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—Spinner's Hall, Bolton. Speakers: Mr. John Scurr, and Dr. Helena Jones. Chair: Mrs. Williamson-Forrester, B.A.

Friday, April 16; 8 p.m.—Public Meeting.
—Rushworth Hall, Liverpool. Speakers: Mr. John Scurr and Dr. Helena Jones. Admission free.

Tuesday, April 20; 8 p.m.—Open Meeting.
—U.S. Women's Club. Speaker: Mrs. Thomson.

Wednesday, April 21; 8 p.m.—Lecture.—E. S. P. Hall, 4, York Street, Walworth Road. Mr. H. W. Nevinson on "The War." Admission Free.

Wednesday, April 21; 3 p.m.—Drawing-room Meeting.—Walmer House, Aldridge, Walsall. Speaker: Miss Evelyn Sharp. Chair: Miss Annie Somers.

Wednesday, April 21; 8 p.m.—Public Meeting.
—Queen's College (Large Hall), Birmingham. Speaker: Miss Evelyn Sharp. Chair: Mr. Percy Adams.

Friday, April 23; 7.30 p.m.—Members' Meeting.
—Committee Room, Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Manchester.

Saturday, April 24; 8 p.m.—Public Meeting.
—Larger Lansdown Hall, Stroud. Speaker: Mr. Gerald Goult. Chair: Miss J. G. Hyett.

Thursday, April 29; 8 p.m.—Public Meeting.
—Red Cross Hall, White Cross Street, Borough. Speakers: The Rev. J. M. Maillard, Mrs. Ayrton Gould and Mrs. E. Hayes. Admission free.

Friday, April 30; 8 p.m.—Public Meeting.
—The Library, Prince Arthur Road, Hampstead. Speaker: Mr. H. W. Nevinson. Admission Free.

Friday, May 14; 3 p.m.—Drawing-room Meeting.
—Brandena House, Headingley, Leeds. Speaker: Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck.

Friday, May 14; Public Meeting, Onward Hall, Deansgate, Manchester. Speakers: Dr. Helena Jones and others. Chair: Miss Isabel Basnet. Tickets 1s. and 6d. from Hon. Sec. at Manchester Friday evening meetings.

Outdoor Meetings

Sunday, April 18; 12 noon.—The Flagstaff, Hampstead Heath. Speakers: Mrs. Ayrton Gould and Miss Somers.

Tuesday, April 20; 3 p.m.—Corner of Webber Street, New Cut, S.E. Speaker: Miss Mary Phillips.

Tuesday, April 20; 7.30 p.m.—Bull Ring, Birmingham. Speaker: Miss Annie Somers. Chair: Miss M. Halv.

Thursday, April 22; 7.30 p.m.—Small Heath, Park Gates, Birmingham. Speaker: Miss Somers.

Friday, April 23; 7.30 p.m.—Stirchley, Birmingham. Speaker: Miss Somers.

Friday, April 23; 8 p.m.—Corner of Skipton Street London Road, S.E.

U.S. WOMEN'S CLUB

92, Borough Road, S.E.
Secretary, Miss M. R. Cochrane

We have had a happy Easter, and we all enjoyed our party. Now we want to thank all those who helped us, either by gifts or by coming down themselves. Miss Sharp gave us the sweets, and herself came down to help, and told us some stories which we much enjoyed. Mrs. Ibbotson Hutt brought us some cakes, and was indefatigable in cutting up sandwiches, seated on two biscuit-tins, as there were so many members that we ran short of chairs! She brought with her Miss Prichard, who played and sang to us, and Miss Dorothy Hutt, who recited. Mrs. Brown came with her daughter and a friend, and brought us some cakes, also Miss Benson, Miss Wilson, and Miss Young. The following very kindly gave us subscriptions towards the party: Miss Wilson, 2s.; Miss Bergman, 1s.; Miss Somers, 1s.; Miss Joachim, 6d.;

per Miss Walford, 10s.; A Well-Wisher, 2s. 6d.; Miss Louis, 2s. 6d.; Miss Young, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Parkyn, 10s.; Mrs. Fox Strangways, 5s. We have closed the Club for two days for spring cleaning, and we have had to get new summer curtains. They will cost us 15s. Would anyone like to give them to us? They will make our rooms look so much more spring-like and bright. Then so many members have lately come to me to say they want books to read, so we really must re-organise the library, as it is very poor at present. We want simple novels, books about children, &c., and we would very much like £1 to spend on new books, and if we are going to make a practicable lending library we want a book-case with glass doors and a key. Are we asking a great deal? But really, we want all these very badly indeed.

An American Donation

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence writes to a member of the U.S. Committee from Victoria, B.C.:—"Just a line to tell you I spoke at an At Home here last night, and a man unknown to me stuffed ten dollars into my hand with a 'Use it for whatever you like,' and thereupon decamped. I don't know his name. But of course it is for the U.S. Women's Club! I'll hand it over (£2) when I see you in a few weeks from now."

SOUTH LONDON CAMPAIGN

Organiser, Miss Mary Phillips, 92, Borough Road, S.E.

There was joy amongst the South London U.S. members at the resumption of the weekly meeting at the Women's Club after Easter. Some of the members are coming forward as paper-sellers. Waterloo Station was chosen as our first pitch, and we hope to start selling at London Bridge, our other South London station, next week.

