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Notes and Comments.

Mr. Asquith and Women's Suffrage.

In a letter to the *Manchester Guardian* of November 28th, Professor Geldart points out that Mr. Lloyd George's suggestion that the Prime Minister might possibly resign if Women's Suffrage were carried, was discounted by his own description of Mr. Asquith's position in the matter later in the course of the interview:—"His finest characteristic, perhaps, is his great loyalty. If he felt he was wrecking the party by his resistance to the Suffrage, I feel confident (although I am only speaking for myself) that he would not carry it to these lengths." We notice that Professor Geldart was impressed, as we were, with the effect created by Mr. George's speech at the interrupted Albert Hall meeting in 1910, and that he urges the Chancellor of the Exchequer to continue to speak on Women's Suffrage, not shrinking "from a course which he is prepared to urge upon his colleagues."

The Position of the Liberal Party—

A curious document issued by the Anti-suffrage League has recently been sent to us. It is headed "The Liberal Party and Women's Suffrage—Strong opposition by Leaders and Members," and is being sent to Parliamentary candidates. Who are these "Leaders and Members" of the Liberal party, whose opposition to Women's Suffrage is being quoted to influence candidates at the next election? They are Mr. Asquith, Miss Violet Markham, and Mr. Gladstone, i.e., one live man, one dead man, and a woman. This is indeed impressive. Is Miss Markham a "Leader" or a "Member," we wonder? And is it altogether right of her to be terrorising candidates for Parliament when she is, by her sex, fundamentally incapable of understanding the questions they will have to decide? Ought not she (and Miss Pott, who sends out the circular) to bow to the superior wisdom of the men in the Liberal Party, of whom (according to Mr. Acland) half of those in the Cabinet are Suffragists; as are also 18 to 3 of those who are members of the Government but not of the Cabinet?

And of the Labour Party.

In spite, however, of the figures given by Mr. Acland, we think that critics of the N.U. policy towards the Liberal and the Labour parties will have to take into consideration (e.g.) the reply of the Liberal candidate for S. Lanark to questions about Women's Suffrage which we published last week, comparing it with the passage quoted from the election address of the Labour candidate, which will be found in the report from our Lanark organisers. They may also note that Sir Victor Horsley was too good a Suffragist for the Harborough Liberal caucus, but Mr. Costello is not too bad an Anti-suffragist for that of North Islington. The latter, it is interesting to know, is so earnestly opposed to Women's Suffrage that he is never going to mention the subject in public again. We had no idea that this was really a good way of converting one's opponents. At least, we did not know that it was so clearly understood by Anti-suffragists that the less they said the better it was for their cause.

Lord Robert Cecil at the London Society's Reception.

Lord Robert Cecil spoke at the reception at the Westminster Palace Hotel last Friday (November 28th), and urged the organization of the women's municipal vote on Suffrage lines. The suggestion is one of very great interest and importance, but up to the present the N.U.W.S.S. has taken no official line on the subject. Many of its members feel the strongest repugnance to following the bad example of men, and running municipal elections on political lines. On the other hand, many would agree with Lord Robert that a man who is "wrong on the Suffrage question" will be "wrong on all questions connected with women," and therefore cannot truly represent them in any way. We publish a letter from Lord Robert Cecil in our correspondence columns.

The Housing Commission in Dublin.

Following on the appalling figures given by Sir Charles Cameron as to the number of families living in one-room tenements in Dublin, we learn that, in the opinion of the same authority, "worse conditions exist elsewhere," notably in London. We remind our readers that (1) between 7,000 and 8,000 families live in single rooms; (2) a number of houses recently collapsed, from sheer rottenness; (3) the evidence before the Commission shows 10,000 families living "in unhealthy

conditions" (Dr. McWalter's evidence), among them "a large house" containing 88 people, and another with 93 (Local Government Board Inspector's evidence); (4) houses which had been condemned and closed were re-opened and inhabited now. If London, or any other city, really justifies Sir Charles Cameron's assertion that housing conditions are as bad there as in Dublin, what Anti-suffragist will go on thinking "Woman's place is the home" a sufficient answer to Suffrage claims?

The Value of Property—and Life.

Mrs. Fawcett, speaking at West Hartlepool (November 28th), called attention to the sentence of seven years' penal servitude passed on one man in connection with the great Pearl Necklace Case. "Stealing pearls is a reprehensible thing," she said, "but it is not in any degree so mischievous and vile an act towards society, towards the nation as a whole, compared with the wretched traffic in souls and bodies of children that goes on under what is known as the white slave traffic."

The Bishop of Kensington on Forcible Feeding.

We publish elsewhere a letter sent by the Federation of Northern Men to the Bishop of Kensington, thanking him for his protest against forcible feeding. We believe that Suffragists, almost without exception, will desire to associate themselves with this expression of gratitude. The Bishop's letter to the *Times* on this subject was a noble and (may we add?) a more Christian document than the brief reply of the Dean of St. Paul's, which contained no further attempt at argument than that people who disapproved of torture approved the crimes for which torture was inflicted, and that this made them obviously fit for Bedlam. We respectfully remind the Dean that, though the argument that those who disagree with one are mad is at least old enough to be chronicled in the first years of the Christian Church, the precedent is not an altogether happy one for a Christian controversialist.

"A Brutalising Torture."

The *British Journal of Nursing* asserts that forcible feeding in prison, whether employed as a punitive measure or not, "is a demoniacal and brutalising torture, to which no human being in a civilised country should be subjected." We trust that the protest against subjecting "any human being" to torture makes it clear that neither the *Journal of Nursing* (nor THE COMMON CAUSE is defending arson, but that they disapprove of torturing "any human being."

The Effect of Unequal Pay.

The *Daily Citizen* publishes an account of the way in which "cheap labour" (by women) is being used instead of more expensive men. This vicious competition, not of efficiency but of cheapness, will go on as long as the principle of equal pay for equal work is denied. The men demand a minimum of 25s. a week. The women accept less, "are docile, and even consider themselves well paid." Here is the insidious workhouse taint! Women are accustomed to hold themselves cheap, and their own low estimate of themselves reacts disastrously on the men. They are probably quite as good carriers—for the *Citizen's* contention that the carrying of weights makes the work unsuitable for women will not hold water, in view of the fact that in Switzerland women do most of the carrying of heavy weights where portage is necessary, and are none the worse for it—but that they "consider themselves well paid" at a lower rate is the real mischief.

We rejoice to hear of the protest made by the Association of Registered Medical Women against the proposal of the report of the Departmental Committee on Reformatories and Industrial Schools, that women medical inspectors should be paid £350-£500 a year, as against £500-£700 for men, "especially having regard to the fact that the report itself suggested that the work of a woman medical inspector would in some cases be more valuable than that of a male medical inspector."—(*British Medical Journal*, Supplement, Nov. 22nd.)

Anti-Suffragist Valuation of a Woman's Work.

The late Queen Victoria (who was an Anti-suffragist) commended a bachelor Archbishop to marry. "You can then," she pointed out, "dismiss two curates."

MR. ACLAND ON WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

"The Liberalism of the Future."

Speaking to a meeting of Young Liberals at Farnworth, on November 27th, Mr. Acland said:—

I think that by far the most important thing that we have yet to do with regard to completing our democratic machinery is to enfranchise women. (Cheers.) I notice that my friend Mr. Lloyd George has recently said that militancy has put back the cause of Women's Suffrage. That statement is perfectly true, but I do not think it is quite the whole truth. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has been so busy with his glorious work with regard to the land that he is not perhaps quite up-to-date on the subject. In saying that I suggest, of course, no sort of criticism. One can only feel how things are going by doing active work. Mr. Lloyd George has been otherwise engaged doing very splendid and active work with regard to the land, and he has had no time to feel the pulse of the community on the question of Women's Suffrage. It so happens that I have spoken a good deal on the subject in the early part of the year, and again recently, and I find now a much saner view prevails generally about militancy. In the spring people were saying: "So long as militancy continues we will absolutely refuse to consider the question on its merits."

A Necessary Extension of Democracy.

But now, though people regard militancy as just as foolish and criminal as before, yet I believe they are beginning to get a little bored with it, and people are feeling that they are bound to consider the question of the extension of the Suffrage and of citizenship to women seriously, as a necessary extension of democracy, in spite of the fact that there is a little militant madness every now and then. The Liberal audiences that I have been happy to address realise, of course, that the Government can do nothing further during this Parliament, because the Cabinet is equally divided on the subject.

But there is a growing determination that Women's Suffrage on a democratic basis must be an essential part of the Liberalism of the future. I am proud that it is an accepted part of the policy of the League of Young Liberals. I should not have been President of this branch and President of the central branch in London if it had not been so. I believe that if great Liberal leaders will lead on this subject as on others there will be a tremendous response from the country. It is possible to lay down the lines of future advance at the present time, and I say for myself—and I hope there are others of far more importance than I—that I shall be unable permanently to adhere to a Liberalism which refuses to treat women as citizens. (Cheers.)

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON VENEREAL DISEASES.

The terms of reference for the Royal Commissioners on Venereal Diseases run, it will be remembered, as follows:—

"To inquire into the prevalence of venereal diseases in the United Kingdom, their effects upon the health of the community, and the means by which those effects can be alleviated or prevented, it being understood that no return to the policy or provision of the Contagious Diseases Acts of 1864, 1866, or 1869 is to be regarded as falling within the scope of this inquiry."

Those who know anything of the history of moral reform will not be surprised to hear that the terms of reference must not be regarded as obviating all danger of a return to a discredited principle. Dr. Helen Wilson sends us the following note:—

"Among the proposals that will be laid before the Commission, there may be some which would insidiously re-introduce 'the policy or provisions of the C. D. Acts.' To these we must apply the 'touchstone,' given us in 1904, by the late Right Hon. (then Professor) James Stuart, President of the International Abolitionist Federation. He said that about any new proposal we should ask:—

"(1) Does it tend to make of women, or of any women, a special class?"

"(2) Does it tend to place them under police control?"

"(3) Does it tend towards re-establishing the compulsory visit?"

"These are the features of the system of regulation, and, if a proposal sins in any of these, we are against it; if it does not, we are open to consider it on its merits. And in connection with every proposal which comes before us we have to ask not only is it intended fairly, but will it operate fairly?"

"Some readers will ask, 'What about compulsory notification, or compulsory detention?' To which we reply, any proposal that is made must apply all round, to men and women, rich and poor. If your scheme provides for the impartial notification or detention of every sufferer, then we will consider it on its merits. But we will have no compulsion applying only to a special class, or a special section."

THE NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION.

The National Liberal Federation met in Leeds on November 26th and 27th. On the evening of the latter date the Prime Minister addressed a mass meeting of his supporters in the Coliseum. Owing to the fear of militant interruptions, only a very few selected women were admitted, and all tickets were carefully scrutinised, the streets surrounding the building being in the occupation of the police (mounted and on foot). When it became known, a few months ago, that the Prime Minister was expected in the city, a request was made that he should receive a deputation of representatives from the Leeds Women's

Suffrage Society. Mr. Asquith refused, on the ground that his time in Leeds was "fully occupied," and he had recently received a deputation of the N.U.W.S.S. in London. A resolution passed unanimously at a meeting on the 26th inst. was, therefore, forwarded to Mr. Asquith. A deputation of West Riding working-men belonging to different Trade Unions also made application for an interview with Mr. Asquith on the same subject, but without success.

At the meetings of the Federation, the N.U. leaflets, "To men and women of the Liberal Party," were freely distributed. The occasion has been marked by the formation of a Yorkshire branch of the Liberal Women's Suffrage Union, whose policy will be to afford every possible aid to Liberal Suffrage candidates for Parliament. The members are pledged in writing not to give any help to Anti-suffragists.

A meeting of the Women's Liberal Associations was held in the Philosophical Hall on November 27th, and the following resolution was passed with one dissident (who was recognised as the paid organising Secretary of the Anti-suffrage Society):—

"That this Conference of Liberal women calls upon the Government to take means, at the earliest opportunity, towards granting the Parliamentary vote to women, and placing the Parliamentary and local franchise on an equitable basis, enabling married women to vote for, and be candidates for, town and County Councils outside London.

"And, furthermore, that this Conference, while recording its abhorrence of the violent tactics of the small section of militant suffragists, desires to express its confidence in the faithful continuance of support and assistance from friends to women's suffrage in the House of Commons, whose devoted adherence to the true spirit of Liberalism, as shown in the maintenance of peace and in such Acts as 'Old Age Pensions,' 'Minimum Wages,' 'National Insurance,' 'The Children's Charter,' and 'Criminal Law Amendment,' and in the new proposals for Land and Housing Reform, is to-day the highest guarantee to Englishwomen in their steadfast endeavours towards political freedom."

THE BANKRUPTCY AND DEEDS OF ARRANGEMENT ACT 1913

The 12th section of the above Act, which is to come into force on April 1st next, contains four important alterations of the law of bankruptcy in relation to married women. They may be summarised as follows:—

(i) Married women who carry on a trade or business, whether separately from their husbands or not, are made subject to the bankruptcy laws as if they were unmarried. Under the Married Woman's Property Act, 1882, married women were only subject to the bankruptcy laws if they were carrying on trade separately from their husbands, and even then only in respect of their separate property.

(ii) A judgment against a trading married woman is made available for bankruptcy proceedings against her by a bankruptcy notice, whether or not expressed to be payable out of her separate estate. A bankruptcy notice requires personal payment by the debtor of the judgment debt, and was therefore not available on a judgment which did not bind the debtor personally to pay, but which was only payable out of her separate estate. Failure to comply with a bankruptcy notice is an act of bankruptcy, on which a bankruptcy petition may be founded.

(iii) The Court may order the income arising from property subject to a restraint on anticipation to be paid to the trustee in bankruptcy in whole or in part, regard being paid to the means of subsistence available for the bankrupt and her children. Formerly such property vested in the trustee, but, till the removal of the restraint, i.e., the death of the husband in the life of the wife, the whole income was payable to the bankrupt and not to the trustee.

(iv) A husband who has lent his wife money for the purposes of her trade is not to receive any dividend until all the claims of the other creditors for value have been satisfied. A similar provision is contained in Section 3 of the Married Woman's Property Act, 1882, as to loans from a wife to her husband. Husband and wife are now put on the same footing. Both are deferred creditors.

These provisions go a long way to equalise the position of trading married women with men in relation to the bankruptcy laws. A non-trading married woman, unless she has obtained a separation or protection order, or her husband is a convict, is still not subject to them. As the bankruptcy laws were invented as much for the benefit of debtors, to enable them to make a fresh start in life, as of creditors, to secure the equal division of all available assets, this is an injustice. In so far as the enactment does away with anomalies under which trading married women benefited, it is to be welcomed as removing them from a position of intolerable indignity.

FABIAN RESEARCH DEPARTMENT AND THE INSURANCE ACT.

Mr. Sidney Webb (37, Norfolk Street, W.C.), asks for information with regard to the administration of the Insurance Act, with regard to (1) refusal of Sickness Benefit to women during incapacity to work caused by pregnancy; (2) restriction of Sickness Benefit in pregnancy and maternity to a maximum of four weeks; (3) refusal to continue Sickness Benefit on the ground that the patient is breaking the rules or "working" (i.e., looking after her children); (4) refusal on the ground that the patient is doing "some" work; (5) failure to provide "adequate medical attendance and treatment"; (6) failure to provide adequate provision for tuberculous patients; (7) refusal of benefits on the ground of "misconduct"; (8) expulsion from Approved Society—e.g., on the ground of "withholding material information."

The Fabian Research Department has reason to believe that the full benefits allowed by the law are in some instances like the above not being given, and would be glad of information.

A HARDSHIP REMEDIED.

A member of the Chester-le-Street Suffrage Society has been the means of accomplishing a useful piece of work with regard to the support of illegitimate male children by putative fathers. The local magistrates of that district fixed 13 years as the age at which such fathers should cease to contribute to the support of their offspring. This was a great hardship to the mother, since according to regulations in Durham, it is extremely difficult for boys under 14 years to obtain employment in that county.

