

# VOTES FOR WOMEN

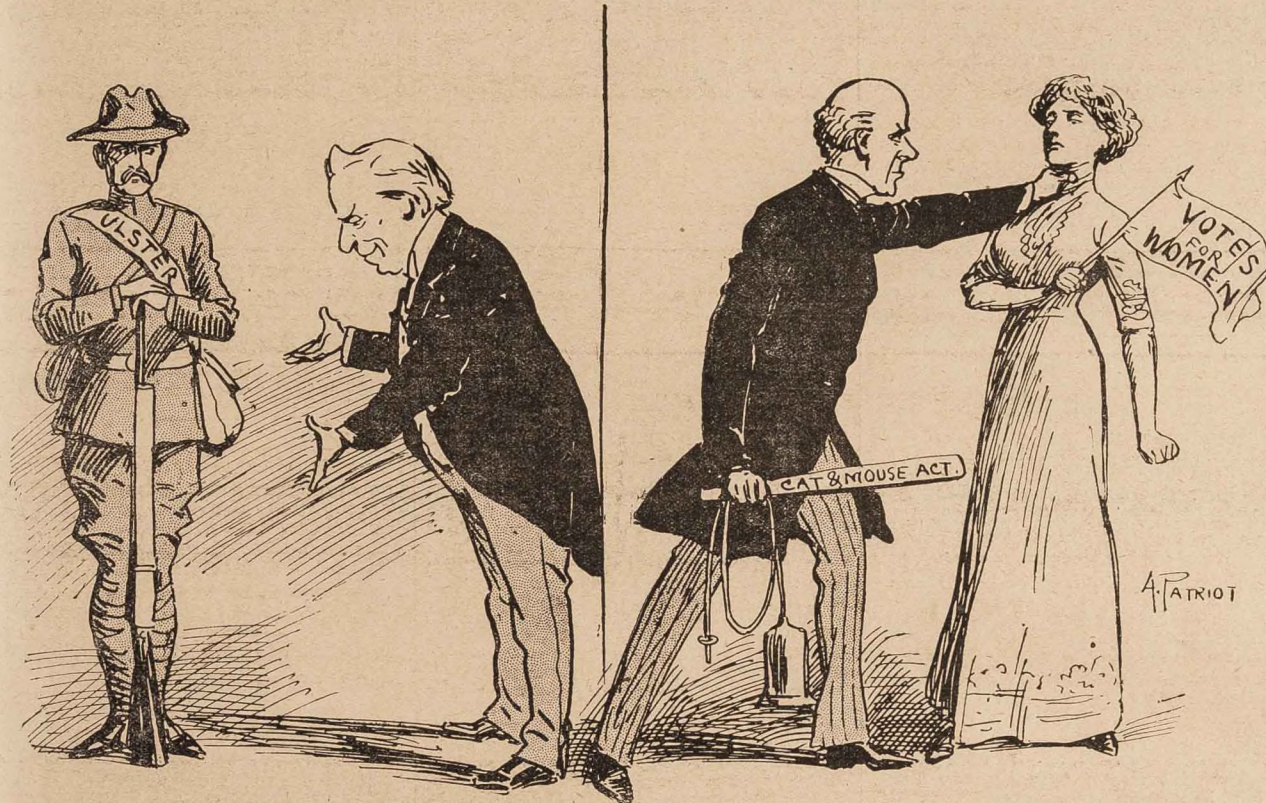
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## THE TWO REBELS



MR. ASQUITH (to Ulster): "Come, let us reason together."

MR. McKENNA (to Suffragist): "I'll soon put an end to your agitation."

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### DEDICATION

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

### THE OUTLOOK

The King opened Parliament in person on Tuesday last. There was no reference to woman suffrage, or to the growing unrest among women, in the King's Speech.

#### Deferential Allusion to Ulster

In striking contrast to this omission were the words of pathetic deference in which the King, on the advice of his Ministers, alluded to the situation in Ulster. The King said:—

I regret that the efforts which have been made to arrive at a solution by agreement of the problems connected with the Government of Ireland have, so far, not succeeded. In a matter in which the hopes and the fears of so many of my subjects are keenly concerned, and which, unless handled now with foresight, judgment, and in the spirit of mutual concen-

sion, threatens grave future difficulties, it is my most earnest wish that the goodwill and co-operation of men of all parties and creeds may heal dissension and lay the foundations of a lasting settlement.

Our artist has depicted in our cartoon this week his view of the difference of treatment, while our leading article is devoted to an analysis of the situation.

#### Other Points in the Speech

The rest of the speech followed pretty closely the lines anticipated by us last week. Bills are foreshadowed relating to Housing, Education, Juvenile Offenders, the Administration of Justice and Naturalisation. The question of House of Lords Reform is to be dealt with in a series of resolutions. No specific mention is made either of Welsh Disestablishment or of Plural Voting, but it is understood that these Bills will be proceeded with for the third and second time respectively.

#### The Housing Question

All these questions affect intimately the lives and interests of women. Housing is a matter which concerns them far more than it concerns men, for while with the latter the house is only the dwelling-place, with women it is the dwelling-place and workshop combined, in which some twenty-three out of the twenty-four hours of the day are spent. How absurd is it, then, for a Parliament of men, representative solely of men electors, to attempt to deal adequately with this problem.

#### The Education Bill

The second important Bill promised is one dealing with the education of children. Children, we have been told over and over again, are the special province of women. While men are busy, it is said, doing the work of the world, women are privileged

to have the care of the young. What a hollow mockery appears this statement in the light of the existing facts with regard to education! From tender years children are taken from the care of the mother, placed in schools and submitted to a curriculum wholly devised by men. And now our man-elected Parliament proposes to modify this curriculum without attempting to consult the mothers of the children or the other women of the country. Truly we live in a topsy-turvy world!

#### Prison Reform

Another Bill is one relating to prison reform and the treatment of juvenile offenders. Apart from the special knowledge which women have gained of recent years by experience of the inside working of the prison system, we should have supposed that their claim to play a leading part in humanising the prison system was indisputable. It is essentially the part of women to reclaim the erring and the fallen. Moreover, does not the name of Elizabeth Fry still stand out as the great apostle of prison reform? Particularly where the young are concerned—and the new Bill is announced as specially applying to the young—are women's ministrations of mercy required, for, accustomed as they are to the upbringing of children, they understand far better than men can do that one slight delinquency, one departure from the strict standard by no means implies moral depravity, and has to be met not by rigorous punishment, but by gentler means. Yet this Bill dealing with the young of both sexes is to be decided by men alone.

#### Administration of Justice

Another matter which is to be handled by Parliament is the Administration of Justice. No woman

who has sat through a prolonged trial and has witnessed the absurdities of legal procedure or who has noted the wanton travesties of justice which are perpetrated in the police courts can have failed to realise how deep is the need for woman's influence to sweep clean the delays and the abuses which are the daily routine of the Courts.

Naturalisation

One of the serious blots in the present law in this country is the provision that a woman loses her nationality on being married to a foreigner, even though she continues to reside with him in this country, and is subject to all our laws.

Prospects of a General Election

Following upon the reading of the King's Speech a debate took place on "the address." The Unionist Party moved an amendment to the effect that the electors ought to be consulted by general election before the passage of the Home Rule Bill into law.

Amendment on Woman Suffrage

We note among the amendments put down to the address is one in the names of Mr. A. Smith and Mr. S. Walsh, of the Labour Party, regretting that "no mention is made in the King's Speech of any measure for conferring the Parliamentary franchise upon women."

Mr. Lloyd George Surpasses Himself

Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed on Wednesday in last week by a deputation of Scottish Women Liberals, gave vent to some remarkable statements. Referring to the position of woman suffrage in the House of Commons, he said:—

I am afraid the position as far as this Parliament is concerned is quite hopeless. We started with a majority, but the majority has been converted into a minority by means which are known to us all.

Convicted by His Own Words

Curiously enough, Mr. George has the temerity to fix on the precise date—some three years ago—when, according to him, the position began to go back. This was a date when all militancy had ceased, and suffragists were working by solely constitutional methods to obtain a definite promise of facilities.

the Liberal and Irish Parties to be false to the women form a degrading chapter in Parliamentary annals.

Prigish Advice

Mr. Lloyd George recommends to the Scottish Women Liberals as their one hope of salvation, a repudiation definite and insistent of all acts of militancy. We hope that they will reject this contemptible advice, which could only be adopted by a society composed of prigs, and which would be certain to meet with the lack of success which it richly deserved.

Militancy at the Opening of Parliament

Seven members of the Women's Freedom League were arrested for obstruction in the neighbourhood of Parliament Square on Tuesday evening. They were brought up at Bow Street on Wednesday and on refusing to be bound over two of them were sentenced to four days' imprisonment and the others were discharged.

The Bishop of London

The Bishop of London has again visited Holloway Prison, and this time has interviewed Miss Marion and Miss Brady. In a letter reporting his experiences he gives an account of his conversation with the prisoners, and forms an estimate of their condition of health.

Items of Interest

The case of Police-inspector Potter, charged with assault, was heard on Wednesday at Clerkenwell Sessions, and was adjourned to yesterday after we had gone to press.

An enthusiastic meeting of the VOTES FOR WOMEN Fellowship was held at Streatham on Tuesday night, addressed by Lady Isabel Margesson and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

A joint poster parade in Parliament Square took place on Tuesday afternoon; VOTES FOR WOMEN posters were well in evidence, and a photograph of two of the women displaying them appeared next morning in the Daily Graphic.

