exact form it will take, though it is well known that the measure will practically be one for Manhood Suffrage, and that in its drafting the term "woman" will be as rigidly excluded as if it applied to a being non-existent on this planet. That the Bill will be open to amendment in the interests of Women's Suffrage is but the snare set by the fowler for the too-trustful Suffragists unwilling to learn from the lessons of the past.

Months ago I pointed out in these pages the utter futility of depending on the Private Member for the passage of a reform against which the Cabinet has set its face. The recent defeat of the Conciliation Bill should have supplied sufficient proof to convince even the least experienced amongst us of this unpalatable truth. And that those who themselves have witnessed the bitter defeats and treachery of the past should view so unsuspiciously the pit prepared for guileless Suffragists is but an example of that credulity which is the inspiration of the politician's most contemptible performances. If Suffragists of every Society had united in presenting a hostile front to the Government at the first whisper of Manhood Suffrage, they would never have dared to give effect to the proposal. The secret of their temerity lies in the fact that some of us are so easily persuaded to accept the shadow for the substance. It is, however, no use in lamenting over past folly. The question to be considered now is how to prevent the Reform Bill becoming law unless it includes votes for women.

As has been learnt from costly experience, it is useless to depend on the Private Member for the passage of a Women's Suffrage Bill. However anxious he may be to help us, he is powerless to control that machinery without which it is impossible to steer such a measure through all its stages. The Government alone possess the key to the situation. As they are unwilling to concede it as a principle of justice, sufficient pressure must be exerted to wrench it from them by force.

There are several ways in which the Government can be made to see the error of their ways in regard to the question of the political enfranchisement of women. The speediest and most effective of all is by voting against them in Parliament. Women of course are unable to do this; but those who profess to be our friends in the House can render us this invaluable service. If they refuse to do so, it is certainly not we who are to blame if we doubt their sincerity. To

move amendments to Government Bills is waste of time; to fight the Government at every step until they accept responsibility for a Woman's Suffrage measure is to give us the only help worth having.

But whether or not we receive effectual aid inside the House we must continue to wage war outside. As soon as we can make ourselves sufficiently formidable to the Government at by-elections, they will find it convenient to comply with our demands. This would have been accomplished long ago had all Societies adopted the anti-Government policy. It is not too late to resort to it now.

There is yet one other constitutional means of bringing pressure to bear upon the Government. Many Liberal omen still remain inside their Party, thus countenancing, and indeed tacitly acquiescing in, its treatment of Suffragists. Were these women, as a reply to the insult of the Manhood Suffrage Bill, to leave the Liberal party in a body, there can be no doubt that the Government would see its way to withdraw the Bill in favour of a measure giving the vote to women on the same terms as men.

Last of all, there is militancy! The politically sagacious and self-sacrificing Suffragist will assuredly resort again to that powerful weapon if sufficient constitutional" pressure be not exerted. And for this not only must the Government bear the onus of responsibility, but those Suffragists who obstinately refuse to see politics as they are, and persist in playing the game as if they were living in Utopia.

Parliament is not an ideal affair. If it were, the answer to a sixty years' demand for votes for women would not be more votes for men! It behoves us, therefore, to remember that we are living on the terrestrial planet. We may gaze skyward for inspiration, but if we would reap the harvest we desire we must use such mundane implements as the earth provides; not by praying, but fighting the Government will women enter into M. SLIEVE McGOWAN. their kingdom!

JULIET STRIKES.

A PLAY IN ONE ACT.

BY WINIFRED ST. CLAIR.

CHARACTERS.

NORMAN CURTIS.
JULIET [his Sister].

Rose [his Wife]. Bob Chilliver. SCENE.-Morning-Room in Norman's House-Morning.

TIME.—THE PRESENT.

[Continued.]

NORMAN: Cigar or cigarette, Bob?
Bob: Thank you. Ah, Egyptian! [Lighting cigarette.]
What is this Order to which you belong?
NORMAN: A kind of new Order of Chivalry—a league to lend women a helping hand in the struggle for their freedom.
Bob: What, you? But you're a man!
NORMAN: True, I've no handicap.
Bob: Well, I've seen plenty of English papers while I have been away, but I have heard nothing of any "New Order of Chivalry."

NORMAN: Don't wither us up, we think of ourselves very modestly; we are merely a band of honest fellows working, like the prince in the fairy tale, to free the princess from her

brazen tower.

Bob: "Brazen tower"; woman's sphere is—
Norman: 'A brazen tower! If the brass hurts when you
beat your breast, the moral is "don't beat it."

Bob: Woman's Suffrage coming in to part old friends!
Norman: Give me the ash-tray, Bob.
Bob: Is this true or untrue? Man pays the piper, and man

NORMAN: Set aside cases where he calls the dance, and lets her pay the piper and accept your illustration. Woman has to dance the dance, remember that—sometimes until she drops; that's life. Man, in days gone, has framed a system to keep the means of handling money out of woman's hands—lest she might enter a plausible claim for a share in defining the dance—

Now you would make women stockbrokers to save

Norman: Oh, bless you, no! Men should be husbands and women wives, but men should not have hounded women into

marriage by making spinsterhood untenable.

