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GUARD REDMOND: "You there, stand aside!"
WOMAN: "I have paid for my ticket and I demand the same right to travel as I have on the Scottish train."

(The new Scottish Home Rule Bill provides for women's enfranchisement for the Scottish Parliament. Mr. Asquith and Mr. Redmond resist the inclusion of women in the Irish Home Rule Bill.)

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DEDICATION

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

THE OUTLOOK

We direct the earnest attention of any of our meaders who still think that women do not need the protection of the vote to two cases of which we give details this week in our "Comparison of Punishments" on page 501 of this issue.

An Unjust Judge

grave charge of abducting a girl of sixteen. The evidence showed that intercourse between the two began when the girl first went to his house to look after his children, and that when her condition was discovered the man took her away first to Huddersfield and then to Manchester. The girl thereupon wrote to her mother, who communicated with the police. For this grave offence, resulting in the ruin of a child on the threshold of womanhood, Mr. Justice Atkin has given the trivial sentence of one month's imprisonment in the second division.

Abetting Crime

The other case is that of a boy of sixteen, found guilty of an offence against a child of fifteen. No punishment or probationary treatment of any kind was imposed, Mr. Justice Atkin remarking that he would take into consideration the age of the offender, and would content himself with binding the lad over. This decision is tantamount to telling any young boy that his first offence of this character will be treated as venial. It is a definite abetment of crime of the gravest character.

Women's Lives of No Account

Moreover, these judgments may be contrasted with the severe sentences of twelve month's hard labour passed on a man for demanding money with menaces

It is impossible for anyone to read these cases and the similar cases which we give week after week in the columns of this paper without realising the terrible fact that under the laws of this country, made by men and administered by men, the lives and honour of women have no adequate protection. They are not accounted of so much value as a piece of property which can be bought for a few pounds.

The Vote the Only Remedy

It is this false standard which women are determined to sweep away. They refuse any longer to be regarded as sub-human, they insist upon recogni-tion as equal human beings with men. Towards this recognition the Parliamentary vote is at once symbol and instrument. So long as it is withheld men of the baser sort will continue to look down upon women as inferior beings, and politicians who are constrained to action along lines which the voters desire will continue to neglect the interests of voteless

Second Day's Debate in the Lords

Last week we gave the result of the debate of Lord Selborne's Woman Suffrage Bill in the House of Lords, and also an account of the discussion on the opening day; we supplement this, this week, with an account of the second day's discussion. To this Lord Crewe contributed a remarkable speech, in which, The first is the case of a married man of thirty from a clergyman, and three years' Borstal treatment passed on a lad of eighteen for stealing a horse. reality lay behind the woman suffrage campaign.

Lord Lytton's Speech Lord Lytton very properly described this admisfacts and figures with regard to the demand for to be discussed. woman suffrage which had never before been pre sented to the House of Lords, and astonished many of those venerable law-givers who had been accus-tomed till then to gather all their information from the lying columns of the daily Press. While expressing his opposition to militancy, he rendered his behind it, and begged his hearers to allow these great

The Nation's Warning to Liberals

nunity instead of being thrown away in conflict

Last week, in estimating the result of the figures of the division, we expressed the opinion that they provided evidence that if a Woman Suffrage Bill was sent up from the Commons it would be passed by the We are glad to see that the Nation, in a leading article, takes the same view :-

So far as Conservatism is concerned, we make no doubt at all that if a Tory Government comes in this year or next, it will pass a limited Suffrage Bill. There will be "conversions" and "abstentions" and "protests," and the rest of it; but neo-Toryism has a flexible back and a fairly keen eye for electoral oppor-

Realising this contingency, the Nation makes a dignified and powerful appeal to the Liberal Party not to leave this great measure of reform to their opponents, but at the earliest possible opportunity to pass a Bill into law giving enfranchisement t women. "Nothing," it says in conclusion, "can come of it but a wider satisfaction of reasonable ambitions, while from its denial proceeds and will proceed an increasing procession of evils, follies, umiliations, and aggravations for the State and

Scottish and Irish Home Rule

The Scottish Liberals in charge of the unofficial Scottish Home Rule Bill which is to be debated in the House of Commons to-day have decided to include a clause extending the franchise for the Scottish Parliament to women. This decision, which the Manchester Guardian declares will make the Bill more acceptable to Liberal M.P.s, brings home mo forcibly than ever the anachronism of leaving women out of the Irish Home Rule Bill. We deal with this question in our leading article this week.

