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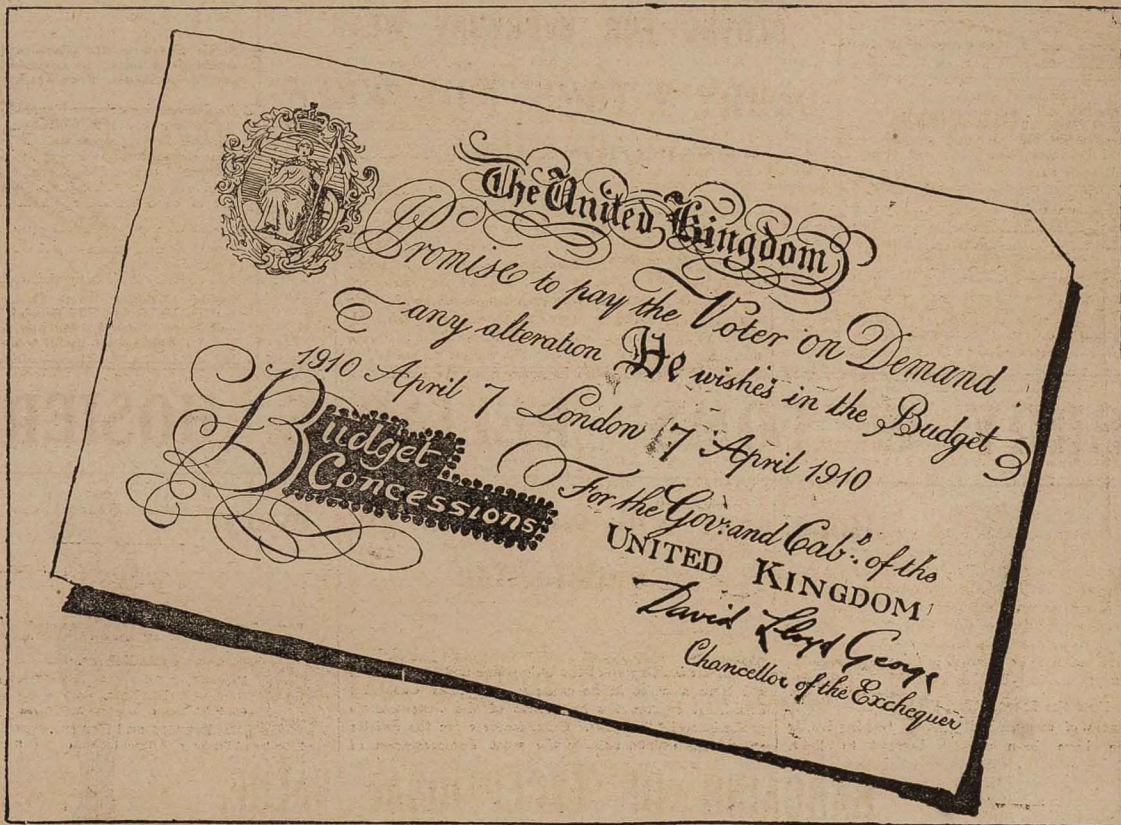
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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom; to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it; to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether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

THE OUTLOOK.

The opponents of Woman Suffrage are often found explaining to women how little good the vote would do them if they got it. The negotiations which have been proceeding between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Irish leaders, which "A Patriot" has so cleverly depicted for us in this week's cartoon, show how hollow are these assertions. When women have won the vote they will be

able to make conditions before consenting to give their support to the Government of the day. These conditions will include the raising of the status of women and the provision of better laws for the home, for the children, for the sick in body and mind, for the aged and for the outcast.

"Equal Rights for all Whites."

Inside the House of Commons the controversy on the constitutional issue continues and brings home with increasing clearness the wrong of excluding women from citizenship. On Tuesday night Mr. Winston Churchill referred to the Conservative cry in the case of the South African war as follows:—

The Right Hon. gentleman's party opposite plunged us into a great war in South Africa on a cry of "Equal rights for Whites." That is what we are seeking for in this country. We are seeking to make certain that a Liberal vote shall count as much as a Conservative vote, that a Nonconformist vote shall be as effective for the purposes of redressing his special grievance as a Churchman's vote, that a Free Trader's vote shall not count for less in national controversies than a Tariff Reformer's vote. That is what we are fighting for, and while that issue is on we have no fear of what the result may be.

Thus Mr. Churchill professes to base the Liberal position on the principle of "Equal rights for Whites," and all the while his Government stands in the way of the recognition that a woman, who is also a White, in a white country, shall have equal rights with a man. The truth is that Mr. Churchill and his fellow-members of the Cabinet are not really concerned with principles, but with such special pleading as they think will serve their own particular ends.

Prospects of a General Election.

It is still too soon to prophesy with any degree of certainty the succession of events in Parliament. The

constitutional Resolutions will have been disposed of in the Commons on Thursday after we have gone to press, and the closure Resolution on the Budget will be taken on Monday next. It is expected that Mr. Redmond will declare his intentions on that occasion, and that we may then know what are the prospects of a General Election in May or June.