Bob: Oh, hang it, Norman, if you make spinsterhood too comfy, half the men will get no wives at all,

NORMAN: They will if they deserve them. Don't be

Norman: A good deal of ancient chivalry.

Norman: A good deal of ancient chivalry was ancient cant.

I shall think more of chivalry when it pays Portia six and eightpence, and stops the white slave traffic. Now, if voteless women could get a hearing where the laws are made that touch

BoB: Voteless women! If women want to alter things, they have only to make their interests known to men.

Norman: Men are wonderfully attentive to women's interests

Norman: Men are wonderfully attentive to women's interests—in the lands where women have the vote.

Bob: Then, you would give women citizenship?

Norman: I would ask them to accept it.

Bob: You will kill chivalry; if things are made fair and easy for the women, we shall not be able to pity them and soften things down for them.

Norman: Nature will take care that things are not made

too easy for the women; there will still be room for "little deeds of equity." BoB: Oh, no! If women usurp our rights, they must forego

all privilege.

NORMAN: What privilege? As far as chances in life are concerned, it is we who are hoisted on privilege; and as for marriage, if bearing the children is a privilege, it is one which I, for my part, gladly forego. Even my own poor little mate has

her heroic side.

Bob: So has her husband.

Norman: Well, well, well. To fend out of doors for the mother at home is fair division of labour, no privilege for her; and as for usurping, it is we who have usurped, usurped by law and custom, usurped on women's very persons, property, actions, character and thoughts; women might not do, nor be, nor think what we conceived against our interests. Fools, we have punished ourselves!

Bob: Township and the state of the state of

[Re-enter Rose.]

Rose: Juliet had to open her letter again, she forgot to put Miss" in brackets before her signature; people write to her 'Mrs.' and she has to explain.

OB: Is Juliet coming in again

Rose: She's in the nursery; the children are so fond of her, you know. I am very glad it is so. I shall be sorry when you take her away; I know no one who can manage them as Juliet can. Shall you be married at St. Martin's? It is quite a short drive, and such a nice altar for a wedding group! were married at St. Martin's, weren't we, Norman?

NORMAN: Yes, we were married at St. Martin's.
Rose: So was Miss Beauclere. [To Bob.] You know Miss Beauclere? Mrs. Higgins she is now. The in this road, quite near. I hope you'll live near, because the children are so fond of Juliet!

Rose: No, I have so little time for reading; Norman has nore. Norman goes out to meetings of an evening.

NORMAN: Bob, if you can get my wife to an evening meeting, ou will have professed.

ou will have performed a feat I find impossible

Rose: Oh, don't be silly; why should I go if I don't want to? NORMAN: Why, indeed, if you don't want to? Was there ever a more disobedient little hussy to try an honest fellow's I should like to revive the ducking-stool and give

her a bath.

Rose: Nonsense! You know you wouldn't like to do anything of the kind. I can't think how you can say such silly things before your friend.

NORMAN: Ah, you don't know me yet, Rose; at heart

Rose: I ought to know something about you, we've been married seven years. What should you say, Mr. Chilliver?

Bob: Upon my word, all my ideas are in the melting-pot.

Norman: My dear Rose, hear me protest, before Mr. Chilliver,

that I spoke in jest and did not dream I should be taken seriously. Am I forgiven Oh, I suppose so, but you smell of smoke.

ROSE: Oh, I suppose so, but you smell of smoke.

NORMAN: You should smoke, too, and then you wouldn't notice it. Do you really dislike it, because, if so—

ROSE: It doesn't matter much.

NORMAN: When are you going to do your hair in the way I like? All curly, with a—

ROSE: Something like Juliet's, do you mean? Oh, I don't know.

NORMAN: Is it more trouble?

Rose: Oh, I don't know. Don't bother now before Mr. Chilliver. Oh, I forgot to tell you, it nearly went out of my head: a man has come up from your business place; your partner wants to consult you on some specimens or something.

NORMAN: Oh, how that partner does consult me! If one firm had a head and I were he, I wouldn't be consulted—on a holiday.

Bob [smiling]: You don't agree with your husband about

free-will for women?

Rose: It's all very well for Juliet, with nothing else to do, but perhaps if she were married, with a husband and a house— How creased that cushion-cover looks; I was telling Charlotte

about something,

Rose: Oh, how that girl does worry me! The sweated woman was a worry, Charlotte is a worry, and now I suppose the type-writer will be a worry, too.

[Exit, leaving door open.]
Bob: Julie, can't we shut our ears to all this hubbub of petty worries and struggles for human rights, and live in a world

of our own?

JULIET: A new Garden of Eden? Scene, the New Garden of Eden; Adam, right centre, disconsolate, leaning on the Tree of Knowledge. To him Eve— [Bon clasps her.] Yes, like that, clinging, according to Haydn. You remember? "With fondness leans upon his breast the partner for him formed." But Adam, before we sing a duet, you have something of mine I report in g of mine. I want it.

OB: A squabble already!

JULIET: The tree bore two apples, one for you and one for me; you have eaten your own, and have mine in your pocket.