Owing to a difference of opinion as to policy between Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, the organisation formed by the latter in East London is now entirely independent of the W.S.P.U., and has been named the East London Federation of the Suffragettes.

As a result of a business arrangement made with this paper, we print this week the first contribution from the new society of United Suffragists.

FELLOWSHIP FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS (Up to Feb. 7th, 1914). Table listing names and amounts.

TO SECURE GOOD PLACES TAKE TICKETS AT ONCE. Votes for Women Fellowship. PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE KINGSWAY HALL (Kingsway, W.C.) Thursday, February 26 at 8 p.m. Chair: Mrs. PETHICK LAWRENCE. Speakers: Sir HARRY JOHNSTON, Miss LENA ASHWELL, Mr. GEORGE LANSBURY and Mr. PETHICK LAWRENCE.

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PETITION TO THE KING

Citing the failure of Ministers to keep faith with women—The origin of the present disorders—The futility of coercive measures—And the need for constitutional reform

DRAFTED BY LAURENCE HOUSMAN

(In view of the proposed deputation of the W.S.P.U. to the King, we print the following draft petition, prepared last year by Mr. Laurence Housman, and accepted by the representatives of a number of suffrage organisations as the basis of a statement for redress.)

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

The humble petition of Your Majesty's Suppliants, whose names are hereto signed, sheweth that they, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, are, under the present laws of this country, suffering from grievances and inequalities, great and of long standing, and that Your Suppliants have not been able to obtain from Your Majesty's Ministers the consideration of their complaint, for which they have oftentimes sought, or the remedy which is due.

Sheweth that by all constitutional means within their power Your Suppliants, and others before them suffering from the same grievance, have for the past forty years approached Your Majesty's Ministers and those that held office before them under Your Majesty's Predecessors of happy memory, praying by petition and by deputation that the disability from enfranchisement of the women of this country might be removed.

SECOND READING OF SUFFRAGE BILLS

Sheweth that on seven occasions, between the years of 1870 and 1912, seven Bills in favour of Woman's Suffrage have passed their second reading in the House of Commons by great and increasing majorities; that to those Bills facilities for further consideration were refused by Your Majesty's Government; and that when the question of such further consideration was before the House of Commons Your Majesty's Government did at no time take adequate means to preserve to Members of that House their independence and freedom of judgment on a question which lay outside the bounds of party, but did invoke party discipline to limit freedom of debate and to avert judgment.

Further sheweth that Your Majesty's Prime Minister did, in the year 1909, publicly admit that a demand for reform not confined to any one party had less opportunity of finding satisfaction and remedy under our present system of representation than one on which party divisions were maintained; and did, for that sufficient and express reason, promise that the House of Commons should in the near future be given facilities and freedom for dealing effectively with this question without hindrance by Government or by party; that, as a consequence of that promise, Private Members of the House of Commons did take action on lines separate from party, and did provide and submit to the House of Commons a non-party solution, called the Conciliation Bill, which, on its second reading in the year 1911, obtained a greater majority than has been secured at a like stage for any great Government Measure in the Present Parliament.

MINISTERS' BROKEN PLEDGES

Further sheweth that so long as that solution of the question, unprejudiced by party interest or by Cabinet control, was before Parliament, all unlawful agitation and disorder for the forwarding of the Women's claim did entirely cease, while throughout the country many thousands of peaceful meetings and demonstrations were held, and from the Municipal Councils of one hundred and forty-eight of Your Majesty's chief Towns and Cities petitions in favour of the Bill were sent up to Parliament.

Sheweth that when, on constitutional and non-party lines, the urgency of this Reform had been thus pressed on Parliament by a great body of public opinion, then Your Majesty's Government did, for party reason and advantage, introduce a Reform Bill extending the Suffrage to Men only, and ex-

cluding women, but declared to be so framed that women could be included if the House of Commons so desired; and did then offer and hold out to its supporters the promise and inducement that any amendment in favour of Woman Suffrage should, if carried, receive Government support, and did thereby draw Liberal support of Woman Suffrage to that solution, and did so withdraw and bring to no effect, "both in letter and in spirit," those facilities which had been promised by the Prime Minister for the carrying into law of a non-party Bill promoted by Private Members, and did, by the mouth of Your Majesty's Chancellor of the Exchequer, make public boast that by so introducing its own measure of Reform it had "torpedoed" that Conciliation Bill to which facilities had been promised.

Further sheweth that Your Majesty's Prime Minister did, on November 21, 1911, by words and promises, which afterwards were not fulfilled, induce many of the Leaders of the Woman Suffrage Societies to accept and work for the opportunities which amendment to a Government Bill seemed then to offer, and did subsequently ignore representations which were made publicly in the Press, that his pledge would prove, under the rules of Parliament, to be incapable of fulfilment; and did, in fact, bring in and carry to a second reading a Bill which was so framed as to be incapable of fulfilling that pledge which he had given, and did thereupon withdraw that Bill, and with it the pledge that he had made, and did refuse to substitute any other Bill so framed as to fulfil that pledge, and did refuse at that time, and for eight months thereafter, to receive in deputation those women to whom he made that pledge which he has not fulfilled.

BILL OF RIGHTS OVERRULED

Further sheweth that Your Majesty's Ministers have at no time shown such consideration and care as are due for preserving to Your Majesty's unrepresented subjects those means of constitutional approach which have in the past enabled all who were voteless to make their sense of grievance public and prominent; that the statutory right of personal petition granted to deputations numbering not more than ten persons, and the immunity from arrest or imprisonment secured to all such persons by the Bill of Rights have of recent years been over-ruled and brought to no effect by police regulations established for the convenience of Members of Parliament, which can at all times be put in force so as to make personal petition while Parliament is sitting an offence against law.

Sheweth that these encroachments of police order and regulation on the effective right of personal petition have taken place to the great hurt and detriment of voteless women seeking redress from Parliament, and that many women have, in consequence, been treated and punished as criminals for exercising long-standing constitutional rights, which later laws passed only by men possessing for themselves the sufficient safeguard of the vote, have virtually annulled.

Sheweth further that in meeting and suppressing the disorders which have arisen at various times during the last seven years owing to this conflict between ancient constitutional rights and the police regulations imposed under present Government, the administration of Your Majesty's Home Secretaries past and present has been harsh, variable, vindictive, and corrupt; that the orders given to the police for dealing with the deputations of women have, in many instances, been intended (and have been so construed by the police) not simply to preserve order, but to terrorise and to inflict gross and cruel hardship and physical hurt upon women only guilty of a technical offence committed in order to draw attention to their grievances under present laws, and to the diminution and loss of their constitutional right.

BLACK FRIDAY

Further sheweth that after women had been thus grossly assaulted (more especially on that occasion November 13, 1910, which is now known as Black Friday) the charges brought against them were by-

the orders of Your Majesty's late Home Secretary, Mr. Winston Churchill, and, in spite of the protest of the presiding magistrate, withdrawn from the purview of the Court, and that, thereafter, all enquiry into the conduct of the police (though requisitioned by a non-party committee of the House of Commons on the sworn depositions of a hundred women that were on that occasion either violently or indecently assaulted) was refused by Your Majesty's Government.

Sheweth that as a result of these arbitrary, cruel, and unconstitutional actions taken upon the instructions of Your Majesty's then Home Secretary, increasing and more serious forms of agitation did follow, and Your Majesty's prisons became filled by hundreds of women who had previously led peaceful and orderly lives.

(The petition then refers to the imprisonments which have taken place for attempting to present petitions to the King in person. It further describes the inauguration of the hunger strike as a protest against the treatment of women in prison, and proceeds:—)

Sheweth that to break down their protest and their endurance, and deny them their claim of political treatment, Your Majesty's Home Secretaries, both present and past, caused them to be violently assaulted, and forcibly fed, often to their great hurt and the detriment of their health.

THE CAT AND MOUSE ACT

Sheweth that by forcible feeding Your Majesty's Home Secretaries did bring the operations of the law into great public disfavour, hatred, and contempt; that many prisoners were released with grave damage to their health, and that Your Majesty's Home Secretary, having failed to break down the resistance of the women political prisoners by those means, did bring in and, by Government pressure, secure the passing through Parliament of that Act which has already received public condemnation under the popularly accepted title of "The Cat and Mouse Act."

Sheweth that under the operation of that Act more suffering and hurt are being inflicted on women in prison for political causes than under any other process of criminal punishment permitted in this land, and that for the hearing and quartering practice of old, has been substituted a death by decimal system, which is more lingering and more cruel.

Sheweth that during the last five years in this struggle for Reform, some women have already died as the result of their treatment under the brutal and coercive devices of Your Majesty's Government, or in making protest by such other ways as they have been driven to when more constitutional means were denied them.

Sheweth that women have grievances with regard to matters of taxation, in the status of married women (and, in conditions still attaching thereto, inconsistent with the provisions of the Married Women's Property Act) admitted by Your Majesty's Chancellor of the Exchequer to be unjust, but not to be removed on the express plea that to do justice would reduce the proceeds of the taxes which he maintains and does enforce on represented and unrepresented alike.

MAGNA CARTA

Sheweth that under the provisions of Magna Carta it is the fundamental right of all loyal subjects in this Your Majesty's realm, that justice shall not be sold from them, shall not be denied, shall not be delayed.

Sheweth that by Your Majesty's Ministers justice to the unrepresented women of this country has been unrighteously denied, has been intolerably delayed, has been and still is sold away from them, and the true interests of the whole community, to those that have greater power and purchase in the present unbalanced state of the representative system of this realm.

