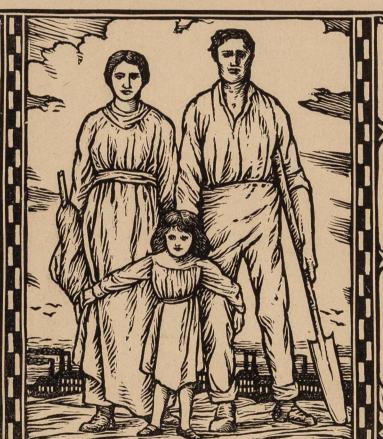
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#### Notes and Comments.

#### Men's International Alliance.

On page 484 will be found an interesting account, by the ceretary of the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, of the en's International Alliance, which will be holding meetings London from the 23rd to the 29th of the present month. This emed so important and interesting at this time that it has een allowed to occupy space that would otherwise have been illed by the usual "In Parliament" news; and the doings of rliament-not extremely vital for the most part during last eek to the interests of women—have been left to be dealt with notes. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the great effect ich these international meetings of men may have for the gress of the movement in Great Britain, nor to urge upon suffragists the desirability of rendering the gathering a spicuous success.

The Wild Statements of Some Antis.

An anti-suffrage lecturer, speaking in the district of one of National Union Societies, has been saying in public that Mrs. Fawcett is a militant "at heart," and only pretending, for diplomatic reasons, to disapprove of recent militant actions. We do earnestly submit to the respectable and honourable people who are connected with the Anti-Suffrage League that speeches of this kind are not only discreditable but damaging the cause which they profess to advocate. It is easy to magine the clamour that would go up if any suffrage lecturer were to say that Mrs. Humphrey Ward was "at heart" an adult-suffragist, and only concealed her real opinions for diplomatic reasons. But statements of such a character from any authorised representative of the National Union or its component Societies are, we hope, quite impossible, primarily because our speakers try to avoid saying what they have no reason to believe true, and, secondly, because they know that stupidities of the kind recoil upon the heads of those who commit them.

On the day of Parliament's opening Mr. Burns said, in answer to a question, that he hoped soon to introduce the Milk and Dairies Bill; but could give no definite answer to a further question as to where he proposed "to wedge this measure into an already overcrowded curriculum." In the absence of women electors the Milk and Dairies Bill will probably be kept waiting for the next session-if not, indeed, for the next Cabinet.

Mr. McKenna stated, on the 9th, that he had appointed a ommittee to enquire into the dangers of celluloid in ordinary

#### Temperance (Scotland) Bill.

In support of this Bill, which has occupied most of the House's time this week, Sir John M'Callum presented a petition from the British Women's Temperance Association, signed by 23,452 Scottish women. It does not require much argument to show that if these signatures had represented from twentythree to twenty-four thousand electors they would have indicated a political force able to turn several Scotch elections.

#### Charwomen and Insurance.

Mr. Masterman explained that "women employed casually as charwomen are exempt from compulsory insurance unless their employment is 'for the purpose of the employer's trade or business." This answer does not seem quite decisive as to the case of a woman employed "casually" as an office cleaner. "All persons who would otherwise require to be insured are entitled," as Mr. Masterman reminded the House, "to exemption (for themselves but not for their employer) if they can show that they are ordinarily and mainly dependent for their livelihood upon some other person." Charwomen engaged for a regular day or days each week are, of course, not regarded as "casually" employed.

#### Handbills.

Some uneasiness has naturally been felt as to the enforcement by the police in London of a long dormant regulation forbidding the distribution in the streets of "leaflets." The giving away of handbills is one of the methods of propaganda found useful by all Suffrage societies, and the prospect of its being stopped was, to say the least, discouraging. Mr. McKenna, however, on the 14th, gave Mr. Wedgwood the reassuring information that the prohibition "will not apply ordinarily to political or social tracts. . . . As a matter of practice, the Commissioner of Police proposes to instruct his officers not to interfere with any advertisements except those distributed for purposes of trade or profit, and with these only when the distribution leads either to the obstruction or annoyance of passengers or to the streets being littered with papers."

#### Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

Mr. McKenna reaffirmed the Government's intention to move on the Report stage to restore Clause I. to its original form (under which an ordinary police constable would have power to arrest any person whom he suspected of being engaged, or on the brink of engaging, in the removal of any girl or woman for immoral purposes). The amendment of Clause I. was for immoral purposes). The amendment of Clause I. was agreed to, said Mr. McKenna, with reluctance, "because several members felt hesitation in giving increased powers to the police; but it appeared, as the Bill progressed in Committee and from subsequent manifestations of opinion in the country, that the original form of Clause I. was to be preferred, a view which, in my opinion, was right." While unable to fix a date for the introduction of the Bill, Mr. McKenna replied by an unqualified affirmative to the question whether it would come

#### The Proposed Hunger Strike.

A number of letters have been sent to The Common Cause upon the subject of Miss Gawthorpe's proposal-all disapproving it. One correspondent suggests a strike of a different kind. She thinks that "effective pressure" might be applied to "indifferent or hostile electors," if suffragists refused their services to such men, "in the home, the shop, the restaurant, the telephone exchange, the office." She thinks the "anti" who found that nobody would cook his bacon, put his room in order or typewrite his letters would begin to reconsider the question. Probably he would; but the organisation necessary to bring so many women into line might be better applied in some other direction. The form of strike presented in that most diverting in farces: "How the Vote was Won" would for instance be more effective. There, as many delighted spectators may remember, every woman who was working for herself ceased to do so, and threw herself upon the hands of her nearest male relative or of the Guardians of the Poor. But the attractive dream invented by two lively playwrights can never be realised. The great axiom that rules concerning strikes is this: "You can only strike effectually when you can call out the whole, or very nearly the whole, of the labour supply." Does anyone really believe that an overwhelming majority of the women of this country could be so organised as to throw the whole machinery of domestic life out of gear at the same moment? It is certain that no person who has ever seen the business of organising a trade union among



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#### ELECTION FIGHTING FUND.

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## THE MANCHESTER COUNCIL AND THE ELECTION FIGHTING FUND POLICY

Labour will not leave the

Women Out!

to the Election Fighting Fund policy are likely to have an important effect on political developments in the future. The policy was discussed from all points of view. It was obvious that the significance of Crewe and Midlothian had been fully appreciated by the Societies and that the Fighting Fund scheme had made great progress in popularity since its adoption five months ago.

#### GENERAL REPORT.

Miss Marshall explained some of the complete problems with which the E.F.F. Committee is constantly confronted. A gain in one direction has sometimes to be weighed against a loss in another direction. The decision in any particular case has to be guided by the political situation at the moment. The E.F.F. Committee reports fully to the N.U. Executive every

#### MISS ROBERTSON'S REPORT.

Miss Margaret Robertson, who has been appointed Special Organiser to the E.F.F. Committee, gave a most interesting and stimulating report of the work at Crewe and Midlothian. She described the new policy as the most politically effective move we have ever made, and gave striking evidence of its effectiveness. She appealed for a certain amount of elasticity in its application, and the Council responded generously by passing all the resolutions which were down on the agenda to extend its scope. The freedom allowed to the Executive will greatly facilitate future negotiations with both friends and enemies.

#### EXTENSION OF THE E. F. F. POLICY.

The Election Fighting Fund is now available for work in constituencies at present held by Labour Members who have taken a strong line on Women's Suffrage, and who are threatened by attack from the Liberals at the next election. This means that preliminary organisation can be undertaken at once in such constituencies. We must see to it that our friends shall not be the losers by their loyalty to our cause. A detailed plan of campaign will be submitted to the Executive this week, the most effective feature of which is the grouping of constituencies in pairs, so that one organiser can be in charge of a campaign defending a Suffragist Labour Member in one constituency and attacking an anti-Suffragist Liberal Member in another.