A soldier stopped to wish us luck, and to ask if we knew Mrs. Despard. He had belonged to her club fourteen years ago, and was "proud of her—and proud of her brother, too!"

Members will be glad to know that Mr. H. W. Nevinson has kindly promised to lecture on the war at the B.S.P. Hall, 4, York Street, Walworth Road, on Wednesday next, April 21, at 8 p.m. The notice is short, but the chance of getting such a speaker is much too good to miss. Everyone who wants to know about the conditions under which our men are fighting must come.

At the next Red Cross Hall meeting, April 29, the speakers will be Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Rev. J. M. Maillard on "Votes, Victims, and Victory," and Mrs. Hayes, a Trade Union organiser, on the demands of organised women workers at this time. A few reserved tickets on sale now, 6d. each.

The Organiser appeals urgently for funds for the South London campaign. It is a splendid field for propaganda, and every Suffragist should do something to help the work forward.

LIVERPOOL U.S.

Hon. Sec., Miss Isabel Buxton, 111, Queen's Road

We have been fortunate enough to secure Dr. Helena Jones, of Halifax, to speak with Mr. Scurr at Rushworth Hall on April 16 at 8 p.m., so that there is no need to tell our readers that there is a real treat in store for them. We are grateful to all those who have generously helped, or promised to help, to make this a free meeting. Acknowledgments for donations towards hire of hall are due this week to Miss Grice, 5s.; Mrs. Cairns, 5s.

"VOTES FOR WOMEN"

Clergyman as Poster Inspector

Among those who have enrolled themselves this week as inspectors of the VOTES FOR WOMEN weekly poster is a clergyman. When really busy people can find time for this work of spreading the circulation of our paper and all that it stands for, there should be many with more time on their hands who can undertake at least as much. We shall be glad to publish their names if they will send them along to us.

The following are the new recruits to the brigade of poster inspectors:—Mrs. E. M. Bennett (Dorking), the Rev. A. E. Girdlestone (Bristol), Mrs. G. Hyde (Stockport), Miss Helen H. Stirling (Pinner), J. W. Ditmus, Esq. (Barnet).

Paperselling

Will those who promised to sell papers when April came kindly redeem their promise as speedily as possible by communicating with Miss M. Brown, Paper-selling Organizer, U.S. Offices, 3, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.

The thanks of the U.S. are due to Madame Estelle, at the Rose Tea Rooms, Langham Place, W., for kindly allowing her premises to be used as a VOTES FOR WOMEN depot for the use of the Oxford Street paper-sellers.

A CORRECTION

In last week's list of subscriptions "Mrs. Drinkwater, 6s. 3d." should have read: "From sale of plants, per Mrs. Drinkwater, 6s. 3d."

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DEDICATION

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

THE OUTLOOK

Parliament will reassemble on Wednesday after we go to press, and will occupy itself mainly with Supply and with the Government's proposals for dealing with the drink question. Both matters affect women very intimately; indeed, day by day as the war goes on, it becomes harder for all thinking, feeling women to endure their voteless condition, in the face of an increasing demand for help which they could give but which politically negligible citizens are incapable of giving effectually.

The Tsar Leads the Way

Our reasonable demand that the House of Commons should take over the government of the country while the Cabinet is occupied in conducting the war, and should make women citizens if they ask them to carry on the work of the country, has received support from the Tsar's decree granting municipal self-government to Poland, including the right to use the Polish language in the Council debates. This provision is the one which has long held up the Bill in the Council of the Empire; but now, the Russian legislative bodies are not sitting, and the Tsar has taken advantage of a Russian organic law giving him the right to use his decree in this manner, and he has granted a measure of freedom, as long overdue as woman suffrage is in England, to the people who are giving him their help at this crisis. The parallel seems to us very close. Is Great Britain content to lag behind her Ally in justice and generosity?

Government's Call to Women

Women workers from the first have viewed the Government's appeal for their services during the war with a pardonable apprehension; and two Conferences held during the present week testify to their desire for safeguards. The meeting at the Board of Trade on Tuesday between Mr. Runciman and representatives of women's organizations, including some Suffrage Societies, was a welcome sign of official willingness to confer with the women whose economic destinies were in the balance, though we regret that the one essential safeguard of woman's economic position—the vote—was not included in the subjects for discussion. This is not, however, the case with the Women's Conference organized by the Workers' National War Emergency Committee at the Caxton Hall to-day (Friday), when Dr. Marion Phillips will move a resolution calling upon the Government to give a definite assurance that at the earliest possible moment the "long overdue reform of universal suffrage will be dealt with." With the substitution of the word "woman" for "universal"—an inevitable amendment, we imagine, since suffrage societies, including United Suffragists, will be represented at the Conference—this resolution will at least go straight to the root of the matter.

The Board of Trade Conference

Some interesting facts, revealing the reluctance of organized women to respond to the

Government's appeal without proper safeguards (first of which we, of course, place the vote), were brought out at the Board of Trade Conference on Tuesday. Mr. Runciman, in his opening speech, said that by the beginning of April 33,000 women had registered themselves in answer to the Board of Trade's appeal. He went on to explain that in piece-work there should be equal pay with men for equal work for Government contracts, but that for time-work no arrangements had been made. It was pointed out by representatives of the East London Federation of Suffragettes, the Women's Freedom League, and the United Suffragists that unless the guarantee for equal pay included all kinds of work, both piece and time, it would only extend the sweating of women and force them still further to under-sell men. They demanded, too, that a minimum wage, equal to what a man would consider a living wage, should be fixed for all unskilled workers, and also that married women should not be penalised, but that all trades should be as open to them as to single women.

