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A Review of the Week.

Mrs. Pankhurst's Return. The Majestic was announced to be due at Plymouth late on Wednesday evening and at the time these words went to press had not arrived. The question of whether or not Mrs. Pankhurst would be arrested was therefore still uncertain. A rousing campaign has been in progress in Plymouth and if Mrs. Pankhurst is arrested it will not be the fault of the general public of the place nor of members of the W.S.P.U. The fact that the Government can send their representatives on board in advance of anyone else gives them a special advantage, but members of the W.S.P.U. are resolving that even if Mrs. Pankhurst is arrested now, she shall never be arrested again if any action of theirs can prevent it.

The Great Women's Meeting. Whatever happens, the Great Meeting for Women will take place on Sunday evening. It will in any case be a meeting of protest against torture but if the chief speaker of the evening, she whom it has been hoped to welcome, is in prison instead of on the platform, then the note of protest will be even more passionate and strong. For the rearrest of Mrs. Pankhurst will have a double significance. It will be an attack upon a woman dearly loved and it will be a new declaration of war upon the Union as a whole. It will be a sign that the Government still adhere to the policy of killing women's love for freedom by destroying their body.

The Government not to be Trusted. While the rearrest of Mrs. Pankhurst when she lands will be a sign that the Government are still bent upon torture, her rearrest at this moment may not mean

that the torture of her and others is abandoned. It may simply mean that the Government, aware that the eyes of America and of the whole civilised world are upon them, may think it prudent to delay the arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst until a moment when the world is less on the alert and their arrest of her might excite less notice. It will be remembered that when the International Medical Congress was sitting in London, the Government for fear of shocking the doctors of other lands, refrained from arresting Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Annie Kenney. But when the doctors had gone and Miss Kenney returned to work after her-holiday, she was rearrested and most cruelly tortured. The Government are never to be trusted. Miss Annie Kenney, acting under medical instructions, will leave in a few days for a French watering place, and will remain there until the New Year.

The Best Protest Against Torture. Of all protests that can be made against torture, a contribution to W.S.P.U. funds is by far the best. The reason of this is that to strengthen the W.S.P.U. itself is to provide the Government with an argument for abandoning torture which will have more weight with them than any other. To tell the Government that torture is cruel will not move them. They know it to be cruel and that is why they use it. To show torture to be unpopular and futile is the way to stop it. Protest meetings such as that held this week by some of the clergy are extremely valuable as proving that torture is condemned, but a subscription to the W.S.P.U. protest fund is another and, equally, necessary way of proving that torture is condemned. And a gift to the protest fund has the further effect of proving that torture is futile because it gives new strength to the W.S.P.U. The Government want to weaken the Union by torture. The protest fund will show that they have failed.

How Much Do You Care? The fact that Miss Rachel Peace is still under torture is proof enough that condemnation of torture is an urgent necessity. What her suffering must be those outside cannot well endure to think. To fight against the Government that torture, is the only thing endurable. That detectives have asked the St. John's Ambulance men who drive Miss Annie Kenney whether instead of driving her to a meeting they will on instructions from the police drive her to Holloway Prison is further evidence of the Government's unspeakable cruelty. When the great collection is taken next Sunday, everybody (whether by gift made at the meeting or by promise sent by those absent from the meeting) will be able to show how much they hate torture and how much they admire the heroic prisoners.

"Intimidating the 21." The process of intimidating the twenty-one members of the Liberal Cabinet is advancing. At Leeds the Prime Minister's fear of Suffragettes was advertised to the whole world by the elaborate secrecy of his movements. When Mr. Lloyd George spoke at the Holloway Empire, the most elaborate

precautions were taken to exclude the Suffragist enemy, police both mounted and on foot being present in large numbers outside the theatre and an army of stewards being within. Ferocity tempered by fear is the Government's Suffrage policy.

The Two Conspirators. Evidently Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill have been laying their heads together, and have agreed firstly that the savage violence done to Suffragist hecklers at meetings is injuring the Government and secondly that something must be done to minimise this injury. Thus we find Mr. Lloyd George who in the past has incited the violent assault of Suffragists who made protests at meetings, dropping his talk of sacks, and ruthless flinging out and sticks to beat them with and instead hypocritically, protesting that it pains him greatly to see such violence done. Yet on the tickets at his last meeting it was stated that— should it be found necessary to resort to ejection the organisers of the meeting will not hold themselves liable or responsible for any damage whatsoever sustained in consequence of such forcible ejection. The law as was shown in the Hawkins case gives the conveners of a meeting no right such as that claimed by Mr. Lloyd George and his friends.

"Women are Sacred." Mr. Winston Churchill at whose meetings, specially violent and offensive treatment has customarily been meted out to Suffragettes, was heard at the Costermongers' gathering to say when hecklers were being ejected: "Men act on their own responsibility. Women are sacred and must be protected." This is how they were protected. One woman received a black eye and a heavy blow under the jaw, and was kicked and bruised. Another had her arms seized by two stewards, while her face was repeatedly struck by another steward. Yet another woman was seen to emerge from the meeting in a dazed condition, with her face covered in blood. Women are sacred! Then why torture them in prison instead of giving them the vote?

The Price of Peace. Another point in Mr. Lloyd George's speech to one of the Oxford deputations calls for notice. Said he to the deputation of men militants: I don't believe people minded you worrying Cabinet Ministers, but now you have outraged every kind of public opinion. You have quarrelled with the Irishmen; you have quarrelled with the Welshmen; you have quarrelled with property, with the Liberal Party; you have gone to Nonconformist meetings, peace meetings, temperance meetings. I cannot think of any shade of thought you have not deliberately tried to offend and set against the suffrage. What Mr. Lloyd George and others who like him are politically fossilised as regards the Suffrage question fail to understand is this: It is the Irishmen, the Welshmen, and the rest who have offended the militants. So long as the quarrel could be conducted with the Government alone, then the militants ignored the others mentioned by Mr. Lloyd George. But as they continued to aid and abet the Government in cheating women of the vote they also share the punishment of this crime. They can be at peace as soon as they will pay the price of peace.

The Latest White Slave Case.

Upon the latest White Slave case we cannot comment fully because it is the subject still of judicial proceedings, but the moment has already arrived to ask why the police did not take the name and address of the man they found there. Even if no ground should afterwards have been found upon which to base a prosecution he might have been needed as a witness. Have the police instructions in such cases to let the men go? We may recall the fact that when the W.S.P.U. offices were raided the police demanded the name and address of everyone found within. But there is one rule for women and another rule for men!

The By-Elections.

Two very important by-elections are now in progress at South Lanark and at Wick Burghs. South Lanark which comes within the Glasgow organising centre of the W.S.P.U. has been very thoroughly worked with most encouraging results. From Wick Burghs also comes good news of progress made. To keep the Liberal out becomes more and more a possibility in Scotland where staunch Liberals are beginning to see that to attack party is often the way to uphold principle.

The Christmas Presents Sale.

The W.S.P.U. sale of Christmas presents is now in progress at Lincoln's Inn House, and those who wish to achieve the double purpose of helping the Union and pleasing their friends can do so by making purchases at the sale. By the generosity of friends of the Union the sale has been well stocked with attractive goods. A Christmas present which will delight many and increase the number of those in touch with the W.S.P.U. and the cause for which it stands is a year's subscription to the SUFFRAGETTE.

An Interesting Article.

In this issue appears an article by Mr. W. L. George, in which he makes a reply to some comments upon the militant movement which have reached his ear. His article will be read with much interest by all connected with the militant movement. We would point out that the W.S.P.U. is unique in having surmounted all barriers of class. Women of every class are united in the W.S.P.U. Each finds her own level according to her individual human worth. Class is the one thing that does not count in this Union of women.

NOTICE.

The life of Emily Wilding Davison, by G. Colmore, is being published by the Women's Press, and will be on sale at Lincoln's Inn House early next week. Price 5d.; cloth bound 1s.

STOP PRESS.

No news of the arrival of the Majestic has reached us as we go to press, but it is understood that the Government will re-arrest Mrs. Pankhurst on board and convey her in a special tender to some port on the South Coast.

The £250,000 Fund.

Contributions Nov. 5 to Nov. 10.

Table listing contributions to the £250,000 fund from Nov. 5 to Nov. 10. Includes names like Miss Margaret Greenhill, Mrs. Mary Wood, Miss Kathleen Streetfield, etc., with amounts in pounds, shillings, and pence.

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MARRIED WOMEN'S HEALTH.

By CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

Health for women is one of the rights which we of the W.S.P.U. demand.

The working of the Insurance Act has brought to light the appalling amount of ill-health that exists among women. Health for women is not only a right—it is a birth-right. Nature did not make women to be invalids. As the mother sex—the givers of life, Nature designed them to be strong.

The fact that women suffer worse health than men, is a result of the artificial subjection of women riveted by law and custom. It is as we shall show not Nature but men by whom their birthright of health has been taken from them.

So prevalent is ill-health among women that as Miss Susan Lawrence, a member of the London Insurance Committee expresses it, "if the women were to receive what they are entitled to all the societies dealing with women would soon be bankrupt."

It is of course true that among men also there is much preventable illness due to underfeeding, overwork, insanitary housing, and to defiance by the individual of the laws of health—defiance above all of the laws of sexual health.

But men have a political and social freedom that should, if they had the necessary wits and will, enable them to work out their own physical salvation.

Our first duty is to protect and strengthen the voteless woman, especially as we know them to suffer more ill health than men do.

Why is this? The causes of women's special penalty of illness arise in very early life. Girls have less leisure and rest out of school hours than have boys. The girls (we speak of the working classes, since it is to them that the Insurance Act statistics apply) are obliged to do housework while the boys are playing cricket or football or marbles—in the open air. The girls at a very early age are expected to be nurse to younger brothers and sisters and instead of having their mind free of care and their body free to exercise itself, they are involved in "childward care" while they are children themselves. Lifting and carrying heavy babies is a cause of many cases of spinal curvature in girls.

Then comes the age for leaving school and going to work. The girls' occupations are unhealthy. They often work longer hours than boys of the same age. Innumerable girls work till eight o'clock every night except Saturdays. They are too tired to want recreation after that. Besides, it is really too late to begin. Often and often their free time, short as it is, is claimed for "helping at home."

At a recent anti-sweating meeting it was declared that fifteen shillings a week is the minimum wage needed to meet the minimum requirements of a desirable life for a single woman. Yet there are as was further stated probably over 300,000 women in organised industry in London who earn less than twelve shillings for a full week's work; while in jam, confectionery, tin-box, and card factories women are earning eight, nine, eight, and six shillings a week.

In such poverty as this we can see a fruitful cause of ill-health amongst women.

But it is above all the married women whose health is bad. As stated by Mr. P. Rockliff, chairman of the recent Conference of Approved Friendly Societies in Leeds: "Married women are receiving three times as much as single women from the Approved Societies and it is the single women who will have to put their hands in their pockets to make good the excessive sum which has already been drawn by their married sisters."

There are various obvious reasons why the health of married women is worse than the health of those who are not married.

To begin with there is the custom whereby when there is any shortage of food, the wife and mother takes the smallest share, the husband having the biggest share and the children coming next. Yet the woman is the source of new life, and the underfeeding of child-bearing women is disastrous to themselves as well as to their offspring. The great rise in the cost of food that has taken place of late years means that wives and mothers are going even hungrier than they did!

Overwork and above all unremitting work is a great foe to the health of married women. "A woman's work is never done," the saying goes, and where the married woman is concerned it is a sadly true one. All day and every day her work goes on—no eight hours day for her. Whether she is a wage-earner (when she has at least the advantage of having money of her own) or whether she is not, the working class wife is always on duty. No man would keep his health under these conditions.

To free the working class wife means a complete reorganisation of domestic work. Under the present system there is a tragic waste of human energy. Every woman has to be a jill of all trades. Every woman her own laundress, cook, housemaid, marketer, and so on means that too many tasks are undertaken and none are done well enough. The needless drudgery on the part of women involved by all the separate little cooking kitchens, cooking stoves, washtubs and so forth is enough in itself to provoke a women's revolution. Many of the housing reform schemes bring no real hope to the women drudges of the land. They simply mean the perpetuation of a bad old system.

Co-operative housekeeping is the hope of married women!

Let it not be said that women would not like it! That is the parrot cry of those who would like to see women always chained by the neck to the hearthstone.

Fourier more than a hundred years ago rightly proclaimed the system we know as co-operative housekeeping to be one of the chief means to women's emancipation. Mrs. Perkins Gilman has written in powerful advocacy of this system. Mr. Ebenezer Howard, founder of the Garden City movement, is working for the establishment of co-operative housekeeping, and is only hindered by the unimaginative conservatism of those who could provide the necessary capital.

Mme. Montessori, the great educationalist, in her book tells of the work in this direction which is being done in Rome largely under her inspiration. There, for poor working class families there exist blocks of private apartments with an infant school, hospital, and baths attached. The infants under school age are cared for during the day by a directress and nurses. The mothers have a weekly conference with the directress concerning their children's welfare and they may visit the school daily. As Mme. Montessori says:

Until the present time only one class in society has had this advantage. Rich women were able to go about their various occupations and amusements, leaving their children in the hands of a nurse or governess. To-day the woman of the people who lives in these remodelled houses may say like the great lady "I have left my son with the governess and the nurse." More than this, they may add, like the princes of the blood: "and the house physician watches over them and directs their sane and sturdy growth." These women, like the most advanced class of English and American mothers, may possess a "Biographical Chart" which, filled for the mother by the directress and the doctor, gives her the most practical knowledge of her child's growth and condition.

The hospital attached to this block of

family apartments permits isolation of infectious and contagious disease.

It would also serve to overcome the difficulty arising at the present day in thousands upon thousands of homes (and not only in the poorest) at the time of child-birth. The want of due care in child-birth, the fact that the mother is immersed in family cares during the whole course of her illness and that in consequence she leaves her bed dangerously soon after her baby's birth is a very large cause of grave and permanent illness among married women.

The co-operative kitchen where meals are prepared by those with a talent and training for cooking and sent to each apartment or, at will, eaten in a common dining hall, would be one of the greatest blessings to married women.

Co-operative housekeeping means that food can be bought better and cheaper, that women's work can be skilled and properly organised, that married women can have a short working day, and that married women can be paid a money wage instead of working as so many of them now do, under the truck system.

The present isolation and overwork and waste of energy of the domestically employed wife must be ended. Nor can we tolerate the system whereby the wage-earning wife is obliged to do at the end of a day's work for an employer hours of additional work in her own home. Co-operative housekeeping is the only solution of the problem of how to give wives a life really worth living, of how to employ without waste that most priceless thing—the energy of women; and of how to enable wives to reconcile their duty to the family and their duty to themselves.

We have spoken of the want of peace, freedom from responsibility and time for convalescence which add to a mother's danger at the birth of her child. Maternity benefit may help but it does not suffice to overcome these difficulties.

Another cause of illness is the annual baby born of the half-starved, debilitated mother with not enough life for herself much less for another. After child-birth come in too many cases premature and excessive sex demands from the husband. Midwives and district nurses could write a painful chapter on this subject.

A major cause of married women's ill-health is, as readers of the SUFFRAGETTE are well aware, venereal disease!

In all classes of the community, and not least in the classes affected by the Insurance Act, venereal diseases and especially gonorrhoea, are rampant. As we know, gonorrhoea is responsible for the vast majority of cases of what are known as "women's diseases." To stamp out venereal diseases is imperative if married women's health is to be preserved.

These diseases are bred in prostitution, which in its turn is due to the unchastity of men and the subjection of women.

The votes for women movement and the militant movement in particular is attacking the moral standard which allows the demand for prostitution to exist. It is working so to strengthen women economically and above all spiritually that the sale of their sex shall become in the first place unnecessary to them as a means of livelihood and in the second place and even more important so intolerable that death itself would be lovely by comparison.

That it should be the unmarried women who have to pay for the illness of wives infected in marriage and broken down by the unnecessary and artificial hardship of married life is the sort of thing that always happens in these days of votes for men only!

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Apart from this, however, the facts were that having her references and having passed her examination the woman was admitted to the roll. Her teacher, becoming uneasy, disclosed the facts to the board, and the board in order to "keep up the old-fashioned standard of morality," removed her from the roll, thus closing to her the chance of earning an honest living, and leaving open to her, as her solicitor said, only the path of prostitution.