The Fund is also available now for continuing work in view of the next Election in those constituencies where we have already supported a Labour candidate—i.e., if Mr. Lunn and Mr. Holmes stand again for Holmforth and Midlothian we shall be

The decisions of the Manchester Council meeting with regard free to help them with their preliminary organisation as well as when the fight comes.

A resolution was also passed making it clear that where the Labour Party has been definitely led to count on our support at the next Election we should not leave them in the lurch if the Liberals put forward a "tried friend" to contest the seat at the last moment.

#### THE LABOUR PARTY'S INTENTIONS.

At the end of the E.F.F. report Miss Marshall read a letter from Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, written for the Council meeting. Referring to a paragraph which had appeared in the "Dunded Advertiser," and was copied in the "Standard" and other papers, stating that Women's Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill would not now have the united support of the Labour Party Mr. MacDonald said: "The interview which you showed me in the Standard bears in its very face evidence that it manufactured. It does not represent the views of the party and I do not believe that it ever emanated from a member of the party." (An absolute repudiation appeared also in the Daily Citizen.)

The rest of Mr. MacDonald's letter was private, but this much may be said: it contained an emphatic assurance that he and his party are doing everything that can be done for us in the

Mr. MacDonald recognises as we all do, that the Nationalist vote is the cause of the whole situation. That vote was given against the Conciliation Bill because Mr. Redmond feared that the passage of the Bill might endanger the unity of the Coalition forces on which he and his party are dependent for the safe piloting of the Home Rule Bill. Now there are several ways in which the Nationalists vote can be influenced at this moment Mr. MacDonald is an able and experienced Parliamentarian and if he and his party are doing att that can be done to ensure the inclusion of women in the Reform Bill, success will not be long delayed. The Labour Party has a powerful weapon in i hands, a weapon it has obtained by means of the women's help and the opportunity has come for using that weapon to help th

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#### What to Do Now.

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The report of the National Union's Political Secretary at the Council Meeting last week contained some valuable advice as to the work necessary to be done at once by the various federaions and societies. Of course, the holding of meetings, large and small, the collection of funds and the dissemination of literature are always useful; but at the present juncture there are activities more useful still. Our battle is now to be fought rather at the centre—that is, in the House of Commons—than the country at large; and we must now bring that force of ablic opinion which is behind us to bear directly upon the embers of that House. Every member should be asked to eive a deputation—and the personnel of the deputation ould be arranged and ready before the request is sent. Rumour whispers that there has been an occasion on which a ember consented to see a deputation and none was forth-

The elected representatives of one-half of the nation fall into ree groups as regards Women's Suffrage. There are friends, es, and hesitators; and each of these classes merges imceptibly into one of the others. To some of our societies it seemed useless to make deputations to an enemy, because know he will vote against us; or to a friend, because we ow he will vote for us. But these arguments are inadequate, d one result of them is that we leave the enemy able to declare at none of his constituents have either asked him to vote for enfranchisement of women or complained of his having oted against it. On the other hand, we leave our constant apporter exposed to the steady expostulations of any antiragist electors who may happen to be of his party, we do not offer him any assurance of our gratitude of the sympathy of the suffragist electors. There anti-suffragist M.P.'s whose steadiness would be seriously aken if a deputation of important local electors urged them the desirability of altering their minds. There also men who honestly believe that women ought to be anchised but who may be induced by continual clamour believe that the majority of their constituents desire them to stain from voting for any of the Women's Suffrage amend-ents to the Reform Bill. It is for us to collect the equally portant-often more important-local men who earnestly re our enfranchisement in order that these may counterance the adverse pressure by their own. It may be taken as axiom that every member of the House of Commons is somet impressed by a deputation of important persons from his stituency who take the trouble to come and see him at West-Moreover, few men (even of whichever party may be fferent from the reader's) are entirely impervious to reason; we well know, all the good reasons are on our side, and the dition still subsists-though some of the present Cabinet have ken through it rather roughly—that a deputation must be rd in silent attention.

As to the hesitators, everybody agrees that they are the natural rget of deputations, a circumstance which one might suppose y to hasten their decisions.

Again, the officials of some societies are alarmed at the idea arranging a deputation, and think themselves incapable of ing or participating in one. But they can obtain from the of the National Union a leaflet which maps out their le course, and explains what questions should be urged on Conservative, what upon a Liberal, and what upon a Labour mber. The business is really neither difficult nor alarming.

Petitions of the ordinary sort are not, at the present juncture, y helpful. But there is a kind of petition marked not quantity but by quality of signatures which does carry ight. Such a petition should include the names of municipal resentatives, ministers of religion of all denominations, istrates, doctors, and other professional men of the rict, philanthropic persons, and lastly, women belongto political associations or well known socially. An nalysis of the signatures, such as was appended by Miss athbone to the petition which she prepared, is a valuable

by-election that may arise a band of trained and competent organisers whose help will be felt by our allies to be invaluable and who can show, as they showed at Midlothian, that the electors care more to hear them than to hear any man who stands in opposition to them. Such a spectacle as the crowd deserting Mr. Outhwaite for the Suffragists teaches not only Mr. Outhwaite, but every man of his party, that there is danger in having the Suffragists against him. The lesson of Midlothian has gone home, and while the little anti-suffrage party with its few Cabinet Ministers are straining every nerve to break the alliance of the Labour Party with the Suffragists, the bulk of the Liberals are already saying to one another that it would be wiser for the Party to make terms with the Suffragists. Meanwhile they must be praying that no more by-elections may occur.

#### The Incautious Anti-Suffragists.

The Banbury Guardian of September 10th contained an account of a drawing-room meeting held on the previous day at the house of the Hon. Mrs. Molyneux, at Bodicote, Oxon, for the purpose of inaugurating a branch of what the Banbury Guardian appropriately calls the Anti-Suffragist League.

Mrs. Molyneux used some surprising expressions, pardonable only on the supposition that she was entirely ignorant of all the facts of the suffrage movement. She is reported as speaking of "a great danger now existing in the suffragist movement in the extremely pernicious literature they were disseminating

the pestilential doctrines the Suffragists were advocating and the literature they now employed to serve their ends.' This "danger" had led her to "declare herself rather more on the anti-suffrage side. It appears—although not from the published report—that she instanced by name only one publication which she considered as "pernicious" and lential," and that the publication in question, far from being an organ of the suffrage movement is an avowedly anti-suffragist

The attention of Mrs. Fawcett having been called to this speech, she communicated at once with Mrs. Molyneux—in time, one would have supposed, for that lady's apology to appear at an earlier date than three weeks after the meeting. On October 10th the following letter appeared in the Banbury Guardian:

SIR,—I beg to withdraw certain statements made by me under a misapprehension, at a meeting held at my house, reported in the Banbury Guardian of September 19th, that the Suffrage Societies were responsible for the dissemination of pernicious literature. I referred in my speech solely to a certain review, which I named, and, as a result of a correspondence on the subject with Mrs. H. Fawcett, President of the National Union Women's Suffrage Societies, I understand there is no foundation for these charges, and therefore regret having made them, and wish to withdraw them.

I remain, yours faithfully, C. E. MOLYNEUX. October 8th, 1912.

We would call attention to the word "solely" in this letter. It was one periodical which Mrs. Molyneux considered so "pernicious" and so "pestilential" that its advocacy of woman's suffrage "made her anxious to declare herself rather more avowedly an anti-suffragist." But since it now appears that the publication in question is not an advocate but an opponent of women's suffrage, Mrs. Molyneux will, of course, abandon the cause which is supported by that dangerous organ and declare herself against the anti-suffrage movement. For our own part, we will not follow her example and declare the Anti-Suffrage League responsible for all the offensive nonsense that is uttered and printed by some of its less intelligent supporters. We will only beg our readers to remark how wholly inadequate were the reasons assigned by this lady for her anti-suffrage opinions, and how extremely incautious she showed herself in making statements without first investigating the facts. Let us, who have a better cause, and more solid foundations, be careful to avoid similar rashness.