Your Majesty's Suppliants do, therefore, with all earnestness, pray and beseech Your Majesty not to refer this petition of remonstrance against the conduct of Your Majesty's present Ministers to the decision of those Ministers themselves, who, by all the counts here set forth, are the accused; but to call in aid Your Majesty's Judges and Privy Council, and allow Your Majesty's Suppliants to plead before them, with witnesses and other proof of the oppression and neglect of duty wherewith Your Majesty's present Ministers are chargeable. And Your Suppliants further pray humbly that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct this Petition to be endorsed with Your Majesty's fiat, "Let Right be done." And Your Majesty's Suppliants will ever pray, &c.

MISS LENA ASHWELL

One of the Speakers at the Kingsway Hall, February 26

If any proof were needed of the fact that Art is on the side of woman suffrage...



MISS LENA ASHWELL

être passionné," said Saint Simon. We see this exemplified in every artist who rises in revolt against an intolerable grievance.

As Artist

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As Business Woman

But, of course, Miss Ashwell would not be a genuine suffragist to-day if she were not also a thoroughly practical business woman and organiser.

As Rebel Woman

It is as a suffragist, however, that readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN probably prefer to think of Miss Lena Ashwell—a woman who has sacrificed much time and artistic ambition and precious leisure to the cause of women less fortunate than herself.

earner, in whose interests she is always ready and willing to find time to speak on a public platform. As our readers know, Miss Lena Ashwell is a member of the Executive of the Actresses' Franchise League...

NEW BOOKS

"WOMEN'S VOTES AND WAGES"

Mr. Pethick Lawrence's very convincing pamphlet, "Women's Votes and Wages," has just been reprinted. The author deals with the stock arguments of the anti-suffragist, that women are weaker than men...

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Lady Constance Lytton's Imprisonments

An announcement of very much more than usual interest in the publishing world is that of the forthcoming issue by Messrs. Heinemann of a book that should mark an epoch in suffragist literature...

New "Tracts for the Times"

Under the title of "Tracts for the Times," a most interesting series of suffrage publications, all written by well-known Oxford scholars, is announced by the Oxford University Men's Political Union...

A CORRECTION

A printer's error occurred in the review last week, by "K. D. S." of Dr. Sloan Chesser's book on "Woman, Marriage, and Motherhood." The passage appeared thus: "we do not wish to convey the idea that Dr. Chesser lays the blame for all the horrible waste of infant life and suffering motherhood on womankind."

BOOKS RECEIVED

"Expectant Motherhood, Its Supervision and Hygiene." By J. W. Ballantyne, M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin. (London: Cassell, Price 6s. net.) "Man, Oyster Poems, and a Preface" By Dr. Mario Sapes. (London: Heinemann. Price 3s. 6d. net.)

"Women's Votes and Wages." By F. W. Pethick Lawrence, M.A. (Votes for Women Publishing Office, Free Id.)

BOOKS TO GET

From your Library or Bookseller

- The Curtain. 6s. By C. de S. Wentworth-James. The Blue Diamond. 6s. By Mrs. Coulson-Kernahan. The Loose-Box. 6s. By Raymond Carew. Miladi of the Fist. 6s. By Herbert George. Fortune's Frown. 6s. By J. Bloundelle-Burton.

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REMINDING THE GOVERNMENT

Ministers and M.P.'s Heckled all over the Country—Protests of Women in Campden Hill and Westminster—Mrs. Pankhurst's "Double" Arrested—Fourteen Women Charged in the Courts

HOW SUFFRAGE WAS "DRAGGED IN" TO THE REAL SPEECH

The Real Voice of the People

At Glasgow on the afternoon of Wednesday last week Mr. Lloyd George refused the very reasonable request of the Scottish Women Liberals that he should mention the great subject of women's enfranchisement in his forthcoming land speech (see page 304).

Hundreds of Protesters

Not four, but hundreds, had come to protest; for before the meeting began a rumour was circulated that hundreds of tickets had been forged, and a close scrutiny of these resulted in large numbers of those present being turned out.

But there were four who remained, in spite of all this effort to eliminate from the meeting any sound of the real voice of the people; and the Chancellor had not properly got into his stride before a man shouted from the side balcony: "Why don't you give women the vote, sir?"

There was instant uproar, and Mr. Lloyd George had to pause some minutes while the man was being slowly and painfully ejected. He continued to ask his question all the time—that question which no Liberal Minister has ever yet been able to answer.

The Usual Ineffectiveness

When the uproar ceased the Chancellor made his usual misleading apology to the audience, containing the usual covert encouragement to the stewards to continue the ejections if necessary:—

"If it had been left to me women would have had the vote long ago. But if you want an explanation why it is tarrying you will find it in irritating interruptions of this kind, which exasperate people beyond reason, and the action of their sympathisers outside the House. That is by the way and for the benefit of those who may choose to follow the example of that gentleman."

Naturally no Suffragist would be deterred by such a "warning"; and the Chancellor was scarcely under way once more when a man in the west balcony threw in an excellent interpolation. Speaking of the rural exodus, the speaker was saying: "There is no more serious matter—"

"Than votes for women! Why torture women, sir?" shouted a man in the west balcony.

This was followed by the usual uproar—funny how these Liberals cannot endure any allusion to Liberalism!—and the usual ejection. The Chancellor struggled on again, and got along quite smoothly until the next interruption occurred, just as he was becoming eloquent on democracy and class barriers—an appropriate moment to remind him of his indifference to the sex barrier.

"Then why, sir, do you torture women who—?" This time the stewards stifled the voice by putting their hands over the man's mouth, and he was half throttled as they dragged him to the door.

In Outer Darkness

The fourth interruption occurred when the Chancellor was expatiating on the agricultural labourer's long hours and on his absence of leisure. Doubtless this reminded someone in the audience of the long hours and no playtime of the mass of working-class women, and of their fight for enfranchisement, for a voice suddenly

shouted: "What about the Cat and Mouse Act?"

Another uproar, another ejection—and another real democrat, bruised and beaten, was thrown out into the night alone. But in what outer darkness sat the audience he had left behind!

MR. F. D. ACLAND, M.P., AND REBELLION

When Mr. F. D. Acland, M.P., was interrupted by Suffragists in his speech at Portsmouth last week, he said that if there was one thing which would make him disbelieve in Woman Suffrage, it was the utterly senseless interruptions that had been made.

Now in the course of his speech Mr. Acland had said that "Uster men would not be justified in their rebellion unless they saw that there would be suffering which would justify it, and unless they were certain rebellion was the only way to avoid that suffering."

Suffragists know that votelessness means suffering to thousands of women who are unable to prevent sweating, to improve their legal status, or to protect themselves against the fresh oppression of new laws made by men alone.

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At Otley, last Saturday evening, three women were ejected from a meeting for endeavouring to remind Mr. E. S. Montagu, Under-Secretary for India, of the fact that Englishwomen were still without their elementary political rights.

HECKLING MR. PONSONBY, M.P.

Mr. Ponsoby, M.P., speaking at the Queen's Hall the other day, on the Reduction of Armaments, was greatly interrupted and heckled by Suffragists, who naturally felt that a subject in which women are so keenly interested as men should not be settled while women are still without the vote, and are moreover being tortured in prison for refusing to acquiesce in the denial of their rights by the Government.

HECKLING MR. SNOWDEN, M.P.

Several Suffragists heckled Mr. Snowden when he was speaking last week at Blackburn. They were all ejected, some with considerable roughness. One interruption was particularly smart. The speaker began a sentence with the words: "I want to be distinctly understood," and a woman finished it swiftly with the remark, "That woman want votes."

SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE VOTE

When Mr. Chiozza Money, M.P., was speaking the other day on the minimum wage at the New Year Rally of the Union of Social Service, four women Suffragists heckled him on the question of women's enfranchisement, as indeed they might, seeing the close connection between this subject and that of the economic position of women.

WHY "LAUGHTER"?

Mr. A. Rhys Barnard, prospective Liberal candidate for the Pudsey Division of Yorkshire, said, in the course of a speech last week, that if the registration age could be raised to twenty-five he should be in favour of adult suffrage.

MAKING MERRY IN DOWNING STREET

The following astonishing announcement appeared in the Daily News "Social and Personal" column, last Friday:—

"To the reception on Monday night at 10, Downing Street, given by the Prime Minister and Mrs. Asquith, all the guests are requested to bring their special cards

of admittance. These cards are to be retained during the evening, and to be shown when requested."

What a merry evening the Prime Minister's guests must have passed, with detectives at every corner demanding their cards, like railway ticket-collectors on "All-seasons-please!" days!

MILITANCY AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Fourteen Suffragists were arrested in London last Tuesday evening, some in connection with a struggle with the police over the arrest of a woman supposed to be Mrs. Pankhurst, and others as a consequence of a raid upon Downing Street.

THE FIGHT IN CAMPDEN HILL SQUARE

Mrs. Pankhurst, who returned recently from abroad and took up her residence in Campden Hill Square, addressed a large crowd from a window of Mrs. Brackenbury's house on Tuesday evening. In the course of her speech she declared she should never serve her sentence of three years' penal servitude, and she challenged the Government to re-arrest her and subject her to forcible feeding.