Not for an instant would one seek to lower the high standard demanded by the board, but when a woman is already on the roll, is working to the satisfaction of her employers and has nothing against her as regards her life since she became a midwife, it is not just that she should be deprived of her living because of a mistake in the past which she is trying to retrieve. The chairman made the most unnecessary and absolutely uncalled for statement that because a midwife goes into a home where the woman is laid up and the man is up and about her chastity must be beyond reproach! The very expression of such an obvious fact is an insult to the midwife and to the husband of a poor lying-in woman. Nothing could be further from the thoughts of a midwife at such a time, and let us hope for the honour of men, from the thoughts of the husband of a suffering wife.

Compare with this case that of a medical man who, by reason of his delicate and intimate relationships, must also be above reproach, and whose reputation is carefully guarded by the General Medical Council. No medical student has to produce a certificate of past good character before beginning his studies or even being put on the register; nor can he be taken off the register for any act which occurred before he gained his diploma, or even for any act afterwards, so long as it does not concern his professional capacity.

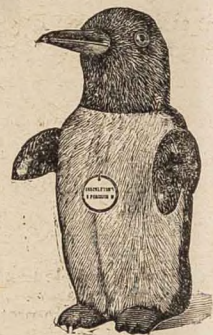
We could, indeed, do with a little justice and a little charity in this question of morality; circumstances and motives must be taken into account. Midwives may well ask why a higher standard should be demanded of them than of medical men, and whether it is just that one sad mistake in early life should close to them the door of an honourable profession.

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EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTIONS AT LEEDS.

FOUR ARRESTS.

Leeds will not soon forget the visit last week of the Prime Minister of England—the man who has betrayed the women's cause and tortured his political opponents.

In view of possible attentions from Suffragettes the most elaborate arrangements were made by the police on this occasion. Practically every member of the police force was on duty, and large numbers of police had been drafted into the city.

The attempt to set fire to the grand stand at the Headingley Football Ground on Monday night considerably increased the anxiety of the Chief Constable. Very few people knew how or when Mr. Asquith would arrive in the city last Friday, and it was thought that he might leave the train some miles away and proceed by motor car to Gledhow Hall, but this course was not followed.

Mr. Asquith's Body-guard.

There were about eight hundred police outside and inside the Coliseum, where the demonstration was timed to begin at 7.30. By 7 o'clock the crowd in Cookbridge Street was so dense that the mounted police had considerable difficulty in keeping the lines clear for the passage of trams. The women attracted to the spot were regarded with great suspicion, and on showing signs of loitering near the main entrance to the building were immediately requested to move on.

It had been arranged that Mr. Asquith should enter the Coliseum by the stage door, and here every precaution was taken to prevent any disturbance. Mounted police awaited the arrival of the Premier's motor car, and strong cordons of foot police were drawn across the road at either end of the building. Mr. Asquith's car was preceded and followed by cars containing detective officers.

Needless to say the number of women allowed inside the building was strictly limited. Ladies' tickets were only issued to the wives of members of Parliament and Parliamentary candidates, and duly accredited women delegates to the Federation meetings.

Mr. Asquith departed from the Coliseum after the meeting by the back entrance, much to the disappointment of a large crowd which waited outside the main entrance over an hour and a half to see him.

Suffragettes to the Front.

During the afternoon an exciting scene was witnessed at the Town Hall when about a dozen Suffragists attempted to effect an entrance into the main corridor. They were immediately rushed out of the building by the police who were on guard.

An attempt was also made to gain an entrance into Gledhow Hall where Mr. Asquith was staying. In the quiet of the night, after Mr. Asquith had returned from the meeting, the watchful police officers, who were keeping a close guard both inside and

outside the grounds, came upon three or four women who were in the act of scaling the high walls. The police gave chase, but the women jumped down from the wall and escaped in the darkness.

Wild rumours also went forth of a plot to hold up the newspaper reports of the Premier's speech in transmission to the post-office, and it was stated that the Suffragettes had secured a number of telegraph messengers' uniforms with a view to carrying out this scheme. The authorities in alarm had all the Post Office messengers paraded before an inspector, who identified them as being genuine servants, and afterwards saw that no strange messengers were admitted to the building.

Window Smashing in the City.

About nine o'clock on the Friday evening a woman smashed with stones three of the large plate-glass windows and the glass panel of the door of the Labour Exchange at the corner of Portland Crescent and Great George Street—only a few yards from the Coliseum, where the demonstration was held. Two police officers were guarding the building, but the woman, who had a companion with her, was too quick for them.

Both women were arrested, one giving the name of Mrs. Leonora Cohen, while the other refused to disclose her identity. This incident occurred shortly after the conclusion of a largely-attended Suffrage meeting in the Town Hall Square, and there were thousands of people about at the time.

A disturbance outside the Town Hall at about the same time resulted in the arrest of Miss Jessie Hunter and Mr. Ernest Deighton, who were charged with assaulting the police.

Later, at about 11 o'clock, the large plate-glass window of the "Yorkshire Evening Post" office, in Bond Street, was smashed, the damage being done by a brick which was wrapped in Suffragist literature. No arrest was made in this case.

The fire brigade also received false fire alarms, which are attributed to Suffragettes.

Prime Minister Creeps Away.

The general idea was that Mr. Asquith would stay with Lord Aire-dale after the week-end, but early Saturday morning the Prime Minister, with Mrs. Asquith and his two daughters, motored down to the Great Northern station, entered a reserved compartment in the 10.15 express, and departed. Their departure was quite unexpected, and there were very few people at the station. Even the passengers on the train were not certain that it really was Mr. Asquith.

He had a strong police guard on the way to the station, and before leaving he personally complimented the Chief Constable at some length on the police arrangements, which he said were perfect, and he expressed great appreciation of the manner in which the police had performed their duty.

It is stated that the local Suffragettes were closely shadowed for some days beforehand, it being thought that as they knew the district well they were likely to be the source of the greatest danger.

THE ATTEMPT TO FIRE LEEDS GRAND STAND.

TWO "WOMEN UNKNOWN" COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The two women who are charged with attempting to set fire to the grand stand at Headingley Football Ground again appeared at court at Leeds Town Hall last Friday. They still appeared as "women unknown," being known as defendants "A" and "B" respectively.

The police constable who arrested the women repeated the evidence given at the previous hearing. He said he found the women in a crouching position, one with a match in her hand, bending over a heap of cotton-wool, which was soaked in petrol and other inflammable oils.

The witness proceeded to describe the contents of the bag found under the stand, which included among other things a jemmy, pocket-knife, matches and literature.

Proceeding to speak of the prepared fire, witness said the wood of the stand had been soaked with oil to a height of five feet.

A tin of highly-inflammable rubber solution, an oil can and various articles collected were all produced.

"No Vote, No Peace."

The magistrate then proceeded to read several postcards that were found.

The first, addressed to "The Community at Large," read: "No Vote, no Sport. No Peace. Fire. Destruction. Devastation."

The second was addressed to "Asquith," and read: "We are burning for 'Votes for Women.'"

A third was addressed to "The Sports Committee at Leeds," and ran: "The Government is responsible for this. Apply to Asquith for damages."

A fourth card, also addressed to Mr. Asquith, read: "The heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and stone."

Complaints of Violence.

Both defendants made serious complaints about their treatment in prison. Finding that wardresses were not able to compel them to have their finger prints taken, the governor called in four warders to use violence on the women.

The magistrate said that it was not in his province to express his opinion on the legality or illegality of this action, but he would forward their complaint to the Home Office authorities.

The women also stated that when they got back to their cells they broke all the windows as a protest against the treatment they had received.

"We Shall Never Appear."

On being told that the case would probably be sent to the next sessions in January, Defendant "A" quietly remarked: "Of course, we shall never appear. For my part I shall continue this fight in or out of prison until the victory is won."

The two women were committed for trial at the next Leeds sessions.

SEQUEL TO LEEDS WINDOW SMASHING.

DEFENDANTS REMANDED.

At the Leeds City Police Court, on November 29, Mrs. Leonora Cohen and another woman, who refused all information concerning herself, were charged with doing wilful damage to three plate-glass windows.

A police-constable, giving evidence, said that he saw the two women at 9.15 p.m. on the previous night. He rushed up behind them and caught hold of Mrs. Cohen's arm just as she threw a stone through the window of the Labour Exchange.

The damage done was stated to

amount to £26, three plate-glass windows being broken.

The case was remanded until Wednesday.

Mrs. Cohen stated that both she and her companion would adopt the hunger and thirst strike.

ASSAULT CHARGE ADJOURNED.
Later in the day Miss Jessie Hunter, who pleaded guilty, and Mr. Ernest Deighton, who pleaded not guilty, were charged with assaulting the police.

Without any evidence being offered the cases were adjourned till Monday.

FIRE AT A COLLEGE.

DAMAGE TO £40,000 BUILDING.

Caerleon Training College for Teachers, near Newport, Mon., was last Thursday night the scene of an outbreak of fire of which Suffragettes are suspected to be the authors. This fine building, erected at a cost of £40,000, of which Mr. McKenna laid the foundation stone, is now approaching completion.

During the night flames were noticed by the police in the telephone and assembly rooms, but these were extinguished before much damage was done. Later it was found that deliberate efforts had been made to set fire to the building and lodge by saturating cotton-wool with spirits and placing resin among the wood in the telephone room.

Suffrage Literature Discovered.

Two wheelbarrows were destroyed, and some flooring, window-frames and other fixtures were burnt. The main building was practically fire-proof, otherwise serious damage would have been done. In the lodge saturated cotton-wool had been placed on bundles of wood. A lighted candle, which would have ignited them and probably have destroyed the building, was put out by the draught from an open window before the flames could reach the spirit.

A quantity of Suffrage literature was found lying about, in addition to a lady's handbag, which has been taken possession of by the police.

Two watchmen with dogs have been placed on duty at the College to guard against any future occurrence of a similar nature.

DESTRUCTIVE FARM FIRE.

£2,000 DAMAGE.

There was a very serious outbreak of fire at a border farm at Hurrifield on November 24. Some fifty-two stacks of barley and a considerable amount of hay were destroyed, the whole damage done being estimated at about £2,000.

The outbreak is believed to have been caused by Suffragettes.

"BOMB" DISCOVERED.

"HIGHLY DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVES"

A sensational find was made last Sunday night in the East Surrey Social Club, Redhill. This was the discovery of a quantity of shavings, a canister containing explosives, and a candle, which appeared to have been lighted.

Two copies of the SUFFRAGETTE formed a wrapping for the canister. The police state that the explosives were of a highly dangerous nature.

ANOTHER PILLAR-BOX.

On Monday afternoon a pillar-box in Dover Street was found to contain a quantity of black fluid. Many letters were damaged.

WIDESPREAD PROTESTS.

JUSTICE IN IRELAND.

MRS. SHEEHY SKEFFINGTON ARRESTED.

In view of the present turbulent condition of things it is significant to note that whilst men are allowed to go about Dublin firing off revolvers, a woman who throws handbills is given seven days' imprisonment.

Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington was arrested whilst throwing handbills at Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson, and charged with "assaulting the police."

Incontrovertible evidence was given on Mrs. Skeffington's behalf, but the police statement was, of course, accepted and the defendant sentenced to seven days' imprisonment.

Mrs. Skeffington has gone on hunger strike at Mountjoy Prison.

PROTEST MEETING OUTSIDE MOUNTJOY PRISON.

ANOTHER WOMAN ARRESTED.

The greatest indignation prevails in Dublin as regards Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington's ridiculous sentence, and a protest meeting was arranged outside the prison by the Irish Women's Franchise League.

The police endeavoured to prevent the meeting, but an enthusiastic crowd followed the speakers wherever they moved, and a final and most successful rally was made outside the prison, from whence Mrs. Skeffington could be seen waving to her sympathisers.

In the course of the proceedings Mrs. Emerson, secretary to the Irish Women's Franchise League, was arrested for assaulting the police. A counter charge was brought by Miss Houston, whose face had been badly cut by a constable's fist. It appears that Mrs. Emerson had ventured to come to her assistance.

The Irish Franchise League have addressed a letter to the Lord-Lieutenant demanding Mrs. Skeffington's unconditional release.

A MESSAGE TO THE KING.

NO ARREST.

Last Saturday morning, as the King and Queen were passing through Chester-le-Street on their way from Lambton Park to Wigham Station, a local Suffragette stepped forward and threw a message into the King's car.

On the wrapper, enclosing a copy of the SUFFRAGETTE, were printed the words: "To His Majesty King George.—A message from the women of England. We pray you to set your veto upon Forceful Feeding and the 'Cat-and-Mouse Act.' Votes for Women in the next 'King's Speech.'"

The woman was not arrested. Her action has caused a considerable stir in the town.

ANOTHER MOUSE LOST.

ACQUITTAL IN NEWTON, HEATH CASE.

Mrs. Baines, who, together with her husband and son, was to have appeared at the Manchester Assizes last week on a charge of having caused the explosion in a railway carriage at Newton Heath last July, was reported in court to have "disappeared."

Mrs. Baines is at present under a sentence of imprisonment and is at liberty under the "Cat-and-Mouse

Act," and as her doctor warned her that another hunger strike would be fatal she decided not to appear.

Both Mr. Baines and his son, having proved an alibi, were acquitted.

PROTESTS IN THE THEATRES.

AT THE DUKE OF YORK'S.

During an interval in the performance at the Duke of York's Theatre last Saturday evening a shower of handbills was thrown down amongst the audience. Much interest was shown, and a man sitting near the woman who made the protest leant forward and said, "I think you're splendid, miss."

Subsequently he asked if men would be admitted to the big meeting, and how he could obtain a ticket.

ROYAL THEATRE, CARD FF.

During one of the intervals at the performance last Monday evening at the Royal Theatre, Cardiff, a woman seated in the dress circle rose and showered handbills amongst the audience, and afterwards made a short speech, which was very well received.

AT THE NEW THEATRE, CARDIFF.

At the New Theatre also two women threw down handbills amongst the audience during an interval last Monday evening, and one of them read out the statement re forcible feeding which was printed on the leaflets. She added an appeal to those present to write to Mr. McKenna protesting against such treatment of political offenders.

A PREACHER'S PRAYER FOR THE WOMEN.

The Rev. Hatty Baker preached in the Primitive Methodist Church, Whitley Road, on November 24, at the invitation of the Rev. J. Clennell.

Before her sermon she offered up an earnest prayer for the women in their great struggle, and especially for those suffering torture in prison. She mentioned one woman in particular.

CHURCH PROTEST AT CARDIFF PARISH CHURCH.

After the prayer before the sermon a number of women prayed aloud for Rachel Peace and all who are suffering for conscience' sake. No attempt was made to molest them, and great interest was shown by the congregation.

CHURCH PROTESTS.

Six Suffragettes took up their stand last Sunday morning outside Hornsey Parish Church with a black banner three yards wide bearing the words: "Women are tortured in prison. Is it nothing to you?"

Placards advertising the clergy's demonstration at the Queen's Hall were displayed, and copies of the leaflet, "The appeal to God," were afterwards distributed.

The same procedure was followed outside Holy Innocents' Church the same morning.

A PRAYER FOR THE WOMEN.

At Holloway Wesleyan Church a member of the congregation stood up in the middle of the service and prayed aloud for the women who are being persecuted by the present Government.

At first the organist tried to drown her voice by playing the first bars of the next hymn, but she prayed on bravely, and finally her petition was listened to in deep silence.

Many of the congregation were impressed by the sincerity and courage which had prompted the prayer, and one member came forward afterwards to thank the woman for her protest.

AN EARNEST APPEAL.

On Sunday last, during the morning service at St. Peter's, Vere Street, a large number of Suffragettes were present, and during a pause in the service they chanted the following prayer:—"God save Emmeline Pankhurst. Help the women to guard her with their love and strength. Save Rachel Peace, who is being forcibly fed in prison. Hear us when we pray to Thee."

A great impression was made by the obvious earnestness of the appeal. Afterwards copies of Miss Pankhurst's article, "The Appeal to God," were left behind in the pews.

PRAYERS AGAINST TORTURE.

The same interruption which took place at St. Peter's, Vere Street, in the morning occurred in the evening service at St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street. The same earnest appeal was made by the women for those who are being persecuted for their principles, and the congregation were interested and sympathetic.

SUFFRAGETTES PRAY AT LEWISHAM.

Suffragettes were present at the morning service at St. Stephen's, Lewisham, last Sunday. Just before the collect for peace was delivered the voices of the women chanted aloud "God save Emmeline Pankhurst. Help us with thy love and strength to guard her. Save Rachel Peace who is being forcibly fed in prison. Hear us when we pray to Thee."

No attempt was made to interfere with the women who remained till the close of the service.

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The Anger of Women.

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demned to political outlawry for the term of her natural life and to three years' penal servitude into the bargain

Although Mrs Pankhurst has not yet escaped from her prison of political disfranchisement, has not torn down the barriers that keep her voteless, she has escaped from the lesser and shorter imprisonment to which a judge had sent her.