At the same meeting Miss Cameron, described as "a lady who has been down specially in connection with the formation of a branch of the movement," expounded what "votes for women" really meant.

It meant that women would be placed on a level with men in every-Finally, we must be ready to put into the field at any suitable thing, and that, in her opinion, would do away with womanhood altogether. (Hear, hear.) That would be a blow to family life, which,

# LONDON SOCIETY OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

PUBLIC RECEPTION on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 3.30 to 6.15.

WESTMINSTER PALACE HOTEL, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

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Speakers: Mrs. F. T. Swanwick, M.A. (Ex. Com. N.U.W.S.S.), Mr. P. Whitwell Wilson ("P. W. W." of "The Daily News")

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as they all knew, had such a great effect upon the government of the wish to make it clear that the work of our society will in nowise

It would be interesting to know what would be Miss Cameron's definition of a womanhood which could possibly be done away with by the possession of a Parliamentary vote. Most of us have seen a considerable number of women who have voted in their various countries, states, or colonies, and we solemnly protest that if twelve of these were ranged indiscriminately with twelve unenfranchised women, neither Miss Cameron nor any other expert could pick out the voters from the nonvoters. But these anti-suffrage ladies and gentlemen are so dreadfully weak in their own faith. They believe a certain relation of men and women to be ordained by nature, and yet believe that an alteration in the comparatively trivial systems of human society is capable of altogether overthrowing it. They believe that women are incapable of dominion, and yet declare that unless women are kept in an artificial subordination they will overrule the world of men. Assuredly the womanhood that can be done away with by a participation in the transient human invention of parliamentary government must, even without such participation, be already very near the vanishing point. Miss Cameron is alarming herself at a vain shadow. Womanhood will survive, not only the possession of a vote, but all the voting systems that humanity is capable of devising.

#### A Misunderstanding.

Fraulein Rosika Schwimmer, the well-known Hungarian advocate for Women's Suffrage, sends the following note:

Misrepresentations have been made in connection with the recent notices dealing with the position of Women's Suffrage at the present time in this country, which have appeared in various foreign public journals and women's papers.

'It has been stated inaccurately that the Feminist Society (by which is meant the Hungarian Society for Women's. Suffrage) has sent a memorial to the Prime Minister asking for the grant of parliamentary voting power to various limited classes of women. We desire to emphasise that the petition in the memorial was, on the contrary, for the grant of the vote on the same terms as it will be granted to men.

"This same demand has also been addressed to the Premier by the Men's League for Women's Suffrage. "In contradistinction to these societies, the National Council

of Hungarian Women have asked for the vote provisionally for a limited number of women only.

"The realisation of the equal citizenship of men and women is not, perhaps, practicable for the moment, but the grant of a certain measure of electoral power to women on the occasion of the projected Parliamentary Reform should be confidently

"While welcoming this first step as a decided advance, we lution passed and sent up.

be complete until, following the example of Norway, whose women received at first only a limited right to vote, we attain to a position of full citizenship.

Asking for the courtesy of your columns for this rectifica-Yours, etc.,

" (Signed) Rosika Schwimmer. (Hungarian Society for Women's Suffrage.)

#### A Law that Needs Amendment.

At Doddington (Oxon) Petty Sessions on Friday, September 13th, before Messrs. Ogle and Churchley, Colonel Murray and Captain Cottrell-Dormer, a young woman applied for an affiliation order against Charles Bason, a labourer, of Milton, who was represented by a solicitor. The facts were that in April, 1911, a child was born in the Banbury Union Workhouse, and in December of the same year, while the mother was still ar inmate, the Guardians obtained an order that Bason should contribute 2s. a week. In August of the present year the mother, having then left the workhouse, laid an information against Bason in order to obtain an order before the Bench. Now the law allows a woman to apply for an affiliation order in cases where there has been a payment made to her on the child's behalf within twelve months from its birth, but Baron Pollock decided in a previous case that payments to the Guardians could not be reckoned as payment to the mother; this precedent was quoted by Bason's solicitor and the application was dismissed by the Doddington justices.

Now the whole ground of the provision about payment within twelve months is that such a payment is an evidence of pater nity, and it is quite as much evidence when paid to the Guardian as when paid to the mother. Whether or no Baron Pollock's decision was good law it was certainly not good sense and ought to have been questioned immediately it was made.

At a meeting of the Banbury Board of Guardians, on September 26th, Mrs. Gillett quoted the case and moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this Board legislation s required to enable a single woman to obtain an order against the father of her child after twelve months from its birth when the Guardians have within twelve months from its birth obtained an order under the Bastardy Amendment Act 1872, and the said father has paid money thereunder." The resolution was carried and Mrs. Gillett asked that copies of it should be sent to Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, the Prime Minister and the local members of Parliament.

We would urge upon all readers of the Common Cause who may be Guardians that they should bring this point to the attention of their Boards and endeavour to get a similar reso-

# THE NATIONAL UNION

## WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

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From Headquarters.

The half-yearly meeting of the Council of the N.U.W.S.S., which took place in Manchester on October 9 and 10, was this year of more than usual interest.

The Women's Suffrage movement is now a political question of first-rate importance, and the state of parties in the House of Commons renders the position extremely critical. In addition to this, the Council was meeting for the first time since it adopted an important development of its election policy, and discussion naturally took place upon the efficacy of the policy as shown at the important by-elections which have occurred

during the past few months, and upon the wisdom of a further development of the policy of supporting Labour members who have taken a strong line on Women's Suffrage.

Mrs. Fawcett, who was received with warm applause, in her presidential address dwelt on the new development in the election olicy of the National Union. She said they had nothing up their sleeves and nothing to conceal. They acted as a non party association, consisting of members of all political parties or of no party, on the simple principle of supporting in elections the man or the party who had shown themselves to be the best friends of Women's Suffrage. Formerly they had applied this principle to individuals only, but henceforth they would apply it to parties also; because experience had proved that a member

of Parliament pledged to support Suffrage was more to be relied upon to fulfil his pledges if his party had made Suffrage one of its objects, than a member of Parliament also pledged to Suffrage whose party pulled him the other way. The new development in the policy of the National Union was quite simple nd quite straightforward. To take no note of the attitude of the various parties on their questions would be uncommonly stupid, it would be neglecting an obvious fact of first-rate importance governing the whole situation, namely, the enormous practical influence of party loyalty and party discipline on all otes taken in the House of Commons. She referred to the fact that in March one of the causes of the defeat of the Coniliation Bill (by 14 votes) was that some 25 to 30 avowed Suffragists in the House of Commons had voted against the Bill, as a protest against the window-smashing which had taken place earlier in the month. She hoped that all these votes would come back, and perhaps even that some anti-suffragists would vote for Suffrage, as a protest against the far more serious and cruel and equally premeditated violence perpetrated in the supposed interests of anti-suffrage by a gang of ruffians at Llany-stumdwy on September 21. It was a shameful and disgusting scene, a disgrace to manhood and to Wales, and, more serious still, to the even-handed administration of justice, because not a single arrest was made and consequently not a single male-factor punished. "Let us hear no more," she said, "of the horror caused by the events of March 1 and 4, unless at least n equal horror is awakened by the far worse crimes committed the supposed interests of anti-suffrage on September 21." Mrs. Fawcett also spoke of the Women's Suffrage amendments which will be moved to the Government Franchise Bill, and counselled the utmost activity and discretion on the part of all nembers and societies in securing for these amendments the argest possible measure of Parliamentary support.