Women Make Conditions

Miss Llewelyn Davies and Miss Mary MacArthur, representing the Women's Co-operative Guild and Women's Trades Unions, went into the question of hours of work, explaining that in armament factories, although there was no shortage of women's labour, women were forced to be working twelve and fourteen hours a day, often seven days a week, so that they averaged eighty-four hours a week. These speakers demanded that the Board of Trade should refuse to grant permits suspending the Factory Acts without consulting the workers of the particular industries in question. They added that unless the Government agreed to proper conditions of work and pay for the women, their Societies, which represented hundreds of thousands of working women, would refuse to co-operate. A strong recommendation was made by a large number of the delegates that an Advisory Standing Committee of women should be formed to help in the organisation of the women's work, and further, that the representatives of the Trades Unions concerned, and, in fact, all the women actually doing the work, should be consulted as to the conditions of that work.

Votes for Danish Women

It really looks as though there were going to be no more slips 'twixt the cup and the lip where woman suffrage in Denmark is concerned. The Government's Constitution Bill, which has been under discussion since October, 1912, and has failed to become law more than once at the last minute owing to the tactics of the Opposition, now stands a good chance of passing. A compromise between all parties in the Rigsdag has been arrived at, and it is hoped that the necessary stages of progress, including a dissolution and General Election, will be successfully negotiated, and the Bill signed by the King early in June. Danish women will then be on exactly the same political footing as Danish men, with the same right to vote for and to sit in both Houses of Parliament. This enfranchisement of our Danish sisters will indeed be a silver lining to the black cloud that now overhangs Europe.

While Europe Fights

While destruction of life and property proceeds in Europe—the casualty lists of the past week are too terrible for comment—America steadily continues her work of construction. Remarkable suffrage successes in the United States have characterised the last week or two. In Pennsylvania the resolution to submit the Suffrage amendment to the voters has passed the House by 130 votes to 71, and the Senate by 37 votes to 11; and it will be voted upon by the electors this autumn. In South Dakota the proposal, having already passed the House, has now passed the Senate by 29 votes to 15, and will be submitted to the Referendum in the autumn of 1916. In Maine, too, although the proposal failed to secure the necessary two-thirds majority in the House, it passed the Senate by

26 votes to 4—a really significant success. Of the failure of the Suffrage amendment to pass in the Delaware Legislature the *Suffragist* remarks:—

The same Legislature has legalised prize fighting, refused to abolish the whipping post, attacked the juvenile court and child labour Bill, sought to weaken the marriage law, and in various other ways established its claim as an Anti-Suffragist body!

The Suffrage Truce

We are informed that the libel action brought by the medical officers of Holloway Gaol against Dr. Frank Moxon in connection with the alleged drugging of Suffragist prisoners will probably be proceeded with in the course of the next few weeks. The case, which arose out of last year's conflict between militant women and a Cabinet that denied them justice, belongs to that chapter of our history which, we consider, were best forgotten by a Government absorbed in the present prosecution of a war for those very ideals under whose banner the militant Suffragists fought and suffered in prison. Well, there is a truce now to these things, and a kind of an amnesty has been granted to the women. Is it too much to hope that the Government will keep the Suffrage truce in the spirit as well as the letter, and use their influence to prevail upon the plaintiffs, who were Government officials, to withdraw the action? There would be an added poetic justice in taking such a course now, since the defendant is serving his country in the R.A.M.C. at the Front—as many of the militant women, set free by the amnesty, are also doing in numberless ways at home.

Peace and Woman Suffrage

The statement in the *Times*—that neither the new nor the old suffrage movements support the proposal to hold a Women's International Congress in Holland at the end of the month—strikes us as somewhat ingenuous. Societies formed for one purpose do not commonly call for comment in the newspapers because they do not divert their activities into another channel; and, as we have had occasion to remark before, it would not be practicable for most suffrage societies, least of all for an organization of men and women like the United Suffragists, to support officially any movement either for the furtherance of the war or the discussion of peace. But it is not in the least remarkable that Suffragists as individuals should be in sympathy with such movements as the National Conference of Women, to be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, after we go to press on Wednesday, and the Women's International Congress at the Hague. For both these gatherings of women insist, as we do, on the necessity for the enfranchisement of women if any permanent peace settlement is ever to be arrived at; and both propose to discuss, not the origins of the present war nor any method of putting a stop to it automatically, but rather the basic principles of real peace, which, if absorbed before the end of the present terrible conflict, will perhaps tend to a settlement that will make wars less probable in the future.

Items of Interest

In addition to the two brave nurses who died at their post last month, Sister Augusta Minshull, also a member of the Scottish Women's Hospital which is doing such gallant work in Serbia, has fallen a victim to typhus.

Our readers will rejoice with us to hear that the military aviator and only son of those two good friends of the cause, Dr. and Mrs. Mansell-Moullin, who was reported missing, is now known to be alive and a prisoner of war in Germany.