The Police Hoaxed

"I am coming out to you in a few minutes," she added. After a short delay, occupied by the Suffragists outside in singing the Marseillaise, the door opened, and a woman bearing every resemblance to Mrs. Pankhurst, with her face veiled, came down the steps. The crowd, in which there was a boogian element, surged towards the gate. The Suffragists, many of whom are said to have been armed with Indian clubs and wooden clubs, surrounded the woman, but the detectives managed to get hold of her and proceeded to take her to the Notting Hill Gate Police Station.

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SLEEK MAN (displaying the palms of hands to his companions with a sense of openness): Now, I don't ask for much. I only want Reason. I simply ask Why? I say: Why do these women brawl and shriek and break the laws? I say: Why do they clamour for a vote? I say: Why can't they stay at home and . . .

VOICE: And mind the baby!

SLEEK MAN: Certainly; certainly; mind the baby by all means. What nobler task? What holier . . .

MODERN YOUNG WOMAN (ingeniously): Then would the poor baby be bound by some natural law to fall into the fire or out of the window if its mother went polling? You mean nothing temporary could possibly be arranged? How extraordinary life is! And how dreadful!

SLEEK MAN (suspiciously): You overlook the spirit of my speech. You miss the principle in grasping at the detail . . .

ANTI-SUFFRAGIST LADY (eagerly): A woman's way of arguing, my dear sir. Pray proceed with what you were saying to us. It is a real treat to hear such wisdom, eloquence, and virility combined—I feel sure I am voicing the opinion of this assembly when I say that it is a real intellectual treat.

SLEEK MAN: I was about to point out to you the two aspects of Woman's Sphere, that was all. Let me do so briefly—ahem! As things have been—as they should be still—I hope I may add "as they should be still"—

(Anti-Suffragist and a Clinging Young Lady smile their ready assent to this gentle banter.)

SLEEK MAN (briskening): Under those conditions, I say, that should prevail in all right-thinking lands we see Woman crowned with a—wih—with a wreath of flowers!—of white flowers—er—emblems of Purity and— and Modesty! (Excitedly): Symbols of Peace and Docility! We see her Queen of the Home, surrounded by her smiling children . . .

MODERN YOUNG WOMAN: Over whom she has no legal control whatever, unless they are born illegitimately.

(Confusion.)

ANTI: Disgusting!

CLINGING YOUNG LADY (terrified): Oh, what does it mean?

SLEEK MAN (with tremendous calm): We have a Suffragette amongst us, I see. That is the sort of challenge they always put forward.

MODERN YOUNG WOMAN: But even repetition cannot upset the logical basis of an enquiry. We do so want to find out why a woman's sphere should be the home and the children, when the rights of parentage are denied her by the Law, and the purity of the home is dependent entirely upon her husband's personal ethics. We keep on asking these things because we wish to have a satisfactory answer to them. We really don't do it for amusement.

ANTI (raising pained eyes to the ceiling): This—this is what comes of letting young girls read Ibsen and go to Mr. Shaw's plays!

CLINGING YOUNG LADY: And play hockey, I suppose! (Looks appealing and frightened.) I'm sure I don't want to be clever; it must be so dull and stupid!

SLEEK MAN (hurrying and beginning to shout): We see her, I say, supreme, dignified, adored—Man's comforter, and— and Shrine! The gentle light across his path of toil . . .

MODERN YOUNG WOMAN: Yes, yes; but what about her path of toil when she is paid twopence a day for making shirts and has to keep herself and four or five children?

ANTI: What a shocking mind this person must have! So abusive!

SLEEK MAN (smiling indulgently): I don't object to being interrupted in the least, but I'm afraid I'm not enough of a lady's man—ha! ha! ha!—to know quite how to argue with one of the fair sex. I am one of those unimaginative people who can only tackle Reason. 'Fraid I'm very little used at

guerrilla warfare—ha! ha! ha! Straight from the shoulder or not at all is more my mark.

(Anti and Clinging Young Lady clap their approval of this.)

SLEEK MAN (continuing): On the other hand, what do we see? We see her robbed of her natural charm, unsexed—er—loud, brazen, shrieking. A shameless virago. Her deserted little ones know her not; they are nurtured by Hirelings. Her home is arid. Her husband, deprived of his natural offices as guide, lord, and protector, seeks his happiness elsewhere—it is imperative that he should do so—is it natural—it is just. But what, I ask you, is to come of our country at this rate? If home life falls to the ground like this, our very country stands imperilled! England, the green and pleasant land!

WORKING MAN'S VOICE: Give wimmin the vovt and let 'em try their 'and at fixin' fings. Ain't the land their land too? Garn!

SLEEK MAN: Now, pray don't interrupt, my good friend, although, of course, we are always interested to hear the sentiments of our industrial classes. But this is a discussion—you really must let me proceed! (Rubs hands, beams encouragement, and hastens onward.) When the home-life of a country begins to show signs of—insecurity and decay, we must regard that country's condition as being similar to the tree that has a worm at its roots. We must fear for the safety and integrity of that country. But, above all, we must take Measures; prompt, swift, strong, and masterful.

ANTI: Castigation must be meted out.

CLINGING YOUNG LADY: Naughty people must be punished.

SLEEK MAN: Order must be restored.

MODERN YOUNG WOMAN (cheerily): Votes must be given to women.

SLEEK MAN (aghast): There she goes again! After all I've said!

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Mr. George Lansbury

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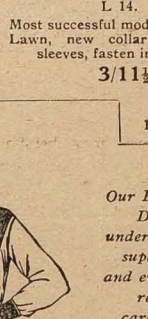
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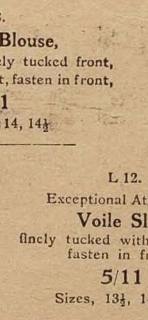


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**WHY ULSTER?**

The speech with which the King opened Parliament last Tuesday presented a marked contrast in its treatment of the two important political issues in which a section of the population consider they are grievously wronged by the policy of His Majesty's Government. It dealt most tenderly with the unrest of Ulster; it passed over the discontent among the women of the whole country in contemptuous silence.

The grievance of the men of Ulster is that under the Home Rule Bill the form of self-government to which they are attached is to be taken away, and another form of self-government to which they are opposed substituted in its place. The grievance of the women of the whole country is that they are excluded from any form of self-government whatever. The men of Ulster deny the right of the majority of the members of Parliament (among whom are their own representatives) to barter away their rights. The women of the whole country deny the right of a minority of the members of Parliament to block the wish of the majority who (in spite of the fact that they are representative solely of the men) desire to bring about their enfranchisement.

Yet the words which the King's Ministers have put into the mouth of the Sovereign contain not a single reference to the seething discontent of the women, while the case of Ulster is treated with solicitous care. The King says:—

"I regret that the efforts which have been made to arrive at a solution by agreement of the problems connected with the Government of Ireland have, so far, not succeeded. In a matter in which the hopes and the fears of so many of My subjects are keenly concerned, and which, unless handled now with foresight, judgment, and in the spirit of mutual concession, threatens grave future difficulties, it is My most earnest wish that the goodwill and co-operation of men of all parties and creeds may heal dissension, and lay the foundations of a lasting settlement."

Here is not merely a desire to soften the grievance with words of friendliness and solicitude, but a definite indication that an olive branch in the shape of a compromise will be offered. This was, in fact, the interpretation put on the words by the Prime Minister himself, who, in the debate on the address, said that he thought the language used in the King's Speech would find an echo in every quarter of the House; that the Government would, without delay, submit to the House suggestions for a pacific settlement, and that, speaking for himself and his colleagues, and, he believed, for the whole party, he would use no last word in regard to this matter of settlement.

What is the cause of this total difference of treatment? It is not because the women are less numerous, for they number over fourteen millions, while the men of Ulster number less than half a million; it is not because their grievances are intrinsically less, for they are, as we have already pointed out, more fundamental, and they are also known and realised, while those of the men of Ulster are entirely prospective; it is not that the women have dared and suffered less for their cause, for while the heroism of the men of Ulster is hypothetical and contingent, thousands of women have already served sentences in prison, hundreds have marched right up to the gates of death, and some have even passed within its solemn portals.

There is only one explanation of the divergence. Pressure has been exercised in the case of Ulster

sufficient at least to secure a compromise; pressure has not yet been exercised by the women sufficient to compel the Government to abandon its anti-suffrage position. To say this is not to allege that the women who are fighting their battle have done less and deserved less than the men who are fighting the battle of Ulster. All the advantages have been on the side of the Ulster men; all the disadvantages on the side of the women of the country.

The men of Ulster have had with them the united support of one of the great historic parties of the State, who have not only fought the Government on their behalf, placing their question in the forefront of the battle on every public platform, and on the floor of the House of Commons, but have extolled every act of illegality and rebellion which they have committed. The women have no Party which supports them, unless the Labour Party be so counted, a Party which places woman suffrage behind many other matters of Reform, which has constantly denounced the acts of rebellion of women, and which is content to use its votes to keep in office a Government which is opposed to their enfranchisement.

A large body of the daily Press have espoused the cause of Ulster, devoting to it day by day their leading articles, and giving graphic and favourable accounts of every act of defiance. The women have had against them the practically unanimous voice of the Press in its editorial columns, and, in addition, have had to face suppression and distortion in the columns of news, so that the public have never had the true facts presented to them at all.

The Ulster party have had votes themselves in Ulster and representatives in Parliament, and, in addition, have possessed votes in many English constituencies capable of turning the scale in many an English election. The women are voteless and without representatives at all in the House of Commons.

Finally, Ulster has been led by men whom, owing to their great Parliamentary and legal position, the Government has not dared to prosecute, even though guilty of treason, while the women have been sent to prison again and again for the most trivial offences against the law.