The following are the resolutions passed dealing with the present political situation :-

That all friends of Women's Suffrage in the House of Commons, whatever form of franchise they prefer, be urged to vote for the amendment deleting the word 'Male' from Clause 1, Subsection 1, which alone makes possible subsequent amendments enfranchising women."

"That this Council looks to the Parliamentary Labour Party

give effect to the resolution passed by the Annual Conference the Labour Party at Birmingham on January 26, 1912, by efusing to accept any measure of Franchise Reform which leaves women entirely unrepresented.

That all friends of Women's Suffrage in the House of mmons be urged to support the inclusion of women in the Irish electorate under the Home Rule Bill."

After Miss Marshall, Hon. Secretary of the Election Fighting Fund Committee, had given an account of the policy of the Comnittee since it was appointed in May, and Miss M. Robertson, Fighting Fund Organiser, had reported on the elections in Crewe Midlothian, at both of which she had been in charge of the work, the election policy was further developed in the following resolutions, the significance of which is discussed under the Fighting Fund news on page 476.

That the E.F. Fund be available at the discretion of the N.U. Executive.'

(a) for work in the constituencies of Labour Members who have taken a strong line on Women's Suffrage, and who are threatened by attack from the Liberals at the next election, provided that the work be carried out after consultation with the local Women's Suffrage Society.

"(b) for continuing work, in view of a future election, in constituencies where a Labour candidate has been supported at an election.'

That in constituencies where the E.F.F. Committee has efinitely undertaken work with the intention of supporting a Labour candidate at the next election this intention shall not be necessarily given up if the Liberals put forward a tried friend' to contest the seat.

It was made quite clear that in matters connected with the Fighting Fund policy, the Council remains the ultimate authority as it does in all questions of the policy of the Union.

It was clear from the discussion on election policy that the Inion is heartily in favour of the development adopted in May. A resolution to oppose all Government candidates at by-elections was ably put forward by two of the delegates, but obtained no support; on the other hand, resolutions whose effect would have been considerably to limit the operations of the Election Fighting Fund were rejected by an equally large majority.

The Council showed unmistakably that it was satisfied with the way the policy had been put into effect at Holmfirth, Hanley,





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Crewe, and Midlothian, and desired that work should be carried on on similar lines at future by-elections.

The general work of the Union was discussed with no less interest than that of its election policy.

Mrs. Auerbach was able to report that although full returns could not be made up until the end of year, it was clear that during the current year the Union had handled altogether at the lowest estimate over £30,000; there were now 398 societies in the Union, besides nearly 100 branch societies, and the membership stands at 35,563.

Miss Courtney dwelt upon the need for decentralisation, which is the more felt as the Union grows, and emphasised the importance of the Federation system in this connection. She also reminded the Council of the importance of voluntary workers, on whom the efficiency of the Union ultimately depends.

Miss Marshall read a letter from Miss Palliser regretting her absence from the Council meeting, owing to the illness of a friend, which would also prevent her from carrying on her work for the next two months. She felt, however, that she could confidently leave it in the hands of Miss Catherine Marshall and the Parliamentary sub-committee.

Miss Marshall then gave a very full report of the parliamentary work of the N.U., and urged upon societies the paramount importance of bringing all possible pressure to bear upon M.P.'s in support, not only of a Women's Suffrage amendment to the Reform Bill, but also of Mr. Snowden's amendment to include women in the Irish electorate under the Home Rule

Resolutions referring to The Common Cause occupied some space in the agenda. Miss Clementina Black made an interesting speech on her experiences during the short time she had been Acting Editor, and pointed out that the progress of the paper was dependent upon an increase in its circulation, for which the societies ought to make themselves responsible. The following resolution, moved by Miss Rosamund Smith, on behalf of the London Society, and seconded by Mrs. Schuster, for Manchester, was passed with enthusiasm:

"That this Council desire to express their gratitude to Mrs. Swanwick for her devoted labours in raising The Common Cause to its present position, and their appreciation of the great services thereby rendered to the cause of Women's Suffrage.

Later on it was resolved :-

\*That inquiries be made with a view to submitting a scheme to the Council at the annual meeting in February with regard to the acquisition by the National Union of THE COMMON CAUSE, and that full information be then given as to the proposed character and management of the organ."

Miss Leaf's report of the work of the Press Committee was a remarkable record of development, not only at headquarters, but in all parts of the country. In particular she called attention to the excellent schemes of work in operation in the West Midland and Scottish Federation.

Miss O'Malley reported that since the adoption of the Friends of Women's Suffrage scheme at the Council meeting in May, a special sub-committee had been formed to carry out the work, which was being undertaken with much enthusiasm both in town and country districts. Altogether 93 societies had now an organisation of Friends, and it was hoped that by the end of the year every society would have aken up the scheme

Several other resolutions were passed on general subjects, and a complete list is being forwarded at once to secretaries of

At the close of the Council two important meetings were held, one for the Executive Committee, Organisers, and Federation Secretaries, to discuss details of organisation, and the other for Press Secretaries and others to consider the organisation of press work in relation to by-elections and the best arrangements for the distribution; and certainly these smaller conferences, as well as the many opportunities afforded for conversation between delegates from all parts of the country, are not the least valuable part of the Council meetings.

No report of the Council would be complete which did not express the cordial thanks of the delegates for the delightful hospitality extended by the Manchester Society, and their appre-

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ciation of the excellence of the arrangements made. Manchester

enthusiasm, Mrs. Swanwick spoke of Miss Ashton as in herself hostess to the whole National Union, and reminded the Council f the work of Miss Darlington, the Secretary of the Society, and of Mrs. Hiller, Mrs. D'Anquier, and Mrs. Müter Wilson, who bear the brunt of everything undertaken by the Manchester Women's Suffrage Society.

The most cordial appreciation was expressed of the delightful reception on the evening of October 9, when the committee and members of the Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage entertained the delegates in the Midland Hotel. After a day of trenuous work and discussion, this opportunity for relaxation, for listening to the music so kindly provided, and for meeting the many friends present, was most welcome.

#### Press Department.

October 14th, 1912.

The importance of the autumn campaign and of the halfrly meeting of the Council has been widely appreciated by Press. The session opens with a fine leader in the Manter Guardian, and a full report of the admirable speeches he Joint Demonstration in Manchester on October 10th.

The clear and resolute note struck by Mr. Snowden, perhaps the est and stoutest of the Labour leaders, was timely as it was resting. Nor is it by accident that the Labour Party in Parliament, in the country, is found in close alliance with the Women's Suffrage ment. Both have had to fight for their position and influence in the That of Labour has been already partly won; that of Women's anchisement is as yet wholly to be won—but the principle at the back with is the same?

The Manchester Guardian points out that of the pledged fragists who reversed the vote on the Conciliation Bill, the t conspicuous were the Nationalists, several of whom were mbers of the Conciliation Committee.

That those who stand for the liberties of Ireland should be seen to their disciplined force in order to deny the liberties of Englishmen, and to set back an emancipating movement as deeply founded their own, would be to strike a deadly blow at the moral basis of the sh cause, and to array against them forces of opinion in this country in the can ill afford to alienate." Amongst these forces, Mr. owden pointed out, may be found that of the Labour movement is the man are mistaken if they suppose that the stability of the Governat will be secured by breaches of faith, or falseness to principle, either the part of the Government or their own."

