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Mrs. Pankhurst and the Right to Petition.

Mrs. Pankhurst and the Right to Petition. Following upon the decision last week in the Divisional Court, application was made by the authorities for the fines due from Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Haverfield, with an intimation that, in default, steps would be taken to arrest and imprison them. Their solicitor, act-ing upon instructions received from both Andies, stated, in reply, that they both refused to pay their fines. On Monday, however, an official receipt was sent from Bow Street for 55, the amount of Mrs. Pankhurst's fine. Mrs. Pankhurst's desire to stand firm in this matter is so well known to members of the Union that none of them can have taken this course; we can, therefore, only assume that some supporter of the Government, realising how unpopular the imprisonment of Mrs. Pankhurst's would be at this juncture, decided to pay her fine. Demonstrations in Lancashire.

### Demonstrations in Lancashire.

The campaign of Mr. Winston Churchill in Lancashire has been met by a counter campaign by the Women's

Social and Political Union on a far greater scale than has ever been attempted before. Wherever he has gone the most rigorous police precautions have been taken, involving the outlay of large sums of money, and the erection of elaborate barricades, and yet, in spite of this, in every case he has been confronted with members of the Union. Union

### At Preston.

A Preston. The first blow was struck on Thursday night by Mrs. Massy at Preston, who pasted upon the walls of the barris ded public hall the poster representation of forcily the structure of the poster representation of forcily the structure of the general Post Office, and was rearrested when we the perster of the structure and given the poster also arrested for a smonth's imprisonment. Mrs. Right as not entered to a month's imprisonment. Mrs. Right was structure of the structure and given the poster struc-ture of imprisonment, and Miss Hesmonthalsg and Mrs. My whose fine was paid against her wish by her father whoke a window of the police structure and was rearrested and sentenced to fourteen days. After three days' im-prisonment Mrs. Massy's fine was paid, without the structure of the structure of the structure of the structure of the other structure of the structure of the

### On the Roof at Southport.

On the Roof at Southport. At Southport preparations on a gigantic scale were undertaken. The police reported that 4750 additional expenditure would be required to protect Mr. Churchill, but the Watch Committee decided to spend only 2250. Meanwhile special constables were enrolled and the pro-pietors of property in the neighbourhood of the hall were warned against harbouring Suffragettes. In spite of all this rollice and detective rigilance Miss Marsden, Miss Winson Etherley, and Miss Helen Tolson clambered on to the root of the hall on Friday night, and spent the whole of that night and Saturday morning, in drenching weather, in hiding there. When Mr. Churchill was in the middle of his speech they interpolated a pertinent emark. At once the meeting was a howling moh, and, is spite of Mr. Churchill's suggestion that the remark was

With apologies to a well known advertisement

not an unfair one, stewards scrambled up on to the roof, and after a long time succeeded in getting the women away.

### Press Comments.

**Press Comments.** The Times, in a special article on Mr. Churchill's Lancashire campaign, described the whole scene as follows:— A stranger to our British ways who heard so much talk as there now is among us of revolution, and saw the stout barricades which stood in the streets of Southport to-day might imagine the two things to be related one to the other. We at home, however, know better. The revolution is new, but the barricades are old and familiar. It is with these that we celebrate the visits of Cabinet Ministers—with these and with prancing horses carrying vigilant constables, a double guard against the erude attentions of a few emancipated women. After explaining further how the Cabinet Minister has got into the hall by "stealth and strategy," an account is given of the women's interruption, and the correspondent adds:—

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given of the water's interception, more the set as any adds: — The siewards, being very young, became as excited as any person in the audience, and they ran to and fro until it looked as if they would be throwing one another out. He then gives an account of the ejection, and follows with a description of the effect upon the meeting :— This was the only disturbing incident in the course of an ingenious and lively speech. But it served of itself, though in-directly, to make havo of the immediate effect of the oration, if the American term may be used without offence. The women—and the stewards—had taken up a good deal of time, and when he was little more than midway in his task Mr. Churchill happened to look at his watch; theneforth to the erd he read his speech word by word at a rate which was cal-culated to save more time than had been lost, and from estasies of enthusiasm his audience fell away to a mere dead attention.

attention. Other papers comment upon the more chastened attitude of Mr. Churchill towards Suffragette interrupters.

### At the Police Court.

Brought up on Monday at the police court, Miss Mars-den was defended by Mr. Lord, who brought out many telling points agains' the prosecution and forced them into an admission of respect for the astounding courage of the Suffragettes. In the end the Bench disagreed, and by a majority vote decided to acquit the women. Mean-

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while, Miss Gawthorpe and two companions were also arrested at Southport for attempting to hold a meeting, but were almost immediately discharged.

### At Waterloo.

Later on Saturday Mr. Churchill addressed a meeting at Waterloo. There again, in spite of the elaborate police precautions, Miss Flatman succeeded in addressing him at the station on his arrival, while so anxious were the rganisers of the meeting to exclude Suffragettes, that mise, but the women's Pointan Association, or meeting to exclude Suffragettes, that they insisted upon every man taking off his hat as he passed through the entrance to ensure that he was not a woman in disquise.

### When will he be sufficiently "Put Off"?

On Monday Mr. Churchill spoke in Manchester, and on this occasion entered into a compact with Mary Gawthorpe to answer her questions at the close of the meeting. Her rising was the signal for immense excitement ng the audience. The gist of Mr. Churchill's replies was that he was still favourable to Woman Suffrage hough he had been put off by the militant tactics of the Women's Social and Political Union ; that he was prepared to "forgive" what had been done, but was not prepared to resign his position in the Cabinet if Woman Suffrage was not immediately put forward. Perhaps it vill only require Mr. Churchill to be a little more " put off " in order to secure this last promise from him.

### Paving Stones Torn Up at Bolton.

On Tuesday Mr. Churchill spoke at Bolton. The preparations are described as follows by the Daily Telegraph :-

Paving stones had been pulled up on both sides of the street for the erection of strong barricades, consisting of huge banks of timber, and similar precautions were taken at all passages and streets in the immediate neighbourhood of both theatres Nevertheless, Mics Nellie Godfrey struck his motor-car with a stone bearing a message of defiance to the Government. She was sent to prison for seven days.

### Crowd Secure the Release of Mrs. Baines.

While these scenes were being enacted in conjunction with Mr. Churchill's campaign, Mr. Harcourt was finding the attentions of the Suffragettes exceedingly embarassing in the Rossendale Valley. In one of the towns the house where he was staying was plastered over with notices with regard to forcible feeding, the windows were broken, and he hurriedly decided to leave the place. Further, at one of his meetings he narrowly escaped the presence of Suffragettes who had spent the night concealed in a basket in the wings of the theatre. Mrs. Baines was arrested for attempting to address a meeting, but the sympathy and mination of the crowd were so great that the police decided to release her.

### At Leith.

The visit of Sir Edward Grey to Leith was the occasion of a rict in the town, when the police charged the crowd with drawn batons. Two women-Miss Hudson, who led the crowd to the Theatre, and Nurse Elsie Roe Brown, who broke the post-ofice windows-were arrested and sent to prison for thirty days and fifteen days re-

### Dr. Cobb at the Queen's Hall.

Another representative of the Church has spoken with uncertain voice in sympathy with this movement. At the Queen's Hall on Monday last the Rev. Dr. Cobb (rector of St. Ethelburga's, E.C.) delivered a broadminded and inspiring address, which was listened to with the greatest appreciation by the large audience. After dealing with the reasons why women should have this common measure of justice, and after wittily refuting some of the common arguments urged against it Dr. Cobb pointed out how the duties of citizenship would make women's minds broader and more beautiful, and they would then help men to ideals, no longer as unpaid servants, but as friends with equal rights and privileges. He considered that the greatest question before the Government was that of women's franchise, but politician would do nothing unless they were forced to it, and therefore the women would have to go on fighting, regarding the whole official class as their enemies. Much as he de plored unnecessary violence, he admitted that he could see no other methods open to women at present except the militant ones.

### An Interesting Comparison

It has been amusing to note the excitement of the Liberal Press over the fact that Lord Lytton in taking the Liberal Press over the fact that Lord Lytton in taking the chair at a meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union expressed, in the course of a very friendly speech, some criticism of the present methods of the Union. We contrast their eagerness in publishing this fact with their absolute silence where speeches en-tirely favourable are concerned, such for instance as Lord Lytton's other speech a few months ago, or the speech of Dr. Cobb, the rector of St. Ethelburga's, on Monday at the Queen's Hall, in entire support of the present methods of the Union. We can assure our critics that

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### of our enemies. The First Women Voters in Victoria.