The Budget
The grave defects in the Budget, to which we called attention last week, have raised little or no criticism on the floor of the House of Commons, except for two short references which we give elsewhere by Mr. J. M. Henderson and Mr. Evelyn Cecil. The fresh injustices which Mr. Lloyd George has heaped upon those already in existence with regard to married women have scarcely been mentioned. This is a fitting commentary on the comfortable theory put for-

never taken the trouble to ascertain what degree of 1 the Committee. The solitary amendment which Mr. McKenna has consented to make is that by which the consent of the prisoner is required before he or she can be removed to a hospital and an operation sion as an unblushing piece of cynicism. He gave | performed. There are several clauses in the Bill yet

We give this week, from the official verbatim report, which has only just been published, some additional points from the Bishop of London's speech on the second reading of his Bill raising the age of consent. It will be seen that he dealt in advance with tribute to the heroism and self-sacrifice which lay | the argument of blackmail, and showed it up for the artificial bogey which it really is. In view of his qualities to be utilised in constructive work for the speech, it is amazing that Lord Haldane and other speakers should have ventured to make use of it to defend the present disgraceful condition of the law. Women will also take note of the fact that nearly all the papers omitted this important point out of the Bishop of London's speech, while giving Lord Haldane's reply at great length.

RACE PARENTHOOD

O all you little ones, and old, and weak, You shall not lift your hands to me in vain, Since I have heard you speak.

Your weakness is my passion, and your tears my pain, Your cries have hurled their discords through my

singing; How shall I sing my song

When these frail hands so helplessly are clinging Branding me butcher Cain?

This harsh voice in my chosen wilderness, Crying "How long, how long Shall men be pitiless?

I have been young

Forgive! Forgive, That by your death I was content to live,

And gathered but the wistful sweets of sorrow, Whereby my passionless songs were sung; Now I have set my face towards the morrow, And of all helpless creatures and forlorn, And all things yet unborn,

I know myself the father and the mother.



FINE FEATHERS AND FINE TALK

By T. O'Meara

"A strange temptation attends upon man," says
Stevenson, "to keep his eye on pleasures, even when he may not share in them; to aim all his morals against them." For which reason, we may be always a little suspicious of any revival of our sumptuary laws, especially when backed by a great gush of righteous indignation, as in the case of the Plumage Bill, recently under consideration.

Now let me say at once that I am personally "faddy" to a degree wherever the rights of my little brothers the beasts are concerned; I am a vegetarian most women are; and he perpetrates the most Now let me say at once that I am personally ward by anti-suffragists that the interests of women are sufficiently safequarded in Parliament by the members returned by a purely male electorate. The only other speech, in which the interests of women were dealt with, was that of Mr. Snowden, who condemned the failure to make a specific allocation of money on behalf of maternity benefit.

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A Speech by Mr. Pethick Lawrence

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PEERS AND THE VOTE

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of the Land Laws, constitute the ground-work of the next Parliament. The nation has before it nothing so passionately de-sired, so widely and exhaustively debated...

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN SCOTTISH HOME RULE BILL

An important decision was reached at a meeting of the Scottish Liberal M.P.'s last Monday, when it was resolved by a majority of four to add to the Scottish Home Rule Bill, the second reading of which is to be moved to-day (Friday), a new clause, providing for the admission of women as voters for the Scottish Legisleture.

women as voters for the Scottish Legislature.

The Daily Chronicle states that the proposal will be on the lines of the Dickinson Bill, to enfranchise women householders and the wives of householders. The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian makes the somewhat cryptic remark (in view of the Liberal opposition to Mr. Snowden's similar amendment to the Home Rule Bill last year) that "the alteration will very much ease the reception of the Bill by English Liberals."

Of course, it is very nice to know that English Liberals would not have anything to do with a Scottish Home Rule Bill that did not include votes for women. But why this desire for justice to women in Scotland while women in Ireland are being sent to prison for insisting that they should be included in the Irish Home Rule Bill?

in fifty-tour cases, between 13 and 10 years; in 111 cases, between 16 and 18 years; and in 100 cases, between 18 and 21."

Well might the Bishop add: "Christianity is nearing 2,000 years of its history, and we are proud of being a leading Ohristian State. The present condition of our criminal law is not worthy of a great Christian State, and I ask your lordships' help to raise it to something like a Christian standard to-day."