Commenting on a speech made on Suffrage militancy by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, the *Portland Journal* (Oregon) says: "With Mrs. Lawrence as a sample and defender of English militancy, it is possible to understand that differences in national conditions may make it possible for a method to be essential in Great Britain that would only bring disaster in the United States."

It is announced that the *Suffragette*, which suspended publication on the outbreak of war, is to reappear weekly, the first issue being published to-day (Friday).

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ARE WE UNPATRIOTIC?

It has too lightly been assumed in many quarters that patriotism requires, in time of war, unhesitating acceptance of everything, good or bad, that is done by the Government in power. As our readers know, we have never been able to take that view: and it is beyond question that we have been proved right.

Take the case of soldiers' wives. It is now almost universally admitted that the treatment extended to them at the beginning of the war by the Government was such as to harm the country, to depress the spirits of married soldiers, and to discourage recruiting. The "patriotic" thing would have been to accept the evil: the true course of patriotism was to protest—with as much force as was necessary to get the Government's action altered for the better.

Similarly with our demand for the enfranchisement of the unenfranchised, for the practical expression in our own country of those principles of liberty and equality for which we claim to be fighting abroad. To do right here and now would be a guarantee that we have no purpose save to do right in the future. To strengthen the service and citizenship of the nation would be at once expedient and noble. To refrain from doing so—to invite "war-service" while refusing recognition, to beg the assistance of women, to play upon their generosity and secure that assistance, while cynically excluding them from their obvious rights—is a shameful piece of Prussian duplicity which can do nothing but weaken our international position and hinder the advancement of the country's cause.

We cannot but be guided by these truths in our retrospect of Mr. Asquith's seven years of office. If we believed we could serve our country by silence, we would be silent; but since when has England been so poor a land that she dare not speak or face the truth? If Mr. Asquith showed any signs whatever of compunction or of repentance or of an honest purpose for the

future, we would consent to let that tell for him against the hideous wrongs of the past. If we recall, as we are bound to recall, what these seven years of Mr. Asquith's rule have meant, it is because now, when so much depends upon national consistency and righteousness, is the time for the redress of the wrongs done—or rather, for such redress as can ever conceivably be given: for many wrongs are beyond redress. What is Mr. Asquith's record? Under him, the Parliament Act has been passed, so that for three long and bitter years he was able to hush almost every breath of criticism, to strangle almost every movement of revolt, among the really progressive members of his own party, by the magic phrase about "endangering the Home Rule Bill." Under him, the caucus has been more tyrannical, the House of Commons more impotent, than ever before. Under him, the Liberal doctrine of "no taxation without representation" has been persistently flouted and denied. Under him, women, guilty at the worst of nothing but a technical breach of law, have been obscenely assaulted with impunity by the police in the streets of London. Under him, an obsolete statute more than five hundred years old has been revived in order to strangle free speech and to commit to prison persons neither convicted nor accused of any legal offence. Under him, torture has been employed in English prisons with the avowed object of terrorising political prisoners from adoption of the hunger-strike. We have in the past denounced these actions. We do not denounce them now. We make no comment on these un- denied and undeniable facts. We recall them because, under the corrupt flood of cant and sycophancy with which the unhappy scribes of the party Press have beslobbered their Prime Minister, the stain upon England's name and the needs of England's honour alike run the risk of being forgotten.

Nothing, we repeat, could so strengthen the nation as to do justice. The mere doing of justice is a strength—and this particular just act of enfranchisement would contribute infinitely to the general resources of the community. Did we not know this, we should have ceased or suspended our suffrage activities long ago. As individuals, Suffragists try to bear their part like other people in the various other services of the community; as a Suffrage organ, we demand suffrage. We render as whole-heartedly as anyone our tribute of admiration to the heroism of English soldiers and the exalted spirit in which they are facing death and danger in the execution of their duty: on the other hand, we cannot think it part of our duty to urge others to face death and danger. Here again we speak as the organ of a Suffrage society: as individuals, the members of that society have naturally a wide diversity of views. Some of them are actually under arms at the front, others are keen propagandists of pacificism. But the United Suffragists are united in the demand for suffrage. That is their specific business and purpose and duty. That is the flag which they are resolute to keep flying. As the war is ever more terribly brought home to us all by the daily lists of loss: as the strain grows harsher and the end nearer, more and more keen will doubtless become the controversy as to peace: there will be clear divisions of opinion, opposite interpretations of duty. But on one point, among Suffragists, there will be neither division nor opposition—on the right of women, who have shared the miseries of war, to a voice in the decision of the terms that are to end it; on the need for women, who have borne half the nation's burden, to have their half of its responsibilities and of its glories.

WHERE MEN AND WOMEN ARE EQUAL

Some Impressions of the Woman's Movement in the Western States of America

BY EMMELINE PETHICK LAWRENCE

For six weeks I have been living in a world where there is absolute political equality between men and women. I am now in the boat that plies between Seattle, Washington, U.S., and Victoria, B.C., and am going to the only State upon the Pacific Coast from Arctic Alaska to sub-tropical California, where women are held to be of less account in the body politic than men. In the free communities amongst which I have sojourned, I have learnt many things about the effect of votes for women upon women themselves, and upon society generally. In the realm of accomplished results locally achieved the vote has had an even greater effect in a few years than I ever imagined possible, but the local triumph has not induced in the minds of women so great a consciousness of the solidarity of womanhood, nor so deep a realisation of the world-wide aspect of the Woman's Movement, as is evinced in our movement at home, nor given women here the ultimate vision that has been given through suffering and struggle to the Suffragettes in the United Kingdom.