By a miracle, of the spiritual quality of those that were wrought in the past and are told in the churches down to the present day, Mrs. Pankhurst like others of the W.S.P.U. has broken her prison bars and come back from prison into the outside world.

Will they arrest her? They may! For all things, however unjust and inconsistent and cruel, are possible to this Government.

And yet how can they—after the speech of Mr. Bonar Law at Dublin!

Mr. Bonar Law has plainly admitted that he has deliberately and of set purpose broken the law. He taunts the Government, and no wonder, with being afraid to prosecute him.

The Government have not taken up the challenge. They have not arrested this man who boasts of his law-breaking

That being so, they have no right to arrest the woman militant who occupies a position which legally and politically corresponds precisely to that occupied by Mr. Bonar Law.

"Yes," the Government may say, and do in effect say, "but deeds have followed Mrs. Pankhurst's words and deeds have not followed the words of Mr. Bonar Law."

For what then are the Government waiting? Is it not enough that an army is being drilled and armed in Ulster? Is it the Government's policy to wait until blood has been shed—human life been lost?

Where women's militancy is concerned, it is only property that suffers. The militancy of Ulster means the destruction of human life!

What right have the Government to arrest Mrs. Pankhurst in the name of the god of Property and at the same time leave Mr. Bonar Law at liberty until human beings have actually been killed?

On what principles of law do the Government justify this policy?

On what principles of morality do they justify it?

But when men are considering revolutions whether their own or other men's, they seem to be little burdened by the thought of morality.

It is only women whom they try to brow-

beat by their talk about revolution being immoral.

When men take to revolution, the men on the other side begin at once to speak of the respect they entertain for the revolting ones and of the belief they have in their sincerity. They begin, too, to talk of the beauty and desirability of compromise and of "settlement by consent." They declare themselves ready to make a free gift of concessions that were firmly refused so long as the argument of the other side was peaceful and not that of armed violence.

Men will, we say, admit other men's right to rebel. It is only to women they deny that right. That is to say women may not vote and may not even fight for the vote.

As for men who are themselves in revolution they indeed are never at a loss to find a moral justification for their acts.

One supporter of Ulster Militant is Lord Hugh Cecil who says that there is an undoubted right to rebel—the only possible doubt being whether in a given case that right may properly be exercised.

Militant men claim to determine that question for themselves. It is only women militants who are expected to accept the judgment of others and to allow others to decide when their honour and liberty are at stake and whether militancy is needed for the vindication of liberty and honour.

So serious a matter does Mr. Bonar Law think it that Ulster should be in danger of being governed in a way distasteful to the people of Ulster that he is prepared to destroy the Empire rather than submit to what is in his view so great a wrong. These are his words:

We try to think what the effect of bloodshed and civil war would be on our Parliamentary institutions, on the Army, on the Empire as a whole. It would not only mean anarchy, it would mean literally red ruin and the breaking up of law, it would produce results from which our country would not recover in the lifetime of any of those whom I am addressing.

After this, let no Unionist have the audacity to whisper one word in condemnation of women's militancy!

After this let no Liberal defend the Government's policy of torturing Mrs. Pankhurst while they leave at large a man who is fomenting and preparing war and carnage!

And let the Government not imagine that though they dare not arrest men who threaten the peace of the realm, it is a lighter matter to prosecute and persecute and torture women! For by doing that and by their continued denial of freedom they are calling up a force that is the most powerful in the world—the wise and strong and deep anger of women.

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

MILITANCY AND MINORITY.

By W. L. GEORGE.

(Author of "Woman and To-morrow," "A Bed of Roses," etc.)

I do not suppose that my personal views commit the Suffrage Party. They are doubtless heterodox, and the little value they may have lies in their detachment from the doctrine of any particular group. I belong to no Suffrage society, and incline to consider Suffrage as no more than a step in the direction of my own feminist goal: this goal is more than the conquest of practical equality; it is no less than the removal from the minds of men of the idea that they are superior to women. Yet I am in favour of political violence, and it is certain arguments adduced against the party of political violence I wish to rebut here.

Recent charges made against the militants are of a twofold nature. The first portion is concerned with militancy itself, the second with the militants. It is said that militancy has failed because the Government is still opposed to their proposals, and because the public has become accustomed to their methods. Well, I will not deal seriously with these frivolous statements, but will reserve space for the defence of the militants. If a Government is unimpressed when it promises (honestly or dishonestly, but at all events publicly) to take up an amendment to its own Bill, if required by the House, then I do not know what to call the attitude of the Governments which treated with disdain the peaceful methods employed between the days of John Stuart Mill and 1905. As for the suggestion that the public is tired of militant demonstrations and wants new ones, I will say only that there is no ointment into which militancy cannot put a fly, and if I refrain from making out a list of advantageous political outrages, it is because I have not space enough to indicate the official activities that can be paralysed, the social amenities that can be wrecked. If the public wants more militancy it will not be disappointed.

It has Become a Faith.

Far more weighty are the charges levelled at the movement through the personality of its leaders, all of whom are involved. It is said that the joyful courage has gone out of the militant body, that its leaders have turned away from the labouring masses towards the rich, for the purpose of collecting money, that they are not social reformers but mere politicians, that their appeal is made not to the thoughtful but to the empty-headed. Briefly, the enemies of the Suffrage and some of its malcontent friends are striving to discredit the movement by casting slurs upon those who have made it what it is.

I do not think these charges should be ignored; it is not political courage to leave the enemy in the gutter; it is better to follow him there, and there to vanquish him. It is an easy device to say that the temper of the militants is not what it was; the truth is that it is better than it was. The cause has ceased to be a "rag," it has become a faith, and as such it inscribes every day martyrs upon its roll of fame. The enemy suggests that the militants are angry, sullen, and desperate. . . . that is not untrue, but it is also true that the best propagandists are not those who go carolling through the lanes. The best, in my view, are those who are animated by a deep sense of intolerable wrong; the serious, the fierce, those who are ready to flesh their teeth. I welcome the growth in the militant party of a spirit of savagery, and indeed distrust more the passionate gentleness of their souls. For does not Machiavelli say: "If you make war, spare not the foe."

Singularly enough, with this attack upon the ferocity of the militants, goes an attack upon their drawing-room methods. This is the eternal paradox conceived by those who wish to have things both ways because they happen to face both ways. But though I admit, with qualifications, the growing savagery of the movement, I am not so willing to admit that it has bartered its soul for a mess of postal orders. Its opponents complain that it is not a Labour movement; well, it is not a Labour movement, any more than it

is an employers' movement; it has but one shibboleth, and that is "Votes for Women." It is suggested that the militants are not in touch with working women: that is not true, but if they were not I, for one, should not greatly care. I do not believe in the Labour Party as an institution; built up as an engine of class-revenge it has become an engine of class-sustentation; it is bound to the Liberal Party, afraid of facing the electors, willing to ignore that which is more than its pledges, namely, its mandate, which was to crush and grind the bourgeois parties, whether buff or blue. The Labour Party has committed itself on bourgeois platforms, neglected the cause of the lower class; it has for seven years substituted the word for the blow. It is to-day able to force through a reasonable Right-To-Work Bill if it chooses to threaten the Government with revenge in snap divisions: it will not do so, it has no courage.

I Believe in Minorities.

Well, I do not want the Suffragists to identify themselves with Labour, because I do not believe in Labour. I do not trust the people; I believe in minorities and endorse the Ibsenian dictum that the majority is always wrong. That is why I believe the Suffragists have been right to include in their propaganda the drawing-rooms of Kensington and the public halls of the West. In the first place, they could not exclude the women they found there, for they were women, and none such are alien to them; in the second place, the militants needed their power of service, of self-sacrifice; they also, naturally, had great need of their money and social position . . . as great a need of those things as have the Liberal and Unionist Parties. It is as absurd to suggest that a Suffragist leader is false to her creed because she wears fine clothes as it would be for their enemies to revile Socialists who dine at the Carlton: some do. It is also absurd to suggest that the militants could campaign without money. They needed money to carry their propaganda into distant places, a propaganda designed less to convert the unimportant majority than to hearten the fighting minority. They needed agitation, stir, advertisement, violence, so as to be quite sure that their cause was alive.

It may be said that the drawing-rooms of Kensington are hardly the places whence radiates the energy that leads to victory, and at first sight Lancashire factories would appear more likely to yield the movement some purpose and some fire. But in reality it is not so. Labouring women do not express their wrongs; they know that they have wrongs, but they are not sentient, articulate; they suffer and they do not know why; theirs is the tragedy of the tongue-tied. It is because of this I am glad the Suffragists have not shrunk from the gutter of politics; they have rightly competed with the Primrose League and the Liberal Social Council. They have found in a similar atmosphere an immense amount of stupidity, snobbery and self-advertisement, but they have found also the women who matter, the little minority of literate, trained, "self-coloured" women.

The Instrument We Need.

This has made the movement political. Well, it had to be political, for grievances are not recognised as such until they appear in political uniforms. It would have been useless to propagandise on behalf of the reform of women's industrial conditions; even had the militants been supported by hundreds of thousands of women, so determined in temper as to call a sex strike, I do not think the movement would be what it is. It would be no more than "a tank of irrational rages," as Mr. Wells would say. It would be what the Labour Party is, a mere class movement. The grievances of women cannot be removed by those who suffer from them; those women are too busy earning a living to have

time to consider how their daughters will live. The work must be done by those others, who have education, leisure and money, by the unemployed, the dandies, the thoughtless and the frivolous. I make no cheap paradoxes here, but I believe in those people, once they have been awakened; their frivolity and their thoughtlessness are the consequence of the social conditions which have allowed the ruling class to sink into sleep. But it is sleep, not death, and because the militants have sobered the flighty, busied the idle, chastened the ostentatious, I think we have the instrument we need: a small body of women with something to say and words to say it with.

Consider, indeed, the work of the minorities. Does anyone believe there would be in these islands a majority of electors for Home Rule, Tariff Reform, Conscription, Secular Education or Religious Education if canvassers, posters, leaflets and meetings were done away with? As it is, and with all this paraphernalia, no more than four electors vote in every five; without organisation I do not suppose that more than two in five would vote. Evidently, then, it is not the majority rules, but the minority, for it is the minority drugs the somnolent majority to the poll. Yet the causes I enumerate are passionately defended, made the subject of actual law; and other causes, such as White Slavery, the Deceased Wife's Sister Act, Passive Resistance, have deeply marked the face of politics. It is the passion of the minority has breathed life into them.

Politicians Have Never Cared.

Because of all this I am not afraid of the taunts of theoretical extremists. The work the militants have to do is not work for the hand of the labouring masses; they do not need their actual support . . . since they have no votes; they need a small, active body, a violent little body afraid of nothing and shrinking from nothing. We want an army, not a mob. This does not mean that labouring women are not wanted in the movement. They are, and many who have shown intellectual, and especially moral force, have risen to positions of eminence in propaganda: but labouring women as such and as a class cannot run the movement. We need a body that can speak, write, agitate, and we do not want it crippled by the lack of money. More especially that body must be clear-thinking; it must be able to discount such suggestions as those made by Mr. Lloyd George at Kilkenny, when he expressed the view that "Men can be coerced, not bullied and nagged." Briefly, I do not believe it is worth the Suffragists' while to collect millions of converts in the constituencies, for politicians have never cared whether there was a demand for a Bill; they prove this by concealing the Bills they intend to pass: the Education Act (1902), the Licensing Act (1904), the Insurance Act (1912), the Home Rule Bill (1912), all these were introduced either without the expressed consent of the electorate or introduced in a form so extreme and novel that the electorate could not connect them with the election pledges. Roughly, the practice in politics is to suggest to the elector that he shall have fish and then to present him with an octopus.

No, the political parties have never cared whether there existed a popular demand for their Bills; but they have cared when there was a purely intellectual demand, such as the demand for the White Slave Bill. Therefore the militants' course is plain and their policy is good; they do not need to conquer Labour, for Labour will follow if they maintain their propaganda among those who lead. Graduates, pecesses, politicians' wives, professional women, writers, society women and habitual agitators, those are the women they need; they are the general staff, and I ask those women whose faith may be shaken by the parrot-cries of the hierophants of democracy to consider that quality wins where quantity fails, and to concentrate rather on the contents of the heads than on their immense and confused assemblage.

GREAT WOMEN'S DEMONSTRATION TO WELCOME MRS. PANKHURST.

MRS. PANKHURST'S RETURN.

Arrangements for the Great Meeting. A RECORD GATHERING EXPECTED.

Only Three Days to Swell the Great Collection.

Preparations in Plymouth and London.

MRS. PANKHURST'S RETURN.

Mrs. Pankhurst who left New York on November 26 was due to arrive at Plymouth on the evening of Wednesday or the early morning of Thursday. All preparations to give her a rousing welcome, both at Plymouth and at Paddington, have been made as we go to press.

The latest news received was to the effect that the Government intended to arrest her on board the Majestic. Whether they land her at Plymouth, or at some other port along the coast, the W.S.P.U. has made all arrangements to deal with the situation.

In the event of the Government taking no action, Mrs. Pankhurst will travel to Paddington, and will stay at the Knightsbridge Palace Hotel while in London.

THE GREAT MEETING.

COME TO WELCOME MRS. PANKHURST!

Only three days now remain before the Great Women's Demonstration, which is to be held in the Empress Theatre, Earl's Court Exhibition, on Sunday, December 7, at 8 p.m.

This meeting has been arranged as a great welcome to Mrs. Pankhurst on her return home after her triumphant tour in America, and it will also protest against the Government's cruel torture of women, and condemn their shameful treachery towards the Suffrage question.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR PART?

In the few days that are left every member of the Union should do her utmost to make this meeting a record one even in the annals of the W.S.P.U. There is work that everyone can do.

The Empress Theatre is one of the biggest halls in the country, and members must see to it that there is not an empty seat in the building.

The sale of tickets has already been enormous, and those who are anxious to be present should take their seats at once. As the time is so short members are asked to buy tickets outright, and then to sell them to their friends.

Bring all your friends who think that women's militancy is not justified! Bring all those who believe that the clock has been put back, and let them see something of the spirit of the women in this movement, and learn something of the women's determination that this fight shall be fought to a finish.

A RECORD COLLECTION.

Another way in which every one, even the poorest, can help is by swelling the Great Collection. A big fighting fund is the most effective answer that can be made to the Government's policy of torture, coercion and treachery.

All those who believe that Woman Suffrage is necessary for the nation, all those who love truth, honour and

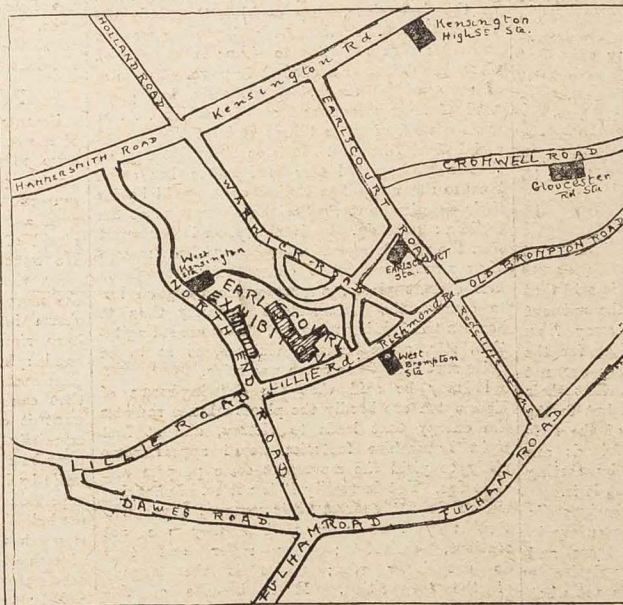
in order, as no men except those duly authenticated will be admitted to the meeting.

SPEAKERS.

The speakers will be Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Annie Kenney and Mrs. Dacre Fox, and the chair will be taken by General Flora Drummond.

LADIES' ORCHESTRA.

The Ladies' Eolian Orchestra under the direction of Miss Rosabella Watson, have kindly consented to give selections during the evening.



STEWARDS.

All Stewards should be at the hall not later than 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 7.

Stewards will enter through the office of the Earl's Court Exhibition in Lillie Road.

Chief Steward, Miss Olive Bartels.

HOW TO GET THERE.

Admittance to the great demonstration will be by the main Exhibition entrance in Lillie Road only. The nearest station is West Brompton on the District Railway. Other available stations are Earl's Court and South Kensington. Those who come to Earl's Court Station should come out at the Warwick Road exit.

Those who come to South Kensington should take a bus along the Brompton Road, the main Exhibition entrance being reached in three minutes.

