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DEDICATION

To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: 10 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

THE OUTLOOK

The events of the past week have filled us, and all The events of the past week have filled us, and all men and women who love their fellow creatures, with as poor throughout the land. profound and bitter grief. The peace, the order, the goodwill of the western world have given place to preparations for destruction, more vast and more bloody than ever before since human beings came Manother Prison Univage

Our readers will be shocked at the awful story which we print on page 681 of another outrage combined by the print of t into existence

armageddon, but who is there that can foresee the Such brutality as is being shown by the Perth Prison end? Who can foresee what shall be suffered of authorities must be brought to an end at once, and agony by men on the field of battle, by women alone those who are responsible punished with due severity. in the stricken home or helpless in the presence of a hostile soldiery, by children starving in their mothers' arms, by the brute creation driven forward under torture to fulfil the behests of men? To imagine an in- question of forcible feeding, and concludes:finitesimal part of this misery is to imagine hell itself.

And this awful indescribable ruin is the supreme result of a human world ordered and managed and governed by men alone, a world in which women are only permitted to fill subordinate and unimportant positions. Well might women say to men, "Your failure is absolute and complete, stand aside that we may take your place in the governance of the world's affairs.

Women's Demand

But women have learnt by deep experience a wiser lesson. They know full well that it is because of the one-sidedness of a solely male Government that it has come to grief, and that a solely female Government would fall upon equal disaster. They demand, therefore not domination, but equality; they seek to bring about a new order in which the two sexes shall | this solemn hour of national crisis, when diverse of the nations.

Women's Work for Peace

During the past week, before the die was finally cast for war, the women of the Suffrage movement made a determined effort in favour of peace. The International Suffrage Alliance, representing twenty- women of the country have been engaged. six countries, drew up a weighty memorial addressed to the Governments of all the European powers urging upon them a friendly solution. This memorial, advertising firms had refused to exhibit the poster presented in person at our Foreign Office and at the Embassies of the other Powers. A special appeal was also made to the Queen of Holland to receive an international deputation of women. On Tuesday night the Alliance and other women's organisations convened against the unwarrantable action of the police against the unwarrantable action of the police

accept the offer. There will be work of all kinds to resume British nationality, and the wives of

Women Must Never Return to Subordination

But while they give of themselves without sparing new spirit of women inculcated during the last decade must shine through all their labours and illuminate but the Government carried the day by 108 to 59. all their actions

The State's Duty To-day

interests of the country as a whole. If countless mil- the usual negative reply. lions of nounds-whatever is held to be necessarythen whatever is required for alleviating the distress f those that stay at home must also be spent by the Government If drastic administrative measures Union Government! are taken to deal with that part of the crisis which is realised by financiers, then drastic steps must also be taken to protect the people's food and to prevent which he shows that the hunger strike is in its origin prices from rising. If it is necessary for the Government itself to become a dealer in fcod even this will have to be done. Women must also insist that rigid

Another Prison Outrage

Arthur, who has been incarcerated there and was only recently released, is almost passing belief, yet Our eyes have seen, indeed, the beginning of this rmageddon, but who is there that can foresee the

Mr McKenna's Alternative

estion of forcible feeding, and concludes:—
Mr. McKenna, at whose door the outrage of forcible feeding now chiefly lies, has lately been asking the Bishop of London, the doctors, the Free Church ministers, and others who protested, what is the alternative. For Suffragists the only sure alternative is a Government measure to admit women to citizenship. But Mr. McKenna has himself discovered another way which would at least be better than the present intolerable abomination. Speaking in the House on June 11 he said: "Six or eight days of

An Amnesty for Political Prisoners

We make an earnest appeal to the Government in play a complementary part in guiding the destinies sections of the community are standing in together on behalf of the common interests of the nation, to stop at once the torture of women in prison, and to grant a full amnesty to all prisoners whose crime has a political origin. By this course, and by this

Infringement of Liberty

which we print in full on page 680 of this issue, was of the International Suffrage Alliance relating to