How the Women Respond

This is the result that might have been expected. Women in these Western States have responded magnificently to the State-accorded responsibility and power, and have thrown themselves with great concentration and high executive ability into local political, industrial, and social administration of affairs. Men praise them without a dissentient voice. Their opinion is asked, their help is sought, their work is appreciated, and stimulated by the praise and homage and even flattery accorded, they are pricked on to render more and more efficient public service, by which the community is safeguarded, and social life raised to a very high standard of health and happiness and well-being. Naturally, therefore, they are, speaking generally, extremely well satisfied; and many are inclined, perhaps, to think that the reason women in the Eastern States and in the United Kingdom have not yet achieved the status which they enjoy is that they are less gifted, less sapient, and in some subtle way really inferior to themselves. I do not say that this feeling is ever expressed, but one feels it in the atmosphere. Having made this one reservation, let me add my tribute to the general chorus of appreciation, and admit that I am filled with admiration at the way the women have laid hold of social and industrial problems and have carried out sweeping reforms.

A Woman Judge

In Seattle, capital of Washington State, I have found the freest community that I know of anywhere in the world. There is absolute and complete equality of the sexes, not only in the letter but in the spirit. Not a single profession or public office is barred to women. I attended a Court presided over by "Judge Reah Whitehead," who in appearance is a girl with the bloom of vivid health and youth upon her. The morning I visited this Court the legal functionaries were all men. The Judge was addressed as "Your Honour" by grey-haired advocates and by witnesses, and the utmost professional deference was observed. The Judge followed the statements of witnesses with a keen, piercing intentness and intelligence, which, after certain police court experiences of my own, was most interesting to observe. I

have heard people say that to listen to her when she is by way of administering reproof and advice is "a thrill." A story was told at the dinner table, in her presence and mine, of one occasion when she turned to the wife of a delinquent husband and asked her what, in her opinion, was an adequate sentence. The wife said "Sixty days," and the Judge simply confirmed the sentence, which, by the way, was a very lenient one in view of the offence.

We were also taken to Courts where juries were serving—mixed juries always and in all cases. Men and women are selected according to the register without discrimination as to sex, and Judge Whitehead told me that very rarely indeed did any woman put in an exemption plea; they were much more willing and able to serve than men.

"White Slavery Practically Eased"

There are women police, and had I stayed another night in Seattle I should have accompanied one of them on duty as a plain clothes officer. Since women had the vote the sale of liquor has been prohibited, the "Midnight Districts" abolished, and White Slavery practically ended. The city has been made one of the most beautiful in the world. There are miles of park and pleasure grounds, free tennis courts with nets and all accessories, a free golf course, children's playing fields with responsible guardians in attendance; and a happier, healthier, more upstanding people, old and young, I have never seen.

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THE WOMAN'S BURDEN

There was a stirring clash of martial music at the end of the street, and the sound of tramping feet; the crowd surged forward, cheering and singing. It was then that I first saw her coming towards me—a thin, tired-looking little woman, rather perplexed and frightened by the crowd, wearing a man's cap upon her head and a shabby shawl tightly drawn across her shoulders. So I gave her what help I could, crossing the road with her, and she was very grateful and talked rapidly all the time, as we made our way in safety to the opposite corner.

"I'm in such a hurry, you see, this mornin', and what with bein' up all night I felt mazed at first amongst the noise. It's the doctor's I'm goin' to, about my man; and I'm wantin' to get back to him before the children come from school. You see, since he come back he's not been altogether what you might call quite right in his head. It was the sound of the guns, they say, an' the waiting day after day in the wet dark weather. Not that he'd ever mean to do the children a hurt—a kinder husband and father there never was before this happened to him; and often and often he'll seem quite like his old self again for a while, but then the fits come on him, and it's all I can do to control him myself. So he was sleepin' a bit, and I thought I'd just run round to the doctor's for somethin' to quieten him a bit, and be back in time to get the children's dinner. To-morrow I must send them to my sister's, for I've got to go out washing; I do pray he'll have a good day to-morrow. Only I can't be sure, and it makes me worry-like. My poor man! So good an' steady as he always was, an' worked so hard and lived so sober; an' me so proud of him when

All wealth acquired after marriage and all earned income of husband and wife is regarded as community property in which husband and wife hold an equal share. The right of either partner to a full half is inalienable, and that share cannot be disposed of or willed away by the other. Sales of real estate must have the signature of both husband and wife. There is a "Lazy Husband Law," which provides that men with families who will not work shall be employed by the State at a fair wage—equivalent to 6s. a day—which, with the deduction of a few pence for pocket-money, is handed direct to the wife. Widows receive a pension from the State. The minimum wage for women over eighteen in Washington State is \$10 (40s.). In Oregon it is 32s. for factory and laundry hands, and 38s. for shop assistants. Prices have fallen considerably since my visit here in 1912, and are not higher certainly than those that obtain in England at the present time. In my speech to the Women's Club in Seattle I gave the case of the women employed in the British Army Clothing Department, as exposed in the Daily News of February 20 last; and when I read the wages paid to married women of 14d. an hour, and to the girl of eighteen of 2s. 6d. a week, there were gasps of horror and shocked astonishment. At a dinner the same evening a military commander asked me if this statement (as he had heard it repeated) was authentic. I gave him the source of information. He exclaimed, "It is worse than war!"