The above plan will indicate the route to follow.

ADVERTISING EMPRESS THEATRE MEETING.

Workers are wanted in large numbers to advertise the great Women's Demonstration. Bills will be distributed everywhere. A special lantern parade will leave Lincoln's Inn House on Thursday, December 4th, at 6 p.m., and on Friday, 5th, at 2.30.

Members and friends are asked to do their utmost during these last few days to make this meeting a success.

Will those willing to help please communicate with Miss Isabel Cay, Lincoln's Inn House, as soon as possible?

PREPARATIONS FOR MRS. PANKHURST'S RETURN.

SPLENDID REPORT FROM PLYMOUTH.

The most wonderful thing about the campaign in Plymouth is the extraordinary feeling of interest that animates the whole town and that centres round the question, "Will Mrs. Pankhurst be arrested here?" Wherever one goes, in the streets, in the cars, one hears perpetually elderly men, middle-aged women, youths and girls, and even children, solemnly discussing whether Mrs. Pankhurst will be arrested in Plymouth or not.

The meetings we have held have been almost numberless, and each one has been a greater triumph than the preceding one. The organisers and the other speakers confess that never in their lives have they seen such great crowds nor been met with such interest. The organised opposition of some of the lowest hoodlums of the Three Towns on Thursday evening resulted as usual in the conversion of many lukewarm people, and Friday's meeting in the Market Place was a triumph in every way. Thousands of people in a solid body cheered the speaker as the cart drove to the pitch, and any individual in the crowd who attempted to heckle in the mildest way was promptly squashed by the audience round about him.

Petition Against Mrs. Pankhurst's Arrest.

In less than thirty-six hours we sold over 300 papers, and the people were clamouring for more. We have distributed over 10,000 handbills, and hundreds of people have signed the petition and have written to McKenna and the Mayor of Plymouth protesting against the arrest of the Women's Leader.

On Sunday on the North Quay there was a crowd of over 2,000 patiently waiting for the women to appear, and our reception was indeed royal.

The collection was a splendid indication of the feeling of the crowd. Men in the audience took and sold the papers for us as we were unable to keep up with the demand from the cart, and on the suggestion of a number of the audience the following resolution was put: "That this mass meeting of working men and women protests against any attempt being made to rearrest Mrs. Pankhurst in Plymouth." This was proposed by the organiser and seconded by the man who made the suggestion, and was carried with a perfect forest of hands. Eight brave youths, all apparently under the age of eighteen, voted against.

Great Response.

The men and women were so delighted at the way the resolution was carried that they threw their caps in the air and cheered again and

MRS. PANKHURST'S LAST MEETING.

LARGE AUDIENCES AT NEW YORK THEATRE.

again, and, when invited by the speaker to join the women on Wednesday at the Dock Gates, there was a great response from that great representative gathering of Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport citizens.

The whole of this campaign has been one brilliant triumph, not only for Votes for Women, but for the vindication of militancy and the popularity of the Suffragettes. The usual organised conspiracy of silence by the local Press had to yield to the other kind of conspiracy, that of lies, and again the Press has come off second best.

Men and women of every social grade have called in at the shop and registered their protest in some way or another against the injustice of the Government, and it is specially encouraging that so many young women have done this.

The organiser wishes to thank the various officials of the town, professional men and shopkeepers who have helped in so many ways to make a success of this campaign. She also wishes to thank all those Plymouth members who have helped so splendidly in the very short time at their disposal, and Mrs. F. E. Smith, Mrs. Smithwick, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Gwendoline Cook and Miss Gladys Hazel for their valuable help.

The organiser thanks all those who have contributed to the Welcome Fund.

PADDINGTON CAMPAIGN.

A campaign is being held in Paddington, and the district is being worked up to a tremendous pitch of enthusiasm for Mrs. Pankhurst's return. Many meetings have been held each day, and hundreds of Suffragettes have been sold. Handbills have been given outside all the picture theatres, theatres and music halls, and tube stations. There have been sellers outside Paddington Station constantly, both at the exit and entrance. Parties of pavement chalkers have gone out, and poster parades have been held.

Miss Dorothy Smith has been in charge of the local office; Miss Cay has been in charge of advertisements in buses and tubes.

Many helpers have given the whole of their time to the campaign, and all the speakers were most enthusiastically received.

The Metropolitan Theatre threw an advertisement on their screen with "Carson is free," "Bonar Law is free," "Mrs. Pankhurst also must be free," and giving the time of Mrs. Pankhurst's arrival.

Many thanks to those who have so kindly given help at such short notice. (Org. Miss Roberts, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway.)

MRS. PANKHURST'S FAREWELL TO NEW YORK.

CROWNS A SERIES OF TRIUMPHS.

Mrs. Pankhurst, after her great reception at Boston, returned to New York to hold a last big meeting before her return to England.

The Carnegie Hall, where she was to speak, was crowded to its utmost capacity, and over 3,000 men and women were present to give her a final tribute of their admiration and sympathy.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Inez Boissvain and many other prominent American Suffragists were on the platform, and at the close of the meeting \$500 was subscribed by the audience for the Cause in England.

chain of triumphs both for herself and the Cause which she put before the American people. There is not a town in the United States where Mrs. Pankhurst has spoken which is not watching for the next move of the English Government against a woman whose courage and ideals they have learnt to admire and understand for themselves.

There is no question that as far as America is concerned English justice and honour fall or stand with the events of the next few days.

MRS. PANKHURST'S BODYGUARD.

AN INCREASING ARMY.

The intentions of the Government as regards Mrs. Pankhurst's return

are as yet unknown, but one thing is quite clear, and that is the intention of the women who are waiting to welcome her.

Suffragettes are weary of seeing Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Kenney dragged back to prison whilst men who are inciting others to attack both life and property go unmolested. They are weary of the organised brutality which they have had hitherto to meet with an unorganised courage.

In future Mrs. Pankhurst and other "mice" will be protected by a disciplined bodyguard under General Drummond's direction.

Already large numbers have joined the ranks, and before Mrs. Pankhurst lands the bodyguard will be in readiness to receive her.

Those wishing to help should communicate with Mrs. Drummond at Lincoln's Inn House.



MRS. PANKHURST SPEAKING IN NEW YORK.

INDIGNATION AGAINST WOMEN TORTURERS. BRUTALITY OF LIBERAL STEWARDS.

Violent Scenes at Mr. Churchill's Meeting. MR. RUNCIMAN CHALLENGED. No Peace for Government Supporters.

SAVAGE BRUTALITY AT MR. CHURCHILL'S MEETING.

WOMEN SEVERELY INJURED.

Limehouse stands the unenviable chance of going down to posterity as a name representing all that is most discreditable to present-day English politics.

Hitherto it has described Mr. Lloyd George's rhetoric—it now will serve as a term expressing the grossest brutality.

Steward's Twelve Deep.

At Mr. Churchill's meeting last Thursday at the Limehouse Town Hall, the stewards stood twelve deep around the hall, and at the first interruption from a man in the audience, flung themselves on him and tried to fling him over the gallery.

A Stepney woman who made her protest was struck repeatedly in the face, and her arms were so bruised and twisted that she was unable to move them at all. She would have been flung down a flight of stairs had not a man sympathiser come to her rescue and carried her out.

A Woman Stunned.

Another victim of this insane savagery had her arms held out—stretched whilst two men struck her face with clenched fists. She was taken to the nearest doctor's in a stunned condition, her face covered in blood. A man who came to her rescue was terribly disfigured by the blows which he received about the head.

The doctor who examined one of the women states that great violence must have been used, and that it is not possible to estimate at present the extent of her injuries.

A large number of people left the hall immediately as a protest against the abominable behaviour of the Liberal organisers.

MR. RUNCIMAN TACKLED AT DONCASTER.

MEETING IN AN UPROAR.

The Government accusers were well in evidence on Wednesday on the occasion of Mr. Runciman's visit to Doncaster. The Corn Exchange was packed to overflowing. Three hundred specially chosen women were admitted—amongst them three Suffragettes!

Before Mr. Runciman rose great hubbub started in the hall; a woman disguised as a man was discovered. Her accusing voice reminded Runciman of other recent meetings, and a great deal of anger was shown by the men to stewards who turned her out.

"Are You Not Ashamed About Rachel Peace?"

On Mr. Runciman rising, a woman rose too, and from then on the hall was kept rolling, first by a man, then by a woman, and afterwards all men and no women—the chosen few having been flung out. "Mr. Runciman, are you not ashamed about

original programme was reversed, and Mr. Snowden spoke first, but immediately the uproar began and was so continuous that very little of the speaker's remarks were audible. He was heard to say, however, that "We were trained to murder our brothers" whereupon there are shouts of "You don't mind murdering women!"

Violent Methods.

One man who ventured to question Mr. Snowden was brutally ill-used, and a woman who protested was knocked down and severely bruised. At the end of the meeting Mr. Snowden was followed by a group of women who questioned him as to the behaviour of the Labour Party in respect of Woman's Suffrage.

The uproar lasted for several minutes—men fighting and arguing freely—some on the women's side, some on the Government's, and it was fully twenty minutes before Mr. Runciman was able to make his promised speech.

How Long?

Indignant men held a protest meeting outside, and asked their hearers how long they were going to allow the women to be ill-used by Liberal stewards.

A woman was detained at the police station until Mr. Runciman got safely away.

MR. SNOWDEN IN A COURT OF JUSTICE.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Mr. Snowden spoke at Radstock last week for the local branch of the I.L.P. and was subject to many interruptions.

When he was describing himself as an idealist, a voice said: "Cease your prating, Philip Snowden! Rachel Peace is in prison and you are helping to keep her there."

Mr. Snowden Asks Questions.

Mr. Snowden wanted to know what should be the first principle of the I.L.P. "The enfranchisement of women," came the prompt answer. He also asked what all the Liberal legislation amounted to, and was told "Putting women in prison."

The interrupters were put out of the hall, but without brutality, thanks to the sympathetic attitude of the audience.

MR. SNOWDEN CALLED TO ACCOUNT

Mr. Snowden, who held a comparatively peaceful meeting at Hereford, was about to sit down in a self-congratulatory mood when he saw a lady in the hall rise to address his audience.

Immediately he was on his feet again speaking himself on his pleasure at seeing so many women present and on his enthusiasm on the subject of woman's enfranchisement. He did not escape, however, and was persistently cross-questioned, and an uproar threatened to ensue.

Afterwards outside the meeting the woman again addressed Mr. Snowden, who became increasingly agitated and finally made his escape, with the remark "that he would not be dictated to."

MR. SNOWDEN AT BRISTOL

STORM OF INTERRUPTIONS.

In spite of all the efforts of the organisers Mr. Snowden's meeting at Bristol was no happier than the others which he has been holding throughout the country. Hoping to escape heckling the

A CABINET MINISTER TALKS ABOUT PEACE.

MR. PEASE'S LIBERAL PRINCIPLES.

Mr. J. A. Pease gave an address on peace at the Caxton Hall last Friday. He began by talking about liberty and democracy in order to draw out any women who might be dissatisfied with the deeds of Liberalism as opposed to their words on these subjects. "I believe in justice," cried Mr. Pease—dead silence prevailed. "I believe in liberty!" Long pause. The speaker drew a breath of relief. Surely any Suffragette present would have responded to the cry of justice and liberty.

He proceeded cheerfully with his speech, and was just warming to his subject when a woman rose. "Make Peace With the Women."

"What is the use of talking about peace," she cried, "so long as women are disenfranchised?" and there were cries of "Hear, hear!" from the audience.

A steward came up and requested her to leave, but she refused, and was later able again to remind the speaker that it was not the place of any member of the present Government to talk about peace. "I wonder you have the effrontery to talk about peace," she said. "Make peace with the women."

Stewards then rushed up, and after a violent struggle she was ejected. The audience were on the whole very sympathetic to the interrupter.

MR. SNOWDEN ABANDONS ANOTHER MEETING.

Owing to the effective criticisms of the Suffragettes on the subject of the Labour party, and the resultant break-up of Labour meetings, Mr. Snowden has cancelled his engagement to speak at a demonstration at St. Pancras.

SIR JOHN BETHELL AT EAST HAM.

ANGRY ELECTORS.

Sir John Bethell no doubt expected a peaceful meeting at his "stronghold" in East Ham, but in this hope he was grievously disappointed.

Sir John had not been on his feet a minute when he used the unlucky word "pledges." "What about your pledges to the women?" came a woman's retort from the gallery, and from that moment there was a continuous fire of interjections from both men and women.

An Ejector Ejected.

Two or three women were flung out brutally, but this the entirely sympathetic audience would not stand. "None of your Macnamara tricks here!" was the shout, and one man who had behaved with peculiar violence had to be thrown out himself before the audience could be pacified.

Seeing the temper of the meeting no further ejections were attempted, and Sir John had to continue a disjointed speech in the face of a strong opposition.

At the end of the meeting the vote of confidence, which is usually unopposed, was only just carried.

MR. MORRELL, M.P., AND THE SUFFRAGETTES.

DETERMINED HECKLERS.

Mr. Morrell, M.P., came to Preston to talk on the land question, but force of circumstances compelled him to turn his attention to the "Cat and Mouse Act," forcible feeding, and Votes for Women.

The circumstances were the many Suffragettes present at his meeting who interrupted and questioned him persistently. The stewards made angry efforts to eject the hecklers, and threw out two harmless Liberal women, to whom they afterwards had to apologise.

Thanks to the Suffragettes and the action of the stewards, the meeting was, most disturbed, and the one question which aroused serious attention was that of the women's enfranchisement.

MR. ROBERTSON, M.P., ON CHRISTIANITY.

CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

Mr. Robertson, M.P., addressed the congregation of South Place Chapel last week on the subject of Christianity. He was speaking of what certain men would have done in these times of changing ideas when a lady got up and spoke for fully three minutes on the wrongs

and injustice which were being meted out to women.

Mr. Robertson, who seemed greatly agitated, found difficulty in resuming his discourse, and on mentioning the teaching of Jesus the woman again rose and asked him how he dared speak of Christ when he himself followed so little in Christ's footsteps that he supported men who tortured women and suppressed justice.

The large congregation listened in profound silence, and no attempt was made to eject the protester from the meeting.

MR. MASTERMAN, M.P., AT NEWPORT

A CONDITION THAT CANNOT BE KEPT.

Mr. Masterman who spoke at Newport last week, did so on the condition that he should not be contradicted or interrupted. Consequently the Liberal organisation exerted all its cunning to keep out the Suffragettes and their sympathisers, and, as might be expected seeing whom they were endeavouring to outwit, failed ignominiously.

In the middle of his speech Mr. Masterman was sharply interrupted by a woman who asked why the Government did not give votes to women. The stewards immediately flung themselves upon her and threw her out.

Their troubles were not over, however, for a moment later a well-known local Liberal was treated to the same methods for calling out "It is a disgrace to the Liberal party that women should be turned out like that."

It may be beginning to dawn on Liberal M.P.'s that brutality to women is not the best vote-catching device possible.

LIBERAL FREE MEETINGS.

INEFFECTUAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT HECKLING.

It seems that the Liberals are becoming increasingly afraid of women and their questions.

At a recent meeting at Brighton at which Mr. Acland, M.P., spoke a close scrutiny was made of all the women who tried to gain admittance, and one, who was recognised as a Suffragette, was turned back.

Despite these efforts two women succeeded in gaining an entry to this "free meeting" as it was advertised, and put questions to Mr. Acland which he was compelled to answer.

One attempt was made to throw the heckler out, but the men around came to her rescue, and the effort was abandoned.

BARON DE FOREST ON WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

THE FRUITS OF QUESTIONING.

At a large meeting of electors at the Centenary Hall, Forest Gate, Baron de Forest spoke on the subject of plural voting, and was at the outset cut short by a Suffragette, who asked him if he intended dealing with manhood suffrage before votes had been given to women. The speaker immediately turned to the woman's question and spoke enthusiastically in its favour, adding some plain remarks about the Government.

He also, in reply to another question, denounced the reintroduction of forcible feeding, and no attempt was made to eject his interrupter.

REV. SILVESTER HORNE, M.P., HECKLED AT YORK.

SUFFRAGETTE INTERRUPTERS.

The Rev. Silvester Horne, M.P., who addressed a mass meeting of the brotherhood and adult schools asked what was to hold democracy together, and was given the answer "Votes for Women."

He was compelled to admit the truth of the reply, but he did not escape further criticism concerning the action of the Government, and there was considerable disturbance before he was allowed to resume his speech in peace.

MR. MUNRO FERGUSON, M.P., HECKLED.

NO PEACE FOR LIBERALS.

A meeting was held last week at Leith in connection with the Boys' Brigade.