British men to retain their neutrality, in the event of their husbands becoming naturalised subjects of a foreign power. Mr. Harcourt refused, as we anticito the common weal, they must never forget the full lignity of their womanhood; there must be an order to alter the main anomaly of the Bill by which British women marrying aliens are transferred like absolute determination not to go back after the war is over to the old position of subordination. The

A deputation of nurses waited upon Mr. McKenna Moreover, they must insist that even now the Government shall obey the behests of women in the Nurses' Registration Bill. Mr. McKenna returned

The Transvaal Provincial Council carried a law o give women the right to sit on municipal councils in the Transvaal and the right to vote for schoolboards. This purely local law has been vetoed by the

We call the special attention of our readers to an

WAR AND WAR MAKERS*

Mr. Brailsford's book may almost be said to be written in a series of epigrams, so concentrated is his thought, so concise the expression of it. A book it is which all-should read, or which, more truly at this pullers and the wire-pulling by whom and by which these gods are loosed or bound. In the binding a love of peace plays no part. "It is not the will to keep the peace," Mr. Brailsford tells us, "which staves Norman Angell that war is an anachronism, but points out that the fact, or even the recognition of the fact, is not sufficient to do away with warfare, so long as reason and the scientific handling of inter-national questions are subordinate to more personal

Mr. Brailsford carefully reviews the forces of Socialism from the point of view of the prevention of war. He recognises that they are considerable, but comes to the conclusion that:

No Socialist party is strong enough to make this dramatic gesture of disgust (with war) effectively without the aid from middle-class liberals, which as yet they hesitate to give.

This is surely to say that it is for the nation to assert the reasonableness and the wholesomeness of peace, and to refuse to suffer the pains and penalties, the horrors and the barbarisms of war, imposed upon it by "the small governing class which everywhere propublic opinion as national interests. This is surely to say that the will of the many should supersede the rivalries and ambitions of the few. And this surely is the chief message which Mr. Brailsford has to

A Literary Pamphlet

carried unanimously a resolution in favour of peace.

The Task Before Women

But all these pacific counsels have been swept aside, and Europe is one vast armed camp. Upon women will fall, in the absence of the men, the upkeep of the home and the preservation of the race. But this is not all; everywhere women will have to take the public places left vacant by the men. In Holland we learn that the suffragists are offering to provide women for many of the public services, and here and elsewhere necessity will compel men to a mendments to the Nationality Bill allowing widows

The Task Before Women

the Government, in forbidding the omnibus companies to exhibit a perfectly normal advertisement of the Nationali grading suffragists. These intrusions upon the liberty of the subject constitute part of a new and formidable reactionary policy being carried out by the present Government, and we were glad to see a vigorous protest in the columns of the Manchester Guardian, which we reproduce elsewhere (page 686).

British Nationality

Following upon the lines of the report which we were able to publish last week, Mr. Harcourt moved here and elsewhere necessity will compel men to the Nationality Bill allowing widows

The Task Before Women

the Goibert Norwood, M.A., in an address delivered by him two years ago and Mr. Berinard Shaw" (The St. Catherine Press, Norfolk Street, W.C. Price 1s.). Suffragists will be most interested, perhaps, in what Mr. Norwood has to say of the way the two dramatists approach the subject of women; but we think he is rather more successful in drawing his called "Euripides and Mr. Norwood has to say of the way the two dramatists approach the subject of women; but we think he is rather more successful in drawing his called "Euripides and Mr. Norwood has to say of the way the two dramatists approach the subject of women in the columns of the race.

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WOMEN IN WAR

By S. D. Shallard

AUGUST 7. 1914.

There can be no doubt that there are few women who do not dislike the clamour, brutality and destructiveness of war, especially in view of the shameless or would cherish it. But wherever war is a necessary and immunities of citizenship. condition of existence, whether from racial situation crises I shall refer to, with even greater couragethan men.

women sat in councils of war with the men, and that Cæsar, Marius, and Valerius Maximus all praise their spirit and determination in the field by which more than once the Teutonic forces were saved from defeat It is hardly necessary to recall the fact that, after infamous treatment by Nero's procurator, Boadicea took the field against the Romans with a force which included five thousand women, nearly all of whom died fighting. Sexburgha of Wessex and Elfreda of Mercia were both successful in hard fighting against Dear Editors,the Danes, and having driven out the invaders, reestablished the arts and pursuits of peace (as their are printed, the great cultured nations of our civilisa historians say), and "reigned wisely and well."