The Committee of 1882

as the only survivor of that Committee, that nine-tenths of the opposition to the Bill of 1885 (when the age of consent was raised to sixteen) was based upon the argument of blackmail.

COMPARISON OF PUNISHMENTS

LIGHT SENTENCES

A GOVERNMENT MEASURE

N.E. DERBYSHIRE Polling Day: Wednesday, May 20

At a meeting of the Barnsbury branch of the National Union of Railwaymen, last Friday, it was unanimously resolved:— "That this meeting condemns the inactivity of the Government with regard to the Suffrage question, and calls upon it immediately to pass a measure giving women the vote on equal terms with men."

THE BY-ELECTIONS

GRIMSBY
Polling took place at Grimsby, last Tuesday, and resulted in a victory for the Tory Party,
Mr. T. G. Tiekler being returned by a majority of 278 votes.

Candidates: -Mr. J. P. Houfton (Lib.) Mr. James Martin (Lab.) Major G. Harland Bowden (U.)

The Age of Consent and Blackmail

The Sheffield Daily Telegraph (May 7) reports case of a married man charged at the Yorkshire Assizes at Leeds, before Mr.

Justice Atkin, with the abduction of a girl of sixteen.

HousePreaking
The Sheffield Weekly News (May 9) reports case of a seaman charged at the same Audge, with hereaking into three houses at Sheffield and stealing articles of jewellery. There were previous convictions, and he was a ticket-

Sentence: One month in the second

The Daily Chronicle (May 6) reports case of a public-house licensee charged at Woolwich Police Court with gross cruelty to a cat, which he half-strangled, and then hung out of the window, where it was left struggling for half an hour till it died.

Sentence: Fincd £2 2s., and £2 2s. costs.

Blackmailing a Clergyman
The Daily Telegraph (April 28) reports case of a fruiterer charged before Mr. Justice Coleridge at the Central Criminal Court with demanding money with menaces from a clergyman, and without reasonable or probable cause.

Sentence: Twelve months' hard labour and costs of prosecution.

Candidates:—Mr. J. P. Houfton (Lib.)
Mr. James Martin (Lab.)
Major G. Harland Bowden (U.)
Figures at last Election:—
Sir D. F. Godraf (L.) ... 5,931
Sir G. Doughty (U.) ... 5,447
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Mr. F. J. C. Ganzoni has been adopted as Unionist candidate for the Ipswich vacancy; the Liberal candidate will be announced to-day (Priday) and there is a probability that the seat will also be contested by a Labour candidate.

We urge the electors in North-East Derbyshire and in Ipswich to show their support of woman suffrage by voting against the nominces of the Government which has consistently blocked this reform.

Those who still think that the law favours women, that there is no need for such legislation as is forestealowed in the Bishop of London's Criminal Law Amendment Bill, and that the testatus of voteless women is not inferior to that of enfiranchised men, should read the first two cases in the left hand column of the above table of punishments. Comments is almost unnecessary, so clearly is the moral pointed. But the account in the Sheffield paper of the abduction case adds details that ought to be read by everybody who wonders why women are in such a hurry to win the protection and the wapon of the vote. The intimacy between the married man had been willing to take the girl everybody who wonders why women are in such a hurry to win the protection and the wapon of the vote. The intimacy between the married man had been willing to take the girl everybody who wonders why women are in such a hurry to win the Protection and the wapon of the vote. The intimacy between the married man had been willing to take the girl everybody who wonders why women are in such a hurry to win the Protection and the wapon of the vote. The intimacy between the married man had been willing to accept the view that the two were in love with each other. The judge, in summing up, said there were core unstanted to accept the view that the care t

"REGENERATION"



may come between."

The Times (May II) reports case of a lad of eighteen charged before Mr. Montague Sharpe at the Middlesex Sessions with stealing a horse. His employer thought

Sentence: Three years' Borstal treatments.

WHICH PARENT?

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL APPEAL

WHERE CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED

BUDGET Rich Men and Poor Women to Pay More

By EVA GORE-BOOTH

(The following article was received by us at the end of last week, prior to the concessions made by Mr. Lloyd George, on Monday last. In view of the fact that these concessions only partially meet the case of the women in question we have decided to print the article as it was originally received.)

