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POLLING DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 30th!

As electors next Thursday, women and men in this country will go to the poll on an equal footing. Just before the General Election in October, 1924, we said that that would be the last election with unequal voting rights, and our prophesy has been fulfilled. In 1924, forty-one women candidates—twelve Unionist, six Liberal, twenty-two Labour, and one Independent were nominated, only four of whom, however, were at that time returned. Last Monday, seventy women were nominated—eleven Unionist, twenty-five Liberal, thirty Labour, three Communist, and one Independent. We wholeheartedly hope that the great majority of these women will be successful. They need all the help that our members and readers of THE VOTE can give to them. On another page we have given their names and the addresses of their Committee Rooms. At these Committee Rooms work can be found for every willing helper, and we urge all who value the splendid work done by women in Parliament, who realise how over-worked those women have been, and the great need for many more women in Parliament, to go at once to the Committee Rooms of any woman who is standing, if there is one within any kind of reasonable distance, and offer whatever help they can give, irrespective of the party for which the woman is standing. We have many urgent appeals for the loan of motor-cars for the next few days, and most especially on polling day. Will any of our readers lend a car to help a woman candidate? Wherever a woman is standing, all who are interested in her return should seek out all their friends, acquaintances, and, in fact, anyone they can hear of and persuade them to go to the poll. Indeed, they should be taken if there is the slightest doubt about their going. Everyone should be advised to poll early, for it has often happened that supporters have arrived just too late to record their vote, and no vote for a woman candidate ought to be lost at this election. To the men friends also who have so gallantly and valiantly supported our cause in Parliament through all the years we have worked for it, we send our heartiest good wishes for success. Where no woman is standing, we again appeal to our members to put our questions to the candidates. Whichever party succeeds in gaining a majority and takes the reins of government, we know perfectly well that we shall still have to struggle for equal opportunities, equal rewards and equal responsibilities with men, both in our national and international life. It is therefore of paramount importance that all candidates, of all parties, should know what our demands are, and that we should know what their attitude is towards those demands. Next week we hope to rejoice in the successes of many women and many men friends in the new Parliament, and we will record the results in THE VOTE. Meanwhile, let us concentrate all our efforts in trying to win seats for the women candidates. In every district where women are standing they are putting up a very gallant fight; and are well worth all the help that men and women who know the need for women in Parliament can give them.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

The twelfth general Conference of the International Labour Organisation will take place at Geneva on May 30th, when the following subjects will be discussed: (1) Prevention of Industrial Accidents; (2) Protection against Accidents of Workers engaged in Loading and Unloading Ships; (3) Forced Labour; and (4) Hours and Work of Salaried Employees. The British Government has appointed Sir Malcolm Delevingne, Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, and Mr. Humbert Wolfe, Principal Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Labour, as Government delegates, and has nominated Mr. J. B. Forbes-Watson, Director of the National Confederation of Employers' Organisations, and Mr. E. L. Poulton, a member of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, as employers' and workpeople's delegates respectively. Each delegate will be accompanied by advisers. We strongly protest against this all-men delegation to the International Labour Conference. We all know the dangers to women of special measures prohibiting them from undertaking certain forms of work or using certain machines on the pretext that they run greater risks than men, and the livelihood of many thousands of women may be endangered by restrictions on working hours for women only. The ever-growing number of women employed in factories and workshops, and the great number of women in offices, shops, and public services ought certainly to be represented at this Conference. Women, too, have a direct interest in the question of forced labour. Yet the British Government has again sent men only to Geneva to deal with these subjects, notwithstanding the fact that women's organisations in this country have for months past urged upon both Mr. Baldwin and Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland the necessity of including women among the members and technical advisers of its delegation. Norway has not only sent a woman as a fully-accredited Government delegate to this International Labour Organisation, but has made her—Fru Kjelberg, a factory inspector of many years' standing—the leader of its delegation. Women are as keen as men for the fullest possible protection of all workers, but special restrictions applied only to women workers undermine the whole of women's struggle for equal opportunities and equal pay for men and women in industry. Women are needed at this International Labour Conference to safeguard the interests of women workers, who realise that International Conventions imposed on women by their male competitors in industry may result in an unwarrantable tyranny.

JOHN STUART MILL COMMEMORATION.

Last Monday morning, on the 123rd anniversary of his birth, a little crowd once again gathered together in Temple Gardens, Victoria Embankment, to pay tribute to the memory of John Stuart Mill. Beautiful floral tributes were placed on his statue by representatives of the Women's Freedom League, the London Labour Party Advisory Committee, the Women's Guild of Empire, and the London Branch of the National Women's Party of America. Other visitors, too, from overseas were present. Old campaigners in the suffrage struggle spared a few minutes to greet each other and then hurried away to take their part in General Election work.

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.

The Federation of Women Civil Servants has just issued a leaflet, pointing out that the principle of equal pay has been conceded by Resolutions passed on two occasions in the House of Commons. The claim of women civil servants to equal pay has been rejected time after time on the ground that the country's finances would not allow of the increased cost. The Chancellor of the Exchequer recently told us that the country was in a prosperous condition with its surplus of £18,000,000. The Federation states that only £500,000 would be required to remedy the present unjust, unequal payment to women civil servants.

BERLIN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

By DORA B. MONTEFIORE.

If old age loses much in adventure, it gains much in memories; and among the gracious memories of past work in the woman's cause stands out for me the Berlin Women's Congress of twenty-five years ago.