It is not, therefore, in any spirit of disparagement that we say that the women have up to the present failed to bring adequate pressure to bear to achieve their object. It is a herculean task to conquer a Government, without a Parliamentary Party, without a daily Press, without votes, without leaders of Parliamentary reputation. Yet before women can be successful in this herculean task has, in fact, to be accomplished. How is it to be done?

Three forms of pressure are available—social, political, militant. Every man or woman who is a suffragist must use at least one, if not two or all of these methods. To refuse to use any of them is to be false to one's profession of faith. Moreover, whichever of these methods be chosen, it must be used wholeheartedly and effectively, not weakly or blunderingly. The men and women who are fighting for woman suffrage must not be content to include it among a number of reforms. They must isolate it, and fight for it alone, to the exclusion of all others. They must abandon their attachment, not only to all parties, but to all causes. For women, this is the only attitude compatible with the dignity of their sex; for men, it is the only means of rendering really effective service.

The social pressure to be adopted must be of a kind which "bites." Women must refuse to consort with men who deny their human equality. They must boycott their social functions, shun their houses, return their gifts. They must make it clear, once and for all, that they will be the comrades of men, and not their dolls or their playthings.

The political pressure to be adopted must take account of the modern machinery of Government. It must therefore be directed ruthlessly against every member of the party to which the Government belongs, and against every member of the other parties which keep that Government in power. It can only work through the electors, who, in every constituency, must be called on to put suffrage first, and to do so by using their votes to turn out the Government.

The militant or unlawful methods to be employed must be such as to affect the Government adversely; they must therefore be such as to command the respect and the support of a considerable section of the thoughtful men and women of the country, even though they are resented and opposed by the great majority of the unthinking. They must create a situation which makes it harder for the Government to deny than to concede justice.

**"YE MAUNA TRAMP ON THE SCOTS THISTLE"**

By Mrs. Arncliffe-Sennett

In view of the forthcoming Demonstration to be held by the Northern Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage in London, it will be as well to publish a few particulars of some of its members, and to explain the "platform" of the meeting to be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, February 14 (tomorrow), when the men are coming to give their mandate for a Government measure this Session. There will be three "visitors" on the platform, but the main body will be comprised of members of the Northern Men's Federation. The visitors do not, as yet, subscribe to the N.M.F. policy, but they nevertheless are keenly anxious that women should be enfranchised on the same terms as men, and—we have always to make a beginning. We are glad to have these three gentlemen with us, to try and get them to stay with us, rather than lose a chance of enlisting them on our side.

**An Historical Snub**

As everyone knows, the Northern Men suffered an historical snub at the hands of the Premier last July, but "ye mauna tramp on the Scots thistle," and it is not in the nature of Scotsmen to submit meekly to snubs, nor are they so invertebrate as to give way because of the gibes of the mentally unfit. Once a Scotchman's conscience is awakened, he sticks to his purpose and goes forward with it. With perfect dignity the July Deputation endured the snub, went back to Scotland, and gathered up forces to return for a second attack.

**Members of the Deputation**

Baillie Murray, J.P., of the July Deputation, is coming again. He is the Senior Member of the Edinburgh Council, has represented his Ward for over twenty-five years, and has gone through every phase of municipal life. He is a man, therefore, of seasoned judgment, and hardly one whom it is intelligent or respectful to ridicule because of his political views on the subject of women's suffrage. Baillie Murray is a member of the Federation.

Councillor Crawford, of the July Deputation, will be with us once more. He is a fine fighting spirit for what he holds to be just causes. On behalf of the N.M.F. he moved a resolution in the Edinburgh Town Council on December 5 to petition Parliament for Women's Suffrage. This resolution, which passed by a large majority, will be brought to London as the Council's mandate. Councillor Crawford is also a member of the N.M.F.

Councillor Bruce Lindsay is one of the most important men in the Edinburgh Council, and seconded

his County), is a member of the N.M.F. He spoke at the Synod Hall Meeting, and will speak at the Memorial Hall on Saturday.

Mr. Alexander Orr was a member of the July Deputation, is Hon. Treasurer of the Edinburgh N.M.F., and is coming again to London for the vote. Mr. Orr it was who, together with his wife, came to



[From a drawing by Stewart Carmichael.]  
**MRS. ARNCLIFFE-SENNETT**

Morpeth for Miss Emily Davison's funeral. There he met Mrs. Arncliffe-Sennett, who suggested to him the famous Deputation. Eager to go forward, Mr. Orr acquiesced in the idea, and has worked nobly for the Federation. A lifelong Liberal, he promises to vote against the Government at next election if women are not enfranchised during the present Parliament.

Mr. Wilson McLaren, of the July Deputation, is a member of the N.M.F., and Hon. Sec. of the coming Demonstration. Late Joint-Secretary to the Edinburgh Central Division Advanced Liberal Association, he has severed his connection with that Society owing to the Government's attitude towards women's suffrage. Mr. Wilson McLaren will cast his vote against the Government next election if women are not enfranchised. He is now conducting a vigorous campaign against Mr. Lyle, M.P., Anti-Suffrage Liberal in South Edinburgh. Mr. McLaren is a distinguished literary man, and has written a war song for the N.M.F. He is no carpet warrior in politics, and will carry out his purpose with a thoroughness worthy of his fighting ancestors.

Mr. J. McMichael, J.P., Chairman of the East Edinburgh Liberal Association and Member of the N.M.F., offered his vote to Mrs. Arncliffe-Sennett at a meeting held in the Livingstone Hall, Edinburgh, last October, if the Government declined to give women the vote. He is a statesmanlike speaker, and will speak at the Actresses' Franchise League Reception.

Ex-Baillie Gordon, a member of the July Deputation and of the N.M.F., is an elector from East Fife, and a fine fighter; he will speak at the Memorial Hall on Saturday.

Mr. Cuthbertson, J.P., of the July Deputation and N.M.F., and author of "Dykes Tales" and "Border Romances," Mr. Thomas Shaw, of the July Deputation and N.M.F., and Mr. Brunton, of the July Deputation and N.M.F., will be with us again. Mr. Dawson, Mr. Trainer, Mr. J. Bell, Mr. J. R. Wilson, Mr. Henry Drummond, Mr. W. G. Inglis, Mr. D. Macmillan, all members of the N.M.F., will help to swell the Edinburgh contingent.

**The Glasgow Contingent**

Glasgow will be strongly represented, Baillie Alston leading off. He was of the July Deputation, and is a member of the N.M.F. There is no man in the Council more respected than Baillie Alston, who as a magistrate is known for his wise and humane decisions, and is a veritable guardian of the poor. He is the Parliamentary Labour candidate for Camlachie, and is not a man to take rebuffs with impunity. Left on the doorstep of Downing Street, he stated afterwards that "Mr. Asquith would be very sorry for this, and would lose seats in Scotland in conse-

quence." Well, one seat in Lanarkshire is already lost to Liberals, and the N.M.F. are "nursing" Bridgeton and St. Rollox two Liberal strongholds.

Councillor Rosslyn Mitchell, M.A., LL.B., popularly known among his own colleagues as "see Rosebery," because of his likeness to Lord Rosebery, will be a visitor to the platform. He does not as yet subscribe to the policy of the Federation, but he is willing to come forward and give his mandate for women's suffrage.

Baillie Nicoll, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Hamilton-Brown, J.P., Councillor Whitehead, J.P. (Sec. of the Brass Turners' Association in Glasgow), Councillor Yardley, Councillor Robert Mitchell, Councillors Crear and Renfrew, and Councillors Walker and Charlton (Organising Secretary of the British Steel Smelters in Glasgow), all voted for the women's resolution brought forward to the Council by Mr. Service, Hon. Sec. for Glasgow, and seconded by Mr. R. Ferguson, and they are all coming with their mandate to London.

Mr. Rennie, J.P. (Lanark), and Mr. Allison, J.P. (Carstairs), both members of the July Deputation and the N.M.F., will be with us.

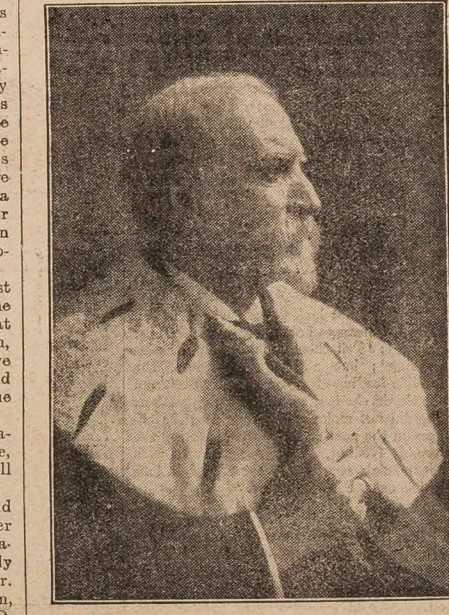
Mr. Illingworth, Hon. Organiser N.M.F. for Bridgeton and St. Rollox, and a very plucky and determined fighter, is also coming, as is Ex-Provost Perry, who was of the July Deputation and a member of the N.M.F., who is putting in determined work for the cause in Glasgow. Messrs. Ferguson, Twaddle, Henderson, and others will come as members of the N.M.F.

Mr. Carr, ex-Mayor, and Hon. Sec. for the Morpeth N.M.F., will represent that town, together with Councillor Armstrong, also a member of the N.M.F.