Mr. Snowden, in an article in the Christian Commonwealth week, says further :-

"The women who have accepted the opportunity offered by the Reform III and the Government's offer to leave the Woman Suffrage amendment open question are relying upon the Parliamentary Labour Party to and fast by the policy of the party on this matter, and to carry out the cisions of its conference. That policy is that the party will do all in power to get women the Parliamentary vote by an amendment to the form Bill, and, in the event of failure to do that, then to vote against Bill in its final form. I cannot conceive the Labour Party taking any ter course. This is the policy for which the Labour candidates have do at recent by-elections; this is the deliberate decision of the Labour try Conference, which is the supreme authority in the party; it is the orded decision of the conference of the I.L.P., which represents the way of the most active section of the Labour Party; and it is in accord to the declaration made at the Albert Hall meeting that the Labour try attached so much importance to the enfranchisement of women the they would use their vote to turn out the Government if women the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article on Chetaler at the Parily Citizen has an important article of the Parily Citizen has an important article of the Parily Citizen has an important article of the Parily Citizen has an importan

The Daily Citizen has an important article on October 14th, ich should be specially noted by all Press Secretaries.

"It is beyond question the woman's movement which has forced to the ont every phase of electoral reform, and yet Women's Suffrage is secisely the issue which the Government shirks. The Labour Party just stand firmly by the women's cause, but the fighting must be real shing—not stage lightning and thunder. The big battle will arise on a Reform Bill; but before the struggle comes the Labour Party must, whatever method it thinks best, make it plain both to the Government of the Irish members that, in the terms of the resolution carried at the trainingham Conference, no Bill from which women are left out will be ceptable to Labour. The matter is one of fundamental principle. The abour movement and the woman's movement are the two most hopeful sus of our times. The woman's movement will grow steadily in the ture, attaining fresh power and enthusiasm, and any party which oves false to that movement will pronounce upon itself the sentence its own doom."

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> Mrs. H. O. Hughes, 5, Plasllyd Terrace, Bangor, North Wales. I. B. O'MALLEY.

#### Friends of Women's Suffrage.

The following societies have adopted the Friends of Women's Suffrage scheme since my last note in The Common Cause :-Cirencester

Shanklin And the Orcadian Women's Suffrage Society. Not all the Federation Secretaries have yet let me know

whether the societies working Friends of Women's Suffrage in their area will report through the Federation or direct to the National Union. I should be very grateful if I might hear from those who have not yet written. Forms for reports can be had from the National Union Office.

I. B. O'MALLEY. Hon. Sec. to F.W.S. Committee.

#### Treasurer's Notes.

The review of our progress, which was given to the Council Prudence Crandall and Lucretia Mott, the women who did so much to help free the slaves in America.

Take tevel with of the progress, which is that many thousands of women have joined our ranks during the past months. Although no doubt many of these recruits are new to suffrage work, their fresh enthusiasm and their eager desire to help cannot fail to increase our confidence in the coming triumph of the Women's Suffrage cause. All new members should welcome the oportunity of coming in their thousands to our great meeting at the Albert Hall, on Tuesday, November 5, and howing that they, too, are ready to bear their share in the labours and in the sacrifice demanded of those who seek Freedom and Citizenship. Let all who, for the first time in their lives, attend one of our great demonstrations, remember the women who for long years bore upon their heroic shoulders the whole burden of this great struggle and who will not cease, so long as justice is delayed, from working day in and day out for this one end, and who are thus in very truth offering up the gift of their daily lives to the cause of womanhood and to the uplifting of a nation.

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#### Federation Notes.

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Deputation to Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M.P. On Saturday, October 5th, Mr. Greenwood consented to receive a deputation arranged by Sanderland Society. Fortunately, this date coincided with a visit to the district from Miss Royden, Mrs. Johnson (Hon. Sect. of Sunderland Society), Councillor Swan (who introduced the deputation). Walford Common, Esq., and Miss Ecaver. Miss Royden, I as short but able speech, reminded Mr. Greenwood of his support in the past, and asked that he would give it to us in the future. She put the four usual questions to him, dealth and the Home Rule Bill. She also read out to him a list of prominent Liberal men who had sent messages of sympathy, but had been unable to attend. Mr. Greenwood replied that, whilst still being convinced of the nerits of Wooms's Suffrage, he felt that the question had been submerged by greater interests, such as Home submerged by greater interests, such as Home submerged by greater interests, such as Home land and Welsh Disestablishment, and that to took for amendments to the Reform Bill wall be embarrass the Government, and that to two for the mendments to the Reform Bill wall be made to the more submerged by greater interests, such as Home Submerged by greater int

MARROGATE.—Mrs. Renton's campaign here in September has resulted in a wonderfully increased interest in the datase among the general public. Proceedings opened that a comparing the general public proceedings opened in the summer I have learnt the immense value of open-air meetings. I thought it perhaps worth while large gathering responded to the kind invitation of the number of the summer I have learnt the immense value of open-air meetings. I thought it perhaps worth while to mention this, as I find almost invariably that "local people" davise against adopting this method of promatics. Renton and Dr. Veale both spoke. They reminded

West Lancs., West Cheshire and North Wales.

their hearers that our most earnest need at present is that the women who do really sympathise with us should shake off their lethargy and take some active share in the Society's work. The result was a long list of new members and many encouraging offers of help. During the week Mrs. Renton and her assistant, Miss Rushbrook, bravely went through with several outdoor meetings, but the Stray was cold and bleak, and the results were not very encouraging.

On September 18th a very important meeting was held at the Church Institute—important because Miss I. O. Ford, of Leeds, came and took the chair. Mrs. Renton also spoke, and both had the sympathy and interest of all the large audience, with the exception of the lady from the anti-Suffrage shop, evidently one of those who,

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London Society.

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open-air meeting in the Market Place. The Rev. A. D.
Belden was in the chair on this occasion, and Mrs.
Haverfield, of Oxford, as well as Miss Mason, spoke to a
very attentive audience. The Common Cause was sold
at all the meetings during the fortnight, and the Banbury Society has reaped the benefit of gaining new
members. calling on the Member, the Hon. Eustace Fiennes, to do all in his power to promote the carrying of a Women's Suffrage Amendment to the Government Franchise Bill, and seconded by Mr. W. C. Braithwaite, was carried by a very crowded meeting with only five dissentients. While Miss Dora Mason was in Banbury she gave an address at the Adult School and held an

The Liberal candidate, Mr. Horace L. Murphy, has consented to receive a deputation, under the auspices of the Bournemouth Branch of the N.U.W.S.S., on October 26th, at the offices of the Liberal Club, Trinity Chambers.

#### Town and Metropolitan Borough Council Elections.

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Battersea.—\*Miss E. Brown (Mod.).
Bermondsey.—\*Mrs. Salter (Lab.).
Deptford.—Mrs. Cockerton, Mrs. Drapper.
Fulham—Miss C. Townshend (Lab.).
Hackney.—Mrs. Hamner (P.), Mrs. Bernard
Hicks (P.), Miss Payne (P.).
Hammersmith.—Mrs. Cobden Sanderson (Lab.).
Hampstead.—Miss Armstrong (Ind. P.), \*Miss
Balkwill (P.).

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Islington.—Dr. Kate Haslavn (P.), Mrs. Holman (P.), Miss Fincham (Lab.), Mrs. Marshall (Mod.), Mrs. Neighbour (Lab.).

Kensington.—Dr. Ethel Bentham (Lab.), Miss Bentham (Lab.), \*Miss Hayne (Mod.), Miss C. Keeling (Ind. Mod.), Miss Maud Joseph (Ind. Mod.), Miss Marion Phillips, D.Sc. (Lab.), Miss Pickton (Ind.).

Paddington.—Miss Ethel Abrahams, M.A. (P.), Miss Beeton (Ind.), \*Miss K. Bruce (P.), Miss M. S. Kilgour, M.A. (P.).