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THE MOTHER LEFT

A LABOUR PRESS VIEW

It is disappointing to find that Mr.
Lloyd George has made no further provision
for motherhood. He has contented himself with making grants to Municipal
Schools for Mothers and to promising assistance to hardly-pressed Approved
Societies. In Australia the Labour Govern-

WOMEN AND THE BUDGET

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scrubbers in L.C.C. schools. Imagine men accepting such curtailments of personal liberty, and porters submitting to the loss of their posts when deserted by their wives!

Above all, it appears to me a mistaken policy for leaders in the suffrage movement ever to set aside the supreme need for the political enfranchisement of women, without which there can be no true liberty. If all women Suffragists stand loyally together, victory will not be long delayed.

—Yours &c.

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Perhaps the most interesting part of this book is the section devoted to medicine and surgery by Dr. Christine Murrel and Eva Handley-Read, L.D.S. Owing to the heroic battle fought by the pioneers in this profession, women have here in some respects a much better financial position than in any other. It would be amusing, however, were it not for the just indignation it arouses, to notice the lengths to which public authorities will go in their endeavour to give men preference both in position and in the salaries paid. It is often quoted against the principle of equal pay for equal work that men have others dependent on them, whilst women work only to support themselves. The following passage from the book will show how this idea in reality often works out just the opposite, and incidentally gives us a sidelight on the meanness to which men will sometimes resort in order to keep the field as much as possible to themselves:— Perhaps the most interesting part of this book is

In another town in the North of England men and women appointed to do the work of school medical inspection on equal terms recently considered that they were not sufficiently remunerated. They met and decided they would apply for better terms. A rumour was then set abroad that the authority under whom they worked would certainly not consider such an increase in expenditure. In this crisis the men on the staff . . . sent up a petition of their own, in which they said that they considered it was time that this equality of remuneration for both sexes should cease. They begged the authority . . . to grant increased remuneration to the men and the men only. One of the reasons given for this suggestion on the part of the men was that their liabilities were greater. The result of enquiry, however, proved that of the three men one only was engaged to be married, the other two had no one dependent upon them; whereas of the three women, two were supporting other people—one being a married woman separated from her husband and with two children to-support and educate.

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Finally, there is one point urged by the authors which is of great interest, and that is that they would which is of great interest, and that is that they would never discourage a woman of independent means from entering the labour market provided she insists on receiving the same salary as her less financially-favoured sisters. In fact, women of independent

favoured sisters. In fact, women of independent means are most useful in certain professions, if only because they can afford to refuse posts offered at a lesser wage than that paid to men, and thus are able to make a moral stand for equal pay for equal work, and uphold the dignity of woman's professional standing. This seems to us an important point and one which we do not remember ever to have seen stated before in this way.

Miss Lena Ashwell concludes the book with a short but illuminating chapter on "Acting as a Profession"; and the final conclusion one comes to is that not only is it fair, just, and right for women to have equal pay for equal work, but that it is highly in the interest of the nation, for in this way, and in this way only, will the state get the best worker and the one most suited to the particular work that is to be done.

K. D. S.

"Damaged Goods"

It should be good news to our readers that they can now obtain for one shilling a first-rate edition of John Pollock's translation of "Damaged Goods," by Brieux, with the original preface by Bernard Shaw, and a new "foreword" by Mrs. Bernard Shaw. It has everything to recommend it in its present convenient and beautifully printed form, and is published by Mr. A. C. Fifield (Clifford's Inn).

"Philip's Wife"

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Mr. Frank G. Layton, M.R.C.S., tells us in the preface to his play, "Philip's Wife" (London: A. C. Fifield. Price 1s. net), that when he wrote it he had not heard of Brieux' play, which is more or less on the same subject. He has written his to show how powerless a doctor is to prevent a marriage between an innocent girl and a man who is not fit to marry, a marriage that will probably culminate in bad health for the woman and still-born or sickly children. It is a straightforward, well-written dramatic tract, not without humour and with one or two good situations, though the final scene is rather too abrupt and crude to be very convincing.

* "Women Workers in Seven Professions." Edited by

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FRENCH WASHING BLOUSES.

This sketch illustrates one in striped crêpon, with wide white collar, 8/6.

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IMPORTANT MEETING

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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1914.

WILL SCOTLAND GIVE VOTES TO WOMEN?