A letter published in the local weekly newspaper attracted but little attention, but by the courtesy of the editor of the *Chester-le-Street Chronicle*, "An Open Letter to the Magistrates" was inserted. The letter has borne fruit. At the first sitting of the Court on November 5th the first order made was that the putative father should contribute towards the maintenance of his son until the age of 14 years. It was announced, moreover, that, in future, 14 years should be the usual age named in such cases.

MUNICIPAL LODGING-HOUSE FOR WOMEN IN BRISTOL.

Adult Schools, which seek to be centres for friendship, study, and service for men and women, are often able to make way for useful advances in municipal work. Only last week the Municipality of Bristol purchased a house which is to be opened as a Municipal Lodging-House for Women, a provision badly needed, and very sparsely provided in all our cities. Two years ago, Bristol's fifty Adult Schools began to work for this, and soon called to co-operate with them twenty-one other Societies, including Suffrage organisations. Mrs. Higgs, of Oldham, willingly came to speak for them, and full particulars of the need of the casual woman for a clean and decent lodging were soon placed before the Health Committee of the city. Another great meeting presided over by the Duchess of Marlborough was held recently, and the enterprise will, it is hoped, soon be in working order.

CHRISTMAS SALES.

All members of the Glasgow Society are urged to make a point of visiting the Women's Work Exhibition, to be held from December 1-13, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be a selection of the newest Suffrage literature, from which to choose Christmas presents. Mrs. Fawcett's "Five Famous Frenchwomen," Mrs. Swanwick's "Future of the Woman's Movement," and Mr. Laurence Housman's "Blue Moon," with other interesting books, can be seen. Christmas cards, portraits of our favourite speakers, stationery, labels, and so on will be there, artistic jewelled trifles made in Suffrage Colours by Miss Gladys Baylis will be among the novelties. The Diary and Hand-book, in its red and its green binding, will be on sale, so that every Suffragist can provide herself with this indispensable companion for 1914, and promote the happiness of her friends in the New Year by presentation copies.

WOMEN AS OMNIBUS CONDUCTORS.

It is reported from New York that a new company (of which Mr. Thomas A. Edison is the head) introducing motor-omnibuses will employ women as conductors. It is thought that women will be politer than male conductors.

MR. HOBSON'S REPLY TO MRS. SWANWICK.

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NEWS FROM ABROAD.

FINLAND.

The *Woman's Journal* reports: "One of the women members of the Finnish Parliament, Dr. Thekla Hultin, has been suspended from her parliamentary duties for six months by the Russian Government, to punish her for attending a meeting of the Anglo-Finnish Society while in England lately. The Society is not a revolutionary organisation, but literary and social, and the few words that Dr. Hultin spoke at its meeting had nothing to do with politics. Her suspension is rightly regarded as an outrage."

HUNGARY.

War Medals for Women.

The war medal of 1912-13 has been awarded to all who performed military duties on the frontier, and as in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the postal and telegraph services are under military control, their employers are also eligible, so that we have the somewhat rare event of several women workers who operated the telephone at Sarajevo being decorated with war medals.

A League of Housewives.

In consequence of the high prices of food in Buda-Pesth, a new union of "Haziasszonyko" (housewives) has been formed, with the object of trying to regulate the price of provisions and generally of ameliorating the conditions of family life. The founders of this union lay stress on the importance of women's political rights as one means of achieving their aim.

SWEDEN.

A deputation consisting of representatives from various Women's Societies has recently interviewed the Swedish Government in connection with the question of the State regulation of vice. It presented a petition from the Women's Abolition Committee praying for the abolition of State regulation, and also a resolution, in the same sense, passed last Spring at a great meeting of women and signed by delegates from nineteen societies. In the absence of the Prime Minister, Civil Minister Schotte (Home Secretary) stated that the opinion of all the medical organisations had not yet been received; there was, therefore, little likelihood that the question could be raised in 1914; the Government would do all it could in the matter, but he held out no hopes that anything could be done until 1915.

The women of Sweden, who may hope to obtain their enfranchisement next year, are now making great efforts to educate public opinion. The Swedish paper, *Rosträtt for Kvinno*, says: "Against the justice of this, the women's claim, no objection could be made; but the opponents of Women's Suffrage entrench themselves behind the assertion that women do not desire this responsibility." In order to give the Swedish women opportunity to meet this assertion, the Association for Women's Political Suffrage, through their local Associations, have spread "Opinion lists" over the whole country, to be signed by every woman who desires political suffrage and eligibility, and by this means great interest in the Cause has been created everywhere.

The situation in Sweden is very hopeful. In 1912 the Lower House passed a Suffrage Bill by 140 votes to 66, and the Upper House rejected it by 86 to 58 votes. Women taxpayers, however, already have an indirect voice in the formation of the Upper House through the Landsting, the body that elects the Upper House, and in which women have a vote. Therefore, if a minority for the Conservative Party is returned to the Landsting, the success of the Bill for Women's Suffrage in 1914 would be assured.

POLAND.

Madame Melanie Berson, President of the Polish Women's Suffrage Committee, writes: "I send you a short paragraph for your paper: A Men's League for Women's Suffrage is now organised in our country. The president is our old friend and supporter, the venerable professor of the Politechnic, M. Pawlewski; eminent men, such as his excellency Tchovinnicks, and many others, are members of the League. The League has organised a great meeting together with the Women's Suffrage Societies, thousands of people filling and overflowing the great Hall have passed a resolution that our Polish Diet grant Suffrage to women on the same terms as to men. The Polish Suffrage Committee has presented a petition signed by a large number of women's organisations, which the delegates will present to the members of the Diet."

ABC OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

"FOR ONE—AND ALL."

There is a type of even fairly intelligent woman who is strangely apathetic towards the cause of Women's Suffrage. It is the woman who has a comfortable home, who is married to a good husband, and whose children are healthy and happy. She cannot see why there is so much fuss about such an insignificant thing as a vote! Politics do not affect her personally; so how can such things affect women at all? Quite enough—she argues—if women look after their homes and children fairly well. Women, as the child-bearers of the race are not meant for politics or social reform,

BUT, IF SHE HAD NO COMFORTABLE HOME,
—and were obliged, from poverty, to work in factory or sweated trade, and could not earn even a living wage—then she would begin to think that the means of altering this, (namely, the vote) would be
THE GREATEST BLESSING TO ALL WOMEN.

Again, this woman might look at the matter from a different point of view, if, instead of a happy home, her mate for life was unfaithful, or a deserter or drunkard. Then she might think it high time that all women roused themselves so that she should have the means of release. She would urge, with Suffragists, that the

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The Montessori Principles and Practice.

By E. P. CULVERWELL. (Geo. Bell & Sons. 3s. 6d. net.)

The dangers of gulping down a new thing, and especially such an attractive new thing as the Montessori method, are very clearly set forth by E. P. Culverwell in "The Montessori Principles and Practice." Again and again the author points out the fatal effects of too easy an acceptance of a method, and again and again he goes back to the principles underlying the system only to question them. And if he emerges, after these questionings, always agreeing with Madame Montessori, it is none the less interesting to follow him through them.

There are, after all, several very serious principles underlying the "method," and they are worth attention; for, incredible though it is, we do not yet know, after all these centuries, what it is we want for our children, far less how to try to get it! Madame Montessori has settled what she wants, and has developed a very sure way of getting it, and before we accept her charming methods we ought really to understand where they will lead us.

The whole system is based on liberty and spontaneity: children are to do everything they possibly can for themselves, and, above all, they are to take their own mental exercise, unhelped, from the age of two onwards. They love it, when left to themselves, just as they love physical exercise, and nothing is more fascinating than to watch their faces as they struggle with their self-appointed tasks. But for all her love of liberty, Madame Montessori is a rigorous disciplinarian. Her children feel free, but they are not: they feel unhelped, but of course their whole environment, and the world in which they take their unrestricted mental and physical exercise, is carefully chosen for them, and suited to their infant needs. In this way, Madame Montessori claims, discipline can be superseded by good habits, and its painful terrors utterly destroyed. She insists that anti-social tendencies must be instantly crushed if, in spite of all the negative discipline, they show their evil heads; and her system of crushing is not very different from that of any careful teacher—gentleness, confidence, and sympathy.

The other great guiding principle is that before children can be guided they must be studied. Psychology and Physiology have such alarming names that one recoils from them, and psychological pedagogy is almost impossible; yet as a matter of fact these horrid things are full of importance, and even the brief elementary chapters in this book are of absorbing interest. The connections between the hand and the brain and the tongue in a young infant are really of practical importance, for how shall we give the right playthings if we do not realize—to take one small example—that an infant can deal far better with a huge than with a tiny object? But it will be long before Madame Montessori and her followers will force parents and nurses to study Physiology: meanwhile, fortunately, infants will grab for the larger things, for they have a healthy tendency to look after themselves—a tendency upon which the whole Montessori system is based. But interest in the system must not be allowed to obscure the book itself, which is, on the whole, a good and clear exposition, and a valuable addition to Montessori literature.

RAY STRACHEY.

The Gardener.

THE CRESCENT MOON. By Rabindranath Tagore. (Macmillan. 4s. 6d. each.)

On the whole, the lyrics contained in "The Gardener," which were written, says Mr. Tagore in his preface, much earlier than those in Gitanjali, were not worth publishing. There is too much of this sort of thing:—

"Your feet are rosy-red with the glow of my heart's desire, gleaner of my sunset songs!
Your lips are bitter-sweet with the taste of my wine of pain."

But a few of the poems, such as Nos. 8, 13, 53, and 62, have great loveliness and individuality, showing that Mr. Tagore could, in his youth, create as delicate an atmosphere in a few words as he did later in Gitanjali:—

"When the lamp went out by my bed,
I woke up with the early birds. . . ."

"The young traveller came along the road in the rosy mist of the morning.

He stopped before my door, and asked me, with an eager cry,
'Where is she?'
For very shame I could not say, 'She is I, young traveller, she is I.'—(p. 18.)

The same simplicity and beauty are to be found in THE CRESCENT MOON; and here a very little selection would have brought the whole book up to the standard of those delightful child-poems: "The Hero," "The Little Big Man," "Vocation," "Authorship," and "Fairyl-land."

"The watchman swings his lantern, and walks with his shadow at his side, and never once goes to bed in his life.
'I wish I were a watchman, walking the streets all night, chasing the shadows with my lantern.'—(p. 51.)

Of the eight illustrations in colour reproduced from the drawings of four artists (one of them the poet's brother), the most charming are the frontispiece, "The Beginning," "The Merchant," and "The Hero." They possess a purity of line and of colour that is lacking to "Paper Boat" and "Benediction." "The Home" is an effective drawing marred by an unconvincing toy horse which disturbs the design; and "Fairyl-land," though quite attractive, is not worthy of its accompanying poem. E. B. C. J.

December Magazines.

Nineteenth Century.—One of the leading papers treats of "The Prospects of Women as Brain Workers," by Mrs. W. L. Courtney. A thoughtful paper of interest to all women workers, recommending business enterprise as a desirable opening for the special aptitudes of women.

Fortnightly Review.—Noteworthy to those who have always disapproved of militancy is the criticism of Mrs. Billington Greig, an early militant, on the weakness of the policy which produces, or would produce, "artificial martyrs."

The Englishwoman this month contains a remarkable article by Mr. Philip Snowden on the "Present Position of the Women's Suffrage Movement," full of interesting and suggestive thoughts which all Suffragists would do well to read and ponder seriously. In it Mr. Snowden emphasises the fact that it is the Suffragist members of the Cabinet, "and, in a measure, the Suffragist Liberals in the House of Commons," who are "mainly responsible for the failure to carry Women's Suffrage through the House of Commons some time during the past two or three years." "Militancy" (he maintains) has had an injurious effect upon the Cause, and although Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Lloyd George may have exaggerated this effect in order to excuse their own lack of zeal in the past, and their present inactivity in regard to Women's Suffrage, he believes it would be fatal for constitutional Suffragists to ignore the truth that "militancy" is a drag upon the movement. He advises Suffragists to demonstrate to the public that "militancy" is an anti-Suffrage campaign, and, to quote his own words, that militants "are the most powerful arrow in the quiver of the Anti-suffrage League."

Miss Mary Lowndes's article on "Ancient Stained Glass" can be read with profit and pleasure by the ordinary reader as well as by the craftsman. "Chinese Women and Foot Binding" affords another illustration of the great difficulties in the path of every movement for removing restrictions upon the progress of women. Suffragists will not be slow to perceive the analogy between the arguments for foot-binding and those of the Anti-suffrage League against votes for women. Miss Helen Frazer's account of the Women's Home in Glasgow shows what can be done by cities to raise the level of morality and decency amongst the poorest of its citizens. "Three Years of Bee-keeping," by M. A. Wigley, is written with considerable charm and humour, giving the writer's personal practical experience. In "Echoes" reference is made to the "Queenie Gerald" case in order to show the urgent need for the State registration of nurses if the public is to be protected from an insidious danger.

Jus Suffragii.—The December number of *Jus Suffragii* will include a special book review Supplement, besides reports of the Suffrage movement in France, Bohemia, the United States, Belgium, and elsewhere. All Suffragists should care enough for the International side of the movement to read the International paper. (4s. a year, from 7, Adam Street, W.C.)

Books Received.

- THE GREEN ENIGMA. By Stewart Caven. (Howard Latimer. 6s.)
FIVE YEARS AND A MONTH. By Mrs. Morris Wood. (Duckworth. 6s.)
YOUNG DELINQUENTS. By Mary G. Barnett. With preface by Sir John Gorst. (Methuen. 3s. 6d.)
ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS. By Charles Launspach. (Heath, Cranton & Ouseley. 6s.)
SIMPLE GARMENTS FOR CHILDREN. By M. B. Syngé. (Longmans, Green. 3s. 6d.)
THE RUT. By E. Hamilton Moore. (Erskine Macdonald. 6s.)
MONTESORI PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE. By E. P. Culverwell. (Bell. 3s. 6d.)
THE CINEMA BOOKS: (1) SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET. (2) LIFE AND REIGN OF VICTORIA THE GOOD. By May Wynne. (Stanley Paul. 1s. each net.)
SOCIAL WELFARE IN NEW ZEALAND. By Hugh H. Lusk. (Heinemann. 6s. net.)
THE TRUE OPHELIA. By an Actress. (Sidgwick & Jackson. 2s. 6d. net.)
WOMEN OF THE CELL AND CLOISTER. By Ethel Roit Wheeler. (Methuen. 5s. net.)
THE COMPANIES' DIARY AND AGENDA BOOK. Edited by Jesse H. Davenport. (Jordan & Sons, Ltd. 2s. 6d. net.)
THE GOLDEN RULE CALENDAR. By Marion Howard Fox. (Arthur L. Humphreys. 6d. net.)
ALONE IN WEST AFRICA. By Mary Gaunt. (T. Werner Laurie, Ltd. 7s. 6d. net.)
THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES. By Jennie L. Wilson, LL.B. (10s.)
WAR AND WOMEN. By Mrs. St. Clair Stobart. (G. Bell & Sons. 3s. 6d. net.)
SAMANTHA ON THE WOMAN QUESTION. By Marietta Holley. (Revell. 3s. 6d. net.)
STEP CHILDREN OF NATURE. By Alexandra Watson. (Howard Latimer. 6s.)
MARGARET ETHEL MACDONALD, A MEMOIR. By J. Ramsay Macdonald. (Hodder & Stoughton.)
THE WEAKEST LINK. By Harold Begbie. (N.C.E.F.C. 1s. net.)
THE EVERYDAY VEGETABLE BOOK. By F. K. (Stanley Paul & Co. 1s. net.)
CONVENTS IN ENGLAND, A PLEA FOR STATE INSPECTION. By Elizabeth Sloan Chesser. (Protestant Reformation Society. 1d.)
BROKEN-DOWN MOTORS. By "S." 6d.
THE OLD-FASHIONED WOMAN. By Elsie Clews Parsons, Ph.D. (Putnam. 6s.)
REARING AN IMPERIAL RACE. Edited by C. E. Hecht. (St. Catherine Press. 7s. 6d.)
THE ROAD TO THE OPEN. By Arthur Schnitzler. (Howard Latimer. 6s.)
THE GOLDEN RULE CALENDAR. Extracts from well-known writers on the Promotion of Peace, collected by Marion Howard Fox. (Humphreys. 6d.)