Interesting news comes from Victoria, Australia, where for the first time women have voted at the Brighton by-election. It was a very difficult constituency to organise, but the Women's Political Association, of which ing 3,000 women by means of a special little paper, The ing 3,000 women by means of a special little paper, The Woman Voter. The result of their hard work was that at the polls nearly 84 per cent: of the women registered re-corded their vote, while of the men on the register only 64 per cent. voted. The Women's Political Association is teaching women to take their civic duties very seriously, and has started a Parliament where they meet once a med and discuss the political recommendence. week and discuss the political programme with earnest-ness and thorough knowledge.

### Votes for Women in China.

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Mercury: China is awakening with a vengeance. The Suffragette has tion of main. The nature of main and of sources and the source of a sense of Heaven. How, then, can one make distinctions and say that the nature of man is of one sort and that of woman of mother? for the celestial principle has meither form nor figure." Even our own *Votes for Women* could hardly nor figure." Even of do better than that.

### Truly the awakening of women is not confined to one ountry, but is going on right through the world !

### Protest from The Ethical Society.

The council of the Union of Ethical Societies has ad-dressed a letter of remonstrance to Mr. Asquith with regard to the treatment of woman Suffragists, in the rse of which they say :-

course of which they say :--The case we wish to put to yon is this, that whereas repres-sion may or may not be a justification for violence, it will almost certainly lead to it. We would most respectfully sub-mit that, whereas the agitation began with a peaceful propa-ganda, the more violent methods that have since been taken have been usually a rejoinder to some provocative action on the part of the Government. The refusal on your part to re-ceive deputations from Women's Pranchise Societies, or to accept Petitions personally presented, the ejection of women from public meetings, the final closing of meetings at which Ministers were to speak to all women are violent, and, as we think, unjustifiable, measures, to which violent measures would appear to be the almost inevitable rejoinder.

### Interesting Items.

Mlle. Romme has come out at the head of all her

Miss Strangways .... M. Colby .... Mrs. Dove-Wilcox ... Miss L. Smith ..... The Misses Priestman Councillor Cashman moved that the services of the mar-ried women teachers be dispensed with. The motion was ost by one vote

Even the People's Suffrage Federation, the Govern-ment's own decoy duck, has not succeeded in drawing Mr. Asquith on the question of the franchise. In re-sponse to a letter from them the Premier has given merely a variant of his usual reply, saying, "At the moment I cannot say more than that the representations of the memorialists will receive the attention of His Majesty's

### TREASURER'S NOTE.

Christmas presents of money can be chosen and passed on to the Union. Dead earnestness must be our mood. Abso-hute fixity of purpose must possess us. Let everyone say: "We can raise £5,000 in the next few weeks, and I will do my full share in accomplishing the sum total to the utmost of my power." The need is great and urgent. Let the response be generous and immediate.

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### WHY?

### By Elizabeth Robins.

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There given as part of the answer to the first question out list: women's discovery of the futility of hoping to effect social amelioration without getting at the roots of evil. The roots of eivie good or evil are the laws thing of the futility of hoping to effect social amelioration without getting at the roots of evil. The roots of eivie good or evil are the laws thing the some name in England are discovery of the futility of hoping to form having any first-hand knowledge of law. If they want to know something of the foundations whereon civilised life is built they must go to men for information. This being some men having said 'You have no share in framing, in administering in in to torptet living. For instance:
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### The Penniless Englishwoman.

The Penniless Englishwoman. One may hope that men who honestly think the English law treats women so much as fairly will read Lady McLaren's "Woman's Charter." There are few people in England occupying a better point of vantage than Lady McLaren from which to write upon the subject. With reference to the laws of inheritance this authority says:-

As women devote so much of their time to the unpaid work of rearing children, it appears natural that special provision should be made for them out of the inherited would be output. So far from this being the case, we find that it is the man who takes the greater share of the inherited property, although he is able to work for himself during the best years of his life.

"When the present Divorce Act was enacted," says Lady MoLaren, "Mr. Gladstone himself declared it to be 'a gross injustice to women in favour of men,' and it

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does not const. The wife cannot legally compel the husband to provide for her or the children out of his wages so long as they are living together. She has no means except persuasion to get even a part of her husband's earnings. "It is sometimes said that a man is legally bound to provide for his wile and children, but this is mialeading," asys Mr. Thick-messe, sometime of Lincoln's Ion. "It becomes true only if I wife and children go to the workhouse." Note that this provision is not for the relief of the women but for the relief of the Blate "I fish chas friendashe may get temporary sheller and apply to the magistrate for a separation order. Even here injustice follows her."

thing." "The income of the married pair must be added together for the purposes of income tax unless they are living separately." (A premium on distuion.)

purposes of income tax unless they are living separately." (A "The income of is man and a woman inmarried living together are taxed separately." (A premium on illegal relations.) As Mr. Thicknesse says: "The husband not infrequently has spant the (dard first wifs) money on a second wifs, and on chill " Rajhn inflatnesse, anthor of "A Digest of the Liw of Husband ant Wits," "The Hights and Wrongs of Women," etc."

of it. A woman's father owning land dies indestate. Her brother takes all he ind; she gets none. A woman's brother owning land dies intestate. If their father is alive he gets all the land. A woman's aister owning land dies intestate. Their father takes all the land; the surviving sister gets none.

# If a man dies intestate, his widow gets of her husband's personal pro-perty the value of £500.

In the case of the death of a son or a daughter the mother inherita nothing from either. The whole of their property, even if it has come from the mother's family, goes to the father or to the father's next-olvin

work for binself during the best years of his ine. Lady McLaren speaks of "the strangely penniless con-dition of Englishwamen, though they are citizens of the richest nation in the world." She contrasts the French custom of providing the daughter with a dot, thereby enabling her "to become a partner in marriage instead of a dependent." But it is not from all men that we hear the 'favouritism" or even the common fairness of the English law upheld. In his text-book on English law the eminent jurist and anti-Suffragist, Professor Diocy, says, with praiseworthy frankers: "The four Marriage Women's Property Acts are a record of the hesitation and dulness of members of Parliament." He speaks of "recurring blunders which one may hope without any great confidence have been at last corrected." More the direct configured to the four Marriage the inferiority of women and commands the woman to submit to her husband in all things as the Church sub-mits to God. It obliges her to take a vow of obedience to her husband to the entirely false declaration that he endows the wife with all his worldly goods, when he usually in the continued.)

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

In addition to those announced above, a number of other meetings will be held in important centres during the week. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is at Hove Town Hall to-day (Friday), and Miss Christabel Pankhurst is speaking at Derby

### Public Welcomes to Mrs. Pankhurst.

Public Welcomes to Mrs. Panknurst. Following on the Albert Hall meeting, Midland members have arranged a special welcome for Mrs. Pankhurst at three public meetings during the coming week—viz, at Bir-mingham on Tuesday (the 14th), at Leamington on Wed-nesday (the 15th), and at Coventry on Thursday (the 16th). Tickets for these meetings should be obtained without dalage from Miss Gladice Keevil, 35, Paradise

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One of the most iniquitous of all these provisions is

at 8 p.m. On this occasion Mrs. Leigh will be escorted from Clements Inn to the Hall by the W.S.P.U. Drum and Fife Band. For route and details see page 172. On Tuesday (the 14th) Lady Constance Lytton will be welcomed at a reception at the Midland Hotel, Bradford, and on the 15th, with Miss Adela Pankhurst, she will receive a public welcome in the Mechanics' Institute, Bradford. Particulars of these welcomes can be had from Miss Mary Phillips, 68, Manningham Lane, Bradford. The two women who made their profest at the Guild-hall on Lord Mayor's Day will be welcomed at the free meeting (N.B.-This will be held at St. James's, not Queen's, Hall) on Monday, December 20, at 3 p.m., when their account of their prison experiences will be lis-tened to with the greatest interest. **A the Fighting Line**.

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### Free Meetings in London.

Free Meetings in London. Readers are reminded that free public meetings are held every Monday afternoon, from 3 to 5, at Queen's Hall, Lang-ham Piaco, W., and every Thursday avening, from 8 to 10, in 84, James's Hall, Great Portland Street, W. They are asked to take special note of the following holiday arrange-ments: --Monday, December 20, 84, James's Hall, 3-5; Thurs-day, December 25, Monday, December 27, no meetings; Thurs-day, December 30, 84, James's Hall, 8-10; Monday, January 5, 84, James's Hall, 3-5; after which date the meetings will be held as usual.

### "VOTES FOR WOMEN."

"• VOTES FOR WOMEN." WOTES FOR WOMEN." WOTES for Romford that al though he voted Liberal in the last election, his vote in the General Election is at the disposal of the W.S.P.U. Mr. Mil-ward, of Plymouth, has put his vote at the disposal of his wife to use in the women's cause, and suggests that other men might follow his example.



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### THE LANCASHIRE PROTEST CAMPAIGN.