A Special Campaign.

Another great milestone in the history of the movement will be reached on May 23, when from all over the country women will join in a concentrated demand for the vote, taking the form of a unique and representative procession and a public meeting in the Albert Hall. In preparation for this tremendous object-lesson a preparatory campaign of dimensions never before reached is now in progress. In London alone hundreds of meetings are now being held prominent among which are the Sunday afternoon rallies in all the principal parks and public places. The metropolis, already divided into districts, is being thoroughly worked, and in addition professional women and those engaged in various trades and occupations are being canvassed by special organisers. Everywhere the greatest interest and enthusiasm are exhibited.

A Liberal Comparison.

Compare with this the Liberals' Veto Campaign! The hypocrisy of it would be amusing if it were not so sure a proof of their defection from Liberal principles. This Veto campaign, the Liberal papers declare, is rousing the whole country. We read that scores of meetings are held; that they are enthusiastic; many thousands of people are

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE METROPOLIS.

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In London, as all over the country, the vigorous campaign with a view to widening the basis of circulation of Votes for Women starts to-day. On page 450 will be found details of interesting and novel schemes which will be carried out each day in the week. There is still room for volunteers, and if any Suffragette in London who has not yet taken her share will communicate with Miss Ainsworth, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., work will be at once found for her. *Helpers are wanted every day and all day!*

The next work is the preparation for the great procession of Saturday, May 28. London members must see to it that there is not a single man, woman, or child in London who does not know that Saturday, May 28, is to be one of the Red Letter Days of the movement. An article on the Demonstration appears on page 453, and on page 450 will be found news from the organisers in charge of the various groups. Women of London, come forward and help to swell the ranks of the great procession on May 28!

For the campaign a number of new speakers are wanted, and those anxious to qualify are reminded of the Speakers' Classes held weekly in London. One, by the kindness of the Misses Crakenbury, is held at 2, New Road, Campden Hill, on Saturdays at 4 p.m., when Miss Rosa Leo very kindly gives instruction. Members only are eligible, and an admission fee of 2d. is charged weekly. Miss Rosa Leo is organising a private class of 15 members, for Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. Open-air meetings have recommenced and furniture are wanted for work of all kinds. Those who can help during Votes for Women Week are asked to write at once to the Literature Secretary, Miss Warwick, Irydale, Surrey Road, Peckham Rye. All subscriptions overdue should be sent to the treasurer, Miss Walsh, 44, Bushey Hill Road, Camberwell.

Special means are being taken for making known the two free meetings in London on Mondays and Thursdays at the Queen's Hall and St. James's Hall respectively. Poster parades and other means of advertisement are being organised on those days, and Miss Hester will welcome volunteers at the W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Miss Dallas is in charge of the colours for the Procession. Those include banners, standards and flags. Will those who intend bringing their own banners let Miss Dallas (W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.) know how many they will bring, and send a description of them?

There are vacancies for three Drummers in the W.S.P.U. Drum and Pipe Band, also for a "Big Drummer" in the Big Band. Practices are held at Fussy Hall, Fussy Street, W.C., from 7 to 9 p.m., on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Band makes a point of parading before, and being present at, the Thursday evening meetings at St. James's Hall every week, and its engagements are filling up rapidly.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that in the list of Unions with shops printed in the Annual Report, Wimbledon was accidentally omitted. Readers are

CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Roberts, 21, Cavendish Gardens, Clapham Park.

BATTERSEA.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hudson, 80, Albert Palace Mansions, Battersea Park. For purposes of organisation Battersea has been divided into wards, with the following as captains: Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Statham, Miss Fraser, Mrs. Dutton, Miss Stanley. The Winstanley ward is still without a captain. Will anybody volunteer for this post? Canvassers are also needed, and volunteers will be welcome. The Misses Compton, Miss Doelma Moore, and Mrs. Bon are among those who have kindly promised to help at the Grand Dramatic and Musical Entertainment on May 4, and in aid of the funds a jumble sale will be held on May 2, at Brown's Dancing Academy. Contributions will be gladly received by Mrs. Bartlett, 3, Charlotte Place. Miss Willson has most kindly given a banner so that Battersea may be represented at the Queen's Hall meetings on Monday afternoons. There will be an outdoor meeting in Battersea Park on Sunday, April 17.

CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss C. Dawson, Red House, Newlands, Peckham Rye. Organiser—Miss Barbara Wylie, 4, Clements Inn. It has been decided to open an office in this district; nineteen members have guaranteed 8d. each per week towards the rent, and thanks are also due to Mrs. Westbrook for the promise of 10s. 6d. towards initial expenses. Who else will promise money or furniture? Open-air meetings have recommenced and volunteers are wanted for work of all kinds. Those who can help during Votes for Women Week are asked to write at once to the Literature Secretary, Miss Warwick, Irydale, Surrey Road, Peckham Rye. All subscriptions overdue should be sent to the treasurer, Miss Walsh, 44, Bushey Hill Road, Camberwell.