Correspondence.

PROTECTION OF MOTHERHOOD.

MADAM,—I welcome Miss Maude Berry's interesting letter, criticising the scheme for Mother Protection which I outlined in THE COMMON CAUSE of October 24th. Whilst approving most of the suggestions put forward, Miss Berry considers that the establishment of an extended scheme of universal contributory insurance for motherhood will encourage irresponsible fatherhood and add to the women's burden. The proposal, however, is simply to devise special securities for mother and child, some measure of protection for women during the months of the child's absolute dependence upon her. Under our present system, it is economically impossible for hundreds of thousands of women to fulfil their natural function of child nurture. The infant mortality problem can only be solved by Protection of Motherhood, and the birth-rate decline can best be met by the care and culture, if necessary the endowment, of motherhood.

Miss Berry also objects to the proposal of a scheme of education for motherhood in girls' schools, on the grounds that many women must remain single, and that it would be kinder to allow maternal instincts to lie dormant, if these are not to have an opportunity of being satisfied. As the medical officer of a Mothers' Club and Babies' Welcome for two years, I had the opportunity of realising the effect of mother ignorance on infant morbidity and infant mortality. The vast majority of girls marry and become mothers; a certain proportion of the remainder will have, at some period of their lives, to undertake the care of children. The national loss sustained as a result of the ignorance of women in general on child management has never even approximately been estimated. Our present system of education involves a tremendous waste of public money. Surely a knowledge of hygiene, especially of child hygiene, ought to be an essential part of every woman's education, to whatever class she may belong. That some women must always remain "unsatisfied," so far as the maternal function is concerned, is hardly a practical objection. At the same time, the promoters of the Mother Protection Scheme welcome suggestions and criticism. The ultimate test of the worth of Woman's Suffrage must be, in part at least, judged by its effect in uplifting motherhood, in reducing the statistics of still-birth and infant mortality in the country. Here we get to the source of life; we touch upon the foundations of racial regeneration; and that is surely the aim of all social reformers.

ELIZABETH SLOAN CHESSEY, M.D.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE AND MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

MADAM,—I am very glad to see that in THE COMMON CAUSE a correspondence is proceeding on "Women's Suffrage and Municipal Elections." May I venture to present some reasons why it seems to me that insufficient use has been made of the Municipal vote to advance the cause of Women's Suffrage.

The great difficulty of our cause is the party system by the operation of which any measure not forming part of the programme of one of the two great parties in the State is exposed to very grave Parliamentary difficulties. Now, the party system ultimately rests upon the party caucus in each constituency, since it is their function to settle what candidates shall be allowed to stand for election. Theoretically, of course, anyone who chooses to pay the returning officer's expenses may be a candidate for any seat. Practically, without the organisation of some party at his back he is, except for very special circumstances, quite powerless to secure election. If, therefore, a real hold can be formed upon the local party organisations by the advocates of the enfranchisement of women, a very effective means would be obtained for putting pressure upon Parliamentary candidates and members. No one who knows the facts will doubt that such a hold can be secured through the Municipal Elections, and particularly in boroughs. It is the legitimate ambition of those who are active in their party's cause, and therefore members of the party organisation, to obtain seats on the Municipal Councils, and it will consequently be found that quite a large proportion of Municipal Councillors are also members of the organisations of their parties. If the women's vote was organised in the Municipal Elections so that in any close contest no one had a chance of success who was not in favour of Women's Suffrage, the local party organisers would begin to regard Women's Suffrage as a cause which had great claims upon their support.

Naturally the success of any such plan as this depends upon the success which may attend the effort to organise the Women's Municipal vote. But I firmly believe that that is not nearly so hard a matter as some people think. One of the present great difficulties in interesting women in the Cause is that there is no definite step which the majority of them can take in its furtherance. If they were told that their existing Constitutional powers could be used with that object, it would give a reality and actuality to the whole movement which in their eyes, at present, it sometimes lacks. ROBERT CECIL.

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO BE PRESENT IN COURT.

MADAM,—Miss MacMillan's letter will be of great value to women who feel uncertain of their right to attend Courts of Justice. But the difficulties to be encountered are not so much legal as the result of prejudice and convention. What is needed is to remove the idea of some Magistrates that women are not adult members of the public.

The ordinary practice of many Magistrates is not to exclude the public (by which they mean men), but to request women to withdraw,

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and to say to the police, "Turn them out," if they decline to go. In some cases they inquire into the motives of the women in a way that is never done with men, and in a manner which makes it impossible to believe their declaration that they exclude women out of consideration for their feelings. Again, some think that women are not adults and that, like Peter Pan, we never grow up. One London magistrate, in answer to a protest from the Pass-the-Bill Committee, told them that he always excluded boys at the same time as women, and that, in his opinion, the saying, "Maxima reverentia puero debetur," should be extended to women. One wonders to what sex this magistrate supposes the women in the dock belong.

Until someone has time and money enough to bring an action for assault against the constables who push them out of court, I suggest that as many women as possible make experimental attendances at police courts, withdrawing when requested under protest, and asking if men are also being excluded. They should be on their guard against accepting any privileged position, or justifying their position by pleading any special interest or good motive, or on any ground but that of their right as members of the public.

I shall be very glad to give information to any of your readers as to the best courts to attend in London. It is only fair to add that some magistrates do not exclude women, and one well-known Suffragist told me that he considered their presence an advantage.

KATHERINE VULLIAMY.

FRIENDS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

MADAM,—May I add a word to Mrs. Harley's Note on the Friends' Scheme in the last number of THE COMMON CAUSE? From my own experience as a speaker, I should say it is quite impossible for any Society, small or big, to carry on its work adequately to-day without the enrolment of Friends. It is not sufficiently realised that meetings are not an end in themselves, and that a meeting cannot be considered a satisfaction to anybody unless some definite result is achieved in the way of new adherents to our cause. It is not always possible to make people members straight away at meetings. They want to know more about the Society, to ask more questions, and to talk the matter over with an individual before they commit themselves so far. Friends should be enrolled at every open-air meeting and public meeting; at drawing-room meetings it may be better to try for members only. And when a Suffrage speaker is invited to address the members of another Society (which has not Suffrage for its object), she can often enrol Friends when for many reasons she could not get members.

No Society should be afraid of enrolling Friends because of the labour of keeping up with them. One visit must be paid to make sure that the signature is a *bona-fide* one, and to find out if the Friend will become a member. After that, in any well-worked Society it will be found that occasions will soon occur on which the Friends will be not only useful, but indispensable.

C. D. RACKHAM.

TRIBUTE TO THE BISHOP OF KENSINGTON.

We have received the following letter, addressed to Dr. Maude, to which we gladly give publicity:—

November 28th, 1913.

To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington—

MY LORD,—We are requested by the members of the Glasgow Centre of the Northern Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage to express their sense of gratitude at the determined stand that you have taken upon the subject of Women's Suffrage and its shameful treatment by His Majesty's Government.

We are grateful to you, my Lord, for the lead that you are giving to Church people in England, and beg to inform you that we are petitioning all the Presbyteries of Scotland with a view to arousing them to a sense of their great responsibility to this question of justice and humanity.—We are, my Lord, yours obediently,

ANDREW SLOAN, Hon. Treasurer.
A. M. SERVICE, Hon. Secretary.

A SUFFRAGE STAMP.

In response to the suggestion made by Mrs. Morel in our Correspondence Columns last week, Mrs. King, of Birmingham, writes that her Society has issued a stamp with the figure of Justice and the words, "National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies," which may be had at a penny a dozen, or one shilling a gross. N.U. Societies would be supplied at 7½d. a gross. The stamp is printed in the colours, and is most attractive.

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with her "simple goodness" could not read this comment. One feels it would have interested him.

Not only in her commanding character and her mordant wit was Florence Nightingale unlike the popular conception of a womanly woman. She actually preferred (for herself) a single life to marriage, and believed that to refuse marriage meant (for her) more important work, and a more real maternity. No one will misread her desire for "more important" work into a desire to figure in the eyes of the world. Her dislike of all publicity was partly temperamental, partly religious, but it was carried to very great length. Her intense repugnance to the ordinary life offered to women of her class, as a matter of course, and as all that they could possibly desire, was not and could not be the wildest anti-feminist be interpreted to be due to ambition, to a love of notoriety, or to a dislike of duty. It was the aimlessness of it, the emptiness, the pretence at occupation for occupation's sake, that made it intolerable to her. "Oh, weary days! Oh, evenings that seem never to have an end! For how many long years I have watched that drawing-room clock and thought it would never reach the ten!" Thus she writes of a life of which her sister says naively that it seemed a pity she should want anything more when "there was so much to do at home!" Thus it seemed—and to many still seems—to be a woman's duty to live, uncomplaining, whether married or unmarried. No wonder that Florence Nightingale wrote of marriage—"Voluntarily to put it out of my power ever to be able to seize the chance of forming for myself a true and rich life would seem to me like suicide."

How can one combine the two Florence Nightingales into a human whole? The Florence Nightingale of popular faith, the most entirely womanly of women, and the Florence Nightingale of reality, with her refusal of domestic life, her escape from home, her relentless force of character? After all, it is not hard. The public were right in thinking her the most womanly of women. They saw the fruits of her labours in the saving of human life, the care of the human body, the infinite pitifulness for human pain, the unforgetting knowledge that souls as well as bodies need tenderness and care. They did not see the cause, but they saw the effect, and they were right to call it womanly. It is so. But now let us look at the cause. The success of Florence Nightingale's love and tenderness was due to the fact that she combined them with courage and strength. She did not despise "simple goodness": the religious side of her life will be to many of us the most deeply interesting of all. But she demanded that every gift should be used and every quality developed, and had no patience with the moral sloth which thinks that "goodness" may be divorced from the other powers of mind and character. She did not despise marriage, but she desired that women should not be forced by the utter emptiness of their lives to marry, except when the marriage offered was for them the ideal marriage. She revered motherhood, but she knew that motherhood is not only the bearing of children. It is a spiritual quality, a life-giving force, which may be entirely absent in the mother of many children and may be best expressed—as with Florence Nightingale herself—in a single life devoted to the service of humanity. She demanded for herself, and by her life has made it easier for every other woman to demand, the right to develop all her powers, however unconventional, as a sacred trust to be used in the service of the world, not where the world thought proper, but where the need was. This is the true feminism—until we find a better name for what is truly human. It is an attitude which does not shrink from the sharpest criticism of women, which hears criticism from others without wincing. But then, it admits no limits other than those which are human, to the moral stature they may reach.

Children's Courts.

[In this and following weeks, articles on the better care and protection of child-life will appear in THE COMMON CAUSE. We leave the writers perfectly free to expound facts and suggest remedies, but in no case does the N.U.W.S.S. take responsibility for the views set forward in signed articles. Our object is to provide a platform for free discussion.]

The idea of separating children from adults in their trial for offences against the law was looked upon when first mooted as sentimental rather than practical. The experience of Children's Courts has more than justified the idea as a practical one, for they have resulted in advantages which, if not altogether un hoped for, reach a good deal beyond what was foreshadowed as likely to follow from their establishment. Children

have been removed from what may be called the theatre of crime, and have now no chance of feeling their vanity flattered by standing in the lime-light as "criminals." They find themselves in an atmosphere of friendship, supported by the presence of their parents. Their offences are treated as matters for pity rather than for anger, and are traced either to their environment which has to be changed, or to some hereditary weakness which has to be cured. There is no thought of anything heroic in the matter; and if there was there is no gallery to play before. That is all to the good. It produces a chastened rather than a defiant frame of mind in the child. The Courts are sufficiently formal to create and maintain a sense of awe in the delinquent, but the presence of parents and ladies, and the absence of the general public make the whole place exceedingly unlike the places of trial which figure in the stories of famous criminals.

Imprisonment has been altogether abolished for children up to the age of 16, and whatever offence has been committed it can only be dealt with by some process of training for the rehabilitation of character. The small delinquents are often surprised to find the magistrate consulting the lady probation officer as to what is likely to suit them in the future—whether the home is good enough for them as a place of training, or whether some other home should be sought for, or an industrial school or a reformatory. They sometimes express their concurrence with the decision arrived at and appear to co-operate in the process of possible reformation. The only exceptions which are occasionally painful to witness are those of children who have to be taken away from undesirable parents, to whom they are often much attached.

It is one of the by-products of the Children's Courts that the home conditions of the little prisoners are necessarily inquired into, as well as the character of their parents. This process has opened for the first time the Englishman's castle, and enabled many skeletons to be discovered, which is often of great advantage to the family, as the first step to their removal. A second result, of an opposite kind, is the frequency with which parents charge their children as being "beyond control," so that they may get the advice of the magistrate and the Probation Officer as to the best way of dealing with them. The examples of being beyond control are often surprising, and even entertaining. A little boy of seven years was charged before me last week, and his parents explained that although he had a lovely home and plenty to eat, he insisted upon wandering and sleeping out. When they removed his clothes he made a selection from his father's or mother's to cover himself sufficiently, and disappeared; and when they locked him in he got out of the window and swarmed along a clothes-line, over a height of 100 feet, to the next group of buildings, and so escaped. The boy assured me that he would be all right if I could put him in the country, and so we are trying to find a solution after his own heart.

What an amazing contrast all this is to what occurred one hundred years ago, when children who stole things from shops were hanged, and any theft to the value of 40s. was punished by death. The most serious offences, certainly, with which children are charged are thefts, which vary in character and degree; but they are treated with exactly the same consideration as begging, or wandering, or being beyond control. The process is as follows: A remand to the L.C.C. Remand Home for seven days is granted, to enable full inquiries to be made. At the end of that time the magistrate receives reports from the Probation Officer, the L.C.C. Industrial Schools Officer, and the School Attendance Officer. If the offence is a bad one, and is indicative of a settled character, a reformatory or industrial school is recommended. If the offence is one of first instance and the home surroundings are tolerably good, probation is recommended, and children are put on probation to the Lady Probation Officer for twelve months, which means that she will keep in touch with them during that period in their own home, and bring them before the magistrate if they fail to observe any condition of their probation. This works exceedingly well, and is a means of raising the standard of life for the whole family, as it is the parents who are most conscious of being under the supervision of a Court official. If the home is bad and there are reasons why an industrial school or reformatory are unavoidable, the Probation Officer sometimes finds a new home with foster parents, in perfectly fresh surroundings, or, as has happened lately at my Court, she makes arrangements for them to go to the Little Commonwealth at Batcombe, in Dorsetshire, where certain boys and girls of the delinquent class have been formed into a self-governing community, which in five months' time appears to have worked a miraculous change of character in every citizen.

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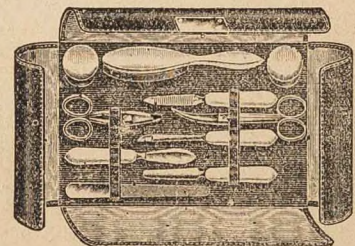
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This change is so striking that I am tempted to believe that self-government in a community of both sexes, on equal terms, will prove to be the true secret of reformation for adults as well as children. I hope I may be excused this digression from the Children's Courts, because it has arisen from the special study of juvenile delinquency which such Courts have rendered possible. What has to be noted as characteristic of the Court is that in the discussion of every problem connected with children of both sexes, women take naturally the position of first importance. The Probation Officer acts to some extent as an assessor to the magistrate, to assist him at coming to this conclusion. The mother is actually treated as if she were a natural guardian of her children, and although the law makes the father supreme in deciding the question of the child's religion, when the matter is discussed in the presence of the magistrate, all parties act as if the law had made no such foolish distinction between the parents.

The effect of such a tribunal is far-reaching. It emphasises the essential importance of home life for the best training of children; it provokes the parents to a consideration of all that is necessary for a child's upbringing. It starts with the assumption that every child is naturally good, and proceeds to act upon a firm conviction that if this goodness is properly fostered, what is evil will disappear. The consciousness of crime in a degrading sense is lost in an atmosphere of human solicitude to convert what is evil into a means of teaching what is good.