New Adam has a pocket.

Bob: Julie, you have hit upon the real situation. Norman has been saying things about men's management which made me wince. All these ideas are new to me, and early notions do die hard; still, most of those things I say are only—monkey. Of course, I want women to have equal chances and moral rights with men, but what I mean is that they can't insist. Grant I have something of yours in my neglect was transfer and a I have something of yours in my pocket, you cannot make me give it up; and what I am to you in the Garden of Eden, man is to woman in the world. You had much better make the best of things and smile and marry me, and I'll give you a bite of your apple—if you are very good. Julie, take off that badge,

Bob: Better not ask them that; let the old chivalry gloss BOB: Better not ask them that; let the the fact that they cannot do without them.

JULIET: I think you speak the truth.

Bob: No, no, I want your love. I am worthy. I have been true to you through this long drought of a time in India, I have lived upon the thought of you, and now—Julie, I want

JULIET: Wait a little. Bob: I love you; I

BOB: I love you; I can't live without you.
JULIET: I love you, Bob, but if it must be, I will live with-

Eh? What do you mean ?

JULIET: I mean that you can't make me do a thing against my conscience and against my will. I want to work for "Human Rights," and wear my badge; if a husband would forbid me, will have no husband.

Bob: You love me, though.

JULIET: I am mistress of myself. I can buy my own food, Bob, I need not wed you. If I wed you it must be for

BoB: And it shall be so. Juliet, you are going to be my

JULIET: One man may lead a woman to the altar, but twenty

can't make her wed. Вов: Can't they? Ву Jove, Juliet, you don't know what bols: Can't they? By Jove, Junet, you don't know what you're saying! I mean—I mean woman could never say no to any course, however wrong, which man had set his mind on. Look at us now in the Garden of Eden, it is broad daylight and I'm an honest man; but if it were not, and I were not, and I locked the gate of the Garden of Eden—[shutting door]—and

JULIET: And said like the villain in the melodrama, "Now

Bob: Well, if I did, is man the stronger?

JULIET: Muscularly, yes.

Bob: Well, if I said it, what could you reply?

JULIET: I think I should reply like Juliet of old, when they neant to make her marry Paris. [Taking dagger.]

Bob: What did she say?

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JULIET: "If all else fail, myself have power to die."

[Laughing.] "Why, Bobsy, how you stare! I am not going really to kill myself—not yet, at any rate. I am merely on strike. If you like to reply with a "lock-out" instead of a "lock-in," you are free to do so.

Bob [opening door]: Juliet, don't you love me?

JULIET: Yes, but not your monkey.

Bob: Julie, won't you budge an inch?

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JULIET: Not half an inch. I have struck, Bob, and the terms I ask are fair: my human right to use my powers for the help of human need. Bob, aren't you sorry for my brother?

JULIET: I weep for him sometimes. Bob: Shall I have you?

JULIET: If you will take me as I am, and not as you have fancied me in India. [Bog holds out his arms.] Take your Juliet, and she will love you and honour you, and keep you in sickness

BOB: But not obey?

JULIET: But not obey. Bob, I am glad I have not to do without you, and even from your old, boyish, selfish point of view, you will find concerted action with me all the pleasanter for my being free of my galling chain and ball.

Bob : I shall grow used to it in time, and use is everything.

[Re-enter Juliet.]

Juliet: Rose, Charlotte says you haven't told her anything of Chivalry."

Bob : I shall grow used to it in time, and use is everything.

[Kneeling.] Dub me a knight of your precious "New Order of Chivalry."

MRS. RONALD MCALLISTER'S "AT

MR. HASLAM ON WOMEN AND UTOPIA.

The fourth of the delightful "At Homes" held at 1, Mount-street, Berkeley-square, by the kindness of our enthusiastic member, Mrs. Ronald McAllister, took place on June 14. The

street, Berkeley-square, by the kindness of our enthusiastic member, Mrs. Ronald McAllister, took place on June 14. The rooms were again crowded, late-comers finding accommodation in the hall. The welcome presence of the veteran suffragists, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Haslam, of Dublin, linked sixty years ago with to-day. Mrs. McAllister introduced the speakers, mentioning that Mr. and Mrs. Haslam were the founders of the first Irish Women's Suffrage Society in 1860; Mr. Haslam was converted by Herbert Spencer's writings; Mrs. Haslam signed the petition presented to Parliament by John Stuart Mill.

Mr. Haslam then gave a most interesting address on "Some Conditions of a Possible Utopia." The dreams of past thinkers were first touched upon, Isaiah, Plato in the "Republic," More's "Utopia," and Sidney's "Arcadia," then modern writers, ending with Morris and H. G. Wells. We should never see these dreams realised without the help of women. Mutual goodwill among all classes was a modern growth. The evils of war would continue till women had their share in the moral government of the world. Many men loved fighting for its own sake, but very few women did, however patriotic they might be. A hopeful sign was the existence of two great international associations—women suffragists and women workers. Parliament required women; there were scores of

women surragists and women we women; there were scores of women whose presence in the House would be an unqualified blessing. Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Fawcett, Lady Aberdeen and Mrs. Sidney Webb should have seats in the Cabinet, said Mr. Haelens and Lady applies of the Cabinet, said Mr.

seats in the Cabinet, said Mr. Haslam, amid loud applause.