CHELSEA.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hale, 4, Trafalgar Studios, Chelsea, and Miss Barry. Will friends please note change of address? The premises are much larger, and members are invited to help to make the new offices (which have a shop window) attractive, and to volunteer to take charge in turn with Miss Barry, mornings or afternoons, up to 6 p.m. Paper-sellers are still wanted for Votes for Women Week. The scheme includes chalking the district.

CHISWICK.

Shop—476, High Road. Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. A. Coombes. Will all friends who will help with the special work during Votes for Women Week call at the shop for details of arrangements? The fancy dress dance arranged on Saturday last was a great success. The prizes were won by a lady, who represented a shepherdess, and a man who personated a lion. It is hoped to hand over a good balance to the treasurer.

best ever held in the district. ("A regular hot 'un!" and "A fine speaker—better every time I hear her" were two expressions of a general feeling that resulted in a record sale of papers.) Mrs. Sleight, Mrs. Friedlander, Miss Healey and Miss Jacobs are thanked for promises towards the Self-Denial "Home-made" Sale on April 25. Other offers will be very welcome.

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Rowe, 15, Hammersmith Terrace. Arrangements have been made for commencing the Sunday afternoon Open-air Meetings in Ravenscourt Park on April 17, when Mrs. Ellen O. Pitfield will be the speaker. Next Tuesday evening Miss Barrett will give an address on "How the Vote was Lost." Mrs. Ardenne in the chair. The Jumble Sale is fixed for May 3, will all who are interested in this movement kindly look up articles turned out in Spring-cleaning and send them to the office, 100, Hammersmith Road? They will be most gratefully received. At the weekly At Home on Tuesday, April 5, Mr. Gye gave an interesting address.

HAMPSTEAD.

Office—194, Finchley Road. Organiser—Miss Helen Groggs. Members are reminded that help is urgently needed all this week for canvassing, paper selling, and for the poster parade, which will leave the office at 3.15, to-morrow, Saturday. A Lending Library of Suffrage and other books is being formed in order to forward the propaganda work, and so render readily accessible all information on questions bearing on the Suffrage. As the success and value of such a library must depend largely upon voluntary support, will all who can give or lend suitable books kindly send them to the Librarian, at 154, Finchley Road? The Organiser gratefully acknowledges: Miss Smith, 6s.; Miss Row, 4s.; Mrs. George Gulich, 1s.; Mrs. Saul Solomon, 5s.; Miss Solomon, 2s.; Anon., 1s.; Miss F. Rowlett, 1s. For the Library, Anon., 1s.

FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss V. H. Friedlander, 129, Earham Grove. During Votes for Women Week the paper corps will concentrate on the following districts—April 15, Iford (afternoon), Forest Gate (evening); April 16, Stratford; April 20, Leyton; April 22, Liverpool Street. On the remaining three dates the corps will visit districts arranged by the Iford Union. Will helpers please meet for the first Victoria Park meeting on Sunday, April 17, at the Crown Gate at 2.45 p.m.? Mrs. Sleight's open-air meeting on Friday was one of the

Table with columns for dates (April 15-22) and lists of names and meeting details for various districts like Clapham, Battersea, Camberwell, Chelsea, Chiswick, Hampstead, and Hammersmith.

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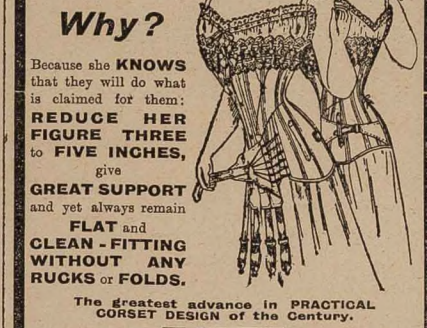
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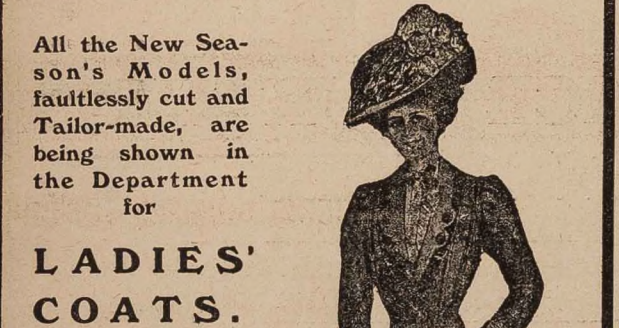
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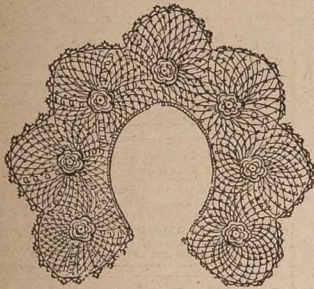
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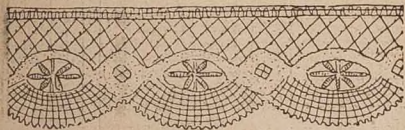
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