Apart from the moral or psychological side of the matter, there is something to be observed in the machinery of the Courts. The children are taken to and from the remand home by a matron, and, except that they stand for a short time by the side of an enormous jailer while their trial takes place, they have hardly any contact with uniformed policemen. They don't seem to be at all afraid of the police; on the contrary, they treat them with exceptional confidence; but, still, the closer association with women is a natural and humane arrangement. I should think it would lead very shortly to women police being appointed to take charge of all cases concerned chiefly with women and children. It is certain that a very strong feeling has grown up lately against the trial of women in a court which is officered entirely by men, instead of having women officers to attend upon female prisoners and give them some support in the presence of a male judge and jury, a male bar, and, for the most part, a male crowd of spectators. It is obvious that women might with advantage be made rescue officers and industrial schools officers.

It is curious that any doubt about such changes should have lasted so long. When, as Lord Haldane has expressed it, the hindrances to women's usefulness are limited to those of nature, we shall find a perfectly natural and useful co-operation between the sexes in the administration of justice, as in everything else where physical force is not the chief qualification. We have an example of it in the little Commonwealth already. It is a small community, and boys are in the majority; but they have established a true democracy, and every boy and girl has an equal voice, not only in the making of the laws but also in the appointment of their judge. After testing a boy for some time, they have deposed him, and elected a girl judge in his place. The community sees to it that her sentences are obeyed, and by universal consent she has proved herself absolutely worthy of her responsible position, although she is only fifteen years of age. Readers of THE COMMON CAUSE are invited to visit some of the six Metropolitan Courts for Children, and judge for themselves what is taking place. By doing so they will, I think, be encouraged to hope that the State, by treating crime as a preventable evil in its early stages, has started on a wise course, which will, in the not very distant future, make for the permanent improvement of the whole community.

CECIL CHAPMAN.

Children's White Cross League.

Dr. Tschaykovski asks that all gifts in money to the Fund for helping nursing-mothers and their children in Dublin should be sent to her or to Mrs. Unwin, at 3, Adelphi Terrace, W.C. She begs to acknowledge from Miss Glyde, £1; M. C. Margetson, £1 1s.; Miss Nancy Fleming, £3. Gifts of clothing should be sent to Mrs. Rudmore Brown, 74, Thomas Street, Dublin. Dr. Tschaykovski adds:

"As we write, we have received a letter from Mr. Arthur Brooke from the National Liberal Club, in which he says, 'I have been stirred to the depth by the knowledge of the suffering the mothers and their babes are enduring in Dublin at the moment; they are the greatest sufferers in the strike. I picture the exhausted, foodless mothers, with their babes on their knees waiting for sustenance, and, maybe, dying before their eyes, and I ask myself—are we living in a Christian England, with all her superfluous wealth, and can such things be? Shall mothers and babes perish for want of food while Capital and Labour are fighting out their quarrel to the bitter end in the Dublin cockpit? I send £100 towards the funds of the Children's White Cross League, and I wish it God-speed.'"

TRADE UNIONS AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

Resolutions passed by men's Trade Unions in favour of Women's Suffrage are wanted at the Headquarters of the National Union. My committee, therefore decided that we should begin work at once. So that same day I ordered *The Labour Leader*, *The Women's Trade Union Review*, *The Daily Citizen*, and other periodicals wherewith I might keep myself up to date as far as possible in the latest news, and understand some of the big questions that agitate the Industrial world. I also procured permission to go over any foundries, factories, and workshops possible, that I might see the men, and the women who undercut them because of the cheapness of women's labour, at their work. Further, I got the names and addresses of all our Friends of Women's Suffrage, that I might call on them in their homes, and be able to point my speeches to the husbands and fathers in the Trade Unions with some facts that I had observed in the lives of their brave women-folk.

Reading and visiting could be done in the day time, but I found that in order to see the secretaries of the Unions I had to go to their houses at night. It is absolutely essential to get on good terms with the secretary. He is even more important than the chairman, in a sense, because the success of the meeting must so largely depend on him. Besides, he gives so much devoted work to his branch so ungrudgingly, that one would not for anything even appear to slight him.

Very varied and interesting are the experiences of this preliminary work. The Secretary of the local Trades Council kindly provided me with a list of the Branch Secretaries of the various Unions. They live scattered all over the town, and I soon found it wise to take with me a tiny electric flash lamp wherewith to make out the numbers of the houses in the long dark streets. If the man you want lives in a court, the numbers may not be marked at all, and you have to knock at a door and ask which is his house. Instantly a silent crowd of children mysteriously surrounds you, and all the doors in the court are opened a little way, so that faces may peep through to see who you are and what you want. But everyone is very friendly, and you may safely leave your bicycle outside while you pay your visit. The secretary is probably having his tea in his shirt sleeves, and his house and his "missus" are tidy and comfortable above the average, for the man who is elected by his fellow-workmates to fill this important post, is sure to be thrifty and sober. You will find him very intelligent also; in one house I found a small but treasured collection of old china; in another a few rare Baxter prints, while the last copy of *The Christian Commonwealth* is a very common sight. It is unwise too much to admire the little household gods, however, as the people are so generous, and not infrequently press something upon you for which they have refused money from the curio hunter. Often a cup of tea is eagerly offered; lately I found only two youths at home; one was the very young secretary of his Branch, and the other was practising the violin, and the two boys were so eager to display their skill in housekeeping that I was fain to accept the proffered meal. It was very quickly and nicely served, but only brown bread was put on the tray, no white; and the young man said, "I knew if you had anything to do with the Woman's Movement that you would prefer brown bread." Suffragists, please note!

Of course, it is not always easy and pleasant. I rode the other night three miles in pouring rain, to be told when I reached the house, "E don't live 'ere no more."

"Do you know where he does live, please?" I asked. "No, they all went three months back, I don't know where." "But," I said, trying again, "he must have letters sent on as he is a secretary of the — Trade Union, can't you tell me where his letters have to be sent?" "E don't have no letters, and 'e ain't no secretary no more; 'e bin and gone and died."

On another occasion a small boy opened the door to me, "Ere," shouted a voice from within, "you shut that door, Pop can't see no one, 'e's washin' 'im." I beat a hasty retreat.

"He won't be long, Miss, will you come in and wait," greeted me at another house. As I sat in the little kitchen and waited, the children stole up and stood in a ring round me looking

at me, one of them stroked my dress to see if it was soft; I noticed that she looked very peculiar, and said, "What is the matter with your little girl?"

"Oh," indifferently, "she's just had the chicken pox, and there's another one a-sickening over there." Whereupon I found that I had no more time to wait for Mr. S. that night.

As a rule, the secretary has to put the question before his committee as to whether the branch will have a lady speaker on the Suffrage; so I have found it well to take a stamped addressed postcard with me to leave for the answer. It often greatly facilitates matters to offer to speak also on organisation for women workers, where there are women employed in the same trade. It is a burning question with the men, and can be made to lead up to the suffrage so easily. Miss MacArthur, of 34, Mecklenburgh Square, W.C., will send papers and particulars. One points out how the cheapness of women's wages causes them to undersell the men; also, that a father has to subsidise his working daughters to enable them to live, and then shows how Women's Trade Unionism would help matters; from which it is only natural to point the need Women's Unions would have of the vote behind them, and so on.

The men really appreciate an appeal on behalf of their women-folk, and a very helpful book, amongst others, for getting up speeches, is Anna Martin's "The Married Working-woman." Sometimes women can be persuaded to go to the meetings, and it is always a good thing to ask the secretary to invite them.

There is one more thing worth noting. Very often the same trade has two entirely different societies, between which there may be a good deal of mutual criticism. Be sure, for instance, that you do not mix up, say, the Brushmakers' U.S. with the Brushmakers' A.S.

The work of obtaining Suffrage resolutions from Trade Unions is delightful, easy, and full of intense human interest—and perhaps as instructive to the speaker as to those addressed. Personally, I think that the value of the resolutions is as nothing compared with that of the educative work which is thus done amongst a class of men otherwise difficult to reach.

CAROL RING.

WHITEHAVEN CAMPAIGN.

Twelve indoor and five outdoor meetings have been held in the Whitehaven and Egremont Divisions during the week ending November 22nd. The Suffrage forces were concentrated in Whitehaven, where we had a shop in Lowther Street in the Egremont Division. The biggest and most enthusiastic meeting was at Cleaton Moor; between six and seven hundred people being present. Mr. Egerton Wake and Mrs. Oldham were the speakers, and Miss Marshall was in the chair. A resolution regretting the attitude of Mr. J. A. Grant, M.P. for the Egremont Division, was proposed and seconded by two members of his own Executive in Cleaton Moor. At one meeting, at question time, a lady rose to her feet and declared that she came to the meeting an avowed Anti-suffragist, but she was going away a sympathetic friend of the Women's Cause. Her avowal will have much weight, as she possesses a good deal of influence.

The workers reported that everywhere they met with sympathy and kindness as they trudged from door to door delivering bills. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Hayes kindly took up their quarters for the week in Whitehaven and billed every day. Mrs. Plews, Mrs. Nicholson, and the indefatigable secretary of the local Society, Miss Cowie, were always ready to help. Mrs. Wilson, Miss Kerr, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Thompson, kindly gave hospitality to the speakers.

The speakers for the week were Miss Marshall, Mrs. Aldersley, Mrs. Whalley, Miss S. Knight, Mrs. Oldham, the Rev. Noll, Mr. Egerton Wake, and Mr. David Plews.

Two hundred and fifty Friends of Women's Suffrage cards have been signed, several new members joined, and we feel that the district is once more aroused. We hope that great results will follow our happy and successful campaign.

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THE COMMON CAUSE CAMPAIGN.

Our sale last week was larger than in any previous week of our existence, with the exception of the Pilgrimage Demonstration in Hyde Park. Many societies have worked nobly, and we record with a note of admiration the work done at the S. Lanark by-election. The paper there has been in the capable hands of Miss Lisa Gordon, and she has been splendidly backed up by all the organisers and speakers, who have lost no chance of pushing the paper, and securing a record sale. A splendid response was also made to the London Society's appeal for sellers on November 28th. To all who have helped in the campaign in any way, we offer our thanks.

We publish an account of the experiences of one Society:—

Glasgow has nerved itself to street-selling; urged by our Editor's appeal to double our circulation, a small number of heroic members devoted themselves to making the first attempt. Slung over their shoulders were cases in the colours, when the pioneers went forth choosing pitches, not too far from each other, so that gleams of green, white, and red might cheer them through the indifference of the public.

Two girls gave me my first gains. Next a young man, standing and then aired his penny, which became mine. An opulent motor was held up by a policeman, and the two ladies in it fumbled eagerly with their hand-bags to extract pennies before the arm of the law was lowered. So the start was made for me, and the others were progressing gaily.

An elector of Glasgow descended from his tram-car to offer a penny to one of our sellers, but refused the paper for the excellent reason that he did not light his own fires. As I heard the witticism laughingly reported, a picture flashed across my mind of our gallant little paper lighting a fire in its readers' hearts, which, like another famous one in Oxford, "by God's grace shall never be put out."

So we all returned to the office, with lighter hearts and heavier purses than at the outset, grumbling at the small supply of papers provided.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

Next week we shall publish a specially attractive number of THE COMMON CAUSE, bound in the colours, and containing an almost unknown essay of Charles Lamb's, beautifully illustrated, a large instalment of Miss Cicely Hamilton's story, stories and sketches and poems, a special report from S. Lanark, and a Special Supplement, of the greatest possible value to all Suffragists. The American National Suffrage Association has drawn up a statement of the laws passed in their Suffrage States since the granting of Women's Suffrage, and we propose to publish the result as a Special Supplement to our Christmas Number. Will all our readers make a point of getting it, and buying extra copies for their friends? No more conclusive argument for Women's Suffrage could be found than is contained in this list of laws.

REPORTS FROM SOCIETIES.

We have to apologise to the N.U. Societies for delay in publishing their news. The difficulty of finding space for the enormously increasing volume of work done by the Union must be our apology. We are giving the matter our most earnest consideration, with a view to getting more space for this part of the paper, but the question is one involving a good deal of expense, and the details require much thought. We hope to report new developments next week.

SOUTH LANARK BY-ELECTION.

From Mr. Gibb's Election Address.

ELECTORAL REFORM.—I am of opinion that this reform is long overdue. I support adult suffrage, with the age fixed at twenty-one years. But I would deem it my duty to oppose any extension of the Franchise which did not ensure to women the full exercise of the vote.

The polling day in South Lanark has been fixed for December 12th, and, warm as our welcome has been from the people here, we are glad that at length the end of the contest is in sight. The distances are so great that most nights of the week, speakers and workers arrive home very, very late, to begin work next day quite early, and the late hours are beginning to tell on most of us.

Mr. Tom Gibb is proving himself a splendid candidate. He was well-known and popular amongst the miners before the fight began, and now that the election meetings have brought him before the other electors of South Lanark, his popularity is increasing, and he is gaining the respect and support of all classes. The question of Women's Suffrage is being kept well before the electors. Not only are we having crowded and enthusiastic meetings—up to the time of writing we have held fifty—but at the meetings of all three candidates, the question of the enfranchisement of women is one of the issues of the election. Mr. Gibb refers to Suffrage in many of his speeches, while in the long accounts of the campaign appearing in the columns of the *Scotsman* and the *Glasgow Herald* daily, we see that at question time the hecklers never forget to ascertain the views of Mr. Morton and Mr. Watson on Women's Suffrage.

The sale of THE COMMON CAUSE increases, as our paper becomes known in the district. We have now sold over 3,000 copies, and the Election Number is going strong. Our badges are sold out at most meetings, and everywhere the cheerful N.U.W.S.S. button is being worn by the men and women of the constituency. There is a demand for our badges in the shop attached to the hotel where we are quartered in Lanark. The local weeklies have given us good notices. *Forward*, the Scottish Labour and Socialist paper, has printed a long article on the election, written by Miss Margaret Robertson, and the *Scotsman* and *Edinburgh Evening News* are printing news of our meetings, while the *Labour Leader* is generous as usual.

Heckling is an important part of election meetings here. At a magnificent meeting at Leadhills, where the speaker had been pointing out that the development of sanitation and medical knowledge had lengthened the average life of people living to-day as compared with a past generation, an old gentleman asked what the speaker knew of the sanitation of dwellings in the time of Methuselah, and if it was the perfect sanitary arrangements of his dwelling which caused him to live so much longer than poor moderns. The speaker pointed out in reply that modern conditions had so much occupied her attention that she had neglected to get up the facts about Methuselah!

On Sunday afternoon the Secretary of the Lanark Branch of the Scottish Farm Servants' Union invited one of our speakers to address the members of his Association. This Branch has been in existence for only two months, and is growing fast. The Union is trying to get the women engaged in farm work also to join their ranks. As the work on the dairy farms in the district, as at present arranged, keeps the girls working in some cases fifteen, sixteen, or even seventeen hours a day, there is evident need for combination, so that the women as well as the men may effectively fight for better conditions.

The Secretary of the Farm Servants' Union in Lanark owns a pony and cart, and daily travels through the farms and villages, selling fruit, etc. He has had a card printed with "Votes for Women," and hung on the back of his cart while he makes his rounds.

SUFFRAGE WEEK IN DUBLIN.

DECEMBER 8TH TO 12TH.

The Irishwomen's Suffrage Federation have undertaken to organise a Conference of Irish Suffragists in Dublin, which will extend over four days. It is hoped that this will prove to be a really impressive demonstration of the strength which the Suffrage movement has acquired in Ireland. Delegates will attend from all the societies affiliated with the Federation throughout Ireland. Several English organisations will also send delegates. Miss Courtney and Miss Gladys Potts, and perhaps Miss Palliser and Miss Eleanor Rathbone, will be the representatives of the N.U.W.S.S.; Mrs. Tanner will represent the Women's Freedom League, Mrs. Kineton Parkes the Tax Resistance League, Miss Una O'Connor the Actresses' Franchise League, and Sir William Barrett, F.R.C.S.I., the Men's League for Woman's Suffrage. Dr. Marion Phillips, of the National Women's Labour League, has been specially engaged to speak on the subject of Women's Trade Unions and the Vote. Mr. Conal O'Riordan ("Norreys Connell") will be the chairman on this occasion.