The Arab women invariably took an active part in defence of their towns and villages, both against Mohammed and against the Greeks. Abu Sofian held Mohammed and against the Greeks. Abu Sofian held out against Mohammed by the help of his wife and the Press says. One thing, however, emerges clear the other women, and through the women manning the walls the town was held for years. In other cases our lords and masters, seeking (as usual) their own the women offered such a united and menacing aspect personal aggrandisement and profit, have contrived that the conquerors were glad to offer the best possible terms. At the siege of Damascus the Arab women sallied out at night, many of them only armed with say it is a good deal more than we deserve. This is tent-poles, and completely disorganised the enemy, no time for fulminations against one particular after which they recalled and rallied their men, and led them to an early morning attack which resulted in War, about which the least said the better; and the a great Greek defeat.

Order of Knighthood for Women

of besieged towns against the Moors. The women of manded, to "show our confidence" in the superior Tortosa so distinguished themselves that a military order of knighthood was created and conferred on them. During the war of the Spanish succession, when Marshal Berwick besieged Barcelona in 1714, numbers of women not only served shot and shell and the rest of the world's business drifts carelessly to assisted in similar ways, but fought in the ranks. destruction. And what is at the back of all this panic After every sortie many were found dead, and if you please? What is the first root cause of differ numbers of slain or wounded women were found in ence which may soon be driving thousands of good the streets when the city had been taken. There are men to their death like so many sheep, and the mere numerous other instances throughout Spanish history | whisper of which has already caused widespread of such conduct. In the wars of the fifteenth century of such conduct. In the wars of the fifteenth century there are cases, such as those at Toro, when Alfonso persuaded the Governor of the city to yield up the keys, but meanwhile the women had retreated to the fortness with the more determined of the mon and fortress with the more determined of the men, and, vigorous minority of protesting subjects; and she

During the Spanish-American expeditions of the sixteenth century, when the force of Cortes was surrounded by Mexicans, the women, who had been the mainstay of the little army by their unfailing cheerfulness through a time of war and famine, donned the have learn by now that to attempt to force obediates the supplied of the transformation of the sixteenth century, when the force of Cortes was surrounded by Mexicans, the women, who had been the mainstay of the little army by their unfailing cheerfulness through a time of weight and the sixteenth century, when the force of Cortes was surrounded by Mexicans, the women, who had been the mainstay of the little army by their unfailing from history that men never learn anything from history." If they did they would have learnt by now that to attempt to force obediates armour of the slain and wounded, and led the troops ence and loyalty upon a recalcitrant people smarting into battle. Yet they had nearly been left behind, under the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can are the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can are the train of the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can are the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can are the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can are the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can are the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can be the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can be the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can be the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can be the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can be the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can be the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can be the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can be the memory of repeated insults are the memory of repeated insults and abuse, can be the memory of repeated insults are the memory

Nothing has been so persistently ignored or misrepresented by opponents of women's advancement as the part played by women in relation to war.

had it not been for many protestations by the more influential ladies that Castilian women might die with their husbands, but would never abandon them.

every breach as it took place. Others, of course, were attending the sick and wounded.

Who has not read of the Swiss peasant girls of servation

Few women there are who would not rather engage their labour and talents in acts of peace and civilisation. They have paid the price to bring life into the world, and so value human life highly. They it is, virtually, who have made our civilisation, and so virtually, who have made our civilisation, and so married a maiden of Civitella should enjoy full rights Civil War, so near to our own times, we find just the

or because of aggression or invasion, women have navian women, Dutch women, Flemish women. One their part decisively, training as doctors in order that played their part with no less courage and in some will here suffice, taken from one of the world's the young medical men might go to the front, traingreatest historians.