Mr. Munro Ferguson was chairman, and became the target for some home-truths delivered by local Suffragettes. Their aim was too good, however, for the comfort of the speaker, and the officers of the Brigade, coming to his rescue, threw the offenders out of the meeting with considerable violence.

One man who also ventured on an interruption was treated in a similar manner.

SUFFRAGETTES AGAIN.

SCENES AT A LABOUR MEETING.

A lecture on "Round the Empire," delivered by Mr. Will Crooks at Dundee on November 28th was entirely disorganised by Suffragettes. For three-quarters of an hour his remarks were punctuated by expressions of disapproval from women members of the audience.

Although there are generally no stewards at these lectures, on this occasion six brawny individuals were hired for the evening to deal with interrupters. The services of the whole six were needed on several occasions, and the fact that the interruptions came from various parts of the hall caused considerable delay in getting on with the lecture.

The ejections were accompanied by much roughness and violence, the women in many cases putting up a splendid fight. The last woman ejected could hardly stand on emerging from the hall, and was supported and helped home by a woman in the audience who left the lecture in disgust at her treatment.

LIBERALS OUTWITTED AGAIN.

SUFFRAGETTES AT MR. WEDGWOOD'S EDINBURGH MEETING.

The new policy at Liberal meetings is evidently to keep out those even suspected of being in sympathy with the Suffragettes, for at Mr. Wedgwood, M.P.'s meeting at Edinburgh last week a number of men and women got no further than the door.

The Suffragettes were too clever, however, for the stewards, and succeeded, not only in getting in, but in making a splendid protest during Mr. Wedgwood's speech.

They were ejected without violence as long as they were within sight of the audience, but those who had been refused admittance made a determined stand in the corridor, and the disturbance was heard all over the hall.

The stewards, who were of a type which throws small credit on Liberal organisation, now displayed the utmost brutality, and one woman was so violently handled that she had to be driven away in a taxi.

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Jewellery Stall	-	-	MISS BIRCH.

After many weeks of preparation the Christmas Presents Sale is upon us. It will open on Thursday afternoon, December 4, at 3 o'clock, and subsequent days at 2 o'clock, in the Central Hall at Lincoln's Inn House, which will present a charming appearance, its white walls and pillars wreathed in green leaves and hanging festoons of purple wistaria. A profusion of delightful articles have already been received, but we are prepared for more contributions in order that the demands of a Sale extending over several days may be adequately met.

Do not delay, therefore, good and kind friends all, but let us have your offerings for the various stalls without delay. Tell others that the Sale is in progress and bring them along with you as purchasers. Dainty teas at a fixed price per head will be a feature, and there will also be music, both singing and instrumental, at intervals.

Our sincere thanks are due to Messrs. W. Whiteley for £1 is., to Welford's Dairy and Holland, of Holland Park Avenue, for their contributions towards sweets for the Sale, also to those who have given a number of Esperanto books. We are grateful to Arthur's Stores for gifts of butter, potted meats and new-laid eggs, etc., and to the Veda Bread Company for thirty-six loaves. Will those who have sent contributions, which it has not been possible to acknowledge otherwise, accept this assurance of our best thanks.

Mrs. Terrero hopes that a few small turkeys will be sent to the Farm Produce Stall. She has had several enquiries for them, also for eggs, butter and mince-meat.

THE CHURCH POINT OF VIEW.

A Speech Delivered by the Rev. BERNARD BERLYN at the Knightsbridge Hall, December 1, 1913.

I do not know that in the whole course of my life, certainly not in the whole course of my clerical career, I have been in such a thoroughly unrespectable situation! I can almost hear them saying, what they undoubtedly will say, "And you a clergyman, too!" I had a foretaste of that the other day when I was standing outside High Street, Kensington, collecting money for my church in a box, with a placard attached to me—which, as you know, is not a respectable thing for a clergyman to be seen doing. One of those people of the Anti-persuasion, with that curious type of countenance which is reminiscent of the early caricatures of the leaders of the Suffrage Movement, having exhausted herself on the unfortunate girl who was engaged in selling the SUFFRAGETTE, came over to me, and having treated me to a long diatribe on my iniquities, ended up with this startling phrase: "How a man in your position can stand there in the street with a Suffragette!" I told her that I had just been able to bear it; that I had not been assaulted; that I had not been blown up by anybody but herself.

But there was just one remark that she made that stuck; that little phrase—"How a man in your position!" And what, I ask, ladies and gentlemen, is the position of me, or of any other priest of the Christian Church?

How Many People would have been Christians?

We are priests of a Church whose Founder was crucified for going against public opinion. I often ask myself how many people who form the majority of Christ's Church to-day would have been Christians when the Founder Himself was dragged through the streets of Jerusalem amidst a yelling crowd, spat upon, crowned with thorns, and put to death as a common criminal? How many people, I ask, who form the bulk of the Christian Church, would have been Christians when it was as unrespectable as that? I do not hesitate to say that the people who form the majority of the Christian Church to-day are the very people who would have been foremost in crying, "Crucify Him; Crucify Him!"

The whole objection to the Suffrage Movement, on the part of Church people, who don't always think, is the whole objection that was raised to Christianity. The underlying motive of it all is that it is not a respectable movement. And it was in the face of that opposition, that persistent, tyrannous opposition—because no opposition is so persistent as that of the respectable—it was in the face of that opposition, although the Founder was crucified, although the Apostles and the Saints were martyred, that Christianity in three centuries conquered Imperial Rome.

Then, and not till then, when it was quite safe to be a Christian, did smug respectability sit in the seat of Peter, and the Pharisees, converted, became in large numbers Christians, to start the same old game again. And it is because I believe from the bottom of my heart that this movement is a Christian Movement that I stand on this platform to-day.

When one has come, as I have come since I have been ordained, to grips with life as it really is; when you see, as I have seen, girls, young girls, coming, as they have come to me on several occasions, late at night, escaping from the toils of the white-slave trafficker; when one finds how for years and years, for generations, that white-slave trafficker was allowed by the law—I do say that, unhesitatingly—was allowed by the law to carry on his infamous traffic undisturbed; when woman was infamously muzzled and had no voice in the matter,

without running the risk of being called unsexed—(A voice: "Thank God for our paper")—Yes, thank God. The people who are against this movement are mainly the people who would always be against any movement for reform in any age, or under any circumstances.

The People who are Against Us.

There are several kinds of people. There is first of all the Press. I ask you, what on earth can you expect of the Press but that they would be against a movement which would not pay? They never by any chance take up any cause that has not got money in it.

Well, then, of course, we have a body of Church people—which, I am glad to say, is growing daily less and less, against us. Of course, as I said just now, Church people are fundamentally, constitutionally, respectable; I mean they cannot get out of the idea that God Almighty is a respectable English gentleman. And they also, most of them of the Anti-persuasion, have very first-hand information to give you as to the kind of prayers which Almighty God is disposed to answer, and the kind of prayers which He isn't. The kind of prayers which He never seems to be indisposed to answer are the prayers of those particular kinds of people. Those are the people whom one has against us in the Church. They are people whom I think, when it is quite safe, will be converted, and will be the first, to use the privileges which other people have won.

Then, of course, lastly, the people against us are the fools, sometimes called the British public. We cannot ever, in any age, expect anything different from them. It is simply sufficient to say that they will be the very first people to get drunk round Mrs. Pankhurst's statue on the day that it is publicly unveiled in London.

Would They Condemn St. Peter?

I have been asked to-day why I stand on a militant platform. Well, now, I just want to say one word as to that. I have not been asked, as a question of mere theology, whether I approve or not of the burning down of houses and that kind of thing—and I am certainly not going to stand here and condemn militancy.

After all, it is a wonderful thing, isn't it, the way that our Anti friends condemn the slightest excess on the part of militants. Would they, I should like to know, condemn St. Peter because, in the excess of his devotion to Our Lord, he cut off with a sword the ear of a servant of the High Priest? Our devotion to him is not less. St. Paul, if I remember rightly, was rude to a very distinguished magistrate and called him "a whitened sepulchre." Nobody's veneration for St. Paul is any the less. St. John, the loving disciple, in the excess of his exuberance, wanted thunder called down upon those who opposed Our Lord. I do not say that they should not have been rebuked; they were rebuked by Our Lord, but who, I should like to know, would ever have less devotion for any of them because they showed zeal in the cause and the love of Him Whom they had at heart? I think, if excesses are committed by the militants—if they are—they pay for it. And it is that sort of payment which we clergy are going to take our little part in seeing is suppressed once and for ever.

The Men were Allowed to Go.

It is so extraordinary, isn't it, to listen to the vehemence with which respectable women—as they would call themselves—condemn the burning down of a house, to contrast that with the loving toleration

which they have for their men friends whom they say have "sown their wild oats." Sown their wild oats—in brothels! Sown their wild oats—by crushing the soul out of young girls scarcely emerged from childhood.

I dare say you noticed the other day that there had been another raid on one of these filthy dens. I dare say you noticed one particular feature of that case, which was shared, too, by the Piccadilly Flat Case. They went in, and they found the procurers, and they found two girls there. They also found in the place an elderly gentleman—having a cup of tea. As the inspector remarked, "The gentleman was allowed to go, having refused his name and address." And when they came to search the place, while they were searching it, two other well-dressed men came—who were allowed to go. I don't seem to remember that when a raid was made upon the offices of the Women's Social and Political Union, they were so anxious to let the people they found inside go—and the motive which the women of the Women's Social and Political Union had was to suppress this blot on our civilisation.

Ladies and gentlemen, I won't keep you any longer. I hope that I have put, if not the Church point of view, what I say ought to be the Church point of view. So long as I have the power to preach, so long shall I consider it part of my duty on every possible occasion that I can, to advocate the woman's cause as an integral part of our Christianity.

"Therefore, Take Up Thy Cross."

Just one word to those who may be inclined to falter. As Mrs. Dacre Fox has just reminded you, every movement that has ever been in the world has had its dark days. Christianity came through a time when it seemed that never could it possibly emerge even to the middle classes; it was the religion of slaves. There will be many a time still in this fight when the way will seem long, never-ending, when you will go through the blackest darkness, when you will feel tempted to say, "There is no man with Me, no, not one!" There is much suffering before you still, but take up your Cross, and bear it. Don't leave Christianity out of the movement. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." " whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The last words I shall say this afternoon are the words of a woman, the beautiful words of one who understood what suffering meant better, I think, than almost any modern writer. She ends up her "Sermon in the Hospital" with these words—and I leave them with you who are going into the fight:

"Therefore, take up thy cross and come to stand Unflinching under the unfaltering hand That waits to prove thee to the uttermost. It were not hard to suffer for His sake, If thou could'st see His face; But in the dark—that is the one last trial, Be it so

"Christ was forsaken, so must thou be too, Thou wilt not see the Face or feel the Hands When in the bitter night the Lord comes down to tread the winepress. Not by light, by faith endure; endure, be faithful To the end."

TWO BY-ELECTIONS.

WICK BURGHS BY-ELECTION.

Organiser: Miss M. S. ALLEN.
Headquarters: 61, Dempster Street, Wick.

Candidates.

R. Munro, K.C. (L.)
A. G. MacKenzie (U.)
Liberal Majority, 211.
Polling Day, Dec. 8.

The W.S.P.U. campaign is meeting with tremendous success on every side.

At Wick in the drill hall a large and enthusiastic meeting was held and no opposition met with, all Miss Kelly's statements and remarks being greeted with cheers.

Those who have taken part in the canvassing report that though to many the history of the militant agitation is only known through what has been read in the daily papers, everyone is only too eager to hear the true account.

Miss Kelly has had splendid open-air meetings, and many electors have promised to vote against the Government.

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE BY-ELECTION.

Organiser: MISS UNDERWOOD,
505, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

Candidates:

The Hon. W. Watson (U.)
Mr. T. Gibb... .. (Lab.)
Mr. G. Morton (L.)
Liberal Majority, 1,197.

As the South Lanarkshire constituency is very scattered it is being worked from four centres—from Glasgow, Carnwath, Carluke, and from Lesmahagow.

From all four centres the reports are most satisfactory: the meetings are crowded and the audiences very sympathetic.

FROM CARNWATH.

Mrs. Crawford's tour through the villages round Carnwath has been particularly interesting. She has been speaking at the village halls, at the pithedays at mid-day, at the "smithy" in the early morning, at the Cross in the evening, and everywhere she has been received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Women's meetings have been asked for and hospitality offered. There have been record collections, and at one meeting in Lanark five members joined and in Forth nearly every woman in the hall gave her name as sympathiser.

FROM LESMAHAGOW.

Miss Kelly sends in a splendid report of her work. She is carrying on the campaign not only in Lesmahagow but in the villages round, almost unaided. Her hall meetings are crowded, and in each case the audiences have shown the greatest sympathy.

FROM CARLUKE.

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. John addressed a packed meeting at the Town Hall. An equally successful meeting was held at Law, and Mrs. Swan is doing excellent work in Carluke itself, where we have opened committee rooms.

FROM GLASGOW.

Miss Helen McLean and Miss Thomson are especially thanked for their arduous work. After a long day's teaching they have ungrudgingly given up their evenings to touring the neighbouring villages and holding enthusiastic meetings. At Stonehouse Miss Thomson asked the crowded audience for a show of

hands from those disapproving of militancy. Only two irresponsible boys held up their hands.

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

Amongst others, the following meetings have been arranged: December 3, 8 p.m., Masonic Hall, Leadhills; speaker, Mrs. Crawford. December 9, 7.30 p.m., Lymington Public Hall. December 8, 7 p.m., Cullen Public Hall. December 9, 6 p.m., Crawford Public Hall. December 9, 6 p.m., the Schoolhouse, Larnington.

Other meetings are being fixed up, and we hope finally to reach every village in the constituency however remote.

MR. MARK MELFORD'S MATINEE.

Many stars of the variety stage took part in Mr. Mark Melford's farewell matinee at the Little Theatre.

Mr. Bransby Williams gave some remarkably apt imitations of leading actors in the character of Hamlet; stories were amusingly told by Miss Adele Levey, and Mr. Gus Elen's characteristic costume songs and Mr. Willie Rouse's witty musical sketches were attractive items in a programme which included thought-reading, recitations, and the graceful dancing of little Miss Mattie Block.

Two short plays were given, Mr. Mark Melford and his daughter, Miss Jackey Dawra Melford, taking part in "Non-Suited."

At the conclusion a touching little ceremony took place. Seated on the stage, surrounded by the artists who had contributed to the afternoon's amusement, Mr. Melford was made a presentation of a laurel wreath and a cheque.

The actor, who was visibly ill, then leant forward in his chair and recited his own poem on the Militant Suffragette. The presence of his daughter, who had taken part in militant action, gave emphasis to the stirring words.

The pathos inseparable from all farewells was lightened by the thought that, in taking leave of the stage, Mr. Melford associated himself with a cause vital and full of promise; and, as he recited the story of the difficult and dangerous "path of the pioneer" whose courage and sacrifice so greatly appealed to him, it seemed that there was a note other than sadness in the passing from public life of one who thus handed on the torch to the younger generation.

THE ANTI-SUFFRAGE FARCE AT EDINBURGH.

HOW TO PASS A RESOLUTION WITHOUT VOTING.

By an error it was announced last week that at the mass meeting of Anti-Suffragists in Edinburgh the resolution against Woman's Suffrage was passed.

We now hear from several correspondents who were present that the resolution, far from being passed, was never even put to the vote. Nor were any questions permitted.

The moment Mr. Collins had finished his speech Lord Lintithgow rose and hurriedly announced "that this resolution is passed by acclamation." Very few people heard what he said, but those who did protested, though in vain, against this ridiculous and unconstitutional proceeding.

We quite understand, from the contents of the speeches held on that particular evening, that the Antis were neither desirous of questions nor a show of hands, but this episode throws an amusing side-light on their methods when driven to a last stand.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

PRISON NEWS.

Nothing further has been heard of Miss Rachel Peace since the grave news which were published in our last issue.

Miss Ansell, who was released last Saturday week is still far from well. Whilst she was in prison she was left for five or six hours without any one attempting to see if she was all right.

Miss Forbes Robertson was released last Friday after a hunger and thirst strike. She is in a very weak condition.

The two women who were arrested in Leeds, and who gave their names as A. and B., both adopted the hunger strike in Arnsley Gaol. Woman "A" was released on Tuesday in a very serious condition.

Mrs. Cohen and Miss Cory were also on hunger strike. Mrs. Cohen was very worried about her health. She was too weak even to have her temperature taken. Her licence is up on December 12.

Mrs. Cohen was unable to appear in court on Wednesday, but Miss Cory, who had already endured seven days' hunger and thirst strike, was committed for trial to the January Sessions.