The subjects of the Conferences will be "The Present Position of Woman's Suffrage"; "The Conditions of Women's Work in Ireland"; and "If Women had Votes." A number of very well-known Irish suffragists will take part in these meetings, and it has been very encouraging to find how much interest and sympathy has been aroused in this undertaking of the I.S.F. amongst people of all classes.

One of the most interesting events of the week will be a debate with the Anti-suffragists. Miss Mary Hayden, M.A., of the National University, will uphold the Suffragists' position.

The Rotunda Concert Rooms have been engaged as the centre of the week's activities. In one of the rooms a Suffrage Fair will be carried on; in another, luncheons and teas will be served. A new play by an Irish dramatist, with a special suffrage interest, will be produced on the evening of December 10th. Miss Elizabeth Young, so well-known in Dublin as an exponent of Ibsen characters, will give two productions of "Rosmersholm." (First time in Dublin.)

The "Week" will close with a *Conversazione* on the evening of Friday, December 12th. A special supplement to the *Irish Citizen* will be produced, to which Mr. Lawrence Housman, Mr. George Russell ("A.E."), and Miss Vera Collum are contributing articles, and a short story by Miss Dorothy Cummins will be a special feature.

THE CURE OF CONSUMPTION.

Dr. Edwin W. Alabone's Treatment.

The recent Medical Congress, at which all the leading physicians of the world took part, has most decisively proved that "TUBERCULIN," the much-vaunted remedy for Consumption, is not only powerless to cure that disease, but that its use is harmful. So much has been heard of this supposed remedy that its proved uselessness must be a great disappointment to many sufferers who had read of its supposed success.

Dr. Mackenzie, Consulting Physician to the Brompton Hospital, in his speech at the above Congress, gave a general survey of the history and results of "TUBERCULIN TREATMENT," stating there was no cure in Tuberculin for Consumption, and he could speak with experience, he having for years used it in a large number of cases; that he used it in every possible way, and in carefully selected subjects; that he had heard of "cures," but he wanted to see them reproduced in the Hospitals. What is needed is practical proofs, deeds not words.

Professor Dr. Kempner, of the University of Berlin, gave similar evidence, and Sir James Fowler, Consulting Physician to the Brompton Hospital, King Edward VII. Sanatorium and the Middlesex Hospital, stated that under the Insurance Act a system of so-called Dispensaries was being established throughout the country, and at these and in Sanatoria, Tuberculin treatment was being extensively employed by medical men, many of whom have had but little experience of its use and of the great dangers attending it. He had come to the conclusion that the use of Tuberculin, in any form, in the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis was not free from danger. Sir St. Clair Thompson, Professor of Laryngology, King's College Hospital, said that his expectations of Tuberculin treatment for tuberculosis of the larynx had not been fulfilled.

The above is the opinion of all who have conscientiously used Tuberculin,

yet patients under the Insurance Act are still being treated by this useless and dangerous method.

Dr. Mackenzie's remark that what he wanted was to "see 'cures' reproduced in the Hospitals" must seem most ironical to those who are conversant with the facts concerning the "Alabone Treatment of Consumption," and Dr. Alabone's beneficent offer to the Brompton Hospital, which was that he would supply that Hospital with his inhalants free of cost for twelve months, would superintend the wards allotted to him, and so let the physicians there and the outside public have evidence of the "cures" his treatment effects. In addition to this, Colonel Hon. Le Poer Trench (whose wife, after being given up by a Brompton Hospital Physician to die in Consumption, was perfectly restored to health by Dr. Alabone's treatment) made a generous offer of a thousand pounds to the Hospital if Dr. Alabone's offer were accepted. Surely nothing could have been fairer or more straightforward, and one would have imagined the authorities would have gladly embraced such an opportunity; but, although it seems scarcely credible, yet this offer was refused, and so suffering humanity was debarred the benefit of treatment which has saved thousands of lives.

In the face of these facts it seems hard to believe that Dr. Mackenzie could have been in earnest when he made his remarks.

However that may be, the fact remains that the success of Dr. Alabone's treatment has spread over the world, and in every part is being practised with the most encouraging results, case after case given up as perfectly incurable being cured; and it is an important fact to note that these are not imaginary cures, where the patients relapsed after giving up the treatment, as is the

case with those sent from Sanatoria, but they are permanent, as patients in all positions of life testify to, after periods of five to twenty years and more.

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It may be mentioned here that there is not the slightest danger of any kind incurred. This point must be emphasised, as it has been circulated that the inhalants were dangerous, and made patients worse. Such statements are absolutely untrue in connection with Dr. Alabone's treatment, and must have referred to Tuberculin, Sanatoria and other treatments, which, as may be noted above, are acknowledged to be a menace to the life of the patient. It may, therefore, be safely deduced from all the foregoing remarks that Dr. Alabone's is the only reliable cure, and should further evidence as to its efficiency be desired, it will be found in the voluntary testimony of eminent divines and leading members of the legal, medical, and other professions, and of all grades of Society who have had personal experience of the satisfactory results of the treatment.

Space does not permit us to quote these testimonies, but our readers will find full details in the following work:—

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Christmas cards (price 2d.), with calendars, by Miss Joan Drew, are being stocked in the Literature Department. The design illustrates the words, "Watchman, what of the night?" The Watchman saith the morn cometh," and is very striking.

Those who have not already ordered copies of the "Women's Suffrage Diary and Handbook for 1914" are advised to do so at once. It is full of useful information, and can be had bound in red or green at 1s. net.

Gramophone Records.

Thanks to the generosity of Miss Ashton, we are able to offer to societies, for the cost of carriage only, the gramophone records of the speeches of several of the delegates to the Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance at Buda-Pesth. The list of those obtainable is given below:—

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Again we must repeat that if only we had more money, we could arrange for just the extra provision of motor cars that would do so infinitely much to help our indefatigable band of workers. This is the last and most critical week of the campaign. Surely we shall not appeal to Suffragists in vain, for the question of Women's Suffrage is foremost among the issues fought at this election. It is an opportunity which every member of the National Union should welcome, for by means of it, we are able to insist that the question of Women's Suffrage should take equal rank with every other great political question that is presented to the electorate. Let us all do our level best, if for no other reason than that we may be able to prove that nothing is ever so successful as when men and women can work together for a common goal.

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M. Witte. (South).—Mrs. Peart, Fovant, Salisbury.
P. Winchester.—Miss A. E. Dumbleton, Wyke Lodge, Berewee Road, Winchester.
M. Winchcombe and District.—Miss Rosie Livens, Timber House, Winchcombe, Glos.
M. Winscombe.—Mrs. Tanner, Fordlynch, Wins-combe, Somerset.
G. Winsford.—Miss Mary Walsh, The Hollies, Wins-ford.
N. Woburn Sands, Aspley Guise and District.—Miss E. Woods, Firdale, Woburn Sands R.S.O.
Woking.—Miss Davies Colby, Briarwood, Woking.
N. Wokingham.—Miss Violet Eustace, Montague House, Wokingham, Berks.
J. Wolverhampton.—Mrs. F. D. Taylor, 107, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton.
K. Woodbridge.—Mrs. Alfred Edwards, Cumberland Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
J. Worcester.—Miss M. M. Williams, 19, Droitwich Road, Worcester.
D. Workington and District.—Mrs. Oldfield, Windy Nook, Craig Road, Workington, and Mrs. Curry, 36, Mason Street, Workington.
P. Worthing.—Miss Helen Wright, Office 1, Warwick Street, Worthing; and Miss Bowen.
H. Wrexham.—Miss Price, 78, Beechley Road, Wrexham.
M. Yeovil.—Pro tem. Mrs. Harold Bradford, Hend-ford Hill, Yeovil.
E. York.—Mrs. G. K. Meyer, The Nook, Huntington, York. Office: 10, Museum Street, York.
B.—Scotland.
Aberdeen.—Pro tem. Mrs. Flith, 71, Forest Avenue, Aberdeen. Office: 214, Union Street, Aberdeen.
Aberdeyn.—Miss Williamson, Ochil View, Aber-nethy, Perthshire.
Alloa.—Mrs. Andrew, 20, Fenton Street, Alloa, Scotland.
Alva.—Miss Mary J. Lodge, Strude Cottage, Alva, Clackmannanshire.
Ardrossan and Saltcoats.—Mrs. Kerr, 38, Sydney Street, Saltcoats, Ayrshire.
Aven and Troon.—Mrs. Harvey, B.A., Woodview, Troon.
Beauly.—Miss A. Munro, The School, Beauly, Invernessshire.
Berwickshire.—Mrs. Hope, Sunwick, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Blairmore.—Mrs. Leggat, Duart Tower, Blairmore, Ayrshire.
Brechin.—Miss Jeannie Duncan, 81, Southesk Street, Brechin, N.B.
Bridge of Weir.—Mrs. J. J. Moffat, 12, St. George's Terrace, Bridge of Weir, N.B.
Brora.—Mrs. Hugh Ross, School House, Brora, Sutherland.
Castle Douglas.—Mrs. Patrick Gifford, The Cot-tage, Castle Douglas, N.B.
Crieff.—Miss Kinghorn, Mayfield, Crieff.
Cupar.—Miss Davidson, Bonvil, Cupar, Fife.
Dingwall.—Miss Ledingham, 70a, High Street, Dingwall.
Dollar.—Miss Miller, Argyle House, Dollar, N.B.
Dornoch.—Miss Murray, Victoria Cottage, Sutherland.
Dumbar.—Miss F. Melise Aspinwall, 4, Bowmont Terrace, Dumbar.
Dundee.—Miss Henderson. Office: 12, Meadowside, Dundee.
Dunfermline.—Miss Robertson, Benachie, Dun-fermline.
Edinburgh.—Miss K. M. Loudon. Org. Sec.: Miss Lisa Gordon. Office: 40, Shandwick Place, Edinburgh.
Elgin and Lossiemouth.—Miss MacPherson, The Studio, 23, High Street, Elgin, and Miss Forsyth, Dalquharran, Lossiemouth.
Fallow.—Mrs. Ribb, Lauristoun Manse, Falkirk.
Fortrose.—Mrs. S. J. Haldane, St. Catherine's, Fortrose.
Galashiels.—Miss Jessie Tod, 187, Magdale Terrace, Galashiels.
Glasgow.—Miss Lindsay. Office: 202, Hope Street, Glasgow.

Glenfarg.—Miss Jessie Seaton, Green Bank, Glenfarg, Perthshire.
Golspie.—Miss Brown, The Lawson Hospital, Golspie, Sutherland.
Branch: Lairg.
Gourcock.—Pro tem. Mrs. Chatworthy, Greylands, Gourcock.
Greenock.—Mrs. Lawrie, Red House, 38, Ard-gowan Street, Greenock.
Haddington.—Mrs. Kerr, Barney Mains, Haddington, N.B.
Hawick.—Miss Williamson, 18, Buccleuch Street, Hawick.
Helmsdale.—Miss MacIntyre, Sutherland Street, Helmsdale.
Innerleithen.—Miss A. Ballantyne, Beechwood, Inner-leithen, N.B.
Inverness.—Mrs. James Fraser, 19, Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness.
John o' Groats.—Mrs. Begg, Brims, Thurso.
Kelso.—Mrs. Fleming, Abbey Row, Kelso.
Kilmalcolm.—Mrs. Wood, Barclaven, Kilmalcolm, Perthshire.
Kilmarnock.—Mrs. Austin, Bank of Scotland House, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.
Kincardineshire.—Mrs. Donaldson, Lyleston, Stone-bridge, Kincardineshire.
Kinross.—Miss Elizabeth Ross, Restenet, Kinross.
Kirkcaldy Burghs.—Mrs. Honeyman, Sauchendene, Kirkcaldy.
Kirkcaldy and District.—Miss Charlotte Banks, 33, Castle Street, Kirkcaldy.
Largs.—Miss Margaret Paton, Mansfield, Largs, Ayrshire.
Lenzie.—Miss M. H. Kerr, Clunaline, Lenzie.
Leven.—Mrs. Galloway, Kinellan, Leven.
Melrose.—Miss Riddell, The Cloisters, Melrose, N.B.
Montrose.—Miss Hossack, 89, Bridge Street, Montrose.
Nairn.—Miss Laing, Holmwood, Nairn, N.B.
North Berwick.—Lady Schaffer, Marly Knowle, North Berwick.
Oban.—Miss Ada Marsden, St. John's House, Oban.
Orcadian.—Mrs. Curstler, Dalsybank, Kirkwall, Orkney.
Paisley.—Miss Risk, 56, Whitehag Drive, Paisley.
Peebles.—Mrs. W. E. Thorburn, Hay Lodge, Peebles.
Perth.—Mrs. Slater, West Manse, Stone Bridge, Perth. Branches: Bridge of Earn, Stone, Alyth, and Cupar Angus.
Port Glasgow.—
St. Andrews.—Mrs. Scott, 2, Queen's Terrace, St. Andrews. Branches: Crail, Anstruther, and Newburgh.
St. Andrews, Park House, Selkirk, E.
Shetland.—Miss Jamieson, Twagios, Lerwick, Shetland.
Stranraer.—Dr. Mary Pirret, Fernlea, Stranraer, Wigtownshire.
Stirlingshire.—Mrs. Alec Morrison, Roselea, Bridge of Allan.
Tain.—Miss D. Stewart, Balanlock, Tain, Ross-shire. Branches: Arday, Bonar Bridge, Fortinbarnack.
Taydis.—Miss Maxwell, Kenbank, Wormit-on-Tay.
Wick.—Miss Elizabeth Grant, 2, Moray Street, Wick, N.B.
Wales.
Aberdare and District.—Mrs. Pritchard, Corinfbla Villa, Elm Grove, Aberdare.
Abergavenny.—Miss Gardner, "Hawkhurst," Western Road, Abergavenny.
Aberystwyth.—Miss Marles Thomas, Somerville, South Terrace, Aberystwyth.
Bangor.—Mrs. C. Price White, Rockleigh, Bangor. Branch: Llanfairfechan.
Bargoed and District.—Mrs. Iorweth Clark, Hillside Park, Bargoed.
Brecon and District.—Miss Elizabeth Jane Edwards, 2, Camden Villas, Brecon.
Cardiff and District.—Miss Howell, 35, Windsor Place, Cardiff. Branch: Penarth.
Carmarthen.—Miss Alice Evans, Greenhill, Car-marthen.
Carnarvon.—Mrs. D. O. Evans, Brynafon, Car-narvon, and Miss Lyle Davies, Cartrefe, Segon-tlum Road South, Carnarvon. Branch: Pen-y-iroes.
Colewyn Bay.—Miss M. Spencer, Farlands, Pen-ryn Bay, near Llandudno.
Criccieth.—Mrs. Walter Jones, Emu, Criccieth.
H. Dolgelly.—Mrs. John Jones, Wenallt, Springfield Street, Dolgelly, and Miss Gertrude Lewis, Dr. Williams' School, Dolgelly.
I. Ebbw Vale.—Miss A. R. Johns, Caegwyn, Ebbw Vale.
L. Farmers' District.—Miss Bessie Williams, Bed-welly, Farmers, Llanwda, R.S.O., Carmarthen.
L. Kidwelly and Ferryside.—Miss E. M. Meredith, "Brynhyfryd," Kidwelly, S. Wales.
L. Lampeter.—Miss Minnie C. Davies, Veindre House, Lampeter.
L. Llandudno.—Miss Wright, Preswylfa, Abbey Road, Llandudno.
L. Llanelli.—Miss Smith, 9, Mina Street, Llanelly.
L. Llangollen.—Miss B. Stewart, Hofody-Coed, Llan-gollen.
L. Merionethshire.—Mrs. Francis Lewis, Balkan Hill, Aberdovey.
L. Merthyr and District.—Mrs. M. J. Williams, 1, Lewis Terrace, Heolgerig, Merthyr Tydfil.
L. Neath, Briton Ferry, and District.—William Graham Esq., 11, Hilbert Road, Neath.
L. Penmaenmawr.—Miss A. M. Harker, Glan Afon, Penmaenmawr, and Mrs. Philip Williams, Cynllys, Penmaenmawr.
L. Pontypool and District.—Miss Gwladys M. Bailey, The Grove, Pontnewynydd, near Pontypool, and Miss Mabel Roseley, Tywyn, Pontnewynydd.
H. Pwllheli.—Mrs. D. H. Williams, Arden, Cardiff, Road, Pwllheli.
H. Rhyl and District.—Mrs. Williams, The Studio, Rhyl, Rhyl.
L. Swansea.—Miss Aaron Thomas, Dolgoy, West Cross, Glam., and Mrs. Moore, 14, Cwmdonkin Terrace, Swansea.
L. Upper Rhondda.—Miss M. Jamieson Williams, 38, Stuart Street, Treorchy, W. Glam., and Miss Ridley, The Schools, Blaen-Rhondda.
India.
R. Mussorie.—Miss Weatherley, "The Deodars," Mussorie, India.