"We cannot doubt that it was the double motive of religion and honour which exalted their courage to such a height," writes Thomas, historian of the Wars of the Courage of bringing up the sand, stones, and earth to repair or dying in the field.

Cortes afterwards admitted that to the courage and fortitude of the women alone they owed their prewas being invaded? Or the Polish women, who, Prescott, in his history of Philip II., tells how the when unable to go to the front, melted down every

and immunities of citizenship.

Similar stories can be cited with regard to Scandiumtil they see war to be inevitable. Then, playing reatest historians.

Motley in his "Rise of the Dutch Republic," in deby thousands in the disguise of men, or acting as

emeient ngntng units was the corps of 500 matrons of the Crusades, speaking of the part played by the widow Hasselaer, one of the most distinguished and respected ladies of Haarlem. They were armed with sword, musket, and dagger, and participated in many of the most fiercely contested women have ever been steady to accept and fulfill actions. An army of women were meanwhile engaged in raising walls of masonry, making bags for sand, and upon them, whether these involve suffering in silence

WHERE ARE WE GOING TO?

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

I do not know whether, by the time these line

tion may not be plunged neck-deep into a riot of barbarity which would have shamed our most barbarous anceste's. Mr. Asquith says this, and the Press says that; but we have learnt to place not too and certain from a chaotic welter of contradiction; to place their country in one of the most appallin tions it has ever been her unhappy lot to occupy and if we contrive to muddle through one can onl party; it was the Tory Party who gave us the Boer party governments of France, Germany, Russia, and Austria appear displaying at least an equal degree of ineptitude. We, and our sister women in these The Spanish women again and again held the walls other countries, have been invited, entreated, comintelligence of the male over all far-reaching affairs of international policy; and—here we are; and where we shall be to-morrow nobody knows; possibly fighting we don't know who, we don't know why don't know where, about we don't know what; whilst misery and ruin? Nothing but tyrannical folly and under the commandership of a woman, the fortress conducted a resolute and successful defence.

During the Spanish-American expeditions of the

only end in one way. It is no idle platitude at all but a living fact, that government rests upon the onsent of the governed; withdraw this consent, and there is immediate collapse, the ultimate consequences

Our only hope now is that masculine greed and cupidity may prove stronger than masculine aggressiveness. We may still have peace with honour; honour amongst thieves and the Peace of Dives:—

" For with gold and fear and hate,

I have harnessed state to state, And with hate and fear and gold their hates are

Let us look on and admire, O my sisters! T. O'Meara.

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International Meeting of Women at the Kingsway Hall—Resolutions for Peace and for Succouring the Sufferers Carried with Enthusiasm Women's Memorial to the Powers

Women's Memorial to the Powers

The great women's demonstration significant war, in Kingsway Hall on Tuesday overing, had been called at a moment when peace seemed possible, but it was held in the very darkest hour that the world had ever known. And yet to many of those present this gathering was even more wonderful than the occasion that had called its forth; much more significant. They trusted that the war was the last great violent outburst of evel passions of greed and lust and hate which had shadowed the world since history began; step believed that the gathering was the carnest of those systemical spirit that should proof tower the face of the more splendid spirit that should brood over the face of the upon the for woman, and through her for humanity. Never before had such disaster threatened the world; in spirit manifest of woman's love and loyalty and sympaths for woman, and through her for woman's love and loyalty and sympaths for woman and through her for woman's love and loyalty and sympaths for woman and through her for woman's love and loyalty and sympaths for woman and through her for woman's love and loyalty and sympaths for woman and through her for humanity. The loyal had been concerned to stop "this internate devilty" in days gone by many the love of the propose and many through the love of the love

children against the destructiveness of a brief, insensate rage.

Olive Schreiner was on the platform, better informed than any others as to the horrors of war, and hating it the more; Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. George Cadbury, Madame Malmburg, the Finnish patriot, Madame Schwimmer, Hungarian representative on

INTERNATIONAL MANIFESTO OF WOMEN

Drawn up by the International Woman Suffrage Allince and delivered last week at the Foreign Office and Foreign Embasics in London.