PRISONERS' FUND.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Dr. Ede, Miss I. Margesson, Miss Billinghurst, Per Mrs. Sanders, Miss Allan, Mrs. Walter Ward.

The Jubilee Sale last Wednesday was a very great success, and the Prisoners' Fund has been strengthened. There are still one or two prisoners' licences should apply at once, so that the money can be announced at Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting. Apply to Miss Roberts, Prisoners' Organiser, Lincoln's Inn House.

MR. W. E. BETHELL.

We are glad to be able to state that the M.P.U., from whom we received the news of Mr. Bethell's supposed death, was misled by false information.

The whole matter, which is at present shrouded in mystery, will be properly investigated.

A QUESTION FOR THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK.

During a meeting for the South London Church Fund at the Woolwich Town Hall last Tuesday, a woman stood up and asked the Bishop of Southwark what he, as a prominent Churchman, was going to do to stop women being tortured.

"It makes one think of Cromwell's famous utterance, as he gazed over the position and disposal of the Royalist forces in the early morning of the battle of Dunbar: 'The Lord hath delivered mine enemies into mine hands.'"

PRISONERS.

Table with 5 columns: NAME, Date when Sentenced, Length of Sentence, Place of Imprisonment. Includes Miss Peaco, Woman B., Miss Cory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

London Meetings. The speakers on Monday next, December 8, at the Knightsbridge Hall, at 8.15 p.m., will be Mrs. Dacre Fox, Miss Barbara Wylie, and others.

Men will not be admitted to these meetings without tickets, which may be obtained at Lincoln's Inn House. All men must be introduced by a member.

Miss Pankhurst's Book.

We expect Miss Christabel Pankhurst's book to be on sale shortly. Will any intending purchaser who has given a prepaid order at Lincoln's Inn House kindly write at once to Mrs. Tuke with regard to that order?

Important! London Pitches.

We are making a great effort to obtain more sellers for the paper pitches. We want many more helpers for this important work, in order that the SUFFRAGETTE may always be on sale at the pitches.

Will all who possibly can volunteer to help, even if only for a short time each week, send in their names to Miss Bartels, at Lincoln's Inn House?

Special Functions.

Will all members who find it impossible to work regularly on the pitches try and extend the sale of the SUFFRAGETTE by selling outside meetings and theatres? A weekly list of special functions will be sent to all those who can help, and papers may always be obtained from Lincoln's Inn House.

Advertising in Omnibuses.

Members will be glad to hear that notices advertising the SUFFRAGETTE are now appearing in omnibuses.

PROPERTY DEARER THAN HUMAN LIFE.

"I have noticed two admissions—very significant they are—in the Deaf of St. Paul's letter to the 'Times'."

"(1) He refers to 'the most heinous felonies known to the law'—window-breaking and burning of a few empty buildings. Now Mrs. Pankhurst is constantly calling attention to the fact that men have far more regard for property than for the outraged bodies of women and children. Evidently he agrees with her."

"(2) He writes of an 'alternative method of coercing'—referring evidently to forcible feeding. Exactly: forcible feeding then is a method of coercion, and not employed to save life."

"It makes one think of Cromwell's famous utterance, as he gazed over the position and disposal of the Royalist forces in the early morning of the battle of Dunbar: 'The Lord hath delivered mine enemies into mine hands.'"



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Campaign Throughout the Country.

We give below an account of some of the constitutional and educational work being done on behalf of the W.S.P.U. in various parts of the country.

LONDON.

Balham and Tooting. Splendid meeting held, Tooting Broadway, last Friday. Speaker, Miss Palmer.

Forest Hill and East Dulwich. Three groups of members now engaged in Sydenham, Forest Hill, and East Dulwich respectively in working up meetings for working women.

Fulham and Putney. Will members and friends please assemble for poster parade at 2.45 p.m. sharp Saturday, Dec. 6, at shop? Tea at shop on return.

Battersea. Most successful meeting held Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Latchmere Baths. Speaker, Mrs. Hughes.

Row and Bromley. Crowded members' meeting, 28, Ford Road, Thursday. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst spoke; also from window to big crowd on Sunday.

Chelsea. Hearty thanks to all contributors, stall-holders, and helpers who helped to make sale of work such a great success; also to the A.P.L. who contributed three excellent entertainments daily.

Hammersmith. Well-attended members' meeting at shop last Tuesday. Thanks to Mrs. Rowe, who spoke. Tickets for the Women's Demonstration on sale at shop.

Chorleywood. Third series of meetings, which are being held every three weeks took place in Masonic Room, Chorleywood Hotel, Tuesday evening, Nov. 25.

Clapham. Closing meeting on Common very successful. SUFFRAGETTES sold out; good collection taken for West Brompton (for Empress Theatre, Earl's Court), leave Clapham Junction at 5.13, 5.43, 6.0, 6.45, 7.0 platform No. 12.

Hampstead. It is hoped to present record purse to Mrs. Pankhurst from local Union. Any who have not sent contributions or promises to the Treasurer are asked to do so at once.

Harlow. Meeting at Mrs. Higgins's house, Ruskin Lodge, Wednesday evening, a marked success. Speaker, Dr. Tchaykovsky.

Croydon. Sale of presents to-day (Friday) and Saturday. Tea provided each day, 3d. each. Large supply of pretty crackers, so please don't buy any elsewhere!

Hendon, Golders Green, and Finchley. Successful meeting held at St. Alban's Hall, Golders Green, Thursday last. Speakers: Miss Naylor, Dr. Hargraves, Dr. Lactitia Fairfield.

Ealing. Drawing-room meeting, Nov. 27, great success. Many thanks to speakers. Thanks to Mrs. Thomson, who kindly lent her drawing-room. Proceeds of

Dec. 11, 8.15 p.m., Unitarian Hall, Highgate Hill. All members and sympathisers please rally to his support and bring others. Gratefully acknowledged: For Horsely W.S.P.U. purse in Great Collection: Miss Yeoman, £10; Miss Mann, £1; Mrs. Mann, 2s. 6d.; Miss Richmond, £1; Miss Hume, £1; Miss Dearn, 10s.; Mrs. Williams, 1s.; Miss Collier, 1s.; Miss Prankerd, 2s. 6d.; T. C. G.; Mrs. E. J. Bell, 2s.; Miss Hessack, 2s.; Anon., G. 2s. 6d.; Miss Stockall, 10s.; Miss Jacob, 5s.; H. S. 4s.; Miss N. Pilgrim, 1s.; N. P.; £1; Mrs. Peattie, 2s. 6d.; for jumble sale, anonymous parcel and Miss Finlay, 2s. 6d. (Hon. Sec. Miss Bonwick, B.A., 28, Weston Park, Crouch End, N.)

Ilford. Thanks to Mr. Clayton for extremely interesting address on Friday and to Mrs. Miller for presiding. Large crowd gathered to hear Miss Bonwick at East Ham on Saturday, and all SUFFRAGETTES sold out. Christmas sale Wednesday, Dec. 10, Broadway Chambers, 6.30 p.m. Articles of all kinds wanted. There is still time for a few more subscriptions to jumble sale to be presented on Dec. 7.

Kensington. Members once more reminded that weekly "at homes" Thursdays, 3 p.m., Victoria Room, Royal Palace Hotel, have begun. Workers' meeting Monday, 8th, 8 p.m., 5, Cambridge Studios, Linden Gardens. The importance of attending these meetings will be seen from amount of work to be done in district. New member welcomed. Many thanks for flowers for window. (Hon. Sec. Miss Elsa Dalgleish, shop, 145, Church Street; telephone, 2116 Western.)

Kingston. Many thanks to Mrs. Nuthall for lending her drawing-room for a meeting addressed by Miss E. Wylie; good collection taken. All members that have not done so please send donations for Great Collection. Articles for Christmas sale must be at office by Dec. 15. Sale opens Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. All are asked to come and bring friends. Articles of all kinds wanted, especially home-made cakes, jams, sweets, etc. Many thanks to Miss L. Ramsey for present of books for Christmas sale. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Lynn, £1 6s. (sent in advance). (Hon. Sec., Miss E. Marquett, office, 54, Clarence Street.)

Lewisham. Thanks to Miss Towson for speech at Sunday meeting. Members asked to help to make sale a success at Priory Ranges, Saturday, Dec. 13. We want Lewisham to send a record contribution to Mrs. Pankhurst's Collection. This can easily be done if members support sale with their usual generosity. Gifts of all kinds, home-made sweets, cakes, etc., will be gratefully received, also donations. Office rent, Miss E. Llewellyn, 1s.; Mrs. Cahill, 2s.; donation to sale, Mrs. Bradley, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Emily, 2s. 6d.; Anon., 6d. (Hon. Sec., Miss Townsend, 27, Murillo Road, Lee.)

North Islington. Will members who intend subscribing to local purse please send in either money or promise without delay to Hon. Treasurer, so that it may go up to platform at demonstration with others? Thanks to Miss Wyatt for loan of books for library; Mrs. Haskell for potted fish, and Miss Lowe, 5s. (three months' subscriptions). Purse subscriptions will be acknowledged later. Thanks also to Miss O'Brien for articles for Christmas sale at Lincoln's Inn House. Members rally at office next Saturday (to-morrow), 6.7 p.m. (Hon. Sec., office, 3, St. Thomas' Road, Finsbury Park.)

North-West London. Miss Harblicher thanked for interesting address to women's meeting. Help and cakes wanted for next meeting, Tuesday, 9th. Members are asked to help advertise big protest meeting at Salisbury Road School, Dec. 11, by delivering handbills, selling tickets, speaking, charring, office work, etc. Many excellent outdoor meetings held weekly; good sale of SUFFRAGETTE. (Hon. Sec., Miss Elinor Penn Gaskell, office, 310, High Road, Kilburn; telephone, 5003 Hampstead.)

Pinner. Many thanks to Miss Macaulay, Mrs. Walker, and Mr. Casson for speaking at meeting. Shop in High Street open every Saturday afternoon to visitors. Tea, 6d.

Westminster and St. George's. Thanks to Miss Joachim for speaking at women's meeting, and Lady Wallace Hamilton for singing and reciting. Eighteen new members welcomed. Thanks to Miss Dugdale for speaking at Greycoat Place. Another women's meeting in shop, Dec. 10, at 9.30 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Beldon and Mrs. Townsend. Will all members who have not already done so send their contributions, however small, to local Union purse to be presented at Empress Theatre immediately to Hon. Treasurer, who is very anxious the purse should be as large as possible? Will members do their best to support drawing-room meeting at 5, Cornwall Gardens, S.W., by kind permission of Mrs. Mathews, Monday, Dec. 15, at 9 p.m. (Hon. Org. Sec., Miss Gladys Sheppard; Sec., Miss Cumberland; shop, 17, Tottill Street; telephone, 7139 Victoria.)

Wimbledon. Mr. Gerald Gould thanked for excellent speech on Friday last, and Mrs. Boulton for taking chair. Last meeting this series held to-night (see meetings' list). Watch announcements of next series in New Year Meetings on Common continue as usual. There still remain few tickets for Sunday. Immediate application should be made by those who have not yet secured them. Members who prefer to travel together see particulars at shop. Good number presents Christmas sale coming in. Working parties held Saturday afternoons until Dec. 20. SUFFRAGETTE sales excellent this week. Members please send promises to Mrs. Begbie to swell Wimbledon's purse. Dec. 7. (Hon. Org., pro tem., Mrs. E. M. Begbie; shop and office, 9, Victoria Crescent; telephone, 1092 Wimbledon.)

Wimbledon Park and S. Wimbledon. Excellent meetings held during week. On Monday evening at Grove, Miss Coombe addressed large crowd, while Miss Gwen Richard was speaker on Saturday.

Members who have not yet tickets for Sunday's great demonstration should apply to Secretary at once. It is hoped that every member will attend and also that each one will send to Treasurer, Mrs. Dickinson, 5, Salisbury Road, a contribution towards purse to be presented on Dec. 7. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Margaret Beatty, 5, Elm Grove, Wimbledon.)

Woolwich.

It is hoped that there will be large number of members and friends at social gathering Dec. 10 at Carmel Chapel, 7.30 p.m. All gifts of refreshments should be sent to hall on afternoon of Dec. 10. Members' meeting Tuesday, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., at 25, The Common. It is important that every member be present, as Mrs. Dacre Fox and Miss Grace Roe will speak. All contributions towards Great Collection must be sent in at once. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Brockway, a valuable member, and our best wishes go with her in her new sphere of work. (Hon. Secs., Miss A. M. Clifford, Miss Gregory, 4, Heathwood Gardens, Charlton, S.E.)

HOME COUNTIES.

Bexhill.

Crowded meeting greatly appreciated Rev. Hatty Baker's address on Ibsen. Members requiring further tickets for Empire Theatre on Dec. 7 must now apply to Lincoln's Inn House. More sellers wanted for joint jumble sale Rainbow Hall, Silverhill, St. Leonards, Saturday, 6th, by 2 p.m. Will all members tell working women of special meeting for them, Wednesday, 10th (see Programme)? Joint sale of work, Monday, 15th, 2 to 5, at Metropole Hall, Hastings (entrance archway by Plummer Roddis). (Org., Miss M. S. Allen; Sec., Miss F. C. Tristram; shop, Marina.)

Bournemouth.

Meeting at St. Peter's Hall, Thursday, Dec. 11 (see programme). Tickets on sale at office; numbered, 2s. 6d.; unreserved, 1s. and 6d.; also a few 3d. and free seats for women only. Poster parades to advertise meeting Monday, Dec. 8, and Wednesday, Dec. 10, both days 11.15, from office. "At home" at office Friday, Dec. 5, 4 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Lobley; hostess, Mrs. Howard Shaw. Debate on "Is Militancy Justifiable" at Congregational Church, Debating Society, Winton, Monday, Dec. 8, 8.15 p.m. Gratefully acknowledged for purse: Mrs. Blackledge, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Salvi, 1s.; Miss M. Blackledge, 1s.; Miss Howes, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Nunn, 1s.; Mrs. Fuston, 10s.; Miss H. M. Brandy, 10s.; Miss J. E. Bralley, 2s. 6d.; Miss Golding, 2s.; Miss Millward, 2s.; Miss Please, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Lobley, 2s. (Hon. Sec., Miss B. Berry; office, 221, Old Christchurch Road.)

Brighton and Hove.

Many thanks to all who have helped with cake and candy sale. Will members kindly remember all subscriptions for purse being forwarded from Brighton to Mrs. Pankhurst's welcome meeting should be sent to Organizer not later than Dec. 5? (Org., Miss G. Allen, 3, North Street Quadrant.)

Eastbourne.

Meeting held last Monday in Central Wesleyan Hall splendid success. The Rev. Hatty Baker's impressive address roused great interest. Sale of SUFFRAGETTE and pamphlets excellent and good collection taken. Many thanks to Miss Emma Wylie for taking chair. Mrs. Penn Gaskell spoke at Wednesday shop meeting. Next meeting in shop Thursday, Dec. 11, 3.30. Christmas sale begins. The SUFFRAGETTE poster shown and paper sold at Albertson's, Kangaroo Road. Thanks for gifts received; many more wanted. (Org., Miss M. S. Allen; Sec., Miss B. Goldingham; office, 58a, Grove Road.)

Gillingham, Chatham, & Rochester.

Two splendid open-air meetings held at King Street, Gillingham, and at Town Hall, Chatham. Speaker, Miss Elsa Myers. Six dozen SUFFRAGETTES sold. Many thanks to paper-sellers, especially the Misses Hedge. Many thanks to members who have already subscribed towards Speakers' Fund. Will those who have not, and wish to do so, kindly send to Hon. Sec., Miss Beatrice M. McVie, 119, Napier Road, Gillingham?

Hastings.

Thanks to Miss Emma Wylie for speech. Any requiring tickets for Great Demonstration on Dec. 7 now apply to Lincoln's Inn House. More sellers required for jumble sale. Rainbow Hall, Silverhill, Saturday, 6th, by 2 p.m. Weekly meeting, Monday, 8th, 4 p.m., Metropole Hall (en-

trance archway by Plummer Roddis). Sale of work (instead of speaker) Monday, 15th, at Metropole Hall, 2 to 6. More contributions wanted. SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently needed for pitches. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Parr, 10s.; Miss Parr, 2s. 6d.; (Org., Miss M. S. Allen; Sec., Miss F. C. Tristram; office, 8a, Claremont.)

Oxford.

Two members, Miss Clark and Miss Stoton, will have an exhibition of work at office Tuesday, Dec. 9, 11 to 4. Tea 4.5, followed by a speech. (Hon. Sec., Miss Graham; office, 135, High Street.)