Women on the Roof all Night. Six Arrested and Acquitted. Five Sent to Prison.

ble him points of the windows to have been barri-caded under the circumstances, as the women and the general public were kept off from the vicinity of the hall itself at a distance of two ettreets all round the hall, and that therefore it would have been impossible for a man, "let alone a woman," to have reached the window with any kind of etone. Another man pointed out that seventy men had been employed on the barricading of the windows and roofs, and that the cost had been about £150. He suggested that the people responsible for such arrangements for the protection of a single Cabinet Minister should be called upon to pay, and not the ratepeople responsible to single Cabinet Minister the protection of a single Cabinet Minister should be called upon to pay, and not the rate-payers. Up to a late hoar in Preston, and in spite of the rain, great crowds etcod about the central streets talking of Votes for Women and its chances at the General Election, and everywhere the feeling was abroad that women these have the vote, anyway !

everywhere the feeling was abroad that women ought to have the vote, anyway! The protest in Southport had special ad-vantages, taking place as it did on a Satur-day aftornoon, when most people were free, and on a day of beautiful weather, so helping women, as well as men, to flock to the rally-ing place in their thousands. If the precau-tions at Preston were extraordinary, those at Southport were more extraordinary, those at inter more actraordinary still. Two hundred and fifty pounds worth of mounted po-tions are the source for the variation where the and may pounds worth of mounted po-fice were epecially engaged for the protection of the Empire itself; and in the grounds of the Winter Gardens, both on the seaward as on Winter Gardens, both on the seaward as on the landward side, detectives and plain-clothes men and general watchers might be seen patrolling backwards and forwards. It was an amazing tribute to the significance of the Suffragiste' campaign against the Governwas an annaing tribute to the significance of the Suffragist' campaign against the Govern-ment of the day. As for the crowds, they were thoroughly good humoured and absolutely in sympathy with the women's claim, and when Miss Dora Marsden, Miss Tolson, and Miss Etherley were brought into the street and put into a police cab the crowd showed their warm sympathy in unmisstkable fashion. At Waterloo in the evening the whole town seemed to be gathered round the Town Hall, and it was noted that Mr. Churchill's wiit, atter his experiences in Southport, was a very fter his experiences in Southport, was a very hort one. The crowd at Waterloo not only howed their sympathy with the women's pro-est, but helped Mrs. Rigby again and again o speak from her pitch outside the Town

Manchester, as the birth-place of the mili-

Hall. Manchester, as the birth-place of the mili-tant movement, was greatly interested in the protest meeting arranged to take phace in the stroker's Square on the site of the old fran-chise fight of Peterloo. The ill-advised action of the police, as reported elsewhere, made speaking impossible from this square, and the protest meeting was actually held in the Albert Square later in the evening. The general impression seems to be on all hands that women's suffrage is coming, and is coming soon, and if criticism of the actics raised never-ending discussions in some parts of the crewds, the prefacing remark al-ways seemed to be 'Of course, I'm on against woman's suffrage. I think women ought to have the vote, but, etc.''. All the lead papers have attached immense importance to the pro-tests made by the women in sever contro they have visited, and the general public have abso-ute confidence in the ingenuity of the women in making their protest known in some vary or ing their protest known in some way or The Manchester Guardian on Monday

cranying a prominent position commanding borders and the greatest parts of the modiately a wonderful scene was emacted in the street below. The mounted posice lines which were ranged in front of the Empire, and the ordinary police lines which on every fields were waved, and it was the every drive by the rush of the general public in the drive the way and throws into dif-traction of the window. Cheers were raised, and kerchiels were waved, and it was the every the police after semi-recovery of their lines which had been taken—barricades, police thear what Miss Gawthorpe had the say. As began to there where and shad met on the window of the semi-tice of the window of the semi-ters of the say that after all the precase on any able to say that after all the precase on the worder of the worder had been the police after semi-recovery of their lines with the worder of the semi-ters of the say that after all the precase on the streng from their position in the drive first in the semi-barricades, policy drive the meeting from their position in the se-toris in the worder of fable was going to ble worder they would make their voices heard thing down the blinds and attempting to old the trace are positive. Say the set that the positive is as seen from the steet that the positive is as seen from the steet that the positive is as seen from the below for the the heard. Mais Gawthorpe and Mar-ting down the blinds Gawthorpe had be devided to the the had had to close his shop, keeper pointed et the to have mean to any kind, and it was the had had to close his shop below for the theory the the heard. Mais Gawthorpe the devided to the the had had to close his shop below to be devided to the the had had to close his shop below to be the block of the street that the to the street the scene the street that the to the scene of the street the scene the street that the to the scene of the street the scene the scene the scene of the street the the scene the scene of the street the scene of the street the the scene the scene of the ions are unnecessary ! Miss Gawthorpe and two companions were

Miss Gawhorpe and two companions were taken to the police station by a dozen con-stables, who feared a rescue, as the crowd, according to the Manchester Courier, was "de-oidedly friendly" to the women. It was reported that they had almost caused a riot in the street by their protest from the win-dow. The Chief Constable, however, did not prefer any charge against them, and the cases did not proceed.

### Inside the Hall.

Miss Dora Marsden, after describing the tremendous and expensive precautions taken at Southport, adds one little centence which expresses the Suffragette attitude in every case A Southport, adds one little sentence which typress the Suffragetie attitude in every case where 'A Minister speaks, ''Still we were there'' One can vell imagine the seens. The huge addience, listening to Mr. Churchilt, which the local Press describe as ''uppress' thread local Press' thread local Press' as the local Press' as the local Press' thread local Press' as ''uppress' thread local Press' thread local

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ing. The was fully fifteen minutes, one of the re-ports told me, before anyme reached as which we had arrived the night before, and who had arived the night before, and they add clambered in. A dirty hard was finally I was dropped over a begin to rate adder and the strange began of the strange of o It was fully fifteen minutes, one of the re

### Mr. Churchill's Overtures.

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from which they had a view of the meeting and an excollent coing of vantage for the attack. "And it was the dirtiest place I have ever-been in in all my life," said Mus Mareden. "We had to squeeze our way through crevices only Jöins, wide, and were continually in dan-ger of failing into the auditorium and breaking our necks. The provisions we had brought hampered us, so we threw them nawy, al-though in our long vigil afterwards on the roof, with the rain and fail and guisty winds, we greatly regreted losing our violuals. After a long weig of fifteen hours our contentinit we greatly regretted losing our victual a long wait of fifteen hours our opp

There women are indeed fighting with "Deeds, not words," for the liberty about which Jahinet Ministers talk such cant.

not words," for the liberty about which Cabinet Ministers talk such cart. At the Police-court. On Monday afternoon the three women-Mins Dora Mardon, Miss Helen Tolson, and Mins Winson Ethorley-were charged with disturb-ance, having been liberated on bail from the pr-vious Saturday evening. The evidence only brought out the heroism of the women, and the cases were dismissed. One of the wit-nesses said that he elimbed on to the roof and asked the women to leave, but Miss Marsden answered "Not before Mr. Churchill has answered "Not before Mr. Churchill has answered in Yuetsion." He did not hear Mr. Churchill's appeal that the women should not be put out, and he camilt durit the stewards. He also admitted under ences-camination that the Suffragettes aid likere was a safer way to go down rather than over the roof, and that they offered to go down quietly. It seems, however, that the than over the root, and that they offered to go down quictly. It seems, however, that the stewards, having, as usual, lost their heads, dragged the women over the root, so that it was by the barest chance that they were not precipitated into the street below, and afterwards pushed them street below, and alterwards pushed them unceremonicasly through a tiny aperture. An inspector said that he found Miss Dora Mars-den elinging to a chinney stack, "white with regs." On cross-symination by Mr. Lord, who ruggested that Miss Marsden might have been riggs of the search and a standon might have been wire with fear, he replied it could not be so, as the women were not a fraid of anything. Miss Marden then gave evidence, and said that the was not tied to the window, and that the women enly refused to move because they were to be dragged over a most dangerous sloping reof. They had been most violently pushed down a narrow opening. She and the other de-fondants were considerably scratched by being pushed through the broken window, but the win-dow was reot by the before the stewards came. O to of the stewards doubled her over an iron har, and proceed on her back as if to break the har. She explained that she was white with ex-haution, because she had been so roughly han-ded, and she and her comparison had had their aykles horriby twisted by the stewards in the and evour to push them down a small holes in the rod.

After retiring for an hour, the magistrates dismissed the case on the ground offence had not been "technically

offence had not been "technically proved." Mr. Churchill Gives Up His Lunch. It had been arranged on the same Saturday that Mr. Churchill should lunch at the

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### VOTES FOR WOMEN.

### BOOK OF THE WEEK.

### The Eternal Masculine.

FOR WOMEN. e are thousands of folk all over the country e beginning to feel vaguely that their usual not all it should be, and that it tends to e discomfort and discase. Many of them be glad to make a change if they knew

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## 'A Guide to Things,

alp them. It contains an interesting article How to Start," and gives a complete menu week of the foods that supply the place of so wholesome fish, bacon, and meat. re is an all bott endless array of breakfast --Nuts, Nut Meats, Nut Butters--that are dy beneficial because of what they, contain, a free from the injurious chemical adulterants evice word providers.