We, the women of the world, view with apprehension and dismay the present situation in Eurose, which threatens to involve one continent, if not the whole world, in the disasters and horrors of war. In this terrible hour, when the fate of Europe depends on decisions which women have no power to shape, we, realising our responsibilities as the mothers of the race, cannot stand passive by. Powerless though we are politically, we call upon the Governments and Powers of our several countries to avert the threatened unparalleled disaster. In none of the countries immediately concerned in the threatened outbreak have women any direct power to control the political destinies of their own countries. They find themselves on the brink of the almost unbearable position of seeing all that they most reverence and treasure, the home, the family, the race, subjected not merely to risks, but to certain and extensive damage which they are powerless either to avert or assuage. Whatever its result the con!lict will leave mankind the poorer, will set back civilisation, and will be a powerful check to the gradual amelioration in the condition of the masses of the people, on which so much of the real welfare of nations depends.

We women of twenty-six countries, having banded ourselves together in the International Women's Sulfrage Alliance with the object of obtaining our political means of sharing with men the power which shapes the fate of nations, appeal to you to leave untried no method of conciliation or arbitration for arranging international differences which may help to avert deluging half the civilised world in blood.

> Signed on behalf of (MILLICENT GARRETT FAWCETT, the International Woman Suffrage CHRYSTAL MACMILLAN,

ANOTHER PRISON INFAMY

Inhuman Treatment of an Unconvicted Prisoner in Perth-Rectum Feeding Again Employed

We have received for publication the following terrible statement, signed by Miss and the case of the prison of th

PLEDGE TO FASTING

By J. W. Jendwine

The memory of political events is so very short, as a rule the events themselves so unreal, the Press was a rule to free, as a rule the events themselves so unreal, the Press that people, if they ever knew, are any to feep the origin of the hunger strike which has called forth the wicked toture of forcible feeding. Yet, the hunger strike was, and is, not only an indignant particle was, and is, not only an indignant particle was, and is, not only an indignant particle was a second and will complete the instinctive, of the most anceinst method know here in the privileges of the first-class, falling far behind those granted to political prisoners, were to history for obtaining redress of wrong used by those of courage who regard like as sacred and will completely take it. From two great ancesant evihilations of the Hristians, we inherit the example of the interpretation of the present of the strike of the present event of the Hristians, we inherit the example of the interpretation of the present of the political sense which must be extended the interpretation of the sound was the six of the present event of the present of the prese

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THE FAILURE OF MALE STATECRAFT

Woman may well stand aghast at the ruin by which the civilisation of the white races in the Eastern Hemisphere is confronted. Mechanical destruction! Organised death! This, then, is the climax that the male system of diplomacy and government has

For this cataclysm women bear no responsibility whatever. On the contrary, they have warned Governments again and again that the exaltation of material and financial interests above those of race welfare was working out to the destruction of human society. By their heroic struggle for the vote woman have sought to find entrance into that they might there represent the supreme issue of race preservation and development. Their demand | will in saving out of the ruin every shred of life and itself so tragically and fatefully inept in its self- the structure of society. assumed task.

Men have often passed sweeping depreciatory verdicts upon women as a sex. They have defended their monopoly of government by assertions that women have no knowledge of business, that they are lacking in practical efficiency, and that they are unable to think imperially. They have drawn absurd | shall be established in every State by the representa-

that their entrance into the administrative life of the nation would portend. The Empire, they have said, would have "to shut up shop" once women were admitted across the threshold of politics.

To-day, it is for men to stand down, and for the women whom they have belittled to take the seat of judgment. No picture, however overdrawn of vomen's ignorance, error, or folly, could exceed in fantastic yet tragic horror the spectacle with which male governments are furnishing history to-day. The foundations of the structure of civilisation which they have erected in Europe have proved rotten. The edifice, seemingly so secure, has suddenly collapsed. The failure of male statecraft is complete.