Woman should be educated, and be in a political position to protect her children, especially her daughters. If properly represented in the House of Commons and the Cabinet she could put an end to that economic and social sin of sweating, and establish equal pay for equal establish equal pay for equal work. Vital questions, continued Mr. Haslam, are knocking at the door: the multiplication of the door; the multiplication of the unfit criminals, the feeble-minded and the victims of hereditary disease; qualifications for marriage to demand attention; but the existing Government and the House of Commons, from which women are shut out, are not wise enough to deal with them. The day is coming when no intel-ligent woman will become the mother of a deprayed, imbecile or diseased child; then we shall

Mrs. McAllister, in thanking Mr. Haslam for his inspiring words, said that men dealt with ideas, but women were the practical people who carried

Miss Boyle discussed the "Money Value of the Vote." For the noble profession of motherhood, ignorance and irresponsibility

the noble profession of motherhood, ignorance and irresponsibility were the only qualifications. The ordinary working man considered education thrown away upon his girls, who would "get married." Women, however great their service to the State, seldom obtained any public recognition. No women's names occurred in the birthday list of honours.

Mrs. Haslam drew attention to the quick use made of the new right of election of women to Municipal bodies in Ireland. Though only recently eligible, two women are now councillors, Miss Harrison (Dublin), and Dr. Mary Strangman (Waterford). Anti-suffragists and Suffragists worked in unison and returned the women candidates, no Anti-suffragist woman having been induced to stand. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. McAllister for her kindness and hospitality terminated the proceedings. A number of new members joined the League.

WEDNESDAY "AT HOMES" CAXTON HALL.

The usual weekly gathering of the Women's Freedom League the Caxton Hall took the form of an evening debate on une 12. Miss Grace Neal, of the Domestic Workers' Union, June 12. Miss Grace Neal, of the Domestic Workers' Union, and Miss Margaret Douglas, of the Servants' Tax Resisters Defence Association, put forward their views on that part of the Insurance Act which deals with domestic servants. The Chairman, Mrs. E. M. N. Clark, in introducing the speakers, said she had read in the evening Press that 10,000 people were pledged to resist the Act. Though, as chairman, she must take an impartial attitude, she could say that, however good

this Act might be, it had been foisted upon women without their consent, and she wished to remind Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George that good government is not a substitute for

MISS GRACE NEAL moved:—"That this meeting will do its utmost to influence domestic workers not to resist the Insurance Act, as they now receive the same benefit as other workers under it." She said that she knew herself to be speaking to Act, as they now receive the same benefit as other workers under it." She said that she knew herself to be speaking to women who realised the necessity for equality, and who would not have domestic workers looked down upon. In boycotting and resisting other taxes women were hitting at themselves; but in resisting this particular Act they would be hitting at others—their sisters. At first she herself had been in favour of resisting it, one reason being that the unmarried mother did not receive maternity benefit, although she had paid as others. That had been altered. The Government now recognised the union as workers. They had become an Approved Society, as other Trade Unions had done. They were out for compulsory characters, regular hours, fair wages, better sleeping accommodation. In boycotting the Act people would range themselves against these, and would thus hit hard at the domestic workers, to whom a benefit of 5s. or 7s. 6d. a week was of inestimable value during time of sickness, as so often they had to help keep a mother or young brothers and sisters at home.

Miss Douglas said it was strange to have Miss Neal opposing her now as they had stood together on the Albert Hall platform a short time back. Although she believed Insurance to be a good thing, her objection to the Act was that it divided the country into two classes, and imposed thrift on one class alone. It was the compulsion of the poor by the rich with which she disagreed. Miss Neal had said that the servants needed to learn how to organise; this they would learn in opposing

to learn how to organise; this they would learn in opposing the Act. There were in the country at present a great many servants who were determined not to submit to compulsion, and a to submit to compulsion, and a great many mistresses who were determined not to be the instruments of compulsion. Let both be compelled equally, if it was to be done at all. The Act would be a great danger to Trade Unions, for it ties down and cripples the Unions to have the Government controlling the funds. There were many weaknesses in the Act, such as that the maternity benefit for that the maternity benefit for unmarried mothers comes out of unmarried mothers comes out of the unmarried woman's fund alone. She would like to see half of it come out of the men's fund. The great objection to the Act was that it took away the liberty of the subject.

After the two speeches many questions were asked and an interesting discussion followed. One questioner desired to know how employées could pay when out of work, to which Miss Neal replied that payment need not be made at once, and that three weeks express were to be

three weeks arrears were to be allowed in the year. Another question was, "What is the average wage of a domestic?" to which the chairman replied £17 16s. in London, £15 8s. in the West of England, £17 6s. in Scotland. A further question was whether the employee had not to make up the employer's payment during unemployment? Miss Neal replied that this was so, but that Friendly Societies could excuse this if they liked. A vote was taken and the non-resistance resolution was lost by a large majority. A. M.

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

That Interfering Woman!

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Haslam, of Dublin.