Portsmouth.

Miss Catherine Margresson will speak Tuesday, December 16, at both afternoon and evening meetings. Details later. Gratefully acknowledged for purse for Great Collection on Mrs. Pankhurst's return: A Friend, 6d.; a Sympathiser, 2d.; Another Sympathiser, 1s.; Miss Bayne, 5s.; Mrs. Butcher, 1s.; Mrs. Curtis, 1s.; Mrs. Diddums, 6d.; Miss Jackson, 1s.; Miss A. Livesay, 1s.; Mrs. Mullin, 2s.; Mrs. Markham, 1s.; Mrs. Connell, 5s.; Mrs. Poynder, 1s.; L. P., 1s.; Mrs. Richardson, 30s.; Miss Richardson, 21; Mr. Sutherland, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. R. Taylor, 5s.; Mrs. Taylor, 1s.; Mrs. Walsh, 1s.; Miss Wallis, 1s. (Hon. Sec., Miss L. H. Peacock, 4, Pylham Road.)

Reading.

Members please remember Christmas sale next Tuesday, Dec. 9, and following days during usual office hours at 49, Market Place (10.30-12.30 and 2.30-4.30). Office closed as usual Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. Bruges pottery, children's clothes, toys, fancy articles, sweets, etc., on sale. Tea served at 6d. a head. Communications to Hon. Sec., pro tem., 49, Market Place, Reading.

Worthing.

Miss Queen's lantern lecture great success. Gratefully acknowledged towards Great Collection: Mrs. Richmond, 10s.; Mrs. Powell, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Tarrant, 5s.; Miss E. Oliver, 21; Miss C. Home, 10s.; Miss J. Lambert, 1s.; Miss R. Keynel, 1s.; "Mew," 21; H. S. M., 21; A. M. P., 3s.; M. L. D., 2s. 6d.; Miss A. McFarlane, 21; Miss McPherson, 5s.; Mrs. Brace, 2s. 6d.; Miss L. Hewitt, 3s. 6d.; Miss Chapman, 2s. Meeting at Congregational Church, Lecture Hall Dec. 8, 8.30 p.m. Speaker, Miss Emma Wylie. Many thanks to all friends for working so hard to send goods up to headquarters' Christmas sale. (Hon. Sec., Miss Douglas, Finton; office, 39, Upper High Street.)

THE MIDLANDS.

Birmingham.

All stewards are requested to be at Town Hall on Tuesday by 6.30 p.m. Stewards' tickets may be had at office. Birmingham purse will be presented to Mrs. Pankhurst at meeting. Those who have not yet contributed please send in promises or contributions before Dec. 7. More volunteers wanted for final poster parade and distribution of bills. Notices of Christmas sale, December 20, may be had at office. The Misses Earl are giving a Votes for Women party Wednesday, Jan. 7; tickets 1s. each. Members are asked to keep this date free. Many thanks to Mrs. Ayrton Gould for stirring speech. (Org., Miss L. Mitchell; office, 97, John Bright Street.)

Coventry.

Many thanks to Mr. John Scud for addressing meeting Nov. 23. Good collection taken. Members are urged to send contributions to Great Collection. Will sympathisers also give Suffrage and other literature to shop, which is being opened this week? Gifts of home-made jam, sweets, etc., will be thankfully accepted for Christmas sale, Dec. 18-20. (Hon. Sec., Miss C. Arnott, 71, Berry Street.)

Leicester.

Members were very glad to welcome Miss Hazel again in Leicester when she spoke at Temperance Hall weekly meeting. All energies are now concentrated on Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, Dec. 15, tickets for which can be obtained at office. Members are asked not to forget promises of cakes, sweets, and any household goods for Christmas stall, also afternoon teas in office. Will all those who wish to steward at Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting and help with tea please give in their names to Miss West? Will those who have promised goods for rummage sale let Miss Corcoran know when they can be fetched? (Org., Miss E. Grew; office, 14, Bowling Green Street.)

Nottingham.

Many thanks to Mrs. Finlayson Gault for speaking at meetings. Organizer well received at Cosmopolitan Debating Society, Nottingham contingent for London meeting leaves Sunday at 11.30 a.m. Great Central, fare 5s. return; tickets for meeting 2s. Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting is in Corn Exchange Wednesday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m.; tickets 1s. 6d., and 3d., for women. More contributions to Great Collection are urgently needed, and should be sent to Organizer. Sale on Thursday, Dec. 11, and Saturday, 13th. Goods should be sent by Wednesday at latest. Provisions on Thursday morning. Sale opens from 3 to 9 on Thursday and 8 to 9.30 on Saturday. Entertainments both days. Mrs. McCaig, palmist, is kindly giving her services on Thursday afternoon. (Org., Miss C. A. L. Marsh; offices, 31, Derby Road.)

Walsall.

Tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's Birmingham meeting 1s. and 6d., at office. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Ayrton Gould for her fine speech on Nov. 27, which converted several wavering friends. Members are asked to rally well to meeting on Dec. 18. Christmas sales at office Monday, Dec. 8 and following fortnight. Tea served 4 to 5.30 p.m., at small charge. Helpers wanted. Many interesting books recently added to library. (Hon. Sec., Miss Nanette Cotterell; office, 19, Leicester Street.)

WEST OF ENGLAND.

Bath.

Mrs. B. Everett addressed crowded meeting at shop Wednesday. Promises towards Great Collection received amounting to over £11. Many thanks to Mrs. Fido for lending her room for a meeting at Tiverton last Thursday. It is hoped to continue these meetings in neighbourhood after Christmas. Helpers wanted for hand-bill distribution for Mrs. Humphrey Parkes's meeting next Saturday at Assembly Rooms, 4.30 p.m.; chair, Miss Gladys Hazel. A jumble sale will be held in January. Contributions should be sent for Christmas sale, Miss Green, Miss Batty; towards Great Collection, Mrs. Walker, 21; Miss Wratislaw, 21; Miss S. G. Watkinson, 21; Anon., 21; G. T., 21; Mrs. Tollemache, 21; Mrs. Everett, 10s.; Miss Gilliat, 10s.; Miss Neal, 10s.; E. T., 10s.; Mrs. Grey, 5s.; Mrs. Brice, 7s. 6d.; Miss Wiltshire, 2s. 6d.; Anon., 1s.; Miss Green, 2s. 6d.; Miss Macintyre, 2s. 6d.;

Anon., 2s.; Miss Hancock, 10s.; Anon., 2s. 6d.; Miss Pavey, 1s.; Miss Bird, 1s.; Mrs. Thomas, 1s.; Anon., given to street seller, 1s.; Anon., 2s.; transferred subscriptions, £1; Miss Batey, 1s.; Mrs. Fodden, 2s.; Miss Pilley, 2s. 6d. (Hon. Secs., the Misses Tollemache; shop, 12, Walcot Street.)

Bristol.

Members are heartily thanked for coming forward so readily to supply necessities for shop. A small locked cupboard and a locked chest are still needed, also books for library bearing on Suffrage question. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss L. Smith, £1 11s.; Miss Palmer, 10s.; Mrs. Edwards, 5s. (Org., Miss Gladys Hazel, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton.)

Ilfracombe.

Many thanks to Mrs. Montague for interesting speech. Drawing-room meeting crowded. New number made. Jumble sale at "The Elite" St. James' Place, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m. Helpers wanted. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Montague (returned fare), 7s. 10d. (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Du Sautoy Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue.)

Cornwall.

Members and friends remember meeting Town Hall, Truro, December 6 (see programme). Will those who have not sent donation to Great Collection please do so without delay. (Hon. Secs., Miss E. Williams, Glanafon, Devoran; Mrs. Pascoe, 37, Marlborough Road, Falmouth.)

WALES.

Cardiff and District.

Organiser hopes some members and friends may be able to go to Great Demonstration on Dec. 7. Return fare, 17s. Come to office for further information. Several strangers present at Mrs. Kington Parkes's meeting, and were much interested. Miss T. Pomphrey welcomed as new volunteer for selling SUFFRAGETTE. Who will give a spare hour for this work any afternoon or evening during week? Members made effective protests against forcible feeding at New and Royal Theatres on Monday evening. (Org., Miss Williams; office, 109, Queen Street.)

Fortypool and District.

Thanks to Mrs. Bennett for excellent drawing-room meeting, Thursday, Nov. 27. Miss Wylie gave splendid speech;

Programme of the Week.

LONDON.

Friday, December 5.

Balham, Caistor Road. Miss Emis. Chair: Miss Greer ... 8 p.m.
Bow, Ford Road. Miss Palmer ... 8 p.m.
Canning Town, Beckton Road. Miss Gilliat, Miss M. Paterson ... 8 p.m.
Chelsea, 398, King's Road. Speakers' Class. Miss Ada Moore ... 8 p.m.
Chiswick, Duke Road. Miss Meakin ... 7 p.m.
Kilburn, Mossina Avenue. Mr. A. G. Hall, Mrs. Withers ... 8 p.m.
Kingston, Fife Hall. Mr. Gerald Gould, B.A., Miss Winifred Mayo, Chair: Miss Stewart, B.Sc. ... 8 p.m.
North Kensington, Lavender Road, corner Portobello Road. Miss Canning. Chair: Miss Douglas ... 8 p.m.
Poplar, Manchester Road and East Ferry Road. Miss Hopkins ... 8 p.m.
Sloane Square. Mrs. Jacobs. Chair: Miss Peddon ... 12.15 p.m.
West Ham, The Grove, Stratford ... 8 p.m.
Westminster, Greycoat Place. Mrs. Penn Gaskell ... 12.30 p.m.
Wimbledon, Queen's Hall, Broadway. Miss M. Naylor, Mr. W. Mellor. Chair: Mrs. Hull ... 8.15 p.m.

Saturday, December 6.

Battersea, Strath Terrace. Mrs. E. Daval ... 8 p.m.
Chelsea, Beaufort Street. Mrs. Haig, Mrs. Arnold ... 8 p.m.
Harlesden, Manor Park Road. Miss Wright, Miss E. Wilson ... 8 p.m.
Holloway Road, Jones Bros. ... 8 p.m.
Ilford, Baking, Old Town Hall. Miss Gibson ... 8 p.m.
Kensal Rise, Harvist Road Schools. Miss A. Jacobs, Mrs. Lawrence ... 7.30 p.m.
Kingston, Church Street. Miss M. Wright, B.A. ... 12 noon.
South Wimbledon, B-roadway. Miss Kirby ... 7 p.m.
West Ham, Forest Gate Station ... 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 7.

Empress Theatre, Earl's Court Exhibition. Great Women's Demonstration. Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Annie Keane, Mrs. Dacre Fox. Chair: General Floria Drummond ... 8 p.m.
Hampstead Heath, Playstaff. Mrs. John Brindley ... 11.30 a.m.
Poplar, East India Dock Gates. Mrs. ... 6.30 p.m.
Wimbledon Common. Mrs. Theresa Gough ... 12 noon.

Monday, December 8.

Bow, Obelisk, D-von Road. Miss Combs ... 8 p.m.
Bow, Old and Old Mission Hall, Redgar Road. Speakers' Class, Miss Ross Lee ... 7.45 p.m.
Canning Town, Peacock, Freemason's Road. Miss Richards, Miss M. Paterson ... 8 p.m.
Chelsea, 303, King's Road. Women's Meeting. Mrs. Best ... 8 p.m.
Harvist Road, Salisbury Road. Miss A. Jacobs ... 7 p.m.
Knightsbridge Hall, W. Mrs. Dacre Fox, Miss Barbara Wylie, and others ... 3.15 p.m.
South Wimbledon, The Grove ... 8 p.m.
Streatham Town Hall. Miss Hicks, M.A., Miss Leonora Tyson ... 8.10 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9.

Battersea, Mossbury Road ... 8 p.m.
Bow, Old and Old Mission Hall, Redgar Road. Mr. Ernest Daval ... 8 p.m.
Canning Town, White House, Shirley Street. Mrs. Theresa Gough, Miss M. Paterson ... 8 p.m.
Chelsea, Miss Haig ... 8 p.m.
Kilburn, Mossina Avenue. Mrs. Penn Gaskell, Miss Somers ... 8 p.m.
Poplar, East India Dock Gates. Miss Richmond ... 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10.

Battersea, Letchmore Baths. Mrs. Adams ... 2.30 p.m.
Canning Town, Kelland Road. Mrs. Theresa Gough, Miss M. Paterson ... 8 p.m.
Harlesden, Manor Park Road. Miss E. Glidwell ... 7.30 p.m.
Harvist Road, Salisbury Road. Miss A. Jacobs ... 8 p.m.
Ilford, Broadway Chambers. Miss Bowick, B.A., Miss Swan ... 8 p.m.
Kilburn, Victoria Road. Mrs. J. Brindley ... 7.30 p.m.
Notting Hill Gate, 28, Camden Hill Gardens, W. Mrs. Pascoe ... 3.4 p.m.
Notting Hill Gate, Harbury Rooms, Kensington Park Road. Mrs. Mary Leigh. Chair: Miss D'Arbish ... 8 p.m.
Palmer's Green, 6, Stoward Road. Fireside Talk ... 8 p.m.
Poplar, 319, East India Dock Road. Mrs. Daval ... 8 p.m.
Westminster, Greycoat Place. Miss Haarbriehar ... 12.30 p.m.
Willesden Green Library. Miss A. Jacobs ... 8.15 p.m.

Thursday, December 11.

Battersea, Prince's Head ... 8 p.m.
Bow, Knapp Road ... 8 p.m.
Canning Town, 124, Barking Road. Miss Hicks, M.A., Miss M. Paterson ... 8 p.m.
Clapham, Oriental Cafe, 10, The Pavement. Women's Meeting. Mrs. S. Barson ... 2.33 p.m.
Elysee Galleries, Queen's Road, Bayswater. Miss Nancy Lightman and others. Chair: Miss Olive Bartels ... 8 p.m.
Highgate, Unitarian Hall, Highgate Hill. Debate. Rev. George Startup, Mr. G. H. Bower. Chair: Miss Bonwick, B.A. ... 8.15 p.m.
North Kensington, At Home, Royal Palace Hotel. Mr. Aymer Maude, Mrs. Theresa Gough ... 8 p.m.
Opposite Earl's Court Station. Miss M. Combs, Miss M. Jones ... 8 p.m.
Poplar, Piggott Street ... 8 p.m.

Friday, December 12.

Bow, Ford Road ... 8 p.m.
Canning Town, Beckton Road. Miss Peck, Miss M. Paterson ... 8 p.m.
Chelsea, 308, King's Road. Speakers' Class. Miss Ada Moore ... 8 p.m.
Harvist Road, Salisbury Road Schools. Protest Meeting ... 8 p.m.
Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway. Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo ... 7.45 p.m.
North Kensington, Blenheim Crescent and Portobello Road. Miss Elsa Myers. Chair: Miss O. Whately ... 8 p.m.
Sloane Square. Miss Naylor. Chair: Miss Haig ... 12.10 p.m.
Tooting Broadway ... 8 p.m.
West Ham, The Grove, Stratford. Miss Richmond, Miss Brice ... 8 p.m.

COUNTRY.

Friday, December 5.

Birmingham, Bull Ring. Mrs. Hodges, Miss Eastgate ... 8 p.m.
Birmingham, Small Heath, Park Gates. Miss L. Mitchell, Miss Appleyard ... 8 p.m.
Birmingham, Smethwick, Blue Gates. Miss C. Reid, Miss Baker ... 8 p.m.
Cambridge, Fitzroy Street Institute. Miss C. Marsh, Miss G. Richard. Chair: Miss Olive Bartels ... 8.30 p.m.
Cardiff, U. M. Young Men's Class. Miss Williams ... 8.30 p.m.
Dublin, 1, Claro Street. Miss Edwards ... 4 p.m.
Dundee, Pannure Street. Miss Grant ... 8 p.m.
Leeds, Town Hall Square ... 7.30 p.m.
Newcastle, Monkseaton. Drawing Room Meeting. Miss West. Hostess: Mrs. Brown ... 3.30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6.

Birmingham, Monument Road. Miss Reid, Miss Redfern ... 8 p.m.
Birmingham, Perry Barr. Miss L. Mitchell, Miss Hartack ... 8 p.m.
Corwall, Truro Town Hall. Mrs. Tremayne, Mrs. Perks, Miss E. Williams ... 3 p.m.
Dundee, Greenmarket. Miss Grant ... 3.30 p.m.
Newcastle, Byker Bank, Durham Ox, and Haymarket ... 7.30 p.m.
York, Assembly Rooms. At Home. Miss Canning. Hostesses: Mrs. Coultate, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Saffield ... 4.30 p.m.

Sunday, November 7.