Though this paralysing catastrophe which has already brought ruin into thousands of homes bears the appearance of inevitability, and seems at superficial sight to be outside the realm of human volition, it is not really so. It is the ultimate effect of a long series of causes. It is the outcome of a policy founded upon the negation of life. The desire of all the great nations of Europe has been concentrated upon financial exploitation, concessions and accumulations to the exclusion of other interests. Considerations regarding the health and life of the common people have been lost sight of, the progressive evolution of uman communities has been forgotten.

An obsession of materialism has blinded Governments and made them the tools of those who prey upon humanity. Slowly but surely, the web of commercialism has been spun, and the nations of the world are bound up in its toils. The one influence that could have preserved the balance of interests has been shut out. Women, as the natural custodians of the human race, would, by their mere political existence, have reminded Governments that the life of a people is more than material accumulation; and that the human body and soul is more than a pawn in the game of aggrandisement. As mothers, they would have impressed upon the male mind the cost of human replenishment; as chancellors of the family exchequer, their influence would have been felt in forcing legislators to recognise the direct relation between the plenteousness of the food supply endangered and restricted by war, and the health and growth of the rising generation. All these are practical matters which are within the immediate sphere of women's daily experience—an asset invaluable to statesmanship and diplomacy.

Governments, by deliberately bandaging and closing up one of the two human eyes given to Humanity for vision, have lost all perspective. By shutting out women from the Councils of the State they have lost the sense of the relative values of material aggrandisement and of human life Men know agony of replenishing the race, they know little actually of the daily absorptions and sacrifice expended by millions of women in keeping the rising generations in a state of efficiency and health. Had the woman's point of view secured its due representation in the States that are so tragically involved in the present war, they would never have started upon a campaign that means race suicide.

A great appeal will be made to the women of all nations now that the breaking point of male statecraft has been reached. They will be called in as they have always been to pick up the pieces and put them together again. And they will respond. They will take the strain. In addition to the cost imposed, the Councils of the Human Commonwealth, in order they will make great sacrifices for the common good. They will co-operate with men of humanity and good has been denied by male arrogance that has proved substance that can be used in building up once more

But let them never for one moment forget during the crisis of prolonged agony and concentrated effort that is before them the supreme issues of the Woman's Movement now more acutely realised than ever before. And let them be, above all, determined that when the work of reconstruction begins after the war is over, the maginary pictures of women in official positions, and tion of women as well as men in every department of have essayed to portray the muddle and confusion government that affects the being of the body politic.

CHILD LIFE AND CHILD LABOUR IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA

By Margaret Hodge

AUGUST 7, 1914.

tife are to be found in the underfeeding and the potential and actual mothers, conditions that do not exist where woman can, to some extent, regulate her economic position, and in and either from the necessity of parents or from the insanitary surroundings of the child in the home.

Of the ante-natal influences, I have spoken in a previous paper in connection with the wretched payers and the child in the home.

Great for gain on the part of employers, a number of little ones, calling themselves fourteen, are set early in life to the process of making themselves ment of female labour; but the post-natal influences | into machines. In Australia, as the wages of young often succeed in extinguishing the tiny flicker of life vouchsafed to the infant in the slums.

Unhygienic surroundings, particularly deficiency of light and air, as is inevitable in overcrowded districts, must act deleteriously upon infant life. The sub-stitution of artificial feeding for breast feeding, a necessity, where the mother is employed for ten hours a day in the factory, or is insufficiently nourished herself, is too often disastrous in its effects, especially as little discrimination is exercised in the selection of the infant's foeds-cheap and largely advertised,

The difficulty of obtaining really pure milk for the babies of the poor, strange as it may appear in a land with vast areas of pasture land and magnificent dairy farms, is greater in Montreal than in London. rendered difficult, if not impossible, in the over as many as eleven families are sometimes dependent upon one tap for their supply of water. ignorance, as well as the poverty of mothers, imperi the lives of the little ones, and yet it is very difficulto arouse the authorities to the necessity for the training of the school girls in mothercraft, or for securing a fairer remu With regard to a high rate of infant mortality, has been well said: "The wastage of human lif is a loss of the nation's best capital, and it mus also be remembered that the conditions which make for the death of infants must also make for disease and this renders unfit at the outset those who should become healthful members of the community. A a prevalence of those causes, which, in the long run determine the degeneracy of the race."