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A FEDERATION COMMITTEE MEETING FROM A

MAN'S POINT OF VIEW.

Some little time ago, I was requested to speak at a Women's Suffrage meeting, and my subject was to be the Movement from a man's point of view. I have more recently been present at a Federation Committee meeting in the north of England at which all the business and discussions were carried through by the lady members present, and the impressions left upon my mind are so helpful and instructive that I venture to pass them on to others, whether of my own or the other sex, who may wish to judge fairly upon the question now being urged so persistently by the large majority of the leading women of to-day. The building in which the meetings were held is situated in the Castle Street of the City, and a rather facetious gentlem in friend, presuming that I might possibly be the only male member of the Committee present (a presumption which proved to be quite

The First Congress of the Men's International Alliance for Woman Surfrage.

The Generous delived will consider the following the following the second of the second of the following the

LONDON GRADUATES.

I am desired by my Committee to send you for publication the text of a Resolution passed unanimously by the Committee of the London Graduates' Union for Women's Suffrage—which has been forwarded to members of the Cabinet and other prominent members of the

bers of the Cabinet and other prominent includes
House of Commons:—

"That this Committee protests against the
enactment of a Home Rule Bill for Ireland which
does not enfranchise women."

I am,
Yours faithfully,
HARRIETTE CHICK,
Hon. Sec. London Graduates' Union for Women's
Suffrage.

Chestergate.

gates, both the cautious and timid and the militants, if such a word may be permitted to so essentially mild and law-abiding a society as the N.U.

But I cannot help thinking that the reports of the various officials and committees were unduly long. Most of the ground was covered by Mrs. Fawcett in her address, and to go over it all again, as we did during the whole of Wednesday morning, seemed a waste of valuable

and no doubt the wish is "father to the thought." The acts are as follows:—
The earnest Suffragists among London teachers, who may believe that the much needed reforms in the ducation world can only be achieved by the power of he Parliamentary franchise in the hands of the women eachers, petitioned the London Teachers' Association or a meeting. This petitioning was quite in accord with he rules of the Association. The meeting was summoned, and the arguments were met by the opposition with the stamping of feet, the singing of songs, and the lowing of whistles.

The amendment that it was inexpedient for the L.T.A.

blowing of whistles.

The amendment that it was inexpedient for the L.T.A. to express any views on the subject of Women's Suffrage did at last reach a division at the end of a second monster meeting held in the Memorial Great Hall, overflowing not the library of the same building. This amendment was carried by a majority of 62 out of 1,258 voting.

A further amendment was then carried insisting on a lebiscite of the members. All progressive people—and even Mr. Cotton styles himself progressive people—and synchronic matters—are aware that the referendum is the dodge of the opposition.

he opposition.

he plebiscite voting paper was eleverly worded, and by keen Suffragists, some of whom are amongst own personal acquaintances, were obliged to sign o," fearing lest the "Yes" would compel the L.T.A. resolve itself into a Suffrage society, and be comied to hold Suffrage meetings, deputise members of diament, etc., instead of pursuing its present useful tk. It was a matter of surprise and much gratifican to find 2,560 men and women teachers willing to thus far.

opponents decry militant action, but as soon as f a constitutional character is offered them to do, ring down all the powers they are capable of finding cent it being done.

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carcely any educated or organised body of women have passed a resolution in favour of Women's rage; this was all that was asked or expected of the A. Such resolutions must help to push forward cause in a truly constitutional manner. Elementeachers are left far behind in a hopeless minority; to one wonders, because hitherto the women have ally stood shoulder to shoulder with the men teachers the great, teachers' organisations? the great teachers' organisations?

AGNES DAWSON,

President, Women Teachers' Franchise Union. 5, Borland Road, Peckham Rye.

FAIR PLAY IN CONTROVERSY.

In the interests of fair play I should be grateful for a little space for the following. In the debate between Miss Helen Fraser and myself on October 9th at Newport, I had occasion to say that Mr. Malcolm Mitchell, at Reading Town Hall, on September 27th, had claimed to consulted on Home Rule, and that the women of Ireland should be consulted on Home Rule, and that the women of Wales ought to have the Disestablishment proposal submitted to them; and on being asked by me whether the women of England should be consulted on Woman Suffrage, he replied in the negative. Miss Fraser publicly averred her inability to believe this, and rather than she should be in any doubt on the matter, I would now ask Mr.

Miss Graham has given me of realmining and expanding it.

This can be done quite briefly as follows:—

1. In spite of the importance of the Franchise and Registration Bill, no resolution dealing with the subject was before the meeting, and after the issue of the agendas, none was brought before it as an urgency resolution. Yeng the offer own conclusions.

2. Two speakers who appeared to be going to touch upon the subject were told that they must desist, and to them; and on being asked by me whether the women of England should be consulted on Woman Suffrage, he replied in the negative. Miss Fraser publicly averred her inability to believe this, and rather than she should be in any doubt on the matter, I would now ask Mr.

THE COMMON CAUSE.

30, Birchington Road, West Hampstead.

Figure 1 cannot help thinking that the reports of the various officials and committees were unduly long. Most of the ground was covered by Mrs. Faweet in her address, and to go over it all again, as we did during the whole of Wednesday morning, seemed a waste of valuable in the search of the Executive Committee—should be composed exclusively of women. We stand for the removal of the sex disqualification, but we deary—and rightly—that the grant of votes to women means the exclusion of men from politics, or even the lessening of their political activity. It would be well, therefore, if our Executive Committee were strengthened by the presence at our meetings the fact at women's enfranchisement is the common cause of men and women.

1 is rather significant that no resolution appeared to have any chance of success unless it was proposed or supported by the Executive.

When a resolution of considerable importance was proposed on the second day with reference to the policy of the N.U. at by-elections, the proposer and seconder of whom I was only were appealed to by Mrs. Faweet to think that we should necessarilybe long winded—a belief which men have done a good deal to foster—I don't know.

But the impression that was given was that the Executive wanted the resolution out of the way, and do not consider it seriously.

The proposer—alone of the year of the seriously with a view to an improvement in our methods of conducting the business of the Council. And I feel confident that they will be accepted in that spirit by our leaders.

LONDON TEACHERS.

To those who do not know the circumstances, Mr. Cotton's inference in his letter in the Daily News and the vote was taken—contrary to the standing orders-by acclamation, instead of by show of heads. These criticisms are not made in any hostile spirit, but merely with a view to an improvement in our methods of conducting the business of the Council. And I feel confident that they will be accepted in that spirit by our leaders.

To those who do not know the circumstances, Mr.

cannot be taken into account.

J. MALCOLM MITCHELL.

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THE OXFORD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

As one of the suffragettes who signed the requisition for a special Council meeting "to obtain a definite expression of opinion on the Suffrage question and power to act upon it," I feel bound to challenge one statement in the article, "The One Thing Needful," in your issue of October 10th. It is not correct at this juncture to say that the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland dare not even express a wish for the vote now that the question has become practical politics. The difficulty of dealing with the numerous questions which are of interest to women at the Council meetings is rapidly increasing, and it is an open question whether more time should not be given to resolutions. It is true that much disappointment was felt in some quarters that a resolution concerning the Franchise Bill was not on the Agenda of the Council meeting at Oxford. But the Council are not thereby debarred from discussing the question; the initiative lies with the members, who number several hundred, and twenty-five of them have the right to requisition a special Council meeting. That step was taken at Oxford, and the Council will be held in accordance with the constitution. It is certain that the Executive will fix the date of the Council so that, if resolutions are passed, they shall t is certain that the Executive will fix the date of the ouncil, so that if resolutions are passed, they shall e sent to the Government and to M.P.'s before the ranchise Bill is again under discussion in the House Commons. 1 Commons. Rose Graham.