Wherever I have passed, a nucleus of the Woman's Peace Party of America has been left behind. Miss Jane Addams heads a delegation to The Hague to attend the Women's Congress called by the women of Holland for April 28, 29, and 30. My husband and I shall attend this Congress also. We are sailing in the "Ryndam" (Holland-American Line) on April 13 from New York.

he went off in his uniform. Only now, you see, not altogether what you might call quite right in his head."

T. O'Meara.

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 - "Britain's Deadly Peril." By William le Queux. (London: Stanley Paul. Price 1s. net.)

CORRESPONDENCE

ARE SUFFRAGISTS SLAVES TO FASHION?

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—Whether women should wear "balloon" or "hobble" skirts is of little real concern to women Suffragists. It interests them just about as much as the question whether young "knuts" should scent their moustaches or wear gold bangles under their cuffs. Our life-work is to free women from political slavery, and in the meantime your anonymous correspondent may rest assured that individual Suffragists will continue to use their own judgment as to what they shall or shall not wear, placidly ignoring the "lectures" of the very young gentlemen in the Yellow Press editorial offices, who under the guise of "Shocked Matrons" or "Aunt Tabithas" flood their employers' papers with feeble diatribes about the flippancy of the modern woman.

Most Suffragists believe in freedom of movement, and although they are not likely to hamper themselves with unnecessary yards of cloth, and will eschew the bizarre and the outré in the matter of dress, just as they have always done in the past, they will not be deterred by newspaper criticism from buying any new clothes they can afford and of the cut and style that suits their fancy. The Suffragist, in fact, is the first to recognise that investing in seasonable garments, within reasonable limits, is a means of preventing dressmakers, mantle-makers, and others from dismissing their assistants, and thus adding to the flood of unemployment among women.—Yours, &c.,

LOUISA THOMSON-PRICE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—I am glad you have invited discussion on the question of "Woman's Dress." It has always appeared to me that the fashion of our dress is one of our worst handicaps. Woman's dress is neither hygienic nor rational. In the enlightened twentieth century it is just as ridiculous as it was

in the barbaric ages. I don't wish to do away with the ornamental and artistic in woman's dress, but why should we be continually driven from one extreme to another? If men's fashions can be modified and always made to combine smartness with comfort, there is no reason why the fashions for women should not follow the same rule. The "confections" we are expected to wear on our heads are enough to make any thoughtful person sceptical as to the "march of enlightenment." And we are in the van of civilisation! Well, of course, women don't count, and we shall never count until we display some reason in the fashion of our dress. Take a woman walking along the street on a windy, wet day. Her hat is made to withstand neither wind nor rain. It responds briskly to every gust—the hatpins merely serve as pivots. Her skirts and underskirts play all sorts of pranks with her legs, and thus she struggles along. The tragic part of it all is that not even the suspicion enters her mind that everything is not just as it ought to be.—Yours, &c.,

M. CORRIGAN.

152, Calder Street, Glasgow.

A WOMEN'S EXHIBITION

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—The East London Federation of the Suffragettes is organising a great women's exhibition to be held in Caxton Hall on Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11. The exhibits will include:—

1. Women's Labour Exhibit.—Sweated Industries Section, arranged by Dr. Tchaykovsky, in which brush-makers, matchbox-makers, garment-makers, and others may be seen at their work.

Toy-making Industry on Reform Lines, in which workers will be seen in the various processes in the making of wooden toys, stuffed toys, dolls, &c. Toys and garments made in the East London Toy Factory will be on sale.

Food Prices Exhibit, arranged by Miss Margaret Hicks, of the Joint Food Supply Committee, showing how the increased cost of living works out in actual materials.

2. International Suffrage Exhibit, arranged by

the International Women's Suffrage Shop, in which charts and maps showing the progress of Woman Suffrage all over the world will be displayed, and literature will be on sale dealing with the Woman's Movement all over the world.

The United Suffragists, the Actresses' Franchise League, the Forward Cymric Suffrage Union, the Women's Freedom League, the Women Teachers' Franchise Union, the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society and the Free Church League for Women's Suffrage are arranging to provide speakers and to show exhibits of their literature.—Yours, &c.,

E. SYLVIA PANKHURST.

CHURCH OF THE NEW IDEAL

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—The opening services of the above Church were held on Sunday, March 22, 1914, so that now for over twelve months women have shown themselves capable of controlling a religious organisation, and of serving the pulpit acceptably. The committee of management includes women connected with various denominations. The total number of members on the roll is fifty-eight, and our usual attendance includes those who are not members. In addition to the evening meeting for worship, open to all, an afternoon gathering is held for women only, and is devoted to the reverent study of the Bible and to the discussion of social problems. The first anniversary is to be celebrated on April 25 by holding special services, when all sympathisers will combine in a determined effort to raise sufficient funds to erect a suitable building, which already meets, and a building fund created during the period now terminating all expenses have been fully met, and a building fund created which already amounts to over £66. This money has been subscribed by members and friends, most of whom are working women. Now, that the position of women in the Church is assured, it is intended to invite persons of either sex to fill the pulpit, and to approach the ultimate ideal of sharing all offices and privileges on a basis of equality.—Yours, &c.,

A. LEE.

Concert Hall, Manor Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.