There is in Canada, a high rate of mortality amon children, especially in the Province of Quebec, when among the French-Canadians, families of over twent are not uncommon, and where only a comparative small percentage of these survive childhood. In the months of July and August, the hot months of the year, the processions following little coffins up the hillside in Montreal to the cemetery are frequent and depressing signs of this high rate of mortalit The children who survive are too often poor an sickly looking. Again and again I have seen spec mens of the rising generation, standing as culprit in the children's courts, so small and fragile tha I could not believe them to be seven years of age but they have declared themselves to be ten eleven. I could not help connecting the condition of the children with the over-populated slums i which they have been reared, for Dr. Leslie Mackenzie,

"Immeasurable tracts of wealth go cheek by jowl with wastes of immeasurable poverty. We have playgrounds where there are no longer children, and children where there are no longer playgrounds," says Raymond Bray, writing of the regions of the old world, and startling as is this indictment, it is undoubtedly true. In the new sountries, with their vast stretches of unpeopled and provided by the deficient supply of light and air stunts growth and retards development. Some of these poor children from the Montreal and Toronto slums are child she would never have have here the first data the court agirl, obviously mentally defective, was condemned by the magistrate to nine months' into two, three, and four-roomed tenements, and he shows ment, it is undoubtedly true. In the new sountries, with their vast stretches of unpeopled and many little proposed.

countries, with their vast stretches of unpeopled and ancultivated land, we hope to find that the rising generation is more thought of, and that space and air are not such unobtainable luxuries for the poor, yet we actually see some of the worst evils of congestion of population reproduced in the cities of the Great Dominion.

It is only of comparatively recent date that the death rate of infants (i.e., children under twelver months) has attracted any attention at all. I have already spoken of the high rate of infant mortality in the towns of Toronto and Montreal. In the former town it is 175 in the 1,000, and in the latter tis 200; in the whole of the Dominion it averages 124 in the 1,000. The causes of the terrible toll of infant was and Australia Contrasted

There is legislation in all the States of the Dominion, except Quebec, to ensure compulsory attendance at school, but children between the ages of twelve and fourteen may be employed in shops during school hours if they obtain a licence from the inspector. If the parents choose to exploit their spector. If the parents choose to exploit their of any age to be employed to gather fruit and vegetables if the employment be wholly out of doors. Little ones, scarcely out of babyhood, may be occupied in the latter that he whole of the Dominion it averages 124 in the latter that the death rate of infant work is a continuous and the creation of the latter statement fully account for the former?

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Insufficient provision is a suitable institution when a child, she would never have had the opportunity of committing this offence. Some of the committing this offence. Some of the social workers present remarked to me: in the 1,000. The causes of the terrible toll of infant under a hot sun in this purely mechanical and very persons are carefully regulated, and as the care of the rising generation is of primary importance, the percentage of boys and girls between fourteen and

percentage of boys and girls between fourteen and sixteen engaged in factory work has steadily decreased during the last few years.

Ontario has its Children's Protection Act, which is excellent as legislation, but is not always as effective in practice as it would be if women had the power as well as the will to watch over and regulate its administration. One of the clauses of this Act runs as follows: "If a child in a foster home is defective mentally, the inspector may order such a child to be transferred to a suitable institution." Now there is no doubt that there must be many such children, as Galton estimated that one in every hundred of those in school attendance in every hundred of those in school attendance in every country of the world was far below the normal in intelligence, yet we have no institution suited for them in Canada, in spite of the persistent representations of social workers, women doctors, and officials. On one oc-

children's courts were the direct result of the inchildren's courts were the direct result of the in-adequate supply of orthodox playgrounds. The majority of offenders, however, in these juvenile courts are the miserably poor children, reduced to a neurotic condition by insufficient and unsuitable food, bad air, and overwork. "We are manufacturing criminals here," one earnest social worker said to me. Yet the one idea of those in authority seems to be to check offences by punishment rather than to strike at the root of the evil. The Dominion criminal code authorises any parent or schoolmaster to use force by way of correction toward any child, pupil, or ap-prentice, provided that such force is reasonable under the circumstances." Who is to decide this? Not the magistrate, surely. I saw a mother bring her little boy of about seven years old into court and display his badly bruised arm to the presiding magistrate.