12, Ladbroke Gardens, London, W.

Your correspondent, Miss Rose Graham, challenges a statement in the article, "The One Thing Needful," which appeared in your issue of October 10th. She writes, "It is not correct at this juncture to say that the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland dare not even express a wish for the vote now that the question has become practical politics." To my statement, I adhere. Indeed, I am glad of the opportunity which Miss Graham has given me of reaffirming and expanding it.

Malcolm Mitchell to repeat his statement, made in the presence of Mr. Chancellor, M.P., Miss Maude Royden the Chairman, Councillor Miss Edith Sutton, and yours truly

H. B. SAMUELS.

30 Rivehington Road

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To sum up, the attitude of the National Council to the vote is exactly expressed in the words of a popular

"Oh, no, we never mention him,
His name is never heard."
Miss Graham further says that "the Executive will fix the date of the Council meeting, so that if resolutions are passed, they shall be sent to the Government and to M.P.'s before the Franchise Bill is again under discussion in the House of Commons. I trust that Miss Graham is correct in her prognostications, but it remains the fact that the Executive has not yet settled anything.

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P.S.—Both the article and this letter have received the approval of three members of the Council who were present at all the meetings in Oxford.

(Several letters have been unavoidably held over. —ED. C.C.)

#### Other Societies.

WOMEN'S TAX RESISTANCE LEAGUE.

Mrs. Fyffe will have goods sold for tax resistance on Thursday, October 17th, at Whiteley's Auction Rooms, Westbourne Grove, about 4.0. Please oeme and bring friends to support her. Procession 2.45 from Rozburghe Mansion, Kensington Court, to protest meeting near Bradley's, Chepstow Place. The speakers will be Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Louis Fagan, Mrs. Kineton Parkes, the Rev. Charles Baumgarten (rector of St. George's, Bloomsbury), and Mr. Laurence Housman, if he can arrive from the North in time. Mrs. Fyffe hopes that all who possibly can will come and walk with her, and attend the meeting and sale.

#### Forthcoming Meetings.

ARRANGED BY THE NATIONAL UNION (The meetings are given only a fortnight in advance.)

COTOBER 17.

Wolverhampton—Assembly Rooms—Queen's Square — Trades Council meeting—Mrs. Ring, of Birmingham
Deal—Theatre Royal—Mr. Lyon Blease, Dr. Ettie Sayer, and others—Oountess Brassey (chair)
Ashington—Miners' Hall—Miss C. M. Gordon, Mrs. Chew Huntingdon—Corn Exchange—Lady Frances Balfour—Rev. W. R. Gardner (chair).
Bristol—The Coliseum—Suffrage Stall—The Misses Chate
Hirwain — Manffrwd — Drawing-room — meeting—Hostess Mrs. Thomas—Miss Helen Fraser
Philadelphia—Miners Hall—Miss C. M. Gordon, Mrs. Neild Chew, Miss I. S. A. Beaver
Rochdale—Masonic Rooms, Ann Street—Social evening and meeting—Mrs. Hitler
Thetford—Public meeting—Jady Frances Balfour, Miss Eva Ward
OCTOBER 18.
Bracknell—Public meeting—Lady Frances Balfour, Miss Eva Ward
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Bracknell—Public Meeting—Temperance Hall—Mr. Maloolm Mitchell, Mrs. Robie Uniacke—Mrs. King George (chair).
Birmingham—Queen's College—Franchise Conference—Miss Kirby
Jarrow—Mechanic's Hall—Wrs. Nott-Bower—Mrs. Herbert Jones (chair)—Criminal Law Amendment Bill—Women only usical Teas—Mrs. Cross, Drayton, Beaufort
Road, Clifton
Bristol—Cake, Jam and Sweet Sale, and Musical Teas—Mrs. Cross, Drayton, Beaufort
Road, Clifton
Bristol—The Coliseum—Suffrage Stall—Miss Baker, Mrs. Lees, of Oldham
Scaham Harbour—Miners Hall—Mrs. Nott-Bower—Mrs. Neild Chew, Miss I. S. A. Beaver
Sandown—Town Hall, L.W.—Miss Norah O'Shea,
OCTOBER 19.
Bristol—Cake, Jam and Sweet Sale, and Musical Teas—Mrs. Cross, Drayton, Beaufort
I. S. A. Beaver, and Miss C. M. Gordon
Pangbourne—New Hall—Debate on W.S.—Miss Margaret Robertson, Miss Gladys Pott (arranged in conjunction with N.Lo.W.S.)
Bristol—The Coliseum—Suffrage Stall—Mrs. J. Martin, Miss Pope
Neath—Public Hall—LILP.—Miss H. Fraser.
Stockfield-on-Tyne—Mrs. Steinberg's—Miss M. Hilis, Miss Milbanke (chair)
OCTOBER 20.
Briton Ferry—Hall—LLP.—Miss H. Fraser.
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Briton Ferry—Hall—I.L.P.—Miss H. Fraser
OCTOBER 21.

Nottingham—Offices, Regeut Chambers, 54, Long
Row—' At Home'' (and other Mondays)

East Cambs—Sawston schoolroom—Rev. F. H. A.
Williams (chair), Mrs. Rackham, Mrs.
Stevenson

OCTOBER 32.
Cambridge—Guildhall—The Dean of Worcester, Mrs.
Osler and Mr. Strachan—The Master
of Selwyn (chair)
Bristol—The Coliseum—Suffrage Stall—Miss Clough
Touncillor Margaret Ashton
Leeds—9, Park Lane—"Concerning Cake-making"—Mrs. Robie Uniacke, H. Richardson,
Esq. (chair)
Bristol—The Coliseum—Suffrage Stall—Miss Clough
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OCTOBER 31.
Great Missendon—Buckingham Arms—The Lady
Frances Balfour, Miss Muriel Matters,
Miss Gladys Pott. Chair, the Earl of
Buckinghamshire (no person under the
age of 18 years admitted)

OCTOBER 17.
Glasgow—30, Sutherland Terrace, Hillhead—
Hostess, Mrs. Toms—Drawing-room
meeting—Miss Mildred Watson
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Ascot—Cordes Hall, Sunninghil—Sir John CockMrs. Robie Uniacke, H. Richardson,
Mrs. Robie Uniacke, H. Rich Mrs. Aldersiey, Mrs. Meiklewright (chair)
Hucknall—Co-operative Hall—Miss Corbett, B.A.,
Mr A. Richardson, Mrs. Manner,
P.L.G. (chair)

OCTOBER 23.
Silksworth—Miners Hall—"At Home" Beaver 7.30
Walker—Co-operative Hall—"At Home" "Wokingham—Schoolroom,—Denmark Street—Members and Friends—Mrs. Robie Unicke—Miss V. Eustace.
Bristol—The Coliscum—Suffrage Stall—Mrs.
Chepstow—Public Hall—Miss Helen Fraser 8.0
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Burton-on-Trent—Town Hall—Lord Lytton, Miss Cicely Corbett, B.A., Rev. G. D. Rosenthal, Councillor Jenkins (chair)
Devizes—Corn Exchange—Conservative and Unionist Women Franchise Association—Miss Abadam, Miss Walford 8.0
Leeds—9, Park Lane-Meeting for Teachers—Mrs Nottingham—Offices Recen Chambers, 54, Long Parrish
Nottingham—Offices, Regen Chambers, 54, Long
Row—Working party for the bazaar—
Mrs. G. S. Dowson (and other Wednesdays)
3.30—7.0 OCTOBER 24.