Among the Newcastle delegates are Alderman Harkus, J.P., ex-Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor; Mr. George Renwick, ship owner and late M.P. for Newcastle; Councillor Stableforth, J.P., and Mr. Wedderburn. Councillor Alexander Wilkie, M.P., will come as a visitor, and give a short message on the principle of women's suffrage.

**From Manchester**

Manchester is sending Mr. John Darbyshire, Hon. Sec. of the N.M.F., Mr. J. Robinson, Dr. Affleck, J. Geldard, Hon. Sec. for Bolton N.M.F., Mr. Robert Gaul, the Hon. Sec. for Berwick-on-Tweed centre, will be a very welcome member. He was of the July Deputation, and an original member of the N.M.F.; he went back to Berwick, and within a week had got to work, formed his branch and commenced meetings. He led the Deputation to Sir

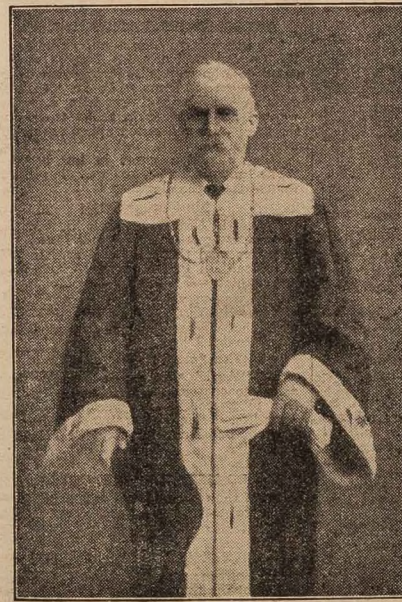


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**BAILLIE JOHN MURRAY, J.P.**

Edward Grey, and has stimulated Berwick men with action.

This is only a brief record of a few of the men and their work, but is no mean record for a few short months, when one reflects that this time last year not one of these men had an inkling that they would have done so much work for the cause, and have come twice to London within six months to demand justice to women. Only those who have seen their fighting grit will realise its import.

(We hope to publish the portraits of some of the other Scottish delegates in our next issue.)



[Photo: Annan and Sons, Glasgow.]  
**BAILLIE JAMES ALSTON**

the resolution on December 5. He is a member of the N.M.F., and has taken the chair at several meetings, notably the great Mass Meeting in the Synod Hall, Edinburgh, on November 14 last. He has been an advocate of women's suffrage for many years, and is not the sort of man to allow himself to be "laughed out of court."

Councillor Barrie, of the July Deputation, a member of the N.M.F., has assisted in the campaigns in East Edinburgh and South Edinburgh. He spoke at the Synod Hall, and is known as a polished speaker. Councillor Cameron, J.P. (Deputy Lieutenant of

POLITICAL OFFENDERS AND THE GOVERNMENT

Bishop of London again visits Holloway—His account of what he saw—Miss Brady's Version—Agitation to repeal the Cat and Mouse Act—Protests in Theatres

The Bishop of London has made some further investigation of the facts presented to him by the Women's Social and Political Union on the subject of forcible feeding.

In a long letter to Miss Dunlop, who headed the W.S.P.U. deputation to him last week, the Bishop describes his second visit to Holloway.

The Bishop goes on to say that on this occasion he paid his visit "without even the half-hour's notice by telephone" given on the previous occasion.

Interview with Miss Marion. Miss Marion was the first to meet Dr. Ingram. He writes of his interview with her.

Interview with Miss Brady. The Bishop then had a conversation with Miss Brady, whom he found waiting for him in another room.

At the Garric. In the afternoon three Suffragists at the Garric Theatre addressed the house from the front seats of the upper circle.

George Lansbury in Washington. One of Mr. George Lansbury's most successful meetings in the States was that held at Washington on January 17.

Parisian Militants. The revision of the voters lists in Paris was accompanied last week by an effective woman suffrage demonstration.

First Women's Jury in California. Certain newspapers over here published critical accounts of the first women's grand jury in California.

American Suffragist Writers. The other day we gave an exhibition at the Caxton Hall of what English writers could do who were also strong supporters of Woman Suffrage.

Do Men Want the Vote? More than 30,000 male voters in Boston failed to go to the polls at a recent election.

New Governor-General of Australia. The Suffrage record of the Right Honourable Ronald Munro-Ferguson, who has just been appointed to be Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, is not a good one.

At Vancouver. The following strong resolution was passed on December 30, at a meeting held at Vancouver, British Columbia.

Repeal the Cat and Mouse Act. The Committee for the Repeal of the Cat and Mouse Act, of which Edward Busk is Hon. Secretary, has arranged for a public meeting to be held in the Excelsior Hall, Bethnal Green, on Tuesday, February 17, at 8 p.m.

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she also shook hands and thanked me for coming to see her.

Can Do No More. Dr. Ingram concludes his letter by saying that he can do no more in the matter.

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### SCOTTISH WOMEN LIBERALS AND THE CHANCELLOR

On Wednesday in last week, during Mr. Lloyd George's visit to Glasgow in connection with his land campaign, he received a deputation on Woman Suffrage from the Scottish Women's Liberal Federation. Mr. Lloyd George declined to consider the suggestion that the Government should take up the question even in the future; declined also to mention Woman Suffrage in his speech that night on the land question, said that the majority of three years ago in the House of Commons was now gone (but did not refer to his own share in destroying that majority by his torpedoing of the Conciliation Bill), and finally said that if the majority were restored in the House, he had no doubt the Government would have to grant facilities for a private measure.

#### THE DEPUTATION

Mrs. Falconer, in stating the object of the deputation, said that they came to him for some advice as to the course they could take. They could not expect to have a Government measure in this Parliament, and therefore they were at a loss to know what to do. They would like to know what they might expect from the leaders of the Liberal Party who were favourable to the movement, and they were further anxious to know what the next step of the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be.

#### THE CHANCELLOR'S REPLY

Mr. Lloyd George, in his reply, said:—The first thing is that I am still a friend of the cause, in spite of every effort made by friends who pretend to be strict and greater friends to drive me into the opposite camp. I have only one advice to give, and that is that you should endeavour to bring back public opinion. All those who have been in public life for a long time know how easily public opinion is scared away from any cause to which it is not accustomed. It was beginning undoubtedly to come, and come very rapidly, round your way. There is no doubt about that. I don't know of any cause that is making greater progress. But during the last few years, more especially, I should say, the last three years, public opinion has undoubtedly been frightened into the opposite direction. All you have to do, and what we have to try to do, is to bring

the people back to take a saner view of the principles you are advocating.

#### Urges Repudiation of Militants

It is very difficult—well, I won't say it is difficult, there is at least some difficulty—in getting men to distinguish the various societies which are advocating the cause of women's suffrage. The names of various societies and their alphabetical distinctions are rather muddling to the mind of the general public, and when women come forward and advocate the cause of women's suffrage the public are rather apt to think that somehow or other they are all associated in pressing forward their principles by the same sort of means. The first thing you have got to do is to assure them that those who are guilty of these tactics are repudiated by the vast majority of those who advocate women's suffrage. I think, once you get that fixed firmly in the public mind, from that day the cause will again make very rapid progress indeed.

#### Dwells on Difficulties

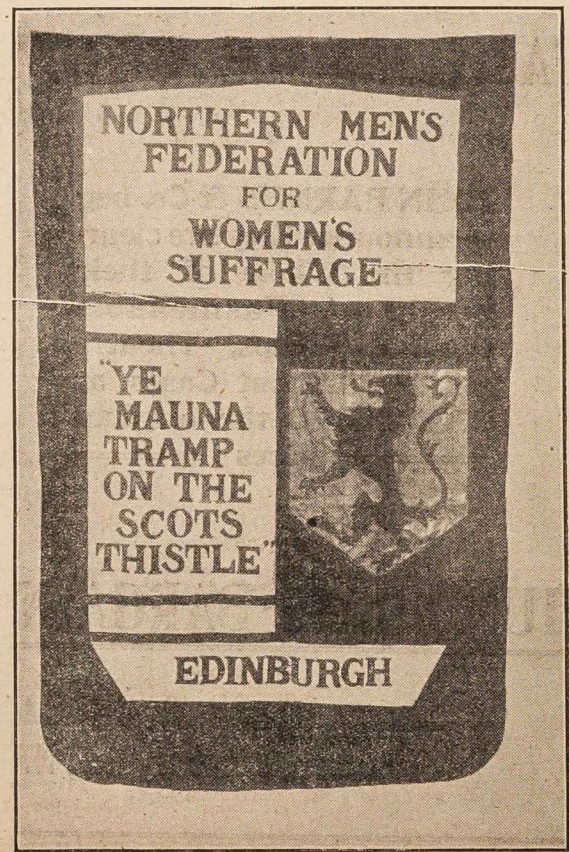
You are now in the position of trying to carry through a Bill, a great Bill, which will effect an enormous revolution—I think a beneficent revolution; you are trying to carry that through more or less with public opinion indifferent, and therefore largely opposed to it, for reasons over which you have no control, and for which you are not in the least responsible. I am afraid the position as far as this Parliament is concerned is quite hopeless. We started with a majority, but the majority has been converted into a minority by means which are known to us all. We have got to get the majority back, and to win over public opinion is the only method of obtaining that purpose. During the last year or two some very striking methods of reaching the public have been devised, and I should like to see some of those methods—some rather dramatic methods of appealing to the public without outraging the public sense—put into practice. I should like to see more of these special missions of arresting the public attention and of awakening the public conscience being resorted to. Then gradually you will be able to overcome the antipathy which has been aroused by militant methods. I hope with very great confidence that in the course of the next Parliament you will be able to achieve a real victory for your cause.