It was a crowded and, in some ways, a hectic time, for there was much good work to be got through and there was much, very much, social, intellectual, and spiritual entertainment for the all-too-short hours of leisure. But what, to my mind, stood out supreme, and still lingers in my memory, was the quite extraordinary organisation of the whole Congress, both in general scope and in minutest detail. Such organisation could not come only from the head; it was dictated by the heart, and the result was that we delegates from so many countries felt ourselves from the beginning to the end of the Congress the honoured guests, not only of Berlin, but of Germany. The Kaiserin herself received in audience Mrs. Chapman Catt, Susan B. Anthony, Lady Aberdeen, and Dr. Aletta Jakobes. The City Fathers of Berlin entertained the delegates in their great hall, corresponding to our Guildhall; the many practical organisations for mother and child welfare, inspired and watched over by the Empress Frederick, were open to us, and all educational centres which were not in summer vacation proved well worth our study.

Long Sunday afternoons were spent among the pine forests and lakes outside Berlin, or delightful excursions were arranged to Potsdam, the Thiergarten, or other spots, where kind hostesses received us in their

country houses and provided us with pleasant interludes of rest after the more strenuous work of the Congress. As I write the names of some of the leaders who helped to make the Congress memorable, my thoughts fly to an old and valued friend in a house in Dresden where I had more than once stayed—Frau Marie Stritt, who is no longer with us. It was she who, during the war, flashed across the wires above the camps and trenches of embattled male Europe the peaceful message from the German women of congratulation to English women on their political enfranchisement. It was she who, during the war, worked among the English prisoners and brought them such comfort as a woman with a real international outlook can bring to those who in times of war are in most need of it. It seems impossible to think of the forthcoming Berlin Congress of International Women, so many of whom are now enfranchised citizens, without recalling with gratitude those who have fought and suffered in the past for the cause we all hold dear. It is because each enfranchised woman now holds in her hand a weapon for Peace that the solidarity we are working for among women must and will disarm among men their discredited weapons of war. During the twenty-five years that have elapsed since organised women met and were so hospitably entertained in Berlin, women of all countries have been drawn together by their common losses and their common sorrows. They will meet in 1929 with the slogan deep down in every mother's heart: "Die Waffen Nieder"; and in that sign and with that solidarity they will conquer.

WOMEN AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Deputy Chairman of Convocation.

At the meeting of Convocation at the London University, on May 14th, Professor Winifred Cullis, C.B.E., D.Sc., President of the British Federation of University Women, was elected Deputy-Chairman.

Young Artists' Repeated Success.

Miss Joan Manning-Sanders, whose picture, "The Three Brothers," was accepted by the Royal Academy last year, has again had a picture—"The Concertina Players"—accepted this year. She is fifteen years of age.

Women on Morecombe Borough Council.

Mrs. Jane Barwick, who recently headed the poll at a by-election, is the second woman member of the Morecombe and Heysham Borough Council. Mrs. Elizabeth Bond is also on this Council and was the first woman to be elected to it.

Shrewsbury's First Woman Magistrate.

Mrs. Marion Cock, of Shrewsbury, has been placed on the Commission of the Peace for the borough, and is the first woman magistrate to be appointed for Shrewsbury. Three men were appointed at the same time.

Belgian Women's Disappointment.

On April 30th, the Belgian Senate, by 69 votes to 54, rejected a Catholic motion to grant the vote to women in the coming provincial elections.

Indian Woman Artist's Success.

At a recent exhibition in Bombay, Mrs. Lilavati M. Desai was awarded two gold medals and a silver medal for her pictures. Besides exquisite needlework, Mrs. Desai has used "Rangoli," an ancient decorative method known to Indians, for painting pictures of human figures after great artists, such as Haldas and Changtai.

Woman's Appointment.

We learn from *Equal Rights* that Emma Thiele has been appointed the first woman officer of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. She entered the company twenty-five years ago as a stenographer, and has now been made assistant secretary.

Although the company employs several thousand women in its various offices, it has previously always chosen men for its officers.

Woman Revenue Collector.

We learn from *Equal Rights* that Myrtle Tanner Blackledge has been appointed to the post of Internal Revenue Collector for the Chicago district, the largest division in the United States in number of returns filed and in office personnel. The retiring collector, Mabel G. Reinecke, served nearly six years and won the official commendation of the Woman's City Club of Chicago, a civic organisation of 2,500 members.

Colorado Woman Wins Seat on Council.

Dr. Edith Bramhall, head of the political science department of Colorado College, has won the right to take her seat as a member of the Colorado Springs City Council after a sharp contest over her eligibility.

Dr. Bramhall intends to introduce a resolution to make married women, not paying taxes on real estate or personal property, eligible for election to the City Council.

Woman's Academic Distinction.

Bilada Paulova, Professor of History in the Faculty of Letters of the Prague University, has been appointed member of the Scientific Society in Czechoslovakia. This is the first time this distinction has been obtained by a woman.

Austrian Women in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Margaret Geging, who has specialised in applied art, is the first woman in Austria to be appointed head of a department in the Austrian Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Frau Geging has previously held the position of Ministerial Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce.

Woman Advisor in the Austrian Ministry of Education.

Dr. Marie Maresch, who was first called to the Ministry of Education to reorganise girls' education, is now adviser on women's education in the Ministry of Education. Dr. Maresch has to her credit the organisation of a system of peripatetic instruction—carried to the remotest villages—in child welfare, and also the establishment of domestic science centres for working women.

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