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The Liternal Mascalline. As I lay aside Walter Gallichan's amusing book, "Modern Woman and How to Manage Her,"" I feel dis-tinctly thankful that a saving sense of humour restrains women from publishing a series of lectures on "Man and What We Make of Him." No doubt such a book would be of vast interest to men, less as an authoritative hand-book of scientific fact than as a revelation of the mysteri-ul to the second second back of the second se

be of Vasc interfect of this is as a revelation of the mysteri-cos creature Woman who perennially baffles their under-standing. We prefer not to give ourselves away. But, then, no doubt, it is just this recerve that gives us the advantage in the unequal game, in which we are so heavily handicapped by law and usage. Long may it be given to women to keep the woman's tecret! The "Modern Woman" of Mr. Gallichan is like no voman that woman has ever met, but it is a sheer fantasy and figment of the masculine mind. As for the philosophy it is sheer stuff and nonsense. Readable stuff withal and very entertaining nonsense! One is vastly tickled at the amazing egoism of the male person, and not one whit displeased. It is the innocent and charming vanity of men that endears them to us. We would not have them different.

them different. And male vanity takes a novel form of expression in this naïve "confersion." It solaces itself in a theory of sex antagonism. The woman who does not hanker after a man hates him. That is the theory. As a matter of fact, the modern, educated young woman, with her life crowded with interests, neither hankers after, nor hates. Miss Hepworth Dixon, in an interesting article on "The New Girl." which the Daily Mail published last Mon-day correctly describes the nonition :=

day, correctly describes the position :--The modern girl, though extraordinarily muscular and vigorous, shows no hostility towards her boy friends. Indeed, she generally adopts a genial and tolerant attitude towards them until her maiden affections are definitely engaged, when she has a short fit of hero-worship, which is finally extinguished by marciage

by mariage. There may be a sense of sex antagonism in men. I suppose there must be, since they are for ever talking so much about it. There is none in women. At least, if there is I have never discovered it; and it is supposed to be rampant in Suffragettes. Self-importance begets fancies of this kind. We must view them with indulates.

Induigence. The male habit of jumping to conclusions is exhibited in rather startling fashion. A man cannot connect a woman with a vote in his thought without the instant vision of the coming Matriarch looming large on the horizon! And since our exponent is enlightened enough to believe in Votes for Women, he is at pains to explain his readers that the Matriarch is not an unmitigated

The fact that throughout the Continent of Australia women have votes and men show no signs of becoming a subject race is apparently of no significance.

It is only just to say that our critic comes out straight on the main issue. He demands no "protection" for his own sex, but is for political and legal equality. E. P. I.

### WOMEN AND SPAIN.

WOMEN AND SPAIN. "The Spirit of Spain," we are told by Don Miguel de Unamuno in the current number of *The Englishwoman*, t is intense love of life and recoil from the idea of death that is annihilation; "and a belief in immortality, which sometimes shows itself as a tragic desperate faith at war with all scientific evidence." The article is full of human sympathy, and will be of special interest to these who have followed the recent political upheaval in Spain, in which women have borne so leading a part.

### FINLAND UP TO DATE.

The present position of Finland is dealt with in two articles in the current *English Review§*; one written in French by Leo Mechelin, and the other in English by Professor J. N. Reuter. A very serious curtailment of the constitutional right of the Finnish Legislature is iminent. The Finlanders have practically no other help than that given by a consciousness of the justice of their cause. The Tsar disregards the petitions and protests of the Finnish Senate and the Finnish Diet, and has refused to grant a hearing to the Finnish Secretary of

Mr. H. N. Brailsford contributes a very interesting and houghtful Paper on "The Control of Foreign Affairs.

\* "Modern Woman and How to Manage Her." By Walter M. Sallichan. (T. Werner Laurie. 2s. net.) † "The Englishwoman," December. (Grant Richards. 1s. net.) § "The English Review." December. (Chapman and Hall. 2s.6d. net.)

The Women's Social and Political Union are NOT asking or a vote for every woman, but simply that sex shall cease to be a disgualification for the franchise. At present men who pay rates and taxes, who are owners, occupiers, lodgers, or have the service or university fran-cing political Union claim that women who fulfil the same conditions shall also enjoy the franchise. It is estimated that when this claim has been conceded, in addition to the seven and a hall million men who are at present enfranchised.

The Women's Social and Political Union claim that a simple measure, giving the vote to women on these terms, shall be passed immediately.

# THE WOMAN'S PRESS.

**THE WOMAN'S PRESS.** Our readers who enjoyed the excellent article by the Rev. A Lloyd Thomas in our issue of November 26 will be dispited to hear that a pamphlet is being published by the Woman's Press containing the complete address (as delivered by Mr. Thomas to his Nottingham congregation), extracts from which formed the basis of the article. The pamphlet is published at 1d. For the General Election a number of special leaflets are being prepared, price 9d. per 100, 6s. per 1000. Special election posters, 60 ins. by 40 ins. suitable for palings, price 3d. each (by post 4d.) and 80 ins. by 60 ins., suitable for hoardings, price 6d. each (by post, 7d.) can also be obtained from the Woman's Press. Orders should be mubers to be printed may be estimated. These posters are pinted in the soleurs of the Union, and a reproduction in black is shown on p. 169.

### THE CHRISTMAS STALL.

THE CHRISTMAS STALL. The Christmas presents stall at the head office of the W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., is attracting large numbers of visiors, who are delighted at the dainty and varied dis-play of articles on sale by the Woman's Press. All members and their friends should visit the stall before choosing their Christmas presents. It is in the general offices on the first floor at 4, Clements Inn, and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, including to morrow (Saturday). Next Tuesday, the 14th, the stall will be open null 9.30. The local W.S.P.U. shops are also showing many novelties produced by the Woman's Press. Particulars will be found on page 170.

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### THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. **On Frocks and Other Things.**

On Frocks and Other Things. With winter fairly upon us we are in the era of furs. The time has gone by when our fur coats remained a mere outside wrap, unchanging with the fashions of the year, and taste finds as full expression in wraps as in our other clothes. The most worn garment of the moment is the long cost, reaching almost to the fest, either in seal-skin, musquash (which is lighter, although not so durable), mith, or sable—the last-named for those fortunate few who have scarcely to consider the matter of their balance at the bank. The stole is still popular, although foxskin is under a temporary cloud, and this most useful wrap, with its adaptability to nearly all the purposes of town, tonds to be longer and more flat in design, consorting with the large flat muffs which are so comfortable and give such a finish to the general effect. Stoles in sealskin, all the shorter-haired furs, are to be seen evrywhere, and although the vogue of these varieties promises to be short,

all the shorter-haired furs, are to be seen everywhere, and although the vogue of these varieties promises to be short, for the time being they hold the field. Fur, moreover, is being much used as trimming, edging the outdoor garments, and making very effective combinations with evert. Even the popularity of fur in this form, however, is seriously threatened by the neater cloth trimmings which have been adopted in the Russian House artic these are used as a value in the first the term ended as the short of the term. eloth trimmings which have been adopted in the Russian blouse suits that are enjoying so marked a popularity for outdoor wear. A most elegant costume of this kind which I saw the other day had the clinging skirt in Wedgwood blue cloth, the blouse in black and blue shot velvet, with cuffs, collar, and facings of the blue cloth. The blouse reached to about the knees, and was confined at the waist by a band of the velvet. The whole effect was exceedingly motty and becoming and more with a lawse valuet former pretty and becoming, and, worn with a large velvet toque matching the costume in colour, struck a note of elegand

Dress for the evening is always the more important consideration at this season, when we go out more at night, and when a certain dowdiness in the day costume night, and when a certain dowdiness in the day costume is almost inevitable. Evening cloaks are being made as loose, light wraps, mostly in shot moiró velvet. The renewed popularity of this material is due to the striking enterprise of the manufacturers, who are giving the world new shades of rare beauty, and are splendidly seconding that movement from the extrawagance of a year ago which is being fostered by all the best costumiers. In evening dress the novelties of this season are in the more clearly defined waist, which is giving a fresh importance to the

corset, and the square, long train. A dross which illustrated these developments in striking and beautiful fashion was encountered the other day in the rooms of one of the more famous of London drossmakers. The entire costume was in a soft black satin. The overskirt fell to within a foot of the ground, and was then caught up in the centre of the front by an ornament duel effect. From this ornament the skirt fell in a broad fold to either side, passed to the back, and, tapering loid to either side, passed to the back, and, tapering gradually to a point, crossed over and was caught just below the armpits. From beneath the crossed material the train flowed out with a broad sweep behind and was out very square. The dress was slightly gathered about the waist. The sleeves were of silk net, falling from the shoulder and traystal ornamentation, which decorated the corage both back and front. The whole costume, in its unit colouring its free flowing lines and its distinction quiet colouring, its free, flowing lines, and its distinctive note, was a triumph for the designers.