News from the Societies and Federations.

[All reports must be sent in through the "C.C." Correspondents, whose names and addresses will be found on page 67 of the issue of November 7th. Exception will be made in the case of meetings taking place shortly before we go to press.]

West Midland—(continued).

Organiser's Report.

Miss Watson has been chiefly engaged in visiting already existing Societies—strengthening the weak ones, and organising special schemes of work in connection with the Educational Campaign. Also, Miss Watson has worked in Broadway, hitherto unbroken ground, and has started a Branch there. A strong Committee has been formed, with Lady Blomfield as Chairman, and it is hoped very shortly that there will be a vigorous Society at work.

Unbroken Ground.

Miss Knight, our Organising Secretary, has done some useful work in Stone and Kingswinford, in the former place a meeting was held on October 7th, addressed by Miss Geraldine Cooke, and Miss Knight addressed a work party of the Women's Unionist Association. There are at present 17 members. At Kingswinford nine members have joined, and a public meeting has been arranged for an early date.

BIRMINGHAM.—October 22nd.—A debate was held between Lord Lytton and Miss Gladys Pott, arranged by the C. and U.W.F.A. in which the N.U. cooperated. The result was an overwhelming majority in favour of women's suffrage. October 24th.—Meeting at Bearwood.—Speaker, Miss Abadam.—Subject, "Suffrage and Moral Law and its bearing on the Child and State." October 28th.—An illuminated address was presented to Mr. Philip Snowden from the Committee of the Birmingham W.S. Societies, as an appreciation of his constant support, and for all he had done for the cause. Eighteen new members gained during the month.

SOLIHULL AND DISTRICT.—Perhaps the most gratifying results appear in connection with Friends of Women's Suffrage. The July Pilgrimage aroused interest, which has not been allowed to decline, and we count no less than 123 additions to our record of "Friends." In October, Mrs. Maurice Davis kindly invited "Friends" to an afternoon meeting at Berry Hall. The gathering was thoroughly successful—Miss Cicely Leadley Brown gave an address, and Mrs. Davis provided tea and music for the eighty visitors, each of whom contributed 2d. to the funds of this Society—Seventeen new "Friends" were enrolled, and our Branch gained fourteen new members at the meeting.

N. & E. Riding, Yorks.

MALTON.—Drawing-room meeting and Stock Exchange Sale.—October 23rd.—Hostess, Mrs. de Merionde. Speaker, Mrs. K. E. T. Wilkinson. One new member. Proceeds of sale, £27s. Collection, 6s. 6d. November 10th.—Adult Schools, Public Meeting. Chair, Mrs. Ernest Catt. Speaker, Miss Muriel Matters. "Friends" enrolled; good collection.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On the occasion of his visit to Middlesbrough, on November 7th, Mr. Lloyd George consented to receive a deputation from the local branch of the N.U.W.S.S. The deputation consisted of Miss Ward, Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Levick, M.D., and Miss Shepherd. A large part of the discussion turned on the harm done by militancy, to which the Chancellor ascribed the loss of the majority for W.S. His advice as to future work was "to secure pledges from candidates that they will not merely support Bills, but will press consideration of the Bills on the Government, and press for facilities to get them through."

Mr. Henry Williams, M.P., and Mrs. Williams did all in their power to help the deputation, and were present during the interview.

SCARBOROUGH.—Working parties, in preparation for the Christmas Sale of Gifts take place weekly in the office. At one, Mrs. Handcock read a paper on the Conference of the N.U.W.W. at Hull; and at another, Miss Laura Wilks gave an account of the Church Congress at Southampton. On November 1st a Rummage Sale produced a sum of £8 7s. An intending purchaser was overheard to remark: "Is it the suffragettes? Then there'll be summat good!" Three delegates attended the Council Meeting at Newcastle. The members of the Society have to deplore the resignation, through ill-health, of their solemn Hon. Treasurer, Miss Gibb. Her valuable and devoted services will not easily be replaced.

SATBURN-BY-THA-SEA.—November 21st.—Annual Meeting.—Speaker, Miss Geraldine Cooke.—Chair, Mrs. Stainthorpe.—Collection, 13s. 6d.

WHITBY AND DISTRICT.—October 14th.—Sleights Branch.—Meeting for B.W.T.A. members.—Speaker, Miss Dutton.

October 15th.—Members' meeting.—Speaker, Miss Dutton.

October 16th.—(1) Lythe members' meeting. (2) Seaman's Institute. Address to Girls' Club. Miss Dutton spoke on both occasions.

October 17th.—Drawing-room meeting.—Hostess, Mrs. Sewell.—Speakers, Miss Dutton.

YORK.—October 10th.—A deputation, consisting of the York N.U. Committee, interviewed Mr. H. H. Scholeser, prospective Labour Candidate for York, at 10, Museum Street, Mr. Scholeser answered all the N.U. questions in the affirmative.

October 10th.—Public meeting in Assembly Rooms.—Chair, Hon. Mrs. Wilkinson.—Speakers, Mr. Scholeser and Councillor K. E. T. Wilkinson.—Resolution passed unanimously: "Friends" made.—THE COMMON CAUSE sold.—Collection.

October 21st.—Meeting in Leeman Road Adult School.—Chair, Mrs. R. Westrone.—Speakers, Mrs. S. Davies and Mrs. Meyer. Tea kindly given by Mrs. Duke.—"Friends" made.—THE COMMON CAUSE sold.—Collection, 4s. 6d.

November 7th.—Office meeting.—Speaker, Miss

Benington on the "White Slave Traffic"—Tea.—THE COMMON CAUSE sold.—Collection, 7s. November 15th.—Address to members of Women's Co-operative Guild on "Women's Suffrage"—Speaker, Mrs. Meyer.—Chair, Mrs. Jackson. White-Tea provided by the kindness of two members and forty-five "Friends" have been enrolled.

West Riding.

Huddersfield.—November 12th.—An enthusiastic and crowded meeting was held in the Mayoress's Reception Room, Town Hall, presided over by the Mayor, who was supported by the Mayoress, Lady Roper, Miss Seddon, Mrs. Studdard (Hon. Sec.), and Miss Johnston. Lady Frances Balfour gave an inspiring address. The resolution was passed unanimously. Twenty new members were enrolled. THE COMMON CAUSE were sold out, and advertisements of THE COMMON CAUSE distributed.

DONCASTER SOCIETY.—This newly-formed Society is fortunate in having as M.P. a very strong supporter of Woman Suffrage, and the members felt it to be very encouraging when Sir Charles Nicholson came to a small meeting they held last week in Mrs. Austin's house. He spoke very warmly about our question, and said he would do all he could for us. He urged upon us the necessity for keeping the question alive in the country, and also in the House of Commons. He deprecated militancy, as having a bad effect on Parliament, and advocated the use of every available method of constitutional propaganda.

BRADFORD.—The Suffragists in Bradford have some satisfaction in knowing that the Bradford Town Council have rescinded the motion barring women from being school attendance officers. The great fight will come, however, over the wages question, as the majority of the councillors are against paying women the same salary as men although they do the same work. We are greatly indebted to the Labour Councillors for the help they gave to the women on this question. During the Council elections, the committee were very active in interviewing candidates and laying the question of women's employment before them also, many of our members attended their meetings and put questions relating to the women's cause.

We have had a series of very successful "At Home" and greatly enjoyed the different speakers, among whom were Lady Betty Balfour, Miss Margaret Macmillan, Mrs. Tankard, and Mr. Rennie Foster.

On November 15th we had our "COMMON CAUSE Campaign Day," and sold 27 dozen papers. We desire to thank all those who came forward to do this useful work and appeal for volunteers to give an hour or two every week for street selling. We are now very busy with our Sale of Work, and would be glad if members would send their contributions to the office.

DEWSBURY.—Lady Frances Balfour addressed a large gathering of ladies at Dewsbury Exchange Hall on November 22nd. Mrs. Kerslake presiding. Among others, Sir Robert Clough (Unionist candidate) wired to express sympathy. Lady Frances, in her address condemned militancy as wrong and inexpedient, since through militancy the community was apt to forget and neglect the Suffrage cause. It was no use saying that women were unfit for politics, while asking for their help on behalf of political candidates. She believed that posterity would judge as hardly those who now opposed women's suffrage as we to-day judge those who resisted the emancipation of slaves; she believed, however, that those who are totally indifferent to the question are still more to be condemned. The attendance at the gathering (which was by invitation) surpassed all expectations. Twenty-seven new members were enrolled and twenty-eight "Friends." The collection and sale of literature, &c., realised 25 odd.

WAKEFIELD.—A very successful public meeting was held on November 1st, the Chairman being the Rev. J. T. Lovell and the speaker Mrs. Philip Snowden. A resolution demanding a Government measure was carried nem. con., and twenty-eight new members joined the Society. The Education Campaign is being carried on, and various local organisations have had Suffrage papers read at their meetings.

North Eastern Federation.

GATSFHEAD.—On October 23th, in Low Fell Assembly Rooms, a very successful Cake and Apron Sale was opened by Mrs. J. T. Dunn. One hundred and eighty people came, and £21 was cleared, half of which is to go to the Federation.

The educational meetings in three different parts of Gatshead are being continued to appreciate audiences, which show a satisfactory increase in size. The speakers from October 18th to November 19th have been: Miss Beaver, Miss Lucas (of Darlington), Miss Sheard, Miss J. Tooke, Mrs. Warden, Miss Moz, Mr. R. Parkinson.

The following meetings have been held:—

CONSETT.—October 28th.—Café.—Annual meeting.—Miss Beaver.

SACRISTON.—October 31st.—Chair, Dr. Jevons.—Speaker, Miss Beaver.—New members, 20.

DURHAM.—November 1st.—Miners' Hall.—L.L.P. meeting.—Mr. Bruce Glazier and Miss Beaver.

MORPETH.—November 3rd.—Town Hall.—Mr. George Renwick in chair.—Speaker, Miss G. Cooke.—Collection, £1 9s. 6d.—Sold 35 copies of THE COMMON CAUSE.

NEWCASTLE.—November 6th.—Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms.—Reception to delegates.—Attendance, 600.

November 7th.—Town Hall.—Public meeting.—Mrs. Fawcett in the chair.—Speakers, Miss A. Maude Rouden on "The Morality of Slaves," and Mr. Fenner Brockway.—Attendance, 2,000.—Collection, £17 15s.—86 new members.

SUNDERLAND.—November 12th.—Drawing-room meeting at Mrs. Dove's.—Speaker, Miss Beaver.—New members, 15.

TYNEMOUTH.—November 13th.—Evening drawing-room meeting.—Miss Balony (in chair), Dr. Williams (speaker)—15 new members.

STOCKTON.—November 14th.—Y.M.C.A. annual meeting.—Speaker, Miss Beaver.

MONKSEATON.—November 14th.—Avenue Hotel.—Successful whist drive.—Speaker, Dr. Abel Campbell.

WATERHOUSES.—November 15th.—L.L.P.—Miss Sheard.

HEATON.—November 16th.—Baptist Church, P.S.A. meeting.—Speaker, Dr. Ethel Williams.—Subject, "Religious aspect of Women's Suffrage."

JARROW.—November 21st.—Mechanical Institute.—Mrs. Fawcett, Miss Beaver—7 new members.

West of England Federation.

ORGANISER'S REPORT.—From October 22nd to November 1st Miss Ballantine was at Stroud, Weston-bury (Wilt.), Trowbridge, Calne, Melksham, Westbury, and Chipping Campden making arrangements for meetings.

The following is a record of those held:—

BISHOPSWORTH.—November 3rd.—Chair, Mrs. R. Talbot.—Speaker, Miss Melkie.—Fair meeting.—F.W.S.—Passed Adult Suffrage resolution.

BARTON HILL.—November 4th.—Adult School.—Speaker, Miss Melkie.—Splendid meeting.

MANGOTSFIELD.—November 5th.—Chair, Comptroller, Ennes.—Speakers, Mrs. H. Hicks and Miss Melkie.—Very fair meeting.—Several F.W.S.—Resolution passed.

BITTON.—November 7th.—Chair, Miss Clough.—Speakers, Mrs. W. C. H. Cross and Miss Melkie.—Excellent meeting.—Resolution carried.

STAPLE HILL.—November 11th.—Chair, Mr. McGillic.—Speakers, Mr. W. C. H. Cross and Miss Melkie.—Very "Anti"—Resolution lost.

CHIPPENHAM.—November 14th.—Members' meeting.—Chair, Miss Ballantine.—Speaker, Miss Melkie.—N.W. Wilt. Society formed.

MILVERTON.—November 18th.—Chair, Mr. W. Brown.—Speaker, Miss Melkie.—Good meeting.—Resolution carried.

TAUNTON.—November 19th.—Invitation meeting of teachers.—Speaker, Miss Melkie.

KEYNSHAM.—November 20th.—Meeting.—Chair, Dr. Taylor.—Speakers, Miss Melkie, Professor Barrall, and Mrs. Cross.—Splendid meeting.—Resolution carried.—41 F.W.S.

CAMPDEN.—November 21st.—Drawing-room meeting in Mrs. Oliver News.—Chair, Lady Blomfield.—Speaker, Miss Helen Fraser.—Good meeting.—10 new members.

WELLS.—November 21st.—Miss Melkie. Copies of THE COMMON CAUSE have been sold and small collections taken at all these meetings, and the resolution carried demanding a Government measure.

CIRENCESTER.—Exhibition of Sweated Industries, in conjunction with the National Anti-Sweating League, Bingham Hall, October 23rd, 24th, 25th. Lectures on Suffrage and Anti-Sweating each afternoon. Chairman, Mrs. Percival. Speaker, Mrs. Heaton (late H.M. Inspector). Chairman, Mr. Agg Gardner, M.P. Speaker, Mr. J. Mallon (Secretary, Anti-Sweating League). Chairman, Lady Mary Murray. Speaker, Mr. G. E. Startup (Secretary, Men's League).

November 12th.—"A Man's View of the Woman's Movement," by Mr. W. Bottomley.

November 15th.—"Work of the Watch Committee," by Miss Tanner.

The attendance at these meetings is steadily increasing, and on November 11th 8 "Friends" cards were signed.

BRISTOL.—The following meetings have been held in October and November:—

October 16th.—Women co-operatives' meeting.—Miss A. Tanner on "Eminent Women of Bristol."

October 21st.—"At Home," 40, Park Street.—Mrs. Talbot on "Two Social Needs of Bristol."

October 22nd.—50, Aubrey Road, Bedminster.—Mrs. Usher.

October 28th.—St. Paul's.—Mrs. Cross.

October 28th.—"At Home," 40, Park Street.—Miss Sturge.—"Two Queens."

October 29th.—Bedminster, 3 p.m.; St. Paul's, 8 p.m.—Miss Clough.

November 7th.—"At Home," 40, Park Street.—Mrs. H. Hicks on "The Transition from School to Employment."