Mrs. Crane, in co-operation with doctors and the women's clubs, carried to success a State-wide campaign for the scientific regulation of slaughter-houses throughout Michigan. At its close one of the butchers who had fought the hardest put up a model abattoir, and opened it with a reception at which she was the guest of honour. She had created a market for clean meat! She went on to study federal meat-inspection, clean meat! She went on to study federal meat-inspection, and through years of patient investigation she accumulated evidence proving that the enforcement of the law has been shamefully lax. The result of her work was put before Congress and a resolution was introduced calling for an investigation. The Department has had an appropriation of three million a year for enforcing the meat-inspection law, and it was asking for a million more. The resolution sets forth that the beef and pork packers have been systematically breaking the law; that the Department has known all about it, yet "no prosecution or threats of prosecution were made," nor effective measures taken to prevent the continuance of such violations of law, that a lowering of inspection standards and practices has been accomplished by secret "service announcements" not intended for the public, accompanied by warnings that employees showing or giving them to the Press would be "severely dealt with." Finally, it is charged that the annual appropriation to the Department is being "perverted from its intended purpose of protecting the public health to the promotion of the business interests of the pork and beef factories. Mrs. Crane reinforced the documentary evidence that she had gathered with a striking object lesson on the carelessness of Government inspection. She exhibited on the carelessness of Government inspection. She exhibited a can which was labelled as having been inspected and found to contain pure lard, broke the seal before the committee, and showed that the can was filled with sweet brown toffy!

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The facts brought out in this investigation ought to convince the most bigoted Anti-suffragist that the homes of the nation are not adequately protected under the law as now enforced. Incidentally, the affair has disproved another favourite Anti-suffrage argument. We are told that so long as women have no votes, their efforts for improved laws or stricter law enforcement will be received with respect and deference because they are "non-partisan." But the champions of impure food attacked Mrs. Crane fiercely and vindictively; at the Congressional investigation her truthfulness and her motives were assailed just as sharply as if she had been a man. The interests and journals in sympathy with the packers do not for a moment assume that, because she is voteless and politically non-partisan, her evidence must have more weight than a man's.

Mrs. Crane says "Woman's special sphere is the home, and her special duty the care of children. We could not change this if we would and I know of no women advocating the ballot who would change it if they could. But the welfare of the home and the children is closely involved with politics. Many women are still unawakened to their need of the ballot. We must make them feel, 'Whrile any little child suffers, my little child is not safe.' When the true home-loving woman perceives that her home, and her species of the nation and her better the home of the home and her species that her home is only a part of the home of the nation and her better her home of the home of

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K. HARVEY, Hon. Head Press Department, W.F.L.

HOW MEN PROTECT WOMEN.

[All Branch Secretaries, and other members, who have kindly sent in Press cuttings and information concerning recent police-court cases, are very warmly thanked for their valuable assistance in contributing to this column.

Murderous Assault.

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Mrs. Elliott, of Stratford, E., found lying dead in her house. Husband charged at West Ham. Bitterly repentant, owned it was "all through a quarrel." Did not intend to hurt her, and said she was "a good old soul and had stuck to him." Remanded. Lilian Brunton, found in her night attire in a pool of blood in the street last Good Friday. Husband said he had kicked her, and hoped she would die. Result of a quarrel. She complained he had not come home to take her out; also that she had for the a present to a harvest.

planned he had not come nome to the had found he had made a present to a barmaid.

Christopher Grant, Coatbridge, for striking his wife on the mouth and knocking three teeth out. Two months.

Robert Anderson, Breconside, Moffat, convicted at Dumfries Sheriff Court of assaulting his wife. Threatened to shoot her, "kicked her about like a football," said he would kill her if he saw her talking to another man, and turned her out of doors at three in the morning. She had to walk three miles over the hills to her mother's. Had been married one week only. Objected to her manner to men guests at their house. Two months.

Criminal Assault:

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John Holden, Pokesdown, assaulting his daughter, a married woman, staying in his house to nurse her sick mother. Had been drinking, and was using foul language before her children. She remonstrated and asked him to stop or leave the room. Struck her, threatened her, seized her by the throat, and later on wanted to fight her husband. Bound over in £10, and costs to the amount of 7s. 6d., by Bournemouth magistrates.—Lymington threads. ton Chronicle: May 30.

Indecent Assault and Indecency.

Private Victor Taylor, Hants Regiment, indecently assaulting Mabel Dennis, January 19. Sentenced at Hants Assizes to four months' hard labour.

George Anderson, ex-soldier. Assaulted young girl near Scone, Perth, on April 27. Sentenced at Perth, by Sheriff Sym,

Scone, Pertit, on April 21. Semented at the six months.

Edwin Rickman, seventeen, of Sway, convicted of assaulting Dorothy Pressy, aged six, on March 19. P.C. Jackson stated he had already had occasion to speak to prisoner about his conduct to another little girl. Had stopped his cycle and caught hold of the child on the road. Fined £1 or fourteen days. [Before same bench, two youths fined 7s. and costs for fishing in private stream.—Eb.]—Lymington Chronicle, April 4.