THE WOMAN DOCTOR

This account, clear and straightforward, of our medical women, from their early struggles for permission to qualify down to their work at the front during the present crisis, is not only interesting reading, but supplies a very useful historical document. The success of women in the field of medicine, the position they have conquered by their own efforts in the teeth of the most obstinate prejudice and obstacles, certainly form an important chapter in the history of woman. This book, short and concise, is written with thorough appreciation, and has evidently been a labour of love. In the light of present-day attainments it is amusing to read of the difficulties of the little band of women students "Septem contra Edinam," who had to fight so hard for permission to enter Edinburgh University. (Miss Elisabeth Blackwell had received her M.D. degree in the United States.) They were at last allowed to form separate classes, each class to ensure a guarantee of a hundred guineas (a perhaps characteristic "canny" measure), and at examinations the women students sat in one room, the men in another. The women did so well as to cause alarm, and when Miss Pechey proved herself the best student of chemistry in her year, the scholarship was given to the man below her. The bad behaviour of some of the rougher men students at this time brings into relief the chivalry of some of the finer ones, who formed a bodyguard (chiefly Irish students) to protect the ladies in their daily walk to the University. At this time (about 1874) other women were obtaining medical degrees in Continental Universities with less difficulty, though not entirely without obstacles. The London School of Medicine for Women was started by private subscribers at about the same time, and in 1876

the Medical Qualifications Act finally threw open the profession to women. It is scarcely realised even now how splendidly women have succeeded in it, and "how many have their names on the door-plates of Harley Street." One is helped to realise it by Miss Bennett's descriptions of the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road; the Children's Hospital, Harrow Road, and South London Hospital for Women (which, it may not be generally known, provides special private wards at very moderate fees for gentlewomen of small means), also various other institutions controlled and initiated by medical women.

Government Recognition

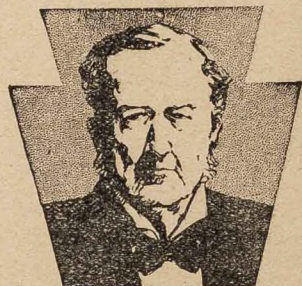
Six weeks after the outbreak of war Miss Garrett Anderson, M.D., was at work in charge of a military hospital in France. The Paris Corps was the first Women's Hospital Corps sent out in this war from England. "It was raised and equipped entirely by medical women, and its services were gratefully accepted by the French Government and placed under the patronage of the Croix Rouge de France." Leaving London on September 15, 1914, with women surgeons and anaesthetists, nurses, and men orderlies, this Corps converted Claridge's Hotel, Paris, into a splendid hospital. The work in Antwerp of Mrs. St. Clair Stobart's Hospital Corps and their escape during the bombardment is very exciting reading.

Dr. Stephen Paget, in his preface, writes enthusiastically; he says:—

The work done by medical women is just as good as the work done by medical men. Why should it not be as good? Patience, gentleness, diligence, neatness, dexterity, come as natural to women as to men. The wonder is that their desire to be physicians and surgeons was so long opposed; it seems to me the most natural thing in the world.

Certainly, there have always been women with aptitude for the healing art, from the Athenian Agnodice, 506 B.C., to Lady Ann Halkett in the reign of Charles I.; it was only opportunity which was lacking. M. H.

* English Medical Women: Glimpses of Their Work in Peace and War. By A. H. Bennett. With a Preface by Stephen Paget, F.R.C.S. (London: Pitman. Price 3s. 6d.)



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COMPARISON OF PUNISHMENTS

LIGHT SENTENCES
Assault on a Wife

The *Morning Advertiser* (April 1) reports case of a carpenter charged on a warrant at East Ham Police Court with assaulting his wife. She was sitting at tea with a woman friend he disliked, and he pinned his wife to the wall, striking her several severe blows. Sentence: *One month's hard labour.*

Cruelty to a Horse

The *Pioneer* (March 9) reports case of a coal merchant charged at Woolwich Police Court before Mr. Halkett with cruelty to a horse by working it when it was in an emaciated and lame condition. The magistrate said it was the worst horse he had seen there, and it was ordered to be destroyed, in consideration of which, he added, the fine would be smaller. Sentence: *Fined £1 and 10s. costs, or one month.*

TEACHERS IN CONFERENCE

Caxton Hall, April 3, 1915

(By the U.S. Delegate.)

It was a great pleasure to me to attend the meeting of the National Federation of Women Teachers as a delegate from the United Suffragists. For thirty-five years I was a teacher and lecturer in each of the great continents of the world—that fact sufficiently accounts for my interest in education. For the last five years I have been a lecturer upon Woman Suffrage, as I was for six years a voter in Australia, and know by practical experience the advantages of political enfranchisement.