The colours of the Women's Social and Political Union. whether of intention or not I cannot say, are finding a really conspicuous place in some of the dresses this senson. An evening gown of uncommon beauty which I saw the other evening at a reception had the overskirt of helio-trope chiffon-it might equally well have been of minon-while the underskirt, with train, was of a green soft satin. The sleeves were of silk net, folded in small tucks satin. The sleeves were of silk net, folded in small tucks and edged with the passementerie which in a broad strip, curving elegantly, formed the main decoration of the bodics. The novelty was in the confining band, running straight round the overskirt just below the knees, and giving that elegance and thinness of outline which is the mark of distinction of the moment, the clease fitting being there is the transmission where the held. hrown into stronger contrast by the bold expansion of the rain as it emerged a little below this passementerie belt. For indoor wear on informal occasions there is nothing For indoor wear on informal occasions there is nothing more deservedly popular than the djibbah, a garment which, with our usual catholicity of taste, we have adopted from Egypt, but which, in seizing, we have transformed into something wholly pretty and tasteful. A friend of mine has just purchased one of these most comfortable overalls. It is of a darkish green shade, with a yoke of tussore silk of a somewhat brighter green, this being methodized with a satisf achieved. a yoke of tussore silk of a somewhat brighter green, this being embroidered with a certain barbaric splendour with flowers having gold centres and a gold edging about dif-fering shades of heliotrope. The sleeves come to a sharp point on the outside of the elbow, and have no decoration by ond the coarse art-stitching in a lighter shade of heliotrope. The effect is restful in the extreme, and sug-gests perfect ease. It seems safe to predict a growing demand for the djibbah, with its tadaptability to all home occasions, especially as it has the merit that it can be slipped on or of at a moment's notice, and yet never hints that the wearcr has been caught unpropared to receive. It possesses, in short, exactly the qualities that are re-quired in a home garment. NITA.





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OUR GENERAL ELECTION POLICY. The Government ask the electors to give them at the ng General Election a fresh vote of confidence. The Women's Social and Political Union call upon the ectors to refuse that vote of confidence, and, instead, express their censure of the Government by rejecting ral candidates at the poll.

During their whole term of office the Government have shown themselves to be the enemies of popular liberty. They have refused the just demand that the Parliamentary vote be extended to women fulfilling the conditions which qualify male electors and they have persisted in the unconstitutional course of taxing and egislating for women without giving them representa-The protests which women have made tion. against this injustice the Government have attempted to repress by methods of violence. Thus, during the past four years, 484 women suffragists have suffered imprisonment, and upon these prisoners of war have been heaped the indignities and humiliations designed for common criminals. The sternest measures of prison discipline have been imposed upon them, and the Government have met by forcible feeding the heroism of those women who have adopted the hunger-strike in prison as a protest against disfran-chisement. In short, where the question of Votes for Women is concerned, the Government have defied the Constitution, have betrayed the principles of Liberalism, nd have been guilty of reckless and ruthless coercion. Worst of all, they show no sign of reversing this policy of any hey show he sign of rotation, if given a further lease of power. Therefore, the Women's Social and Political Union have decided to throw the whole weight of their influence against the Government at the coming General Election.

The Government pose as the champions of popular iberty in their quarrel with the House of Lords. The hollowness of this profession can be detected at once by comparing their denunciations of the House of Lords with their method of treating the demand of women for Constitutional rights. Such double dealing is revolting to all right-minded men and women, and is a proof that their actions are prompted by party motives for the purpose of catching votes, and not by ve of liberty. Politicians who are capable of trying crush by brute force the political aspirations of romen, cannot be trusted to remain true to the liberties

We urge every Liberal, whether man or woman, to help us in stamping out the false and spurious Liberalism affected by Mr. Asquith and the Government. We call upon all men and women, of whatever XPERT party, to defend the Constitution by fighting against FURRIERS. the Government. We ask them to declare, by their opposition to Government nominees at the General Election, that the greatest Constitutional issue is that of making the House of Commons itself truly representative by giving women taxpayers a share in the election of members of Parliament.

On behalf of the Women's Social and Political Union. Christabel Pankhurst. Mabel Tuke.

### THE RIGHT OF PETITION.

By the decision in Pankhurst and Haverfield v. Jarvis By the decision in Fanknust and Harerfield v. Jarris a constitutional right, precious both to men and to women, has been for all practical purposes swept away. The right of petitioning, which is second in importance only to the right of voting and is the only constitutional weapon available to the voteless citizen, has been rendered

because the police were not executing a duty, but were, in fact, breaking the law when they sought to prevent the Suffragist petitioners from exercising their right to petition the Prime Minister. For no afficer of State, whether great or small, policeman or Prime Minister, is permitted, in his dealings with the subject, to defy and

over-ride the law. It being the contention of the appellants, Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Haverfield, that they had acted in accordance with their legal right to petition, the nature of that right was very fully discussed by Counsel. Lord Robert Cecil showed that the right of the subject to petiion the ruling authority for the redress of grievances is necessary condition of all free and civilised government. t is, moreover, a part of the common law of his country, and it forms the subject of two Acts of Parament. The right to petition has, as Lord Robert Cecil pointed

liament. The right to petition has, as Lord Robert Cecil pointed out, three important characteristics. In the first place, it is the right to petition the actual repository of power. The Suffragists were therefore right in attempting to nake Mr. Asquith the recipient of their petition. They were entitled to petition him as being a member of Par-liament, as being t.e. King's chief Minister, and as being the person in whom at the present day resides the chief power in the State. In the second place, the right to peti-tion infolves personal presentation. Every bit of avail-able evidence points to this conclusion. To begin with, there is nothing to show that a written document is necessary, and that the plea may not be made by word of mouth. In all recorded cases of petitioning by means of a written instrument, the petition was given by the peti-tioners to the person to whom it was addressed, and this would be the correct manner of petitioning special met pro-of common but for the existence of a special rule prowould be the correct manner of petitioning even the House of Commons but for the existence of a special rule pro-viding that a member of the House shall perform this office on behalf of petitioners. In the case of the Seven Bishops, Mr. Justice Holloway said, "To deliver a peti-Bishops, Mr. Justice Holloway Said, "To deriver a per-tion cannot be a fault, it being the right of every subject to petition." The use of the word "deliver" confirms the view that the presentation of a petition means personal presentation, and that the act of petitioning is not complete until such personal presentation has been made. The third characteristic of this right is that it shall be

The third characteristic of this right is that it shall be exercised reasonably. With this condition members of our Union have been careful to comply. The Prime Minister it is who has acted unreasonably, for since as-suming his effice he has refused to hear the petitions of women, whether they be militant Suffragists, women doctors, or others. This refusal has been unqualified, for at no time or place would he consent to fulfil his duty of hearing the petitions of those who desire political free-dom. Under these circumstances nothing could be more reasonable than for the petitioners to seek him at the House of Commons on a day when Parliament is in session.

The Court, by deciding against the Suffragist peti-tioners, has, in our opinion, forn up the Bill of Rights and rendered vain and meaningless the ancient, common law right of petitioning. How did the Court justify their nomentous and deplorable judgment? They began by naking verbal recognition of the existence of the right to petition. Said the Lord Chief Justice, "I agree entirely with Lord Robert Ceeil that these ladies have a right to present a petition to the Prime Minister either as the Prime Minister or as a member of Parliament." But he then proceeded to forbid the effective exercise of this right by arguing that the appellants had attempted to present the petition by means of a deputation, a thing which, so he declared, they were not entitled to do. Our answer to this is that by the Statute of Charle's II. petitioners, if they are numerous, are legally compelled

Our answer to this is that by the Statute of Charles II. petitioners, if they are numerous, are legally compelled to depute some of their number (not exceeding ten) to deliver their petition. Thus, if the whole of the Carton Hall meeting had, on June 29, gone in, a body to the Heuses of Commons for the purpose of presenting their petition to the Prime Minister they would have been becauting the law but by domiting numerous to take Hence of Commons for the purpose of presenting and petition to the Prime Minister they would have been breaking the law, but by deputing nine persons to take the petition on their behalf they were acting in accord-ancb with the law. The decision given by the Divisional Court (and it is not the first piece of judge-made law which has curtailed the liberties of the people) means that, although the subject has a right to petition, he or she will be punished for attempting to exercise it. But, although this is henceforward to be the law, in the sense that the courts will enforce it, it has no validity if it be tested by the spirit and custom of the Constitu-tion. Therefore, the policy of the members of the Women's Social and Political Union will be unchanged. When the new Parliament assembles a deputation will, if the policy of the Government renders it necessary, go

Solution of the right of voting and is the only constitutional measurements and routical theorem of the inchanged. We not a second and routical theorem of the inchanged with the prime Minister for the purpose of peritoning the Prime Minister to remove the political disabilities of the remove the political disabilities of were ordered by the police to go away, and because they were ordered by the police to go away, and because they were ordered by the police to go away, and because they were ordered by the police to go away, and because they were ordered by the police to go away, and because they were ordered by the police to go away, and because they were ordered by the police to go away, and because they were ordered by the police in the case of the induce of the induce of the induce of the the drawing of the distinction is the pedantry of these arrests was challenged, and in order to decide the matter the case of *Pankhurst and Havenfield*. *J arvis* came before the Divisional Court. On bhealt of the arrested wormen it was guided not be sustained?