Rule Bill is to take place to-day (Friday) in the amending Bill (which the Government would not House of Commons. The Bill is not yet printed, but mind, as they will have the votes of the Opposition it is stated that its promoters have, by a majority, original Bill. This is the course of action which they decided that the electorate for the new Scottish would take on any other fundamental principle Parliament shall include women as well as men. In which was flagrantly violated in the Bill, and women this respect it resembles the Welsh Home Rule Bill, have a right to ask them to take it with regard to which was introduced a little time ago, and differs the question of woman suffrage.

from the Home Rule Bill for Ireland, from which women are totally excluded.

The first point to notice with regard to this differentiation is that both the Scottish and Welsh Bills are unofficial, while the Irish Bill is the official output of the Liberal Government. It is the favourite device of the front bench politicians of the Liberal Party to allow their rank and file to toy, with all kinds of progressive proposals so as to lure men and women throughout the country into giving support to the Liberal Party, and then when that support has been duly given to throw over the proposals so lightly made. There is no subject with regard to which this trick has been more frequently or more shamelessly played than that of the enfranchisement of women. Women will do well, therefore, to remember that the present Scottish Bill is only, in the nature of what politicians call a "kite," and that it has not behind it, at present at any rate, the official backing of the Liberal Government and its Whins.

Nevertheless, the fact that woman suffrage is contained in it is a healthy sign of the times. It is a sign that the idea of the right of women to take part in self-government is growing not merely among women, but also among the men electors, and even among Members of Parliament, who are often the last to assimilate new points of view. It is something more; it is a recognition that politicians realise that woman suffrage is a popular cause, and that a Bill in which it is included has a more favourable chance of acceptance than one weighted down with the old sex prejudice implied by the exclusion of one half of the people of the country.

This brings us at once to the question, "If Scotland and Wales are to have votes for women, why should Ireland be forced to have a solely male electorate?" It cannot be because Irishwomen take no interest in politics, for as a matter of fact Irishwomen have for many years past taken a very active part in the political life of their country, and have given most effective service to the political campaigns on both sides of the great Home Rule controversy. We suggest that the reason women have not up to the present been included in the Irish Bill is that the Irish question came to the front before the recent advance of thought upon woman suffrage, and that through the conservatism of men's minds the main details of that Bill have followed the lines of preceding Bills from which women were excluded. If that be in fact the reason why women are not in the Bill as it stands, it is no reason why women should not come into the Bill before it finally finds its way on to the Statute Book. It is true that a docile House of Commons agreed last Tuesday to do without any "suggestion" stage for the Bill itself; but Mr. Asquith has given a specific promise that the suggestion stage shall be replaced by an amending Bill which can become law at the same time as the original Bill.

It is the business of all good suffragists in the House of Commons to insist that this amending Bill shall contain a clause altering the exclusively male franchise, at present provided for, into a franchise which contains women. It is particularly the duty of Liberal suffragists and of the Labour Party, who profess to regard woman suffrage as a vital part of their programme, to make it clear to the Government that unless they will consent to the insertion of a clause to this effect in the The second reading debate on the Scottish Home amending Bill, they will oppose not merely the

"CHITRA

The Heart of the Woman's Movement

Chitra is an Indian Princess-and her story is told | by an Indian, who wrote it twenty-five years ago.

New the name-that of Rabindra Nath Tagoreis a household word, and the charm of his "Song-Offerings," the beautiful pictures and tender emo tions given in "The Gardener" and "The Crescent " are known to us all.

But the little drama of "Chitra" was a revela

tion.

Truly from the East come the prophets and seers; and yet it seems wonderful that, twenty-five years ago, Tagore, an Indian, should have shown us the very heart of a modern woman, put his finger so surely on the pulse of what is now called the street of a wonderful that the finger so surely on the pulse of what is now called the street of a wonderful take back thy boon. She confesses that she who sought him in the she were a man, he did surely on the pulse of what is now called the Woman's Movement.

For the benefit of those who have not as yet seen this little white volume, "Chitra," of which only 500 copies were published last year by the Indian Society, rendered into perfect English by Tagore himself, I would briefly tell the story, in order to quote some of the wisdom the poet puts in his heroine's mouth or, perhaps, more truly what his own creation led the seer to understand.

The Story

The drama is based on an old story from the Mahabharata, but Tagore has freely made it his own. Chitra is a daughter of the "Kingly house of Manipur." The Lord Shiva had promised to her 'royal grand sire an unbroken line of male "But the divine word proved powerless to change the spark of life in my mother's wombso invincible was my nature, woman though I be.'