AT THE ILFORD CARNIVAL



The Ilford Group of the "Votes for Women" Fellowship took part recently in the Ilford Carnival with a beautifully decorated car carrying a banner with the words "Motherhood" on one side and "Votes for Women" Fellowship on the other. The car was the subject of much favourable comment in its progress through the streets.

COMPARISON OF PUNISHMENTS

HEAVY SENTENCE

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A Cowardly Assault
The Sussex Daily News (July 31) reports case of a man who, in what a witness described as a very cowardly assault, knocked another man unconscious. The man assaulted was so injured that he had to be taken to the hospital.

Sentence: Fined 5s.

HEAVY SENTENCE
A Puzzle Punished
The Yorkshire Telegraph (July 30) reports case of a man charged with wandering. The Chief Constable described him as "a human puzzle that had not been solved," and said it was the eighth time this year the man had been dealt with for sleeping out or wandering abroad.
Sentence: Twenty-eight days.

The following incidents have been attributed to Suffragettes in the Press during the week:—
Wednesday, July 29.—Grand stand at Newtownards racecourse, County Down, destroyed by fire, together with a resolved," and said it was the eighth time this year the man had been dealt with for sleeping out or wandering abroad.
Sentence: Twenty-eight days.

THE PROTECTED WIFE

In reading reports of court cases, one is often impressed with the importance that is placed on the sinfulness of a breach of trust. The postman who tampers with letters, the solicitor who misuses trust funds is treated and sentenced with a severity which often seems out of all proportion to the gravity of the offence. In reading a list of cases which have been brought before our notice to-day, the impression is very different. When a woman marries and places herself absolutely in the power of a man who becomes by all the ideas of civilised society her main protector, she puts him in a position of trust to which there is no parallel. How does the English law regard any betrayal of this trust?

doing so she hurt herself, but managed to crawl to the nearest cottage. After the issue of the summons she received a letter from her husband urging her not to proceed with the prosecution, as it might give the magistrates an opportunity to make an order which would have the effect of turning him out of his benefice.

During cross-examination the defendant was repeatedly reprimanded by the Bench for the way in which he was answering ordered the police to remove the defendant and it defendant was bound over in £100 to keep the peace for six months. An application for a separation order by the wife was granted.

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THE REVOLUTIONARIES

IN THE COURTS

Saturday, August 1.—At Lisburn, charged in connection with the explosion in the Cathedral, Mrs. Metge, Miss Dorothy Evans, Miss Mand Wickham, and Miss Marson. Remanded on ball.

PROTESTS AT IRISH MEETING

The following incidents have been attri-buted to Suffragettes in the Press during | was not disturbed. The speaker went on to say that the Government would deplore

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TAX RESISTANCE

The men were taking endlessly in a circle, and the women would go and select a candidate themselves once for all. Majestically she led the Komiti Wahine from the hall, before the gathering had time to adjust themselves to this new factor.

A Conservative Male

Returning after half an hour spent in deep consultation, the women's leader stepped forward to make their nomination. But one of the candidates, who had a shrewd suspicion that he was hardly likely to be the favoured nominee of the Komiti, rose to object. He stated the reasons against the women being allowed a voice at great length, and with much foreboding of what would happen if this innovation was allowed. A large part of the gathering was evidently with him, though the women murmured; but the chairman ruled that as the women were electors they had the right to nominate if they chose to exercise it.

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chair.

The following members will take charge of the Stall at the White City during the week:—Miss Ihombino, Miss Nelly Howitt, Miss Mary Fox, Miss Murray Clark, Miss Janette Steer, and Miss Athene Seyler.

A delegate from the League attended the meeting held at the Kingsway Hall on Tuesday to declare that the women's voice will be always for the preservation, or failing that the restoration, of peace.

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