### December 10, 1909.

HOW WE SHALL FIGHT THE LIBERALS.

As announced in the manifesto on the previous page, | the whole strength of the Women's Social and Political Union will be thrown against the Liberal Government at the forthcoming General Election, and the method which will be adopted will be that of fighting against Liberal candidates throughout the country. Thus in every constituency where a Liberal candidate comes forward to support the Government by prating about constitutional liberty, there women will oppose him on the stitutional liberty, there women will oppose him of the ground that the Liberal Government is refusing consti-tutional liberty to women; and where he argues against the House of Lords on the ground that taxation and representation must go together, there he will be re-minded that the Liberal Government are refusing to minded that the Liberal Government are re women any voice in saying how the taxes shall be levied

bers to affect seriously the result? Do you not see that no true Liberal could leave his party in this hour of grave crisis? By adopting a policy against a party instead of against individuals you are pitting yourself against the whole force of the Government, and

you are not likely to succeed." We have no difficulty in replying to this criticism. In the first place, we cer-tainly do expect staunch Liberals to vote tainly do expect staunch Liberals to vote against the Government on this occasion, not in spite of their Liberalism, but on account of their Liberalism. We believe there are a great number of men up and down the country who hold their princi-ples dearer than any party tie, and who, when they see their leaders being false to those principles, will not hesitate to vote against them. Several men have already promised to do so. But apart from these particular narty men, whom our critic against the set of the

But, says our critic, do you seriously hope that this will happen in a sufficient number of cases to affect seriously the result?

### Palitical Mathematics.

The answer to this question is "Cer-tainly. Yes!" and we would ask our critic whether he has ever investigated the Parliamentary returns and considered how small a number of votes will make a prodigious difference in the result.

In the year 1900 the Conservative Party In the year 1900 the Conservative Parity was returned to power by a majority of 134, but in twenty-nine constituencies the Conservatives only obtained their seats by a majority of less than 200, therefore a nce of less than 100 votes from the Conservatives

transforence of less than 100 votes from the Conservatives to the Liberals in every one of these constituencies would have meant the loss of twenty-nine seats to the Conserva-tive Party, and would in consequence have reduced the Conservative majority in the House of Commons from 174 + 76 134 to 76.

But the case of the present Liberal Government is still more striking. At the General Election of 1906 no fewer than fifteen Liberal members were returned with a narrow margin of less than 100 votes. The mere transference of margin of less than 100 votes. The mere transference of fifty votes from the Liberal to the Conservative candidates in each of these constituencies would have lost the Liberals these fifteen seats, and, as every change counts twoe in a division, would have reduced their majority in the House of Commons by no fewer than thirty.

snap division

women any voice in saying how the taxes shall be review or how they shall be spent. Will this Policy be Effective? It is not unikely that this policy will be criticised by those who do not understand political mathematics, on the ground that it cannot be effective. "Do you hope," it will be suggested, "that staunch Liberals who have supported the Liberal-Party all their life will be diverted from their allegiance in sufficiently large num-ber to affect seriousit the pow number to and the sected in the sected from their allegiance in sufficiently large num-Already the Women's Social and Political Union has



Citizen Asg-th: "Down with privilege of birth -up with democratic rule!"

### **VOTES FOR WOMEN.**

WOMEN! The Government refuse to give you the vote. Therefore, work against the Liberal Candidate, the nominee of the Government.

ELECTORS! The Government pose as champions of the Constitution, but deny constitutional liberty to women. We call upon you to support the women.

On behalf of The Women's Social and Political Union. BEMMELINE PANKHURST. EMMELINE PETHICK LAWRENCE.

This is a facsimile of the special poster in the colours, being issued in two sizes for the General Election; to be obtained from the Woman's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Size 80-in. by 60-in., price 64. (post free 7id.). Size 60-in. by 40-in., price 3d. (post free 4d.).

done a great deal to damage the prestige of the Liberal Government in the eyes of the electors. By their great meetings all over the country, by their bye-election cam-paigns, and by their acts of defance women have shown up the hypoerisy of the Liberal Government, which, while paigns, and by their acts of defiance women have shown up the hypocrisy of the Liberal Government, which, while professing to stand for constitutional liberty, has denied the very elementary rights of citizenship to women, and has refused to allow them to have any voice in deciding how the taxes which they pay shall be raised or spent. This campaign has damaged the prestige of the Liberal Government, and all up and down the country there are electors who, whatever their views upon Woman Suffrage, have lost faith in the Liberals in consequence of this exposure, and will refuse to give the Liberal candidates their support. In the second place, there are men of real Liberal prin-

This great campaign cannot be undertaken without money, and this time it will not be a matter of a few hundred but of several thousand pounds, if the work is to be effectively done, and if a real blow is to be struck at this hypocritical Liberal Government. Five thou sand pounds is the very lowest that will be required, the House of Commons by no fewer than thirty. But let us press the thing one stage further, and support. The second place, there are men of real Liberal prin-tiples who know that the Government in refusing to give women the vote are being fails to jub best traditions of Liberals m, and who recognise therefore that the kind of way in which the Government have treated and are pre-tiples who know that the Government have treated and are pre-stand is a statise for their legiti-mate rights is a scandalous abuse of the percegative of power, and who, in consequence, will not heiriate to vote against the Government candidate as a mark of their strand, W.C., a great campaign; and it is of the utmost importance that friends should come forward with promises towards this amount, so that directly Christmas is over the election campaign may begin in earnest. Particularly to those women who can not actively work in the contest themselves an appeal is made to provide the sinews of war for those who are in the thick of the battle by sending to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence (Treasurer of the W.S.P.U.), 87, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C., a substantial contribution towards the



### VOTES FOR WOMEN.

rest of the House of 128. If they had lost the seats referred to above their absolute majority would only have been sixty-six; but as time went on their position would have grown worse and worse. At the present day their normal majority is exactly 100, but of this fifteen are members of the Miners' Federa-tion who have encoursed their intention of ioning the 100, but of this fifteen are members of the Miners' Federa-tion, who have expressed their intention of joining the Labour Party after the next election. If, therefore, the word will refuse to lift a finger to help the Liberal tibe General Election of 1910 the fighting majority of the Liberal over the whole of the rest of the House would only be seventy strong. Now, suppose that the action of the Liberal over the system at ransference that the action of

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of this army to defeat Government candidates. Many women who will be speaking and agitating and working have themselves suffered at the hands of the Liberal Government the cruel and abominable treatment which it

Already the Women's Social and Political Union has help us in this battle. They can do so in many ways, in particular in any one of the follow-

Vote against the Government and keep the Liberal out.

In the first place by undertaking propa-ganda work in the constituency in which they live, by personal canvass, by streetcorner meetings, and by means of the literature of the Union. In the forefront we place the sale of this paper, Vores for WOMEN, which alone gives our point of view. At a General Election there will view. At a General Election there will be a special opportunity of introducing the paper to the notice of the electors. Then there will be special election litera-ture issued by the Union, to be obtained from the Woman's Press, including the from the Woman's Press, including the special election poster—a replica of which appears on this page. It can be had in two sizes—either 60 ins. by 40 ins., suit-able for posting on palings; or 80 ins. by 60 ins., suitable for posting on hoardings. It is sold by the Woman's Press, 4, Cle-ments Inn, Strand, W.C.; the former price 3d. (by post 4d.) and the latter price 6d. (by post 7d.). These posters will be ready in about a week's time, but orders should be sent in at once.] Succial Campairos.