Chitra thus explains herself to the gods, Madana and Vasanta, the gods of Love and Eternal Youth. Her father has therefore brought her up as his son; her hands are "strong to bend the bow," but she has "never learnt Cupid's archery, the play of eyes." One day, in the Forest in which she hunts

sesses, and seeks him in the forest temple of Shiva. lady—tells her of his vow and "that he is not fit For, as she tells them-

"It is the labour of a life-time to make one's true self known and honoured. Had I but the needed time I could

bered saints and sages have surrendered the merits of a life-long penance at the feet of a weman!" And that she may bring to her feet the beloved And that she may bring to her feet the beloved Arjuna, she asks that the "primal injustice, an unattractive plainness," may be removed from her, timid bloom of beauty from her body like borrowed and for a single day she may be " superbly beautiful, even as beautiful as was the sudden blooming of love strength of a daring heart, spurning the wiles and

Not for a day, but for a year the gods grant her acts of twining weakness:

dissolves the night's vow of obscurity," is his answer.

Arjuna tells her "she is the wealth of a world, my here, go. Woo not falsehood, offer not your god-given beauty, Chitra unveils herself:-

The god will not deal so hastily with Arjunahe bids Chitra wait for the autumn, then may obtained for a year a radiant form, and "wearied my hero's heart with the burden of that deceit. So Chitra goes forth to win Arjuna—the woman to | Most surely I am not that woman. I am Chitrareveal herself to the man.

Arjuna talks of Home.

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CHITRA: "Home! But this love is not for a home!"

ARJUNA: "Not for a home?"

CHITRA: "No, never talk of that. Take to your house what is abiding and strong. Leave the little wild flower where it was born: leave it beautifully to die at the day's end, among all fading blossoms and decaying leaves. Do not take it to your palace hall to fling it on the stoney floor which knows no pity for things that fade and are forgotten."

ARJUNA: "Is ours that kind of love?"

long to go hunting.

Chitra enquires if the enchanted deer he pursues a statis recaught. "You give chase to the fleet-footed spirit has seen? of beauty, aiming at her every dart; yet this magic deer runs ever free and untouched."

Arjuna is puzzled. "Come close to me, unattain-ble one. . . Let my heart feel you on al sides and live with you in the peaceful security of

"Her needs!" cries Chitra. "Why, what has she ever had, the unfortunate creature? Her very qualities are as prison walls shutting her woman's heart in a bare cell! Do not ask of her life—it will never sound sweet to mar's age." help of the gods, asking for the "power of the weak" and "the weapon of the unarmed hand." the weapon of the unarmed hand." never sound sweet to man's ears."

She knows the value of a man's vow—" unnum-sered saints and sages have surrendered the merits intoxication." The idea of the unknown and heroic Chitra has seized his mind. Then Chitra questions clothes, stand up straight and strong with the

Not for a day, but for a year the gous grant her her request. The Princess is supposed to go on a pilgrimage, and the now beautiful Chitra repairs to Shiva's temple and again meets Arjuna. He soon kneels at her feet, "her love-hungered guest," but she reminds him of his well-known vow.

"Very have dissolved my vow, even as the moon "I have dissolved my vow, even as the moon" "If I hold my head high like a tall young mo

Arjuna is puzzled-

And Chitra, true—woman, is not satisfied:—
"Whom do you seek in these dark eyes, in these milkwhite arms if you are ready to pay for her the price of
your probity? Not my true self, I know. Surely this
cannot be love, this is not man's highest homage to
woman?"

"I never seem to know you aright. . . Sometimes
in the enigmatic depths of your sad look, in your playful
words mocking at their own meaning, I gain glimpses of
a being trying to rend a veil. . . Illusion is the first
appearance of truth. I grope for that ultimate you, that
bare simplicity of truth."

And the next day he finds it.

The concluding speech of Chitra should be read, the end of all poverty, the goal of all effort, the one woman!" and she answers: "Alas! it is not I, not I, Arjuna. It is the deceit of a god! Go, go, Arjuna in her original male attire, and with no every word; but space forbids that. Standing before

But the moment of yielding comes: his call, 'Beloved, my most beloved!" is answered by her 'Take me, take all I am." She tells the Love god:

"Heaven came so close to my hand that I forgot for 'Heaven came so close to my hand that I forgot I when I was a moment's life? The gift that I proudly bring you of a moment's life? The gift that I proudly bring you

She confesses that she was that "shameless one who sought him in the temple of Shiva as though she were a man-he did right to reject her. "She was my disquise." Then by a boon of the gods she no goddess to be worshipped, nor yet the object of common pity to be brushed aside like a moth with indifference." If he allows her to stand by his side in the path of danger, to share the great duties of his life, then he shall know her true self. "To-day

I can only offer you Chitra, the daughter of a King."