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LONDON AND SUBURBS.—Anerley and Crystal Palace District.—Hon. Secretary: Miss J. Fennings, 149, Croydon-road. At our open-air meeting last Friday Mrs. Tanner gave a most interesting account of Mrs. Despard's life and work. Miss Ethel Fennings made an appeal from the chair towards the £1,000 fund, and we made a good collection besides selling many copies of The Vott. Next Friday we are going round the neighbourhood in a decorated cart from 6.30 to 7.30 to advertise the meeting and collect funds. We hope our members will rally round us. Please be at hon. sec.'s house at 6.15. Don't forget our stall at the Suffrage Offices, 42, Anerley-road, on June 28 and 29. Any contribution welcome. Our thanks are due to those members who helped to make the garden sale such a success and the member of the Men's League who generously gave us strawberries to sell.

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Croydon.—Office: 32A, The Arcade, High-street. Hon. Secretary:

Mrs. Terry, 9, Morland-avenue.

At the "At Home" on the 14th inst. Miss Kilgour spoke on "The White Slave Traffic," showing, amongst other things, how girls were procured. Mrs. Marion Holmes was in the chair. A resolution urging Mr. Ian Malcolm, M.P. for Croydon, to do all in his power to facilitate the passing of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill was proposed by Mrs. E. M. N. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Fox Bourne, and carried unanimously. At the Friday afternoon "At Home" on July 12 there will be an exhibition of posters by the Suffrage Atelier. The secretary will be glad to receive offers of help for the Garden Fete on July 6. Prizes for the competitions and articles for the stalls are wanted.

wanted.

Hampstead.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Spiller, 63, South-hill-park.
Next Sunday, June 23, will be the day of the demonstration in Gladstone Park. We have taken a brake in which we hope Mrs. Despard will drive. We are anxious to get a few members to take seats in this brake, which we intend to decorate gaily with flags and W.F.L. colours. The brake will leave Messina-avenue at 4.30 p.m. Will members wishing to drive kindly book their seats beforehand through Mrs. Spiller, 63, South-hill-park, N.W.?

Hackney.—Hon. Secretary (pro tem.): Miss E. Roles, 97, Downsroad, Clapton.

The thanks of the Hackney Branch are due to Mr. Reginald Pott for

his kindness in taking the meeting in Victoria Park single-handed on Sunday, June 9. A large crowd, mainly men, listened with unflagging interest, and long after Mr. Pott's departure several groups could be seen discussing facts laid before them relating to women and the vote.

Herne Hill and Norwood.—Hon. Sec.: Miss B. Spencer, 32, Geneva-road, Brixton, S.W.

The unfavourable weather on Sunday mornings during this month has interfered with our open-air meetings in Brockwell Park. On Sunday, June 2, Miss Leah Anson gave an interesting address during a sunny interval after heavy rain; but on June 9, rain and thunder prevented our meeting from being held; and on Sunday, June 16, when Mrs. Bigger came to speak, we had a similar experience. On Sunday, June 23, Mrs. Mustard will be the speaker. We hope for more favourable weather.

Kensington.—Hon. Sec. (pro tem.): Miss E. Allen, 72, Chesterton-road, N. Kensington.
 A very successful open-air meeting was held on Friday, June 14, in Blenheim-crescent, North Kensington. Mrs. Merivale Mayer was the speaker, and held a large crowd interested for nearly two hours. The Vorte was sold, and a new member gained from the meeting. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Mayer and to Miss Andrews, who took the chair.
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Mid-London.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Tritton, 1, Northcoteavenue, Ealing.

At our members' meeting on June 10 we considered the policy recommended by Mr. Brailsford with regard to the Labour Party. Miss Boyle was kind enough to attend and take part in the discussions. A resolution was passed expressing the wish of the meeting to "adopt the policy of supporting the Labour candidate in a three-cornered election against an anti-Suffragist Liberal (ignoring those constituencies where the Liberal is a tried Suffragist), this to be considered a more effective application of the anti-Government policy." The members present also signified that they were willing to ratify the election of the officers and N.E.C. made provisionally at the special conference. Some highly satisfactory donations to the special fund to be raised in honour of our president's birthday were announced and more promised, while most of those present took collecting cards. Last Sunday our meeting in Hyde Park was interrupted in the middle of Dr. Drysdaale's speech, by a sudden storm of thunder and rain, accompanied by such a sharp squall that we were nearly blown away! The crowd quickly melted into nothing, and the speakers were obliged to take refuge under the trees. When the storm passed over, however, Miss Anson had a very good meeting, and much interested her hearers.

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Several meetings are arranged and likely to be appreciated: a ramble through Old London and its squares (Smithfield to the Temple), conducted by Mr. Ernest Goodwin, M.A., starting from 23, Stamford-hill-mansions at 2.30 p.m. prompt on Saturday, June 22. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each (including tea and fares from Stamford-hill), should be applied for at once to the hon. secretary. The proceeds will be wholly devoted to Mrs. Despard's Birthday Fund. A meeting will be held at 11, Rookwood-road, Clapton-common, on Thursday, June 27, 7.30 to 9.30 [p.m., the speaker, Miss Boyle; chairman, Mrs. Tanner. Music

and recitation, also refreshments, 6d. A strawberry tea and Fruitarian lecture will be given at 7, East Bank on Tuesday, July 9, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets 6d. All are cordially invited to these meetings. An open-air meeting was kindly held for us by the Hackney Branch last week, and we hope for a speaker from headquarters for this coming

PROVINCES.—Brighton and Hove.—Hon. Secretary: Miss

HARE, 8, San Remo, Hove.