### Special Campaigns.

Special Campaigns. In addition to the general campaign, which will be conducted locally all over the country, the Women's Social and Poli-tical Union are paying special attention to those districts where they have na ional organisers, and where there is tional organisers, and where there is a reasonable prospect of bringing about the defeat of the Liberal candidate. Workers are wanted to help the organisers in these districts. Names should be sent in at once to Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Volunteers, who must be prepared to pay their own expenses, should state how long they are prepared to give (the most important time is from December 29 till January 25), whether they are restricted to any one place, or can be sent to any part of the

### Obtaining Promises from Electors.

An election is won by votes, and every promise from an elector to vote against the Government on account of their treat-

### A General Election Fund of £5,000.

**CROWD.** It is noted in the local press that the air of en expectation about Sir Edward Grey's utience in the Leith Gaiety Theatre on Satur-kard and the local transformer of the energy of the state of the "expectancy I a disturbance by Suffragettes, who have en busy in the constituency for some weeks transform for a through protect." Sixty stewards achied by a large force of police, and further recations were taken at the railway tation. In Edward Grey had not been speaking more han a minute or two when a man unrolled the 'ASP.U. forcible/sedim poster. Later an-ther man shouted: "Our women are being prived." These and other men protesters ho interrupted throughout the speech were local very oughly.

see roughly. a an encorrous crowd, estimated by as at 7,000, gathered round the see, and followed Miss Hudson to tre, where, they were stopped by a i police. A hard to hand struggle a between the police on the one hand unpathelic crowd on the one hand

Park Road, Wandsworth, December, 6, 1909

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Mrs. Pankhurst-that wonderful, gentle, gracious, refined woman-is with us. How indebted we are to her for telling us the exact truth about the English movement of votes for women. No longer will we think of the Suf-fragette as a screeching, disorderly, unwomanly woman, but a woman grand and noble and great enough to make the entires world hear her appeal for justice and honour her for her courage, self-sacrifice, and persoverance. Every suffragette worker will take up his or her type

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Dec* Friday, 10	Birkenhead, St. John's Church Birraingham, Bull Ring Sparkhill, St. John's Schools Broughty Ferry, Y. M. C.A. Burnley, Great Protest Meeting Dartmouth. Derby, Drill Hall	Miss Flatman, Miss Lupton	8 p.m.
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	Burnley, Great Protest Meeting	Miss Margaret Hewitt	7.30 p.m. 3 p.m.
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Aurday, 11	Bath, At Home, Assembly Rooms	Miss Helen Ogston. Chair: Miss Jessie Smith Miss Fraser Smith	3.30 p.m.
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	Mrs. Leigh	Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pank- hurst	3-8 p.m.
- Charles	E. Dulwich, Imperial Hall Harlesden, Manor Park Road Lewisham, 407, High Steet Northampton, At Home, Divan Café	Miss Helen Ogston, Dr. Ross Ford Miss Gilliatt and others Jumble Sale	8 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 3—8 p.m.
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enday, 14	Birkenhead, Y.M.C.A. Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Ada Flatman. Chair: Dr. Alice Ker Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Gladice Keevil	8 p.m.
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### Miss A. Willi Alice Burn Miss Naylor 7.30 p.m. Edinburgh, At Home, 8, Melville Place Miss Macaulay ..... Miss Edith Drummond ... Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Ada Flatman ... Meeting for women only (admission feas) 3 & 8 p.m. 8 p.m. Levenshulme, Literary Society..... Liverpool, Sun Hall 8 p.m. London-Battersea, Lower Town Hall Kensal Rise, Chevening Road....... Manchester, At Home, Onward Build. Miss Mary Gawthorpe 7.30 p.m. 8 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 8p.m.

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All the organizers are now busy preparing for the eneral Election, and members and friends are in-lied to send in their names as volunteers. A liedid example of loyaly and devotion has been t by the Manchester teachers, who are giving up left Ohristmas holdars to work for the W.S.P.U. orkers of all kinds are wanted, and readers are ded to study the reports which follow for details d requirements in the various localities.

### London and Home Counties.

LONGION AND NOTE COUNTERS. To high (Friday) Mr. Acquith is speaking at the hert Hall, and it is expected that most, if not-t, of the members of the Cabinet will also be resent. The W.S.P.U. is arranging to have a around a women outside selling the paper and dis-tibuting handhila. There is still room for volum-ers. Will how able to join this "Belt's Suffra-tets." who have not atready, sent in their names, at 4, Clements Inn at 6 pm. purchally to cerive instancions? If quite impossible to come clements for swrites denul has at the Kensine. nstructions? If quite impossible to come its Inn workers should be at the Kensing. 143, Church Street, not later than 7 p.m. especially requested to wear the regalia

sellers are needed for the pitches and elling to Christmas shoppers. Members are reminded that a very useful way of making paper known is to leave it in public convey-and at restaurants. In this way much valu-work can be done, and one of the members tion to the Hor movement by seeing a copy which a member had left in names to Miss Ainsworth, nts Inn, W.C. Margesson concrete

very week. A plan is in hand for dis i out of concerts, and friends who W.C.? Members unable to take part in mil-action will be glad of this opportunity of, their time and help. There is also room for ers and samdvish paraders. a Christable Pankhurst gave a stirring address is men at a lunch-hour meeting on Monday. Karl Lytton un the chair. The audience was if interested, and many questions were naked.

ntion of members is drawn to the Christ n the General Offices, on which a number

stall in the General Offices, on which a number ainty and useful presents prepared by the unia Press are on saie. The stall is open y day (including Saturday, December 11) from of, and on Euseday, 14b, up to 9.30. est reception on Saturday when it paraded augh Trafaigar Square while the "Liberal De-iration" was being held. Many people in the add left the apeakers to follow the hand, and very brisk trade in Vores FOR WOME

### West of England and

South Wales.

mbers are already starting on work in for the General Election, and Miss ey invites all in the West of England e encered Miss Theresa Garnett in priso ag Suffrage songs. Miss Annie Kenney i g to the Bristol college boys who inter he Colston Hall

large and enthusi rsday.

### Lancashire and North Wales.

but the in-ution by the vere made in ting and for on December Mrs. Brails-ill address a

members will do weeks. Anyone be welcomed at essful meetings have been held in the week On Tuesday, November all, Waterloo, was packed to over-Miss Gawthorpe and Miss Flatman, Nelson Hall, Mill Street, one of Liverpool. The admission , and the hall was filled with anomer meeting. Attention of memory is cancer to the two great indigration meetings which will be held to protest against Mr. A-quilt's visit for Birkenhead and Liverpool Details will be found in the Programme, page 171. There are vacancies for stewards at both meetings, and they are asked to send in their names to Miss Priser Smith without delay. The Mourt Pleasant At Home for Decem-

Mome for Decem-he new year, Tues-Mrs. Pethick Law-the date of Mr.

reace's meeting and the 21st the date of Mr. Aquitla visit to Birkenlead. Bolton has been kept well in mind of the doings of the Suffragettes in connection with Mr. Churchild visit. Forchild feeding post-observe the bills amouncing Mr. Churchild's visit, and the new NS-PU. leaflet, "The Might Dishonourable Double Face Asquith," has been posted over the bills arroworth amouncing Mr. McKenna's visit. After the brilliant little coup of Saturday (described on page 55), which has made Southport ful of Voist of Women, there about he no difficulty in accuring the success of the Cambridge Hall meet-ing, at which Mrs. Tethick Lawrace well apeak on December 15. Members are asked to guarantee Its auccess by pushing the saile of theket, which are already in the hands of the ticket secretaries. The member's meeting, held to the last few weeks at the Temperance Institute on Wodnesday, will hence-forward be Leid each Friday at 8 pun. To-morrow (Saturday) Miss Mary Gawthorpe will spek at a public hall meeting in Preston, and will explain the action of the Suffragettes in connection with Mr. Churchild's examption. Members are in vited to offer themsives as stewards, and to com-municate at once with Miss Margaret Hewitt, 61.

vited to offer themselves as stewards, and to com-municate at once with Miss Margaret Hawitt, 41, Glovers Court; also to be at the office at 7 p.m. on Friday. Tickets, price la, and 6d, as well as free tickets, rinzy be obtained from any of the members and at the shop. An account of the protest will be found on pages 155, 156. Protests outside the prison have been held daily.

### Midlands.

Birmingham members are greatly looking forward to the public welcome to Mrs. Pankhurst on Tues-day, December 14 Tickets, price 2s. 6d., 1s., and 3d., may be obtained from the offices. Miss Bertha

rkitt and Miss Dora Benson are in Wal-they have held an open-air meeting, in a for the Temperance Hall meeting on the

hour meeting outside the L.N.W. works at Wol-verton, when some 3,000 men showed themselves very anxious to hear the truth shout the militant tactics. The names of volunteers able to help to



Café on Monday, Miss L. Craig presiding.

A ticket masking to be held in the Mechanics Institute, Biyth, has been arranged for Friday, De-cember 12. Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Annie Williams, and Dr. Alles Burn will be the speakers. The weather has been too aever for out-of-door meetings in the vernings, but the organiser thas addressed the North Bields Branch of the LLP, and the members of the Severable Communist. Club, during the weath. evenings, our the organiser has addressed the North Shields Branch of the L.E. and the members of the Newcastle Communist Club during the week. A peakers' class is held on Turasday evenings from  $t \neq_0 \neq_0 prm_s$  and on Wednesdays from 5 to 7, at Miss Recliffe's Studio. A welcome to Miss Match-fil be arranged as soon as her health permits.