Birmingham—Lawn House, Edgbaston—Mrs. Walter
Barrow's drawing-room meeting—Mrs.
F. T. Swanwick—Mrs. Godlee (chair)
North Shields—Percy Hall—Dr. Ethel Williams—
Mrs. Chew, Rew Lewis Johnson—Joint
meeting of N.U. and Ll.P.
Kettering—Cross Keys Assembly Room—Mrs.
Corbett Ashby, R. B. Wallis, Esq.,
J. P.

Miss. meeting of N.U. and I.L.P.

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Corbett Ashby, R. B. Wallis, Esq.,
J.P.
Bargoed—Skating Rink—Miss Helen Fraser, Miss
Bessie Davies
Durham—Town Hall—Rev. E. Pace, N.A.B.D.
(chair), Miss Margaret Robertson
Birmingham—Harborne Garden Village Institute—Mrs. F. T. Swanwick, M.A., Councillor
Appleby (chair)
Bristol—The Coliseum—Suffrage Stall—The Misses
Chate
Blggieswade—Broem Hall—Drawing-room meeting—

Mrs. Proceedings of N.U. and I.L.P.
7.30
S. Paddington—75, Hereford Road, W.—Sewing meeting from the London Society's bazaar, members and friends From Hall—Rounding from Hall—Rounding from Miss W. A. Elkin
Wimbledon—Sewing meeting for the London Society's bazaar—Stamford House, Wimbledon Common, all members and friends are invited to attend Chate 12—10
Blggieswade—Broom Hall—Drawing-room meeting—
Mrs. Fordham—"At Home"—Mrs. R.
E. Prothero (chair), Mrs. Rackham 3.30 OCTOBER 25.
Worcester—Co-operative Hall—Worcester Women's
Liberal Association—Mrs. Ring Penygraig—Chapel Vestry—Miss Helen Fraser, Mrs.

Jameson Williams

Newcastle—Lovaine Hall—Miss Margaret Robertson 7.30

Bristol—The Coliseum—Sufrage Stall—Miss Baker,

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Bristol—The Coliseum—Sufrage Stall—Miss Baker, 12—10

Nottingham—Offices, Regent Chambers, 54, Long
Row—Working party for the bazaar—
Mrs. G. S. Dowson (and other
Fridays, 3.30—7

Corbridge-on-Tyne—Town Hall—Stocksfield Amateur
Dramatic Society—"Man and Woman,"
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OCTOBER 26.

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Farmers—Schoolroom—Miss Helen Fraser 7.30 OCTOBER 26.
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Burnham—Life Boat Pavilion—Mrs. W. C. H.
Oross Women's Suffrage—The Moral
Laws (women only)
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Highbridge—Public meeting—Adult School—W. H.
O. Cross, Esq., W. Carp, Esq., J.P. Street—Bear
Temperance Hotel—Miss Marian
Martin—White Slave Traffic
Bristol—The Ooliseum—Suffrage stall—Miss E. Edwards, Mrs. A. Daniell OCTOBER 28.
Gateshead—Co-operative Hall—Miss Margaret Ashton Camberley—Oddfellows Hall—Mrs. F. T. Swanwick,
M.A., E. J. Close, Esq. (chair)
Matlock—Town Hall—Miss Margaret Ashton, B.A.,
Mrs. Cowneadow.
Bristol—The Colseum—Suffrage Stall—Mrs. Willis,
Mrs. Hicks
Bristol—111a, White Ladies' Road—Speakers class—
Mrs. Vickers

2.30

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Lymington—Literary Institute—Mrs. Dempster 3.0
Folkestone—Rev. Carlile's Social Circle—Miss Folkestone-Rev. Carlite's Sould Circle-Miss
Helgs Gill.

Bishey Auckland— Mrs. Fryers—Drawing-room
meeting—Miss Margaret Ashton
Shildon—Dean Street Schools—Councillor M.
Ashton, M.A., Councillor J. Peacock,
J.P. (chair)
Bristol—The Coliseum—Suffrage Stall—Mrs. Sevington, Miss Brownlea

12—10

THE COMMON CAUSE. Bristol-The Coliseum-Suffrage Stall-Miss Clough SCOTLAND.

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Edinburgh—4, Shandwick Place—"At Home"—Miss K. M., London 0CTOBER 21.
Falkirk—Christian Institute—Mrs. Shaw McLaren 8.0

OCTOBER 22. OCTOBER 22.

Alloa—Town Hall—The Lady Frances Baltour, Miss Lumsden, I.L.D., Rev. J. W. Harper, D.D. (chair)

Glasgow—Drawing-room meeting — Hostess, Miss Rankin Wilson, 26, Kingsburgh Gardens—Miss Mildred Watson

OCTOBER 23.

Lenzie—Clonaline—Drawing-room meeting—Hostess. OCTOBER 23.
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Miss Munro-Kerr — Miss Mildred
Watson
Stirling-Lesser Albert Hall—The Lady Frances
Baltour, Miss Lauseden, LL.D., Rev.
R. Primrose (chair) OCTOBER 24.
Glasgow—202, Hope Street—Annual meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Associations for Women's Suffrage OCTOBER 25.
Edinburgh—40, Shandwick Place Edinburgh—40, Shandwick Place
OCTOBER 26.
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Deptford—Corner of Pepys Road, New Cross Gate—
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D. Cookle, Mr. F. N. Sargeant.
North Hackney—Annual meting—Hostess, Miss
Richards, 36, Clapton Common, N.
St., Victoria St., S.W.—Speakers' class
OCTOBER 19.
Norwood—Suffrage Offices—Mr. Edward Green, Miss
Pritchard (chair)
Muswell Hill—The Exchange—Open-air meeting—
Speaker, Miss Royden. Chair, Rev.
Adam Hancook (vicar of St. Peter's
Colney Hatch Lane)
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Norwood—Suffrage Reptherhood—Surrey OCTOBER 20.
Southwark, W.—Blackfriar's Brotherhood—Surrey
Chapel, Blackfriars Road—Speaker,
Mrs. Stanbury. Chair, Rev. Tolefrey
3.30—4.30

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Ealing—Annual meeting—Buol's Cafe, Uxbridge
Road, Ealing. Chair, Mrs. VaneTurner—Speaker, J. Ben Johnson,
Esq. (Barrister at Law)

Hammersmith—Christian Social Union, 21, Agate
Road, Hammersmith—Speakers, Miss
Mabel Smith, Miss A. Maude Royden,

OCTOBER 22.

St. Victoria Street—Speaker's class
West London Reception—Westminster Palace Hotel
—chair, Miss A. Maude Royden—
speakers, Mrs. F. T. Swanwick, M.A.,
Mr. P. Whitwell-Wilson
3.30—6.15

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OCTOBER 23.
Streatham—Elizabeth Parker Society at Mrs.
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Streatham Road Road—Debate—
Speakers, Miss Helen Ward and Miss
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Gardens
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Wimbledon Common — all members
Morth London Reception—Y.M.C.A., 17, Camden
Road, N.—Speaker, Mrs. Osler
Walworth—Corner of Liverpool Street and Walworth
Worth Road — Open-air meeting —
Speakers, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. F. N.
Bargeant
Battersea—Southlands Training College, High St.
Rotherhith—Corner of West Lane and Jamaica
Road—Open-air meeting—Speakers,
Miss Ruth Young, Miss W. A. Elkin
Islington B.W.T.A.—Ellizabeth Fry Room, Islington
Chapel premises, Upper Street
S, Victoria Street—Speakers' class

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—Miss E. W. Kirby
Glasgow—St. James' U.F. Church Hall—Young
Women's Guild—Miss Stuart Paterson
Birmingham—Ten Acres and Stirchley—Co-operative Guild—Mrs. Ring (White Slave
Traffic)
Aberdeen—II, Nicholas Street, I.L.P.—Miss Alice
Crompton, M.A., on "Women's
Suffrage and the Present Political
Situation."

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