It is hoped to arrange a meeting for members and friends on Monday, June 24, at 8 p.m. Further particulars will be sent to each member, and everyone is asked to come and bring a friend.

Aintree.—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Shaw, 15, Chatsworth-avenue.

A meeting was held at Aintree Institute on Thursday, June 6, when members and friends of the Aintree Branch had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Delano, of Boston, U.S.A., a member of the Boston Twentieth Century Club. Mrs. Delano is Russian by birth, and her paper "The Education of Women in Russia," gave a very full and interesting account of the methods in vogue in that country. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to her, and members are looking forward to her next visit to England, when she has promised to address us again. A resolution calling upon the Government to introduce the Reform Bill without delay was unanimously carried.

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A. E. Hordern, 478, Stockport-road, Longsight, Manchester. An open-air meeting was held in Longsight on Tuesday, June 11. Mrs. Dean presided, and Miss Janet Heyes was the speaker. The crowd was sympathetic, and proved it by passing the resolution without a dissentient. The collection was disappointing, but this was accounted for by the fact that a hospital collector took advantage of our meeting and passed a box round during question-time. We hope that our work will eventually benefit the hospitals, but we were not prepared for such tactics. One member of the audience asked a bystander if the speaker were really a suffragette, for she had never before seen one—and that in Longsight!

Burnage.—Hon. Secretary: Mrs. G. Brickhill, 33, South-avenue, Garden Village, Levenshulme.

The Burnage Branch met at 33, East-avenue, on Monday, June 10, to arrange for Miss Boyle's visit, but it is postponed; we hope to see her later in the year. On Tuesday, June 11, some of the Burnage members helped Miss Janet Heyes, of the Manchester branch, to hold a successful open-air meeting in Longsight.

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Eccles.—Hon. Sec.: Miss Janet Heyes, Newholme, Worsley.

On Sunday, June 9, under the auspices of the Patricroft I.L.P., Miss Janet Heyes addressed an open-air meeting in Monton-green, and passed a resolution in favour of women being included in the Government Reform Bill. On Wednesday, June 12, a bright, encouraging Branch meeting was held in Carlton-road, Pendleton, where Miss Wilkinson and Miss Doodson displayed with justifiable pride the piles of tiny garments they had spent three evenings in cutting out. The busy, capable fingers of the members achieved wonders, to the satisfaction of the Sewing Committee. If only the Anti's could have seen us! Imagine a roomful of suffragettes, fixing, tacking, felling, seaming, as though to the manner born. Surely such a thing is outside their comprehension, even when the subject of conversation is Votes for Women. The next similar meeting will be held on June 26, at Newholme, Worsley. Members please note the date. On Friday, June 14, Miss Janet Heyes proposed, and Miss Weeden (of our Branch) seconded, an "Equal work, equal pay" resolution to the Salford Class Teachers' Association. The resolution was lost by two votes. Next time we must win it. On Thursday, June 20, the Eccles I.L.P. will hold a Suffrage meeting in Urmston, where Mr. Fenner Brockwan will take the chair, and Miss Nina Boyle will speak for the League, being followed by Mr. J. H. Hudson, M.A., the doughty champion of our Cause, who has arranged this meeting. On Friday, June 21, a similar meeting will be run by Miss J. Heyes and Miss Boyle at Eccles Cross. Vote sellers are wanted for both meetings, and—enthusiasm. Miss Boyle the meetings big enough to warrant our keeping her.

Portsmouth and Gosport—Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Whetton, 64, Devon-

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shire-avenue, Southsea.
In aid of the £1,000 fund a Whist Drive will be held on Thursday, fune 20, at 7.30 p.m., by kind invitation of Miss Mottershall, at 17, Lombard-street. Tickets Is. each. A series of open-air meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings on Southsea-common. On June 26, at 8 p.m., Councillor J. Pile will be the speaker. Chair, Miss Manners.

SCOTLAND.—Edinburgh.—Suffrage Shop: 33, Forrest-road. Hon. Sec.: Miss A. B. Jack, 21, Buccleuch-place. Hon. Treasurer: Miss M. A. Wood, 67, Great King-street. Hon. Shop Secretary: Miss. Thomson, 39, Rosslyn-crescent.