Arjuna says: "Beloved, my life is full."

So the story ends—the vision is completed. No 'lesser man,' no beautiful idol, but as the right hand to the left hand, as the bird's one wing to the ARJUNA: "Is ours that kind of love?" other wing, so do the man and woman complete each "Yes, no other. Why regret it?" asks Chitra. other, so shall Humanity learn to soar on equal Arjuna fears that his warrior's right arm is for- wings. First must the woman see this truly-truly getting its duties. "The restless spirit is on me. know herself and the place she should fill; then she

Is this not the Woman's Movement, which Tagore

Mary Maud.

IRISH WORKERS AT PLAY

Original Dramatic Society The charm of the performance given by the Irish Workers' Dramatic Society at the King's Hall last eyes." One day, in the Forest in which she hunts freely, clad as a youth, she encounters a man, and knows herself for the first time a woman. He is Arjuna, the hero of the Kuru clan, and "the one great idol of Chitra's dreams."

Overcome with emotion, she lets him go without a word, after he has told "the boy," who haughtily demands it, his name with an amused smile. Though knowing that Arjuna was vowed to twelve years' celibacy, Chitra next morning dons all a woman's unaccustomed dress, the richest she possesses, and seeks him in the forest temple of Shiva.

"Why this vain effort to catch and keep the tints of the clouds, the dance of the waves, the smell of the flowers?" asks Chitra; for still it is her beauty he seeks.

So they come to the last day of the enchanted year.

Arjuna has heard the villagers talk of the danger of robbers, and is told that the warden of that kingdom is a woman, the Princess Chitra. He questions they speak so much—"the valour of a man and a woman this may be of whom they speak so much—"the valour of a man and a woman in tenderness."

"Ah, but she is not beautiful! woman's unaccustomed dress, the richest she possesses, and seeks him in the forest temple of Shiva. Arjuna is very short with this grand and forward lady—tells her of his vow and "that he is not fit would have passed by without deigning to look at her." was also specially good. Miss Larkin herself player was also specially good. to be her husband"; so Chitra, who is not "the woman to nourish her despair in lonely silence, feeding it with nightly tears and covering it with the daily patient smile, a widow from birth," seeks the

Miss Cicely Hamilton made a moving appeal for "It is the labour of a life-time to make one's true self known and honoured. Had I but the needed time I could win his heart by slow degrees, and ask no help of the gods."

But Arjuna only questions more, for his heart has grown restless and he would rouse his love to gods."

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THE REVOLUTIONARIES

The Revolutionaries

Thursday, May 7.—Phosphorus found in pillar-boxes in the Mount and Heyworth and Endough and Bandford. Also at Searchough and Bandford. Also at Mandford. Als

MORE "ROBBERS AND FILLERS"

At the instance of the Commissioner of Dices, summonable to the Westminster Police Court, for hearing on Thursday in this week, against Mrs. Flora Drummond and meetings at Kinghsharinge, Chelsea Torm Hail Clapham, and other places, "openly and dicherately advecting agets of missioner of the Victoria Hail Clapham, and other places, "openly and dicherately advecting agets of missiones asked "to show cause why they should not be ordered to enter into their recognisances and find survivale property." A writ having been served upon the printers of the Suffrance Westman and Suffrance Westman and the Suffrance Westman and the Suffrance Wes

armed rebellion against the State in the Home Secretary was prepared to that he was in the habit of doing this of a jury be taken whether this did not amount to inclement to commit similar actions. The bearing was adjourned.

DEPUTATION TO THE KING

The W.S.P.U. deputation to the King is announced to take place on Thursday, May 21, at four o'clock. An appeal was made at last Monday's meeting to women not accompanying the deputation by the advocacy of enfranchisement, but the advocacy of enfranchisement of its members.

ANOTHER ACADEMY PICTURE INJURED

Last Tuseday afternoon a woman in the Central Gallery at Burlington House said early dreve to melecular to the law that the law than the advocacy of enfranchisement of early dreve to melecular to the law that the law than the advocacy of enfranchisement of the member of the enfranchisement of the entry presence, and to watch for instances of ill-treatment of its members.