### Glasgow and West of Scotland.

The chief event of the week has been the St Andrew's Hall meeting on Wednesday, December 1 The chief event of the week has been the 8t. Andrew's Hall meeting on Wednesday, December 1. 8t. Andrew's Hall is the largest public hall in Scot-land. The great audieor included a large propor-tion of men, and represented every alrade of political opinion and every class of society. Every lown of importance in the West and South of Scotland, in-cluding Ediuburgh, was represented either on the platform, in the audience, or amongst the official atewards. Dr. Mavion Glichrist, who preeided, was the first woman who received a medical degree in Scotland. Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Lady Con-stance Lytton were the speakers, and their reception was most enthusisatic. The Record and Mail, a Liberal organ, speaks of the crowded audience, the great enthusian, and Muss Pankhurst's "great reception." It was intended to make this meet-ring a raily of the West of Scotland Grozes and a means of reising £10 to carry on the work. Both eads of tickets reached £100, the total proceeds thus being about 2053. It is said locally that the St. Andrew's Hall has never before been filled by a political-meeting for which payment for admission a great impression has been y the perfect order and intense te audience; and that it is the en's Suffrage meeting ever held ted in the town by the West of Scot

At Home in Glasgow before Christmas, as announc-ments with regard to future work will be made.

Edinburgh and S.-E. Scotland. An account of the protest at Leith will be found on page 166. As usual, those who were active in this protest are just the women who are most re-

liable for regular work, and Miss Macaulay-to those who admire their courage to give t proof by offering themselves as volunteers VOTES FOR WOMEN in the streets, and to 1 other ways. Dundee The work here is going on most enco The W.S.P.U. shop is a centre of great The organiser will be glad of volunteers their turn in taking charge. Last week

December 10, 1909.

# CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

looking forward to Mrs. Pankhurst' January 7, when she will have a great the Drill Hall.

FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION. Interesting meetings have been held in Liverpool, Bristol, and Dublin. A lecture last week by Mr. J. R. Brooke was given at 64, Victoria Street. On Thumsday last an At Homo was held at the Women's Institute. Miss Gar-rett Anderson gave a most interesting address on the relation of woman suffrage to the phy-sical, mental, and moral health of the com-munity, and was followed by Mr. Percy Boul-nois, who spoke of the Suffrage question from a man's point of view, while Miss Chadwick gave an interesting account of the suffrage movement in Germany.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE. In the House of Commons on Wednesday of last week Mr. Philip Snowden asked the Home last week Mr. Frainp Snowden asked the home Secretary whether Mrs. Chapin and Miss Neilans, of the Women's Freedom League, were being forcibly fed in Holloway, and whether Mr. Gladstone would recommend their whether Mr. Gladstone would recommend their removal to the first division. Mr. Gladstone roplied that one of the prisoners was being forcibly fed, and that he could not transfer them to the first division. It was for the judge to decide the division, and he had ordered the second division.

### THE W.S.P.U. BAND.

THE W.S.P.U. BAND. No demonstration of the present day is com-plete without the Suffragetics, and lase. Satur-day's "Liberal demonstration" in London way, no exception. The band stated from Kingr-way and all along the route an interested through Trafalgar Square. The Liberal speakors had to pause to allow their audiences time to look at the stalwart little squadron, which was followed by the W.S.P.U. motor oar advertising the Albert Hall meeting. There was much cheering; crowds joined the band and followed it along the route through the West End and back to Kingsway. On Thursday, December 16, the drum and fife band will eccord Mrs. Leigh to band will march along the Strand, Cock-spir Street, Haymarket, Rogeet Street, Or-spiration street, Haymarket, Rogeet Street, Oc-spiration street, Haymarket, Rogeet Street, Oc-spiration street, Haymarket, Rogeet Street, Oc-spiration street, Haymarket, Rogeet Street, Oc-spirations, Hall. Will members volunteer to sel papers along the route?

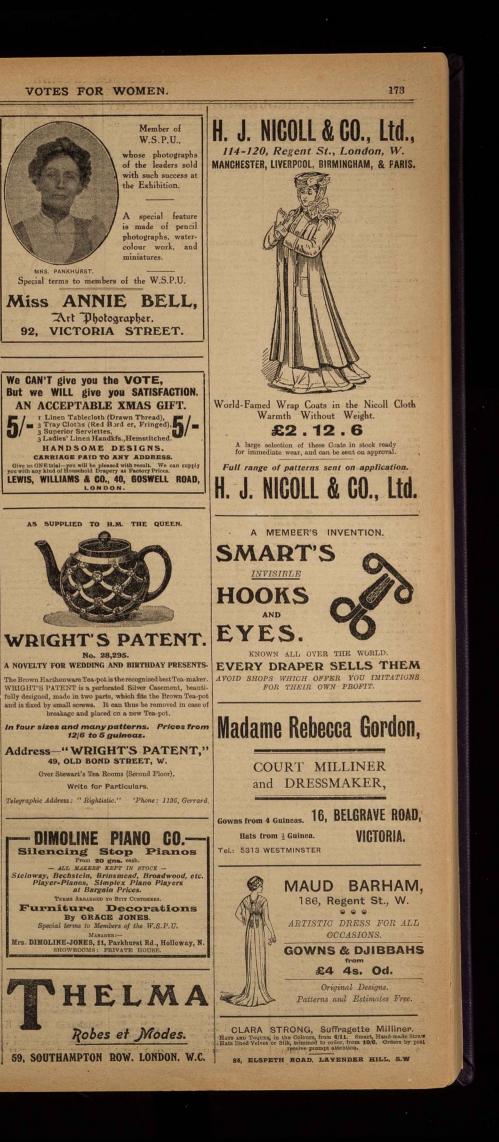
Readers of VORS FOR WOMEN will be in-terested to know that an article by Mrs. Pothick Lawrence entitled "And Pharaoh Hardened His Heart," appears in the Christmas number of the "Christian Com-monwealth," December Sth.





Newcastle.

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### LOCAL NOTES.

stat Dulwich, on Monday next, December 13, 43 p.m. Miss Helen Ogston and Dr. Rosa Ford are to be the speakers. An excellent musical programme has been arranged, including activities of the Barry Orchestral Society. We ask for the hearty oc-operation of the members in making a rally successful evening. A dimision 1s., including refreshments. Tickets can be obtained from Miss C. Dorson, 5, Borland Road, Newlands, Peckham Rye.
 C. Dawsons, Hon, Sec.

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crowd at our open-air meeting on Friday, when Mrs. Sleight spoke. We hope to hold one more to-day (December 10) at Sebert Road at 7.30 p.m., and need more volunteers for paper selling. Next Monday, December 13, Miss Evelyh Sharp has pro-mised to speak for us at Earlham Hall at 8 p.m.

HORNSEY W.S.P.U.-Our first meeting at the Assembly R60ms last Thursday week proved a suc-cess. Miss Bonwick took the chair, and Mrs. Eates gave an interesting address. We sold a fair amount of literature, badges, etc., and received various offers of help. The collection amounted to £1 is. 4d. The next meeting at the Assembly Rooms takes place on Thursday. Decomber 16, at 8 p.m., when Miss M. West will be the apeaker. Members are urgently asked to make this meeting as widely urgently asked to make this meeting as widely known as possible. Miss Bonwick will speak at the open-air meeting at the Clock Tower on Saturday 11th, at 7 p.m.-CLARE BROWNE.

Ith, at 7 pm.-CtarE BROWNE.
KENSINGTON W.S.P.U.-A closely packed audience istened on Wednesday to Mrs. Zangwill and Mr. Laurence Housman at our monthly At Home heid by Mrs. Millara kindness at 21, 31. Mary Abbota Terroce. On Turesday evening Mas Abadam gave an able address. Next Turesday, at 2, Campden Hill Square, at 8 p.m., Mr. Cameron Grant will speak on industrial questions. This will be our last evening meeting before the holdidays. The meetings meeting before the holdidays. The meethers are due to the announced later. Our Christmas display at the shop is attracting many customers, and thanks are due this week to Mrs. Aked for set of the shop is attracting many customers. shop is attracting many customers, and thanks are due, this week to Mrs. Aked for set of blouse frimmings; Miss Craise, plum-puddings; Miss Annie Carr and Miss Lottie Wood, 22 made by jam; Mrs. Hayward, two antiouc china dogs; Miss K. Postlethwaite and Mrs. Harbin, cakes and lip salve (home made), and Se. 6d.; Miss Sinde, boot bags; Miss Townend, ferm, gias vase, tea coay; Miss Weir, mince pies; Miss M. Postlethwaite, wrist hags, cauxas hors for name sallers covers for washing canvas bags for paper sellers, covers for weekl

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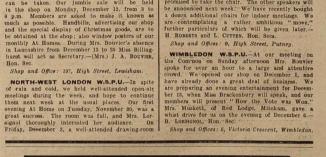
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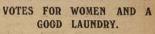
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