Leeds, Woodhouse Moor. Mr. Gillespie ... 3 p.m.
Leeds, Town Hall Square. Miss Garrett ... 8 p.m.
Newcastle, Quayside ... 11.30 p.m.

Monday, December 8.

Brighton, 8, North Street Quadrant. Miss Canning ... 5 p.m.
Hastings, Metropole Hall. Mr. Victor Duval ... 4-8 p.m.
Newcastle, Big Market and Gateshead ... 7.30 p.m.
Newcastle, Bliswick Works ... 12.30 p.m.
Newcastle, Bliswick Works ... 7.30 p.m.
Nottingham, Mikado Cafe. Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck ... 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9.

Bexhill, Marina. At Home. Miss G. Allen ... 4-6 p.m.
Birmingham, Town Hall. Mrs. Pankhurst ... 8 p.m.
Leeds, Town Hall Square. Miss Garrett ... 7.30 p.m.
Leicester, Temperance Hall, Room 3. Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck ... 8 p.m.
Newcastle, Parsonic Works ... noon.
Newcastle, Bliswick Works ... noon.
Newcastle, Big Market ... 7.30 p.m.
Newcastle, Westgate Road Station ... 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10.

Abchurch Lane, Round Room, Music Hall. Women's Meeting. Mrs. A. J. Webbe. Chair: Dr. Agnes Thomson ... 3 p.m.
Bexhill, Marina. Working Women's Meeting. Mrs. Walker ... 4-6 p.m.
Dundee, Leaser Y.M.C.A. Hall. Mrs. A. J. Webbe ... 8 p.m.
Liverpool, Sun Hall. Mrs. Pankhurst. Chair: Mrs. John Edwards ... 8 p.m.
Loughborough, Temperance Hall. Miss E. Grew ... 8 p.m.
Newcastle, Crooked Billet ... noon.
Newcastle, Big Market ... 6 p.m.
Newcastle, Big Market ... 8 p.m.
Newcastle, Haymarket, Durham Ox, and Byker Bank ... 7.30 p.m.
Newport. Miss Annie Williams ... 3.30 and 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 11.

Bournemouth, St. Peter's Hall. Mr. Bailie Weaver. Chair: Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck ... 8 p.m.
Eastbourne, 58a, Grove Road. Miss Evelyn Sherr ... 3.30 p.m.
Edinburgh, Gould Hall, George Street. Women's Meeting. Mrs. A. J. Webbe. Chair: Lady Ramsay ... 8 p.m.
Newcastle, Town Hall. Mrs. Pankhurst. Chair: Councillor David Adams ... 8 p.m.
Ulster, Drugganona, Ranelagh Arms Hotel. Miss D. Evans, Miss Muir ... 8 p.m.

Friday, December 9.

Dublin, Abbey Theatre. Miss D. Evans. Chair: Mrs. Earl ... 4 p.m.
Edinburgh, West End ... 8 p.m.
Leeds, Town Hall Square. Miss Garrett ... 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, December 4.—Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway. Christmas Presents' Sale. 3 p.m. See page 179.

Ipswich and District.

Promises for Welcome Collection for Mrs. Pankhurst's great meeting coming in well. It is hoped that those who have not already sent in a subscription will do this. Next meeting, women only, small Co-operative Hall, Dec. 16, 3 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Keeble. Please apply shop for notices for distribution. Christmas sale in shop will commence Dec. 8. (Caledonians, Lonsdale, sweets, jams, etc. (Hon. Sec., Miss King; shop, Tower Street.)

Norwich and District.

Jumble sale at Holl's Lane Mission Room, Dec. 8, 3 p.m. Will every member please make special effort to contribute at least one article towards Christmas Sale at 52, London Street, Dec. 18 to 20? (Gifts may be sent to office or to (Hon. Sec., Mrs. Bradly, 67, City Road, Norwich.)

EASTERN COUNTIES.

Cambridge and District.

Many thanks to Miss P. Ayrton and Mr. Lummis, who very kindly took meeting on Saturday and Sunday respectively, as Miss Glidwell was unable, through illness, to speak. All members please introduce their friends to meeting on Friday, Dec. 5. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss James, B.A., 21; Mrs. Joshua, mirror for office. (Hon. Secs., Miss C. Butler and Miss L. Wilton; office, Crane Street.)

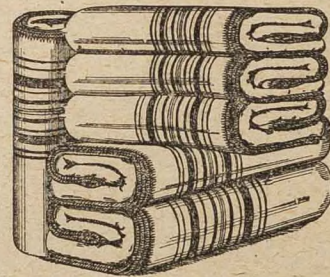
NORTH-WESTERN COUNTIES.

Bolton.

The treasurer, Mrs. Cooke, asks that any further donations towards the Great Collection reach her not later than Dec. 6. Extra on SUFFRAGETTE is. (Hon. Sec., Miss M. Martin, 685, Manchester Road.)

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Liverpool

Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting next Wednesday, Sun Hall, 8 p.m.; chair, Mrs. John Edwards. Stewards are asked to be at hall 6 p.m. Many thanks to Mrs. John Edwards for having weekly SUFFRAGETTE poster displayed at Woodside Ferry Book stall. Gratefully received: Mrs. Martin, 5s.; Miss Martin, 5s.; Mrs. Oldham, 5s. (Org., Miss H. Jollie; office, 8a, Lord Street.)

Manchester

Christmas sale and entertainment, Saturday, Dec. 13, Onward Buildings. Stalls are: Household Goods, Home Produce, Toys and Christmas Presents, and Special Swedish Novelty Stall; also a special collection of Irish lace. Entertainments will include three Suffrage plays by the Clarion Players, morris dancing, music, and palmistry. Refreshments by the Misses Webster. Excellent meeting held Stevenson Square, Sunday, speakers, Miss Patricia Woodcock, Miss Manesta, and Mr. Baines. (Hon. Sec. Miss Hilda E. Russell, 32, King Street West.)

NORTH-EASTERN COUNTIES

Doncaster

Members should not miss great London demonstration, Dec. 7. What member will offer £1 for a station poster at Selby to advertise the SUFFRAGETTE and extend our area? Miss Key Jones addressed weekly meeting, Monday, Nov. 24. Weekly meetings will be replaced up to Christmas by open-air meetings. Members can most concentrate on sale and what drive to raise necessary funds. One o'clock SUFFRAGETTE pitch still needs a volunteer. (Org., Miss Key Jones, 1, Halgate Chambers.)

Leeds

Many thanks to those who helped on Thursday night in Town Hall Square, especially members and friends from York and Bradford. Councillor Byrnie took chair at protest meeting and walked in procession. Miss Suffield spoke well, as did Mrs. Cohen and Miss Cory. Friends are asked to do their best to pay in subscriptions and to collect from friends and sympathisers. Large protest meeting outside Armley Gaol, Sunday afternoon. SUFFRAGETTE sold well. Protest meetings will be held outside Armley Gaol every Sunday, 5 p.m., as long as there is a prisoner inside. (Org., Miss Olive Garrett; office, 2, St. George's Road.)

Newcastle and District

Very successful meetings held last week in Co-operative Halls at Throckley and Heaton. Mrs. Grinling is thanked for giving office tea, Saturday, Nov. 29. Councillor Adams has kindly consented to take chair at Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting. Members reminded of special open-air meetings (dinner-hour and evening) daily between now and 11th, and also of daily sandwich parades at 12.15 and 6. Help of all kinds needed; volunteers will find work waiting for them at office. Those who will steward on Dec. 11 please send in their names at once. Will those members who have not sent in a promise of subscription to collection at Town Hall kindly do so at once? Promises can be fulfilled any time between now and April next. (Org., Miss Margaret West; shop, 77, Blackett Street.)

Scarborough

Cake and sweets sale at Suffrage shop, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Dec. 9, 10, and 11. Will every member give or buy a cake or sweets at sale? Shop will be open until 9 p.m. on Monday night to receive gifts for sale. Thanks to Mr. A. J. Webb for his generous gift of £1 6s. 3d. to local union, and to all members and friends who have subscribed to Shilling Fund for Plymouth Union to welcome Mrs. Pankhurst. (Hon. Sec. Miss Nora Vickermann; shop, 33, St. Nicholas Cliff.)

Sheffield

Sale of work will continue till everything is sold. Members are invited to come and bring their friends. Jumble sale, Saturday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m., Nether Chapel. Contributions can be sent to office, or will be collected on Friday, if desired. Helpers wanted, both morning and afternoon. More SUFFRAGETTE sellers urgently wanted. Anyone wishing to contribute to purse to be sent to Great Collection asked to do so at once. (Hon. Sec. Miss E. M. Schuster; office, 25/28, Chapel Walk.)

York

Who will welcome Mrs. Pankhurst at Great London demonstration on Sunday? Organiser appeals urgently for subscriptions to raise £1 18s. immediately for station posters. Will members bring a large audience to Miss Canning's meeting, Assembly Rooms, at 4.30 p.m., to-morrow (Saturday)? Many thanks to Mrs. Cooper

for successful Wednesday tea. Mrs. Holmes, bazaar secretary, appeals for more work, cakes, and sweets promises. Sale take appeals for funds. SUFFRAGETTE seller wanted for mornings, fortnightly, on station pitch. (Org., Miss Key Jones, Colby Chambers, Coppegate.)

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen

Miss Kelly's meeting on Friday great success; many strangers present. Members are asked to come forward to distribute handbills advertising Mrs. A. J. Webb's meeting, Wednesday, 5 p.m. Will all do their best to make meeting great success? (Org., Miss M. S. Allen; Sec., Miss O. Walton; shop, 7, Bon Accord Street.)

Dundee

Good meeting held on Wednesday. Miss Kelly gave an inspiring address. Members are urged to make Mrs. Webb's meeting for women only on "The White Slave Traffic," Dec. 10, a great success. For place and hour see Programme of Events. (Org., Miss Grant; office, 61, Nethergate, Dundee.)

Edinburgh

Very many thanks to Mrs. Clarke, who was responsible for great success of jumble sale, and to Mrs. Charlton and others, who gave so much time to helping her. Over £12 raised. Miss Ferrier and Miss Fall are taking entire arrangements for Christmas sale, and members and friends are asked to get into touch with them at once, as time is getting short. Miss Kelly's excellent speech on Thursday much enjoyed. New members made during week. Promises and donations towards Great Collection are asked to be sent in at once. Members to advertise Mrs. A. J. Webb's meeting on Thursday next are asked to call at office for handbills. (Org., Miss M. S. Allen; office, 27, Frederick Street.)

Glasgow

Excellent meetings held in and around Glasgow during past week. Many thanks to speakers. Every meeting crowded, and good collections taken. Members are especially thanked for fine response to appeal for the Great Collection. Amount announced later. Please do your best for Christmas sale at office, Saturday, Dec. 13, to be opened by Mrs. A. J. Webb at 5 p.m. (Org., Miss Laura M. Underwood; office, 502, Sauchiehall Street.)

IRELAND

Cork

Members and sympathisers, feeling that they must have a small share in the welcome to Mrs. Pankhurst, have guaranteed £10 to Great Collection. Subscriptions, however small, will be welcome. Most successful meeting held Council Chamber, City Hall, Thursday last; speaker, Miss Dorothy Evans. Among those present were about 60 University students, many of whom were interested and asked questions. A good report appeared in the "Cork Examiner." Already the announcement of Mrs. Pankhurst's visit to Cork on Feb. 6 has aroused much interest; the City Hall has been booked, and arrangements are going ahead. All particulars will be announced later. (Org., Miss Lennox; office, 16, Cook Street.)

Dublin

Successful meeting at Abbey Theatre last Friday. Many thanks to Rev. G. H. Davis for his interesting speech and for fine protest he made against torture of women. Suffragists visiting Dublin for Conference are invited to visit offices and attend meeting Abbey Theatre, Dec. 12. Volunteers for poster parade, SUFFRAGETTE selling, taking charge of the office urgently needed. New members welcomed: Miss Brogan, Miss Smith, Miss Warner. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Webb, 10s.; Misses Manning, £2; Miss N. Manning, £1 5s. (Org., Miss M. Edwards, 1, Clare Street.)

ULSTER

Belfast

Come to Suffragette Christmas Fete to-morrow (Saturday, Dec. 6), 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Ulster headquarters. Dainty teas and refreshments will be served. Games and competitions; prizes for best score, a special prize for the best grand total. Concerts at 3 and 8 p.m. in Lecture Room. Come, and bring others to share the fun. (Org., Miss Dorothy Evans, 5, College Square East.)

Dungannon

Meeting arranged for Thursday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m., in Rantuly Arms Hotel. Reserved seats, 1s.; admission, 3d.; speakers, Miss Evans and Miss Muir (Belfast). Any offers of help in distributing handbills and

selling tickets will be most welcome to Miss Simpson, John Street, Manse, Dungannon, who has most kindly undertaken to organise meeting. (Org., Miss D. Evans, Ulster Branch, 5, College Square East, Belfast.)

CLERKS W.S.P.U.

Thanks for contributions towards Great Collection. Further sums should be sent in by Saturday morning, if possible. SUFFRAGETTE sales at Liverpool Street went up last week, and it is hoped that every member who possibly can will devote an hour or two a week to selling the SUFFRAGETTE during winter. Jumble parcels to be addressed to Miss Caeserley, 347, Goswell Road, E.C.1, and marked "Clarks' W.S.P.U." (Hon. Sec., Miss Cynthia Maguire, 39, Priory Road, West Hampstead, N.W.)

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Hon. Instructor, Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Hon. Sec., Miss L. Blundell, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.

There will be no speakers' class to-night (Friday) at Lincoln's Inn House, owing to the Christmas Presents Sale. All communications should be made to Miss L. Blundell. Miss Leo's private classes for members of the W.S.P.U. only take place every Saturday, at 41, Norfolk Square, W., by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton, at 4 p.m. Full particulars of these classes can be obtained from Miss Leo.

REPORTS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

Men's Federation for W.S.

Members are reminded of three important fixtures for this week-end: Friday, Dec. 5, protest demonstration at Queen's Hall against prison torture; Saturday, Dec. 6, general meeting; and Sunday, Dec. 7, great demonstration at Empress Hall, Earl's Court, to welcome Mrs. Pankhurst. Members should bring their friends to the Friday and Sunday demonstrations. Will members willing to speak at Victoria Park on Sunday afterwards please send their names to Open-Air Secretary at office? (Hon. Sec., Miss M. S. Allen; office, 27, Frederick Street.)

Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement

An open-air campaign begins to-day in Battersea, which will culminate in a public meeting in the Town Hall, Lavenham Hill, on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. During the week meetings will be held daily at 8 p.m. and at dinner hour. As all kinds of help is needed in Battersea, there will be no members' class to-night, and those who intended to be present are asked to go to 37, Park Road, Wandsworth, instead, for handbills and instructions. The speakers next Sunday will be: In Hyde Park, Miss Randall, B.A., and Mr. E. Duval; in Finsbury Park, 11.30 p.m., Miss Naylor and Mr. A. Mackinlay; and in Battersea Park, at 3 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier and Mr. H. W. Nevison. Thanks are due to Mrs. E. Duval for lending her house as a rallying-ground for helpers in Battersea. (Sec., 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.)

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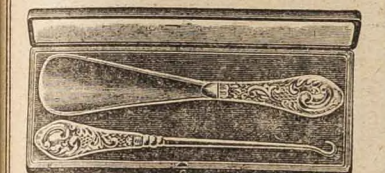
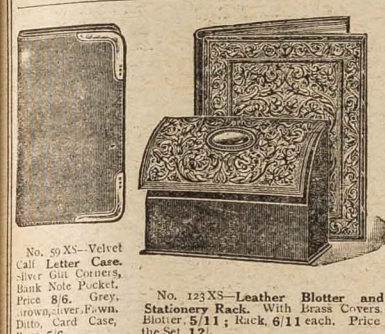
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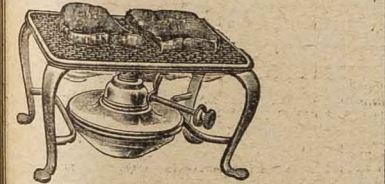
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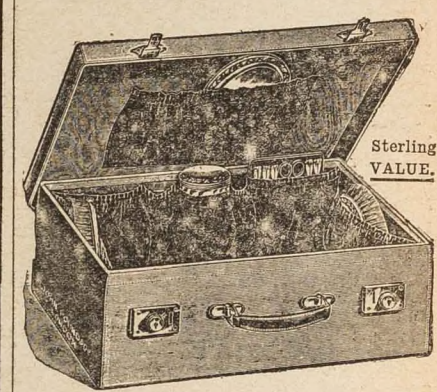
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