November 12th.—Totterdown.—Miss Tothill.—Chair, Miss Pope.

St. Agnes Vicarage, St. Paul's.—Miss Lean.

Bedminster.—Miss A. Tanner.—Hostess, Mrs. Pope.

November 13th.—Girl's Guild, Clifton.—Mrs. Cross.

November 19th.—Bishopston.—Prof. Skemp.—Chair, Mr. W. C. H. Cross.

In order to raise money, three lectures on Shake sneare were kindly given by the Rev. Canon Talbot. These realised about £22 (gross). Many of our members have been helping in the energetic campaign.

A great deal of effort has also been expended in consecutive efforts, both unfortunately unavailing to obtain a seat on the Town Council for Miss E. H. Smith, the well-known Secretary of the local branch of the C.U.W.F.A. The close of the Coliseum Exhibition has concluded the propaganda work in connection with our stall. During the two months it was open 317 people signed "Friends of Women's Suffrage cards."

STROUD.—Coin Hall, November 13th.—Afternoon and evening.—Chairman, The Rev. E. H. Hawkins.—Speakers, Miss Melkie.—Secretary, Miss N. Gorton.—Membership, 40.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—Annual meeting.—Brown's Café.—November 26th.—Resignation of the Hon. Sec. Mrs. Youngman.—Vote of thanks for her splendid and untiring services to the Society.—Re-election of Committee, with three new members.—Speaker, Miss White-Tea provided by the kindness of two members, and a sale of fancy articles realised £1 3s. 3d.—A collection of 12s. 3d. was also taken, and three new members joined the Society.

West Lancashire—(continued)

WARRINGTON.—On October 24th, at 8 p.m., a very interesting entertainment was given in the Co-operative Hall. Over 200 were present, and the programme included pianoforte and violin solos, songs, and humorous sketches. Programmes with a list of winter meetings were sold, as well as chocolates wrapped in the colours.

November 6th.—In the Hall Café, Stockton Heath, Miss Helen Fraser spoke, and Mr. C. E. Parker presided. Seven new members.

November 10th, at 8 p.m.—At Atkinson's Café, Warrington, the first of the regular winter meetings came to place. Miss M. E. Marshall, District Superintendent of the Children's Department of the Labour Bureau for Lancashire and Cheshire, spoke. Mrs. Stansfield took the Chair. One new member joined, and also in the country, and also in the country, and about 8 took part in the discussion.

Eastern Counties Federation.

CAMBRIDGE.—November 12th.—Drawing-room meeting, by invitation of Mrs. Maris, at Lindfield, The Avenue. Speaker, Mrs. Kellett—small but very interested audience.

WEST CAMBS.—Village Meeting, Orwell—crowded room—the vicar, Mr. Whiston, in the chair. Speakers, Mrs. Ramsey and Mr. Vulliamy.—This was practically untouched ground; the interest was keen.

HITCHIN and STEVENAGE.—October 16th.—Miss Geraldine Cooke addressed a well attended drawing-room meeting in the afternoon and a public meeting in the evening. Collection, 15s. 6d. Several village meetings have been held, and canvassing for "Friends" done, great help being given by Mrs. O'Connor.—Burnham Green, Datchworth, and Whitwell have been visited. Five new members; 50 to 60 "Friends."

NORWICH.—The Suffrage shop, with exhibition of sweated industries, has attracted much attention, and has been the centre of many small meetings, thousands of leaflets being distributed and many "Friends" enrolled.

November 8th.—An "At Home" for elementary teachers was given by Miss L. W. Finch. Speaker, Miss Waring. Miss Waring's campaign amongst the trade unions has resulted in the passing of several favourable resolutions.

November 11th.—On the eve of the Unionist Conference a large public meeting was held. Chair, Mrs. Hazard. About 800 assembled to hear Mrs. Rackham and Miss Abadam. The resolution was passed with enthusiasm. Sixty new members have been enrolled and £25 8s. 10d. received.

WOODBIDGE.—At an afternoon meeting, on November 3rd, Mrs. Rackham gave an interesting address on "The Children of the State"; this was followed by a good discussion. Two new members joined THE COMMON CAUSE sold.

HUNTS SOCIETY.—On October 22nd a good meeting, mainly working-class, was held in Abbey Rooms, Ramsey. Speakers were Mrs. Rackham and Miss Geraldine Cooke. THE COMMON CAUSE was sold. Three new members, 7 "Friends" made, and 8s. collected.

IPSWICH.—November 8th, an afternoon meeting was held at the Art Gallery. Chair, Lieut.-Col. W. C. Underwood. Mrs. Corbett Ashby gave an interesting address on "The State and the Child. The audience was small, but appreciative. One new member made.

FELIXSTOWE.—October 28th.—A meeting was held at the Walton Parish Room. Chair, Miss E. Place. Speaker, Mrs. J. E. Walker, of the Friends' League, who gave a fine address on the spiritual side of the Suffrage movement. THE COMMON CAUSE and special literature were sold.

November 3rd.—The first of a course of lectures was given by Mrs. Rackham. The subject, "Children of the State," proved very interesting to a good audience. THE COMMON CAUSE was sold, 4s. worth of literature, leaflets given away. One new "Friend." Collection, 10s. 8d.

HARWICH.—November 27th.—Successful meeting.—Addressed by Miss Berham, of Colchester.—Twelve "Friends" signed, and two dozen copies of THE COMMON CAUSE sold.—Chair, Miss Cockin.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On November 11th a meeting of sympathisers was held. Chair, Miss Fuller.—Speaker, Miss Creak. For lack of a Secretary this group cannot be made into a Society, but must remain for the present in the care of the County Secretary.

COLCHESTER.—November 14th.—Public meeting.—Chair, The Mayoress.—Speakers, Mrs. Fawcett and Dr. Jane Walker. The Chairman, supported by local representatives of the Labour, Liberal, and Conservative Parties. Resolution carried unanimously. Twenty-nine new members. Thirty-six copies of THE COMMON CAUSE sold.

LETHWORTH AND DISTRICT.—On October 29th, Mrs. Rackham and Miss Villiers addressed a well-attended meeting at Weston.—Chair, Mr. Barry Parker.

November 13th.—Under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society, a debate was arranged be-

tween Mrs. Rackham and Miss Mabel Smith (N.L.O.W.S.). The Suffrage resolution was carried by a large majority.

November 18th.—Miss M. Sueden addressed the members of the Women's Adult School, who were much interested. Five "Friends" signed.

November 25th.—Mrs. Ramsey spoke at a meeting of the B.W.T.A. Five "Friends" cards were signed. A speakers' class and study circle have been started.

Kentish Federation.

The Organiser, Miss Griffith-Jones, has been visiting a number of Societies, and discussing with them plans for future work. A number of public meetings, theatricals, a White Elephant Sale, socials, and (we hope) some Sweated Industries exhibitions are being arranged.

New ground has been broken at Sittingbourne, Faversham, and Boughton. The Pilgrimage roused interest in the two former places. Miss Griffith-Jones addressed an afternoon meeting of ladies on October 12th, and was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Sittingbourne and District Adult Schools in the evening; and on November 22nd lectured to a meeting of men on the 10th afternoon, and in the evening to men and women at the annual meeting of the Boughton and District Adult School.

Horne Bay, the newest Kentish Society, had a very successful social on November 18th. Fifteen new members. Miss Mavrocoordato and Miss Fraser, of the Girdler's Private Hotel, most kindly lent their rooms, and the programme consisted of music, an address by Miss Griffith-Jones, competitions, and dancing. A number of copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold, and literature disposed of. The Chair was taken by Mrs. Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Secretary of Hythe Branch, at a drawing-room meeting on the Mental Deficiency Bill, and Sevenoaks had a public meeting on November 10th, when Captain St. John spoke on "The Child."

In Rochester, Mrs. Cornmeadow is helping us in Trade Union work, and also kindly lectured to the Strood Co-operative Guild on November 20th. A heated debate—Miss Griffith-Jones presiding, Miss Mabel Smith (victory for pros)—was held at the Chatham Presbyterian Literary Society on October 21st. Miss Griffith-Jones also addressed the Strood Women's Adult School on October 29th. The Rochester Committee have decided to hold small monthly socials at private houses, and the first of these was held on November 5th. Literature is also being distributed every week outside factories by members.

Ramsgate had a very successful meeting on October 22nd, when Mrs. Philip Snowden spoke. The Society has been sending Suffrage literature to all the clergy and ministers of the town for some months past, and during the season the principal boardings of the town were placarded with large posters: "Women prepare children for the world, &c. There is evidence that they attracted much attention. A sandwich-man has been parading the town with COMMON CAUSE posters, and this is also being done in Margate.

The splendid weekly letter sent to the Margate Gazette by Mrs. Chapman, the local Hon. Secretary, is doing much good—amongst other things, evoking interest in "Women's Suffrage" and "The Common Cause." Suffrage posters are exhibited in shops and outside shops. There have been several new subscribers to THE COMMON CAUSE, and a lady visitor gave six dozen for distribution in Margate.

Miss Griffith-Jones addressed the W.L.A. at Chislehurst on November 5th, and the W.L.A. at Canterbury on November 20th.

A successful public meeting was held at Canterbury on November 14th, when Mrs. Nott Bower and Mr. Malcolm Mitchell spoke. Twice as many people were present as there were at the last public meeting, held before the Pilgrimage, and the collection was twice as large.

At Tunbridge Wells an "At Home" was held on October 27th at the Suffrage Shop. Miss Power presided, and Mrs. Alys Russell's lecture was much enjoyed. On November 13th, Mr. Weaver gave an eloquent and convincing speech in the Town Hall Committee Room. Mr. C. Tattershall could hardly look the Chair.

Tonbridge Society had its annual meeting on October 29th for members and "Friends." Miss Griffith-Jones spoke, and Miss Taylor took the Chair. Annual report, tea, and music. Three new members.

On October 30th, Miss Griffith-Jones addressed an afternoon meeting, kindly organised by the Misses Palmer, on "Why Women Want the Vote." Miss Palmer in the Chair. Three new members.

On November 10th, Miss Griffith-Jones spoke on "Women's Suffrage and Temperance," at an evening social at Miss Gorham's Mission (St. Eanswythe's), Tonbridge.

On November 20th a public meeting was held at which Mrs. Nott Bower spoke on "Social Purity in connection with the Women's Movement." Chair, C. Lowry, Esq.

South Wales and Monmouthshire.

LAMPETER.—On Thursday, October 30th, a public meeting was held at the Memorial Hall, when Mr. Laurence Housman, the eminent author and playwright, spoke on the Suffrage question. The Chairman was Sir Courtenay Mansel, Bart. After Mr. Housman's interesting speech, a resolution in favour of enfranchising women on the same terms as men was carried by a large majority. The Mayor of Lampeter, Mr. Josiah Jenkins, then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Housman, which was seconded by Mr. Arnold Davies, M.A.

NEWPORT.—November 14th.—A meeting was held at Malpas Hall under the Presidency of the Rev. J. C. Howlands, when Mr. Woods, of the Newport Independent Labour Party, moved a resolution urging the Member of Parliament for the Monmouth Boroughs to do all in his power to secure the passage of any measure of Woman Suffrage which might come before the House of Commons, and to impress upon his party the necessity of such a Government measure. Miss Fraser seconded the resolution, which was carried by a substantial majority. One new member joined, twenty-six new "F.O.S." cards.

November 15th.—A meeting of the Maindee Liberal Institute. Twenty-three copies of THE COMMON



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CAUSE were sold and nine new "Friends" were made. In the Maidstone District there are now 180 "Friends." A very successful drawing-room meeting was held the same day at the Cliff, at which six new members joined.

On November 17th, at St. Stephen's Schoolroom, Pile—Councillor Peter Wright presided most ably and sympathetically. Questions were asked, and many copies of THE COMMON CAUSE were sold. A dozen new "Friends" were enrolled.

SWANSEA—November 6th—A Drawing-room meeting, by kind invitation of Mrs. David Matthews—Windsor Lodge. Mrs. Virginia Jones addressed the meeting. Miss Dillwyn took the chair, and twenty-four new members joined.

Walthamstow—November 18th—A combined meeting of the National Union and the Church League in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Miss Fraser and Rev. G. H. Davies, M.A., addressed the meeting—Mr. Williams (ex-Mayor) took the Chair. Tea was provided by Miss Dillwyn. Admission 6d. In the evening of the same day there was a debate between the League of Young Liberals and the Swansea Suffrage Society and Church League for Women's Suffrage. The chief speakers were Miss Helen Fraser, Mr. Walter Jones, and the Rev. G. H. Davies. The account of the debate has not been received.

YSTRADRHONDDA—November 13th—A successful social evening at Collier's Restaurant. The Speaker was Miss Foxley, M.A. Councillor James was in the Chair. Fifteen new members joined and it was resolved to form a local branch immediately. For that purpose a meeting was called, for the election of officers, on the 19th inst.

CARDIFF—November 1st—Railwaymen's Union, Barry. November 8th—Bricklayers' Union, Barry. November 9th—Union of Engineers and Firmen—Oddyfello's Hall—Speaker, Miss Foxley, M.A. November 10th—Public meeting—Llanishen—Speaker, Miss C. Leadley-Brown. November 11th—Drawing-room meeting—Barry—Speaker, Miss C. Leadley-Brown—Hostess, Mrs. Thea Jones. November 23th—Public meeting—Barry Dock—Speaker, the Rev. Ivory Cripps, B.A.

On the same day, the Rev. Ivory Cripps, B.A., addressed the Cardiff Progressive Liberal Women's Union of "The Religious Basis of Feminism." No reports of any of these Cardiff meetings have been received, and the attention of local secretaries is drawn to the fact that they should have sent news of the number of new members who joined, of copies of THE COMMON CAUSE sold, and of Friends of Women's Suffrage cards signed, and also copies of the resolutions passed, and by what majority, as well as a report of the size of the meetings if possible. Such facts, though not exciting, do give some idea of the progress made in each locality.

[We are, unfortunately, obliged to hold over a good many reports due to go in this week. It is hoped that we shall shortly be able to make more satisfactory arrangements for dealing with News from Societies.]

Forthcoming Meetings.

A number of notices of meetings have been sent in too late for insertion—some even on Wednesday when we are going to press. Correspondents are urgently requested to write distinctly, and to send in not later than the Monday before the announcement is to be inserted.

London.

- DECEMBER 5. Balham—Open-air Meeting—Corner of Ormeley Road and High Street. 8.15
- Ealing and Acton—St. Stephen's Hall, St. Stephen's Road—Speakers, Miss M. Fielden and Mr. Malcolm Mitchell—Chair, The Rev. W. Muirhead Hope, M.A. 8.15
- East Greenwich—L.C.C. Schools, Calvert Road—Speaker, Mrs. E. Smith—Dialogue, "A Chat with Mrs. Chicky." 8.15
- Hammersmith—Meeting of the Independent Labour Party—Speaker, Mrs. Stanbury 8.30
- Islington—Barnsbury Hall, Upper Street—Suffrage Club—Members' Night (open guest each allowed) 7.30-10.0
- Stepney—The Mission Hall, Ernest Street, Harford Street—Speaker, Mrs. Garrett Jones 8.30
- Westminster Palace Hotel—Reception—Speakers, Miss A. Maude Royden, Mr. W. H. Dickinson, M.P.—Chair, Miss H. D. Cockle 3.30

DECEMBER 7.

- Hornsey—Men's Adult School at Adult School Building, Campsbourne Road—Speaker, Mr. William Adams 9 a.m.

DECEMBER 8.

- Croydon—34b, The Arcade, High Street—"At Home"—Speaker, The Rev. M. T. Dodds 3.30
- S. London—Trade Union Hall, 30, Brixton Road—"At Home"—Mrs. Oliver Strachey on "The Child and the State"—Chair, Mrs. Franklin 8.0-10.0

DECEMBER 9.

- Fulham—16, Glazbury Road, W. Kensington—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Mackenzie Barton—Mrs. Rawlings on "Child Life and Suffrage"—Chair, The Rev. B. H. Berlyn 3.0
- Tea at 4.0
- St. George's, Hanover Square—24, Park Lane—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. MacLay—Lady Brassey—Speaker, Miss Anna Martin, on "The Married Working Woman" 3.30

DECEMBER 10.