#### Does Not Like Being Excited

Unfortunately the militants have made it almost impossible for those Liberal leaders in favour of women's suffrage to address meetings in support of it. You

#### BANNER OF THE NORTHERN MEN'S FEDERATION

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[With acknowledgments to "The Suffragist."—(Washington.)]

may say "Still, you address meetings on other subjects in spite of these methods." But the worst of addressing meetings in favour of women's suffrage is that they are interrupted by suffragettes, and that it does far more harm than good. The few meetings which I have addressed on the subject were completely upset by the extreme suffragettes, and I am sure meet of the people who were at these meetings went away feeling how hopeless it is to give votes to such women, and therefore I felt that the meetings did far more harm to the cause than good. Some of us think it is not quite advisable for us to address meetings on the subject in case we should do incalculable injury to the cause by showing the people how incompetent they are, at any rate, to appreciate the political situation. When any Bill comes before Parliament I shall always associate myself with it and those who are working for it. I hope the time is not far distant when we can congratulate ourselves that you have carried through a Bill for the enfranchising of women of the United Kingdom.

#### SOME PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

In answer to Mrs. Falconer's suggestion that he should make a statement in favour of the question at his meeting that night, Mr. Lloyd George replied:—I think to-night I shall have to confine myself exclusively to the land. I had intended to refer to one or two other questions, but I find it quite impossible to do so. The land question will occupy I am afraid, much more time than I want. Mrs. Falconer persisted in her request, saying that women were not on the electorate, that it would have more effect, if he mentioned the subject in his speech to his "constituents."

#### The Government Bill Demanded

Mrs. Crosthwaite then questioned Mr. Lloyd George closely on the subject of a Government measure for Woman Suffrage. She said she would like to know whether there was any question about the Chancellor of the Exchequer doing his utmost to persuade a future Government to make women's suffrage a Government measure. Mr. Lloyd George: You really can never do that until you get a tremendous public force behind you, and for the moment you have not got it. You have to work hard between now and the general election to get back a majority in favour of women's suffrage.

In reply to Mrs. Crosthwaite, who said they already had a majority in the House, Mr. Lloyd George further said: If you can bring back a majority in the House of Commons I have no doubt at all that the Government would have to give facilities for a measure to get through the House of Commons. It is no use asking a Government to support a measure when a majority in the House of Commons is against it.

#### The Militancy Excuse

Mrs. Macrae suggested that they had now got to a stage when the women's

movement was futile without the vote. The labouring men were in favour of the broad franchise, and she did not think that the militants had had any effect upon the situation. Mr. Lloyd George: I am very glad to hear that. That is not the case in the South, where men are a much more timid race. The deputation then withdrew.

#### ELECTORS AND THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Besides the demonstration of the Scottish electors, to be held on Saturday afternoon (to-morrow) at the Memorial Hall, of which we give an account on page 301, a further comment upon the opening of Parliament by a King's Speech which includes no mention of women will be made in the mass meeting on Saturday evening in the Albert Hall, organised by the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. This will be characterized by the presence of a large number of electors, the arena being filled entirely with men representing between 200 and 300 Trade Unions and other men's organisations.

#### Actresses' Reception

The Mass Meeting of the Northern Men's Federation in Trafalgar Square on Sunday afternoon will be followed in the evening by a reception to the Scottish delegates in the Caxton Hall, given by the Actresses' Franchise League. Then, on Monday afternoon, there will be the visit of the Scotsmen to the House of Commons.

#### A NEW KIND OF POSTER PARADE

There was a large and effective poster parade, at which many Suffrage societies were represented, just after the King had opened Parliament, and long before the crowds dispersed. First came the Freedom League, with their white, green and yellow bannerettes; then a goodly contingent of our Fellowship, bearing flags in our colours, purple, white and red, and boards resisters, the Australian Women Voters, with branches of mimosa; the Spiritual Militants, wearing flaming orange scarves; the New Constitutional Society, bearing green and white boards, and the Cymric Union with boards with Welsh inscriptions. Representatives of the M.P.U. and Northern Men's Federation brought up the rear. In the Square the four religious societies also paraded. People seemed interested, and admired the colouring. A lady gave two shillings for a single copy of Votes for Women. Of course there was the usual ebullient wit of the Cockney, and a new joke on seeing the many societies out together: "The Zoo 'avin' a day out, ain't it?"

### COMPARISON OF PUNISHMENTS

#### Light Sentences

##### Causing Serious Bodily Harm

The *Times* (February 6) reports case of a taxi-cab driver, charged at the London Sessions before Mr. Lawrie with causing bodily harm to a packer, driving a cab so furiously as to knock him down. The man was in hospital for nine weeks, and in a convalescent home for eight more, and is permanently deformed. Sentence: Three months in second division.

#### Man-slaughter of a Woman

The *Daily Citizen* (February 5) reports case of a man charged at the Devon Assizes with the manslaughter of a woman. He followed her out of a public-house, pushed her to the quay, and after holding her over the water for some seconds, dropped her in. The jury held he did not intentionally drop her into the water. Sentence: Twelve months' hard labour.

#### Cruelty to a Pony

The *Derbyshire Times* (February 3) reports case of a labourer and an owner, summoned before the Ekeington magistrates for cruelty to a horse. There was a wound in its back, six inches long, discharging matter, and it appeared in great pain; the pad pressed upon it, and the opinion given in court was that it ought to be destroyed. Sentence: The carman 2s. 6d. and costs, and the owner £1 and costs.

#### Stealing Blouses

The same paper, on the same day, reports case of two laundresses, charged at the same Sessions before Mr. Wallace with stealing ten blouses. There were previous convictions. Sentence: Twenty-one months' and six months' hard labour respectively.

#### Housebreaking

The *Times* (February 4) reports case of a carman, a costermonger, and a porter, charged at the London Sessions before Mr. Lawrie, with breaking into a warehouse and stealing velvet to the value of £26 12s. 9d. There were previous convictions. Sentence: The carman and the costermonger to three years' penal servitude each, and the porter to six months' hard labour.

#### Refusal to Break Stones

The *Times* (February 6) reports case of a labourer charged at the London Sessions before Mr. Lawrie with refusing to break stones in the Lambeth casual ward after being given a night's rest. There were previous convictions of a similar sort. Sentence: Twelve months' imprisonment.

#### MISS JANE HAY, OF ST. ABBS

In the death of Miss Jane Hay, of the Hylton, St. Abbs, the women's movement has suffered a great loss. A correspondent writes:—She was among the first women in Scotland to avail herself of the opportunities of doing public work which have opened up only during the last few decades, and certainly her pioneer work on public bodies will bear good fruit in the years to come. The welfare of the child was very near her heart, and she had much to do with introducing into Scotland the thorough and systematic inspection by women of boarded-out children. Some years ago she held a seat on the Edinburgh Parish Council, and on her removal to St. Abbs she took a prominent part in the public work of Berwickshire. It was, indeed, her keen interest in and devotion to her public duties which undoubtedly hastened her premature death.

#### The Only Woman Lifeboat Secretary

Until her resignation, due to ill-health a short time ago, she held the unique position of being the only woman secretary of a lifeboat station in Great Britain. She founded a school for diving at St. Abbs, the only one of its kind in this country. Another interesting institution formed by her, and which is also believed to be the only one in existence, was the Children's Rocket Brigade at St. Abbs. There boys and girls alike were trained by her in this mode of life-saving, and possessed all the necessary apparatus in miniature, and an exact replica of the mechanism and drill adopted at all ports over the British Isles. Her loss to the little fishing village which she made her home will not soon be replaced.

#### A Great Traveller

As she was a great traveller, there is scarcely a country in the world which will not contain at least one who mourns over the loss of a good comrade. The friend of every struggle for freedom, she was, too, one of that noble little band of woman who, during the Græco-Turkish War, helped practically and courageously in the establishment of relief camps.

#### WOMEN AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION

As we stated last week, a Bill to enable women to become solicitors is to be introduced in the forthcoming session. Lord Wolmer also intends to re-introduce his larger measure, which aims, among other purposes, at throwing open the whole legal profession to women. The smaller Bill has been drafted to remove the difficulty occasioned by the recent decision in the case of *Bebb v. The Law Society*, and is the course advised by Sir Frederick Pollock, who argues that the Bar's position is one of enormous strength, and with immense powers of resistance, even if Parliament were inclined to sanction the reform. The younger men, however, counsel the bolder scheme of Lord Wolmer's Bill, and the chances of the ballot will determine the course finally. Strong efforts are being made to advance either of the measures in the coming session. The London supporters are conferring together, and a committee of Irish women in Dublin is approaching Irish members for their support.

#### CHILD TOYMAKERS ON STRIKE

A morning paper announced on Thursday in last week that the boy and girl toymakers employed by a certain manufacturer were out on strike for shorter hours and more wages. The boys' wages were from 6s. to 10s. per week, and the girls' from 6s. to 8s. Another announcement, a couple of days later, proclaimed the welcome news that the strike had ended successfully for the child toymakers. We hope this means not only that they

#### WHAT IS "MANLY"?

Those Anti-Suffragists who love to draw the line in non-essentials between what is "womanly" and what is "manly," must feel slightly nonplussed by the latest announcement that feathers for men's hats are coming into fashion, and that it will soon be no longer the voteless sex that is declared unfit for the vote on the grounds of being frivolous and given to personal adornment. "Take it away and shoot it!" King Edward VII. is said once to have whispered to an equestrian when a volunteer officer in a terrific cocked hat with plumes was presented to him. That exactly expresses the conventional idea of what is, or is not, "manly."

#### THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER

##### A Reason for Prayer

In his Letter in the February number of the *Diocesan Chronicle*, the Bishop of Winchester enumerates five reasons for "public-hearted prayer." The third reason he gives is:—"The inflamed and dangerous condition of opinion as to the claims of women for the franchise, and, the present deadlock about the matter."

#### Chapter 12

### The Slavery of the Wash-tub

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WOMEN M.P.'S IN AUSTRALIA
To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.
Dear Editors,—I read in this week's issue of VOTES FOR WOMEN that in New Zealand "they are demanding the right to sit in Parliament, which their Australian sisters have already won."

of the voter confided to me that her daughter would never think of voting herself, but would, of course, send her agent to do it for her. It only the Portuguese women were ready to take an interest in public affairs, and had been enfranchised by the rulers of the new republic, their influence would undoubtedly strengthen the hands of the best element among Portuguese patriots.

MISS HODGE'S REPLY
Miss Margaret Hodge, the writer of the interesting articles on the women's vote in Australia and New Zealand which have appeared in the last three issues of VOTES FOR WOMEN, has kindly sent us the following reply to the above letter:—

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.
Dear Editors,—The Australian women have the right to sit in both Houses of the Federal Parliament. This right was acquired at the time they were enfranchised in the year 1902. No woman has as yet sat in either House, although some have stood for election. At the last election (1913, May 31) three women were candidates for the House of Representatives, the Lower House of the Federal Parliament. In previous years women have stood for the Senate, or Upper House.

In New South Wales women cannot sit in the Lower House (Legislative Assembly), but there is a strong movement on foot to enable them to do so. It cannot sit in the Upper House, as it is a nominated House, and men only can be nominated as yet.

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" IN MADEIRA
To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.
Dear Editors.—You will be interested to hear that I have found quite a number of people in Madeira interested in our great movement. Last week one lady, Mrs. Muller, arranged a drawing-room meeting, and invited me to speak. Half the audience perhaps had never heard our point of view explained, but they showed much interest and sympathy. I appealed for new subscribers to VOTES FOR WOMEN, and three people promised to take in the paper.

MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST
Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, who managed to elude the vigilance of the police and to escape from her rooms in Bow, a few days ago, succeeded also in evading arrest on Tuesday evening, when she addressed a large meeting in Cannon Row with Mr. George Lansbury. At the end of the meeting she was escorted home by almost the whole of her audience, and the police were therefore unable to capture her.

EAST LONDON SUFFRAGETTES.

A new body has come into existence in the East of London, to be called the East London Federation of the Suffragettes. This society owes its origin to a decision of Miss Christabel Pankhurst on behalf of the W.S.P.U. that the work done by her sister, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, could no longer form part of the work of the W.S.P.U., but must be entirely independent.

MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST EXPLAINS
Interviewed by the Daily Sketch on Friday night, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst said:—"It is not a split; it is an extension. We have only become in name what we must have only been in fact before, an independent organisation."

FREEDOM OF DEBATE IN OXFORD WOMEN'S COLLEGES
To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.
Dear Editors,—May we, as officials responsible for the policy of the Oxford University Men's Political Union for Women's Suffrage, draw your readers' attention to the type of opposition with which women are necessarily better able to cope than men?

MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST'S REPLY
Last Tuesday morning, in a letter to the Daily Citizen, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst explained as follows her own position and that of her Federation:—"The East London Federation of the W.S.P.U., now to be called the East London Federation of the Suffragettes, desires to contradict the statement that the Federation has entered into any alliance with any political party. The organisation remains militant and non-party, and its policy is unchanged."

Red added to the Colours
In a Press interview one of the officials of the organisation stated that "the only outward sign of any difference will be that we shall now add red to the W.S.P.U. colours, and call ourselves the East London Federation of Suffragettes. The addition of red does not mean that we are in any way allied to the Socialists. We are not, but we are willing to co-operate with anyone who sympathises with our cause."

ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE

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The Tax Resistance Meeting on Friday last was extremely well attended, and great interest taken in the various speeches, but better financial results had been hoped for. Many thanks for the following donations: Miss Bonicaunt, £2 2s.; Mrs. Havers, 10s.; Miss Fletcher, 10s. 6d.; Miss Amy Ravenscroft, 2s.

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WOMAN SHOULD SAY WHAT SHE WANTS!
A Bishop's Opinion
In a meeting held recently on Woman Suffrage at Grimley, the Bishop of Lincoln, Dr. Hicks, said that the rise of women in education and the general life of the nation had made it increasingly necessary that they should have the vote. Legislation now touched home and domestic life at many points, and entered into details and particulars, that it had never touched before. It became a matter of justice and common sense that women should say what she wanted and what she did not want. Legislatively, the granting of votes to women would vitalise politics and the public conscience would be made more clean. It was because political and social life would be made purer and their ideals as a nation perfected and brightened that he hailed with delight the nearing prospect of the emancipation of women. It would give morals to politics and uplift the standard of political life.

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Irishwomen's Reform League, 29, South Anne Street, Dublin.
Irishwomen's Suffrage and Local Government League, 63, Kildare Road, Dublin.
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Irishwomen's Suffrage Society, 27, Donegal Place, Belfast.
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Men's Society for Women's Rights, 65, Avenue Chambers, Southampton Row, W.C.
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National Industrial and Professional Women's Suffrage Society, 5, John Dalton Street, Manchester.
National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, 14, St. James' Street, S.W.
New Constitutional Union for Woman Suffrage, 8, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge.
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Women's Social and Political Union, Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.
Women's Tax Resistance League, 10, Talbot House, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.
Women Teachers' Franchise Union, 27, Marlborough Street, W.
Women Writers' Suffrage League, Goschen Buildings, Henrietta Street, W.C.

COMING EVENTS

There will be a meeting at the Town Hall, Rickmansworth, on February 18, at 8 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mr. John Scurr. Chair: Mr. H. D. Harben, J.P.
The Right Rev. Bishop Powell, Miss Evelyn Sharp, and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will speak at the Hampstead Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, on February 19, at 8 p.m. Chair: Mr. Frank Dobson, J.P.
There will be a meeting at the Kingsway Hall on February 26, at 8 p.m. Speakers: Sir Harry Johnston, Miss Lena Ashwell, Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mr. George Lansbury, and others. (See page 294.)
There will be readings from Olive Schreiner's "Women and Labour," at 15, Houghton Street, Southport, every Monday evening at 8 p.m., and in Miss Paley's Studio, at the Albany, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, every Thursday, at 3.30 p.m., readings from literature bearing on the woman's movement.
Other Meetings
The Northern Men's Federation will hold a meeting at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, on February 14, at 3 p.m. Speakers: Baillie Johnston, J.P., Councillor Bruce Lindsay, Baillie John Murray, Mrs. Arncliffe-Sennett, and others. The Federation will also hold a mass meeting in Edgware Square on February 15, at 3 p.m.
The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies will hold a great demonstration for men and women in the Albert Hall on February 14, at 8 p.m. (Chair: Mrs. Fawcett. Speakers: Mrs. Creighton, Miss Royden, Mr. Fenner Brockway, the Earl of Lytton, and others.)
The New Constitutional Society will hold a meeting on February 17, at 3 p.m., at the N. C. Hall, Park Mansions Arcade. Speakers: Rev. Dr. Cobb and Mrs. St. Aubyn. The Society also announces an At Home on February 20, at 3.15 p.m., at B. Kensington Gardens Studios, 29, High Street, Notting Hill Gate. Hostess: Miss Bessie Hatt. Speaker: Miss Mabel Atkinson, M.A.
At the Suffrage Club on February 17, at 8.30 p.m.: Mr. H. D. Harben will speak on "The Endowment of Motherhood." Chair: Mrs. Ayrton Gould.
At the International Women's Franchise Club on February 18, at 4.30 p.m., there will be a lecture by Miss Rosika Schwimmer.

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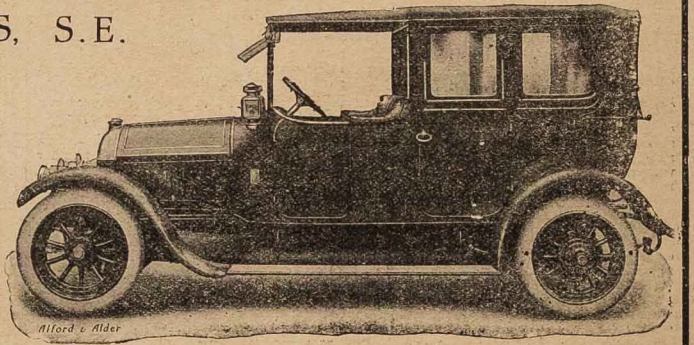
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### WOMAN SUFFRAGE MEETINGS.

**THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL** Society for Women's Suffrage.—Tuesday, February 17, at 3 p.m., New Constitutional Hall, Park Mansions Arcade. "Some Ob-jects to Women's Enfranchisement," the Rev. Dr. Cobb, D.D., and Mrs. St. Aubyn.

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**NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY** for Women's Suffrage.—Miss Bessie Hat-ton, At Home, February 20, 3.15 p.m., at B. Kensington Garden Studios, 29, High Street, Notting Hill Gate. Speaker, Miss Mabel Atkinson, M.A. Admission free.

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