It was indeed a delight to me to hear the very eloquent and convincing speeches of the women teachers at the Caxton Hall on April 3. As a lecturer for the L.C.C. to women teachers, I had a very clear idea of the breadth of their aims and the absolute selflessness of their devotion. Great as was the reverence that I felt for these qualities, I had not realised the tremendous strides forward that professional women had made during recent years until I listened to the exceedingly able and perfectly impartial pictures of woman's position in the economic world, as drawn by the speakers. The retiring President, in a speech full of life and vigour, showed the need for a woman's organisation, such as the Federation with in the N.U.T. She pointed out that women had too often in the past allowed their interests to be slighted and neglected because they felt that, as women, they had only a right to a secondary place. With delightful touches of humour in her illustrations she continually reminded us of woman's duty to her sister women, and showed the evil results to all of the passive submission of any individual to injustice based upon the idea of sex inferiority.

Miss Phipps, B.A., the incoming President, in her address—that was at once lively and inspiring—gave many interesting instances of the disadvantages under which women worked, and aroused some sympathetic and understanding mirth when she stated that in the teaching profession members of her own sex received unequal pay for unequal work, and her audience, she added, would realise where the inequality lay—implying that inferiority in quality and quantity was in no sense a characteristic of the women's work, although they received a lower rate of pay than their masculine co-workers.

War and Child Legislation

Other speakers lamented the legislation for women and children since the outbreak of the war, especially the recent attempt to secure cheap child labour in the agricultural districts, thus sacrificing the interests of the rising generation to secure profit for the farmers. Miss Margaret Macmillan made an eloquent appeal for the prevention of much feeding and housing of children, many of the apparently incurable cases that came under her ken being due to inadequate feeding and insanitary homes in the early years of life. She cheered us all by

HEAVY SENTENCES
False Pretences

The *Times* (April 9) reports case of a private charged at Thames Police Court with obtaining a revolver worth £2 10s. by false pretences, paying for it with a cheque on Cox's Bank which was dishonoured. Sentence: *Three months' hard labour.*

Theft of Jewellery

The *Times* (April 7) reports case of a clerk charged at the London Sessions with stealing jewellery from shops in Hackney and elsewhere. It was stated that he worked for a "gang," who sent him into shops ostensibly to buy engagement rings. Sentence: *Twelve months' hard labour.*

showing that this war, horrible as it is, has done good service in arousing the social conscience by bringing all classes into closer contact, and in awakening the callous and frivolous to the many serious and awful problems with which we are face to face.

I was so glad to find that nearly all the Suffrage Societies had sent delegates to this essentially woman's meeting, and that all the speakers were most keenly desirous of the Parliamentary vote for their sex, although in one address economic independence was stated to be far more important than political power. My own experience in an enfranchised land has shown me that such independence, desirable as it is, is impossible without the lever of the vote.

Margaret Hodge.

WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT Successful Women Candidates

The following women have been returned at the recent Urban District Council elections:—

- Haslemere—Miss Ursula Hutchinson (Ind.).
- Purley—Mrs. Arkwright (Ratepayers' candidate), Mrs. Wallis (Ind.).
- Sidmouth—Miss Chilton (Ind.).
- Sutton—Miss Bell (Ind. and unopposed), Miss Hoole (Ind.), Miss Jennings (Ind. and unopposed).

Miss Clara Lucas has been returned as a Progressive to the Darlington Town Council at the recent election on the extension of the boundaries of the borough.

COMING EVENTS

The Forward Cymric Suffrage Union will hold a meeting in Hyde Park (near the Marble Arch) on Sunday, April 18, at 3 p.m.

The Women's Freedom League will hold a Public Meeting at the Suffrage Club, York Street, on Sunday, April 18, at 3.30 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. Hatty Baker on "The War and After." Admission free.

The same Society will hold a Public Meeting at the Suffrage Club on Wednesday, April 21, at 3.30 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Despard and Miss A. B. Jack.

The Free Church League for Woman Suffrage will hold a Public Meeting at the Caxton Hall on Thursday, April 22, at 8 p.m. Speakers: Rev. Dr. Orchard, Miss Maude Royden, and Mrs. Swanwick, M.A. Chair: Mrs. Strickland. Subject: "Women and Peace." Admission free. Reserved tickets may be obtained from 13, Breems Buildings, E.C.

Mr. W. L. George will open a discussion on "Women and the Arts" under the auspices of the Women's Freedom League, at the Suffrage Club, on Friday, April 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets 1s. and 6d.

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A CORRECTION

We are asked to state that Mr. Joseph Clayton is serving for the period of the war in the London Irish Rifles (Territorials), not in the National Reserve, as stated in last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN.

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MR. W. L. GEORGE will open a discussion on "Women and the Arts," Friday, April 30, 8 p.m., at the Suffrage Club, 3, York Street, Jermyn Street. Admission, 1s. and 6d. Tickets Women's Freedom League, 1, Robert Street, Adelphi.

THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE announce a Public Meeting at the Suffrage Club, 3, York Street, Jermyn Street, W., Sunday, April 18, 3.30. Speaker: The Rev. Hatty Baker, subject "The War and After." Chair: Miss A. B. Jack. Admission free. Discussion. Collection. Tea.

THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE holds public meetings at the Suffrage Club, 3, York Street, Jermyn Street, Piccadilly, each Wednesday afternoon at 3.30. Speakers, April 21, Mrs. Despard, Miss A. B. Jack, of Edinboro'. Chair, Miss Boyle. Admission free.

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