Mr. Kerna It would not be proport of the enfranchisement, but the advocacy of area and outtrage white out the advocacy of the enfranchisement of women is an offence at all. It is advocacy of the enfranchisement, but the advocacy of area and the advocacy of a remain advocacy of a remain advertise to the proportion of the law the college of the present and the college of the present and the college of the college of the present and the sufficient of the college of the present and the college of the

were let alone.

She adds: "I have myself visited a home where there are forty-four children all under twelve years of age who have been outraged by male relatives, half of whom have not been punished at all.

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The law AND THE SUFFRAGETTES"
The lpswich Scandal
In a letter to the Nation, Mrs. Edith.
Wedgwood gives the case of the two Felixstowe Suffragasts who were arrested on April 28 on suspicion of being concerned in the recent fire there. She relates that they were arrested without a warrant, their houses searched without warrant, they were examined in secret, and afterwords detained in Ipswich Gaol pending their trial. Here, she adds, "having protested in the only way they could against this amazing procedure, they are being forribly fed."

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"When," continues the letter, "such unconstitutional acts of police violence are committed in Russia they occur in bulk, and we are all duly shocked. But the danger in England is that they do not occur in bulk (otherwise, public opinion would put a stop to them, law or no law), but only in isolated instances, and to insignificant or unpopular individuals; in short, just to those very persons who most need all the protection which due legal procedure can give them. And the public, occupied with Ulster or the Budget, takes no heed, or perhaps is secretly pleased to find the suffragette nuisance being suppressed, and not too anxious to inquire into the precise means of suppression.

"I would have liked to appeal to the high principles, great traditions, &c., of Liberalism, but the last three years have made it clear that, though the Conservatives may cling to constitutional methods once established, the Liberal Administration is too emancipated in ideas to stick at anything—whether principle or fact—that stands in the way of its own convenience."

Appleton, the clever illustrator of Mr. Laurence Housman's satiric poem in our Christmas number, has a water-colour-Christmas number, has a water-colour-Chr

SUFFRAGISTS AT THE OPERA

THE LAW AND THE SUFFRAGETTES" Appleton, the elever illustrator of M.

THE WOMAN'S DEPUTATION

Monday. At the end of the second interval a woman rose in the third tier, not far from the Royal box, and called out, "King George, I appeal to you to take steps—" the property of the police on the occasion of the woman's deputation to the King, taking place on the 21st. The whole system of employing police "marks" should also be enquired and forcibly ejected, struggling all the way. Other women in different parts of the same tier showered leaflets into the auditorium. They were all ejected.

SUFFRAGISTS AS EXHIBITORS

Several of the exhibitors in this year's Academy are suffragist artists and sculptors, some of whom are known to our readers. Miss Katie Olver, whose charming pen and ink drawings have so often illustrated the pages of Vorus for Women, is showing two oil portraits of children (Nos. 119 and 573). Miss Honor

Mondey, 12 the Police on the occasion of the woman's deputation to the King, taking place of the 21st like and the police "marks" should also be enquired into, as it is without doubt absolutely illegal, besides demoralising and degrading to those who are employed. Let all those who love justice and fair play see to it that women going on a perfectly peaceful deputation, in order to lay their grievances before the King, are treated with the respect and consideration they are entitled to.

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A warm welcome is extended by all members to our President and to Sir Johnston Teches Robertson, as well as to our late.

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Public Meeting.—All tickets for the Large Portman Rooms now sold, except a very few at half-a-crown. An overflow meeting will be held in the Small Portman Rooms, same speakers as far as can be arranged:—Chair: Mr. Henry W. Nevinson; tickets, price 1s., on application to the Ticket Secretary, 3, Adam Street.

Speakers for the Public Meeting as already atnounced:—Chair: Miss Lena Ashwell.

Members' Meetings.—Every Thursday at 8, 15 p.m., Suspended May 21, 28 and June 4, on account of Public Meeting and Whitsun Helidays. Speakers on May 14 at 3, Adam Street, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Hobbouse.

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Norman Crowes and others.
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"VOTES FOR WOMEN" FELLOWSHIP

We hear from the honorary secreta of the energetic group of Fellows Higher that Vores for Women is regularly both at Higher and East E

various nationalities, for instance, there will be an American table, a Russian table, committee that the Meish table, Mrs. Mansel Moullin at the Weish table, Mrs. Mansel Moullin at the Weish table, Mrs. Markenzie at the Italian table, Many other announcements of interest will be made next week.

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