The two cookery demonstrations held this week have been The two cookery demonstrations neld this week have been entirely successful. Through the indefatigable work of Mrs. Thomson, Miss Anna Munro, and others, we had good audiences, consisting mainly of strangers to the Suffrage Shop. To these Miss Gilmour and Mrs. Jackson proved conclusively that Suffragettes are not necessarily undomesticated! Miss Gilmour's varied menu, and Mrs. Jackson's special exhibition of English cookery, including bread making were watched, with cookery, including bread-making, were watched with great interest. Both ladies have kindly promised to further demonstrations. Wet weather has prevented further demonstrations. Wet weather has prevented our holding some of the meetings arranged, but a very large meeting was held at Tollcross on Tuesday evening. On Saturday afternoon a meeting which had been announced by Miss Skene was held at Pumpherston. On Saturday evening Broxburn was visited, and as local games had attracted large crowds a very successful meeting was held. Miss Anna Munro's speech was characterised as "the best they had heard," and many were the requests for another meeting. A good collection was taken, many badges were sold, and we could have disposed of more than our stock of The Vore. Miss Skene helped greatly with this meeting also, and the chair was taken by Miss McLachlan. Members are reminded of the Garden Party, for which tickets are now ready, price 1s. These can be had from Miss Stirton, Ferneyhill House, Gilmerton, or at the Shop.

GARDEN SALE AT ANERLEY.

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A better day could not have been chosen than Tuesday, June 11, for the Garden Sale at Amerley (arranged conjointly with the C.L.W.S.). It was held at "The Hermitage," Croydon-road (by kind permission of Mrs. Fennings), The stalls of home-made cakes and sweets (Mrs. Medd-Hall), fancy articles (Miss Rodwell), and literature (Miss Ethel Fennings), were arranged on the lawn, where also tea was served. This department was presided over by Miss Jesse Fennings, ably assisted by Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Whyatt, the Misses Davidson, Summers, and Green. There was also a flower-stall (Mrs. French) which did good business. The beautiful banners of the two Leagues occupied a prominent position.

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About five o'clock a meeting was held, at which Mrs. Tanner made a very interesting speech, Miss Ethel Fennings being in the chair. The latter made a special appeal for the £1,000 fund, announcing that Anerley was trying to raise £20.

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Sun., June 23.—Hyde Park, 12 noon. Mrs. Cobden Sanderson and Mr. Malcolm Mitchell. BROCKWELL PARK, 12 noon. Mrs. Mustard. VIC...... Mrs. Tanner. Kingston Humanitarian TORIA PARK, 3 p.m. Mrs. Tanner. Kingston Humanitarian Society, 7 p.m. Mrs. Bigger.

Tues., June 25.—Open-Air Meeting, The Flagstaff, Hampstead,

Wed., June 26.—"AT HOME," Caxton Hall, 3,30. Mrs. Despard.

Wee, June 20.—At home, Carron Hall, 2,30. Mrs. Despard.

Thurs., June 27.—Meeting at Mrs. Cashmore's, 11, Rookwoodoad, Clapton-common, 7,30. Miss Boyle.

Sat., June 29.—National Executive Committee Meeting, 1,
Robert-street, 9 a.m. Trafalcar-square Demonstration, 4 p.m.

Sun., June 30.—Hyde Park, 12 noon. Mrs. Nevinson. Chair:
Miss Busby. Brockwell Park, 11,30 a.m. Mrs. Tamper.

Wed., July 3.—Reception in Honour of Mrs. Despards's BirthDay, Carton Hall, 7,30 p.m. Admission 1s., including refreshments,
Sat., July 6.—Garden Fete, Braithwaite Hall, Croydon, 4 p.m.

Sun., July 7.—Open Air Meeting, Hyde Park, noon. Mrs.

Despard. Chair: Mrs. Hyde. Brockwell Park, 11,30 a.m. Mrs.

Bigger.

Fri., July 12.—"AT HOME," W.F.L. Shop, The Arcade, High-street, Croydon, 3.45 p.m.

Sun, July 14.—Hyde Park, noon. Mrs. Tanner. Joint Sufferage Demonstration at 4 p.m.

PROVINCES.

Manchester Thurs., June 20.—Open AIR MEETING, Fair Ground, Flixton, liss Nina Boyle, Mr. J. H. Hudson, M.A., Mr. Brockway (Ed. Labour

Leader), 8 p.m.

Fri, June 21.—Open-Aif Meeting, Eccles Cross, 8 p.m. Miss Nina Boyle, Miss Janet Heyes.

Sat., June 22.—Joint Suffrage Demonstration, Platt Fields, 3.30 p.m. Speaker for W.F.L.: Miss Nina Boyle.

Mon., June 24.—Burnage Branch Meeting, Garden Village, Wed., June 26.—Eccles Branch Sewing Meeting, Newholme,

Letchworth.

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beaker: Councillor J. Pile. Chair: Miss Manners.

WALES.

Montgomery Boroughs.
Tues., July 16.—Bonfach, Llanfyllin. Gold, Green and White ar.
Thurs., July 18.—Newtown. Gold, Green and White Fair.
Fri., July 19.—Kerry. Public Meeting. Miss Nina Boyle, Miss

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Sun., June 23.—Mrs. Despard speaks at W.S.P.U. Demonstration
tt Gladstone Park, Willegden, 3 p.m. Hampstead, W.F.L. Branches
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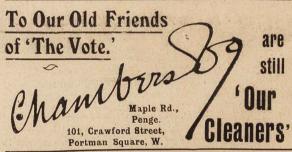
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