- Central and South Hackney—24, Lower Clapton Road—Miss Clementina Black on "Woman Suffrage, the Child and the State"—Hostess, Mrs. Fisher—Chair, The Lady Spicer 8.0

DECEMBER 11.

- Bethnal Green—St. James' Hall—Public Meeting—Speakers, Miss I. O. Ford and Mrs. Richardson—Chair, The Rev. F. G. Birch 8.30

- Central Hackney—216, Mare Street—Meeting of the Women's Liberal Association—Speaker, Miss E. Hill, P.L.G. 2.45

- Highgate—3, Holly Terrace—Speakers' Class—Leader, Miss Clementina Black—Subject, "Federation"—Highgate members cordially invited 3.0-4.30

- North Hackney—Lecture Hall, Church Road, High Street, Stoke Newington—Miss Hilbert—Ward's Lantern Lecture, "Pioneers of Education" 8.0

- South St. Pancras—13, Bedford Square—Meeting of Friends of Women's Suffrage—Speaker, Miss Ruth Young—Chair, The Rev. A. W. Allen 8.30

- Walthamstow—Pioneer Institute, 182, Hoe Street—Public Meeting—Miss Lister on "State and Child"—Chair, Miss Jones—Discussion 3.0

- Wimbledon—3, The Green—Study Circle—"The Child and the State"—Leader, Miss Pares 5.0

DECEMBER 12.

- Islington—Dickson Institute, 193, Blackstock Road, Highbury—Speaker, Miss Emily Hill, P.L.G. 8.30

- Suffrage Club, Barnsbury Hall—Guest, Mr. T. Gugenheim (M.L.W.S.) on "Women and Industry"—Open meeting—Club adjourns till after Christmas 8.15

- Kingston and Scrpton—Hillside, Kingston Hill—Hostess, Mrs. Bridge—Speaker, Miss M. Martineau—Chair, The Rev. E. S. Shuttleworth 3.0

- St. George's, Hanover Square—St. Andrew's Institute, Carlyle Place—Speaker, Miss I. O. Ford—Music and Suffrage Play 8.30

- S. Paddington—St. Mary's College Lancaster Gate—Debate—Speakers, Mrs. Gladstone Solomon and Miss Helen Ward 8.15

- Westminster Palace Hotel—Reception—Speakers, Miss I. O. Ford, Miss L. Lumsden, L.L.D., Mrs. Leathes, and The Rev. Dr. W. S. Macgowan—Chair, The Hon. Mrs. Spencer Graves 3.30

The Provinces.

DECEMBER 5.

- Birmingham—Meeting at the Franchise Club, 20, Easy Row 8.0

- 20, Lionel Street—Mrs. Osler will address the Brass Workers 8.0

- Bocking—Workmen's Hall—Speaker, Miss M. Martineau—Chair, Miss M. E. Taber 3.30

- Bristol—Debate at Fishponds—For Suffrage, Miss J. M. Barrett and Miss Price 8.0

- Cambridge—Guildhall—Sweated Industries Exhibition—Speakers—Afternoon, the Rev. Lewis Donaldson—Chair, Professor Sims Woodhead—Evening, Miss Susan Lawrence—Chair, the Rev. K. H. Sturgeson 5.30-7.30

- Exeter—Queen's Hall—Speakers, Mrs. Henry Fawcett and Miss Helen Fraser—Chair, Sir Robert Newman, Bart. 8.0

- Feltham—Small Hamilton Hall—Free Lectures on "Neglected Children"—Speaker, Mrs. E. Vulliamy—Chair, The Rev. E. Stantial 8.15

- Guildford—The Suffrage Office, 1a, Mount Street—Miss Evelyn Fox on "The Treatment of Feeble-Minded Children" 3.0

- Whitley Bay—Park Hotel—Public Meeting—Co-operative Hall—Public Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Alys Russell 8.0

- South Potherton—The Towa Hall—Public Meeting—Speaker, Miss G. Cooke—Chair, the Rev. H. S. Chesshire 8.0

- Southsea—2, Kent Road—Lecture by Captain Arthur St. John on "The Delinquent Child"—Chair, Miss N. O'Shea 3.0 and 8.0

- Wakefield—Wood Street Institute—Speaker, Miss Abadam 8.0

- Walsley and Wirral—Hoyleake—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Frank Sellar—Speaker, Miss Cherry—Chair, Mrs. Fellows 3.15

- Wells—Gatehouse—Speaker, Miss Wilma Melkie 4.30

- Winchester—7, The Square—Public Meeting—Miss F. E. Smith—Amendment Committee) on "Women Police" 3.0

- Woodbridge—Public Meeting at "The Room," Thorofare—Mrs. Vulliamy on "Neglected Children." Miss Barlow, of the N.S.P.C.C., on "Cruelty to Children"—Chair, The Lady Mary Cayley 2.30

DECEMBER 6.

- Cheltenham—Town Hall Refreshment Room—Annual Meeting—Speaker, Mr. Cameron Grant—Speaker, Miss Waring 8.0-10.0

- Sidmouth—Manor Hall—Speaker, Miss Helen Fraser—Chair, The Lady Lockyer 8.0

- Wadbridge—Town Hall—Speakers, Mrs. Henry Fawcett and Miss G. Cooke—Chair, Mr. A. Grose 7.30

DECEMBER 8.

- Abersychan—Co-operative Hall—Speakers, Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Tom Richardson, M.P.—Chair, Councillor Winston, J.P. 7.30

- Ascot—"Parkwood"—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Miss Alice Grant—Mrs. Rackham on "Nobody's Children and the Child in Need"—Chair, Mrs. Roble Entacke 3.0

- Birmingham—Jude's G.P.S., Hill Street—Speaker, Mrs. King 8.0

- Bracknell—Temperance Hall—Mrs. Rackham on "Nobody's Children and the Child in Need"—Chair, Mrs. Roble Entacke 8.0

- Carmouth—King's Hall—Speaker, Miss Helen Fraser—Chair, Mrs. Percy Roulbous 8.0

- Loscock Cratam—Alkali Social Club—Social Evening—Speaker, Mrs. Muter Wilson—Chair, Mr. J. H. Tomlinson 7.30

- Manchester—Parker's Restaurant, St. Ann's Square—Speaker, Mrs. Muter Wilson 4.0-5.0
- Hulme Suffrage Club—Temperance Hall, York Street—Speaker, Miss Lucy Cox 8.0
- Stockfield-on-Tyso—"The Institute"—Public Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Swanwick—Chair, Mrs. Waldo Cairns 7.30
- Bethnal Green—Speakers, Mrs. Henry Fawcett and Miss G. Cooke—Chair, Col. Courtney Vyvyan, C.B. 8.0

- Warrington—At Rinson's Café, Bridge Street—Miss Hubback on "Women and Wages" 8.0
- Watford—16, Kingsfield Road—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Leach—Speaker, Mrs. Kelly 3.0

DECEMBER 9.

- Bangor—Meeting—Speaker, Miss Abadam 2.30
- Bally—The Uplands—"Drawing-room Meeting"—Hostess, Mrs. Stubbley—Speaker, Mrs. Renton—Chair, Mrs. Kerslake 3.0

- Bristol—40, Park Street—"At Home"—Miss E. B. Harvey on "Giri Labour"—Miss King (East)—Miss Tanner on "The Work of the Watch Committee" 3.0

- Dartmouth—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Brown—Speaker, Miss Helen Fraser 8.0

- London—Co-operative Hall—Miss Abadam on the moral issues of Women's Suffrage 8.0

- King's Sutton—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. E. Brown 4.30

- Manchester—St. John's Schools, near Broughton—Public Meeting—Speakers, Miss Margaret Ashton, Mr. G. G. Armstrong, and Mr. F. Stenton Barnes—Chair, Professor Toul, M.A. 7.30

- Plymouth—Guildhall—Speakers, Mrs. Henry Fawcett, L.L.D., Mrs. Beresford Leathes, Mr. W. H. Thomas, M.P. and others 8.0

- Pwllhel—Town Hall—Speakers, The Mayor, Mr. W. H. Thomas, Miss Helen Fraser, Miss E. C. Wilkinson, B.A.—Chair, Mr. W. H. Thomas 7.30

- Leicester—The Rectory—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Begg—Speaker, Mrs. Swanwick—Miners' Hall—Public Meeting—Speakers, Mrs. Swanwick and Councillor Smith 7.30

DECEMBER 10.

- Ambleside—Assembly Rooms—"At Home" for Members and Friends of Women's Suffrage—Music, &c.—Speaker, Mrs. Whalley 8.0

- Attleborough—Town Hall—Speaker, Miss Waring 8.0

- Bacup—Mechanics' Hall—Speaker, Mrs. Muter Wilson 7.30

- Bristol—"St. Agnes"—Meeting on "The Moral Question and Women's Suffrage"—Speaker, Mrs. W. C. H. Cross 3.30

- Y.M.C.A.—Totterdown—Speaker, Mrs. Randall 3.0

- Cambridge—Romey Council School—Mrs. Philip Snowden on "Women's Suffrage"—Chair, Mr. W. T. Layton, M.A. 8.0

- Gosforth—Fornville—"Drawing-room Meeting"—Hostess, Miss Lindsay—Speaker, Mrs. Swanwick 3.0

- Kingswinford—One and All Hall—Public Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Rackham—Chair, Miss Watson 8.0

- Redhill—10, Fensgate Road—Miss Woodward's Sale—Wednesday and Thursday 2.0-9.30

- Teignmouth—Town Hall—Speaker, Miss Helen Fraser—Chair, The Rev. T. Barney 8.0

- Torquay—Hall—Speakers, Mrs. Henry Fawcett and Miss Helen Fraser 3.0

- Walsley and Wirral—"Heeswall"—Members' Meeting at Mrs. Rohde's, to discuss future work West Kirby—Mrs. Paxton's Sale Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halybrass's Drawing-room Meeting—Speaker, Miss J. Bevan 2.30

- Whitley Bay—Park Hotel—Public Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Swanwick 7.30

DECEMBER 11.

- Bristol—St. Agnes' Mission Rooms—Jumble Sale, managed by the St. Paul's Branch Co-operative Hall, Bishopston—Speaker, Mrs. W. C. H. Cross 8.0

- Colwall—Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Rackham—Chair, Mrs. Irene Cox on "Sweating and the Trades Boards Act" 8.0

- Durham—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Jeavons—Speaker, Mrs. Swanwick 8.0

- Public Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Swanwick Evening 8.0

- Gateshead—33a, High Street—Miss Ruth Dodds on "Some Forgotten Women"—Soloists, Miss Denton 2.30

- Malvern—Memorial Hall—Mrs. Rackham on "Women's Suffrage: a National Question"—Chair, Mr. H. Urlich 8.30

- Matlock Town Hall—Public Meeting—Speakers, Mrs. Stewart Brown (of Liverpool) and Miss Blackstone—Evening 8.0

- Rugby—The Church House—Miss Penrose Philip of the State Children's Association, on "Children's Courts and Poor Law Children" 8.0

- Saltash—The Star Hall—Speaker, Miss Helen Fraser 8.0

- Solihull—"The White House"—Hostess, Mrs. Robert Bird—Speakers, Miss Penrose Philip and Miss Watson—A small Sale of Work will be held 8.0

- Southampton—N.U.W.S.S. Rooms, 194a, Above Bar, and Meeting for members and "Friends"—Speaker, Mrs. Cowmeadow 3.30

- Kell Hall—Public Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Cowmeadow—Chair, Lady Selborne 8.0

- York—Brandsby Village Hall—Speaker, Mrs. Meyer—Chair, Mr. O. F. Rowntree 7.30

DECEMBER 12.

- Bristol—12, Balmoral Road—Drawing-room Meeting—Mrs. W. C. H. Cross on "The Moral Question and Women's Suffrage" 3.15

- Cambridge—Co-operative Hall—Performance of "Britannia's Daughters"—a Suffrage Pageant by Fanny Johnson 7.30

- Clevedon—Wickenden's Room—Speakers, Miss G. Cooke and Miss Melkie 5.15

- Criccieth—Town Hall—Speakers, Miss A. Maude Royden and Mr. William George Huxham—Meeting for Members at Miss Robb's to meet Miss Harriet Llewellyn 3.15

- Scarborough—Office, Huntriss Row—Sale of Christmas Gifts 11.30-6.30

- Stockton—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Bensted—Speaker, Mrs. Swanwick 8.0

- Y.M.C.A.—Public Meeting—Speaker, Mrs. Swanwick 7.30

- Sunderland—Fawcett Street Café Reception Room—The Committee will entertain members and "Friends" 7.30

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- Sudbury—Debating Society—Speaker, Mrs. Vulliamy 8.0
- Walsley and Wirral—"Newton"—Drawing-room Meeting—Hostess, Mrs. Procter—Speaker, Miss Baxter—Chair, Miss Postance 3.15
- Winchester—7, The Square—Public Lecture—Miss Hoyer on "The Child and the State" 3.0

Scotland.

- DECEMBER 5. Aberdeen—Y.M.C.A. Hall—Meeting for Women only—Speaker, Mrs. Hunter (Secretary of the National Vigilance Association of Scotland)—Chair, Mrs. Trail 3.0
- Bride of Weir—Friedland Hall—Public Meeting—Speaker, Miss Muriel Matters, and others—Chair, Mrs. Matiland Ramsey 8.0
- Dundee—White Elephant Tea—Hostess, Mrs. Deads 8.0
- Edinburgh—40, Shandwick Place—Mr. Frederic Keeling on "Employment of Children" 4.30
- Glasgow—Charing Cross Hall—Public Meeting—Mr. A. Hamilton on "Divorce Laws Across the Border: Their Injustices to Women." 3.0
- Zoo Buildings, New City Road—Stall at Women's Work Exhibition until Dec. 13 11.0-10.0
- Young Scots—Dr. Elsie Inglis 11.0-10.0

- DECEMBER 6. Glasgow—Hillhead—Burgh Hall—Partick Cake and Candy Sale 3.0-10.0

- DECEMBER 8. Falkirk—Speaker, Mr. W. J. Mirrlees 8.0
- Leith—Restabrig Literary Society—Speaker, Miss Alice Low—Subject of Debate, "Should the Parliamentary Suffrage be extended to Women?" 8.0
- Melrose—Speaker, Miss L. J. Lumsden, L.L.D. 8.0
- Perth—City Hall—Speakers, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lytton and Mrs. Abbott—Chairman, Mr. Rufus D. Pullar 8.0
- Stirling—Large Albert Hall—Speakers, The Lady Frances Balfour and Miss Muriel Matters—Chair, Mrs. Edmond Pullar 8.0

- DECEMBER 9. Glasgow—Pollokshields Burgh Hall—Public Meeting—Speakers, Mrs. Abbott and Miss Lucy Shakspeare—Chair, Dr. Wells 8.0
- Hawick—Library Hall—Speaker, Miss L. J. Lumsden, L.L.D.—Chair, The Rev. W. Mair 8.0
- Largs—"Mansfield"—Meeting for Members of the N.U. only—Hostess, Mrs. Dewar Paton 4.15
- North Berwick—Parish Church Hall—Speaker, Miss Muriel Matters 8.0

- DECEMBER 10. Alloa—Meeting—Speaker, Miss Matters 8.0
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- Dundee—"At Home"—Sale 8.0

- DECEMBER 11. Dollar—Drill Hall—Speaker, Mrs. G. F. Abbott—Chair, Mrs. Malcolm (first Lady Provost in Scotland) 8.0
- Laven—Masonic Hall—Public Meeting—Speaker, Miss Muriel Matters 8.0

- DECEMBER 12. Edinburgh—40, Shandwick Place—"At Home"—Miss Evelina Macdonell, L.L.B., on "The Legal Position of the Child"—Chair, Miss R. Whyte 4.30
- Glasgow—202, Hope Street—Office Meeting—Miss M. S. Ker on "The Work of the Glasgow Parish Council" 4.0

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