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Clerical help in Committee Rooms.

Canvassing.

Loan of cars on polling day. Try to think whether there is not a friend you can ask to lend a car to take invalids to the poll.

Please let us know at once in which of these ways you can assist.

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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 overworked 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.

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; 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

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

If old age loses much in adventure, it gains much country houses and provided us with pleasant interludes in memories; and among the gracious memories of of rest after the more strenuous work of the Congress. past work in the woman's cause stands out for me the 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

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 chosen men for its officers.

Woman Revenue Collector.

We learn from Equal Rights that Myrtle Tanner Blacklidge 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 instructioncarried to the remotest villages-in child welfare, and women in its various offices, it has previously always also the establishment of domestic science centres for working women.

DINNER TO MRS. NAIDU.

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Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was our guest of honour at the Minerva Club, on Thursday evening, May 16th. Dr. Knight presided, and reminded us that Mrs. Naidu was a very old friend of the Women's Freedom League. She had spoken at meetings arranged by the League and at a moment's notice opened our Green, White and Gold Fair at Caxton Hall. Responding, Mrs. Naidu said that, in spite of growing older, she still felt quite skittish. After all, the biggest thing that could happen to anyone was to be dislodged and to be left sitting in a corner with the knowledge that one's work was being carried on by the younger generation. She congratulated the women of the world when she saw them taking advantage of greater opportunity for service. No one liked to abdicate power, but women and men had to practice the difficult virtue of real justice between equals. When Mrs. Naidu was in America people there said what a wonderful thing it was that she had been chosen as the President of the All-India Congress. The speaker did not think it was at all wonderful. She was elected as a matter of course. In national service there was no sex; for women to remind themselves of sex was to hamper themselves with limitations. Women should take all such positions as their common birthright with men; and in India women were doing so and were working side by side with men for the common good. Mrs. Naidu had had to tell her American friends that they entirely misunderstood India. They could go to India for three weeks, come back, and make a rapid survey of their impressions in a book, which they asked the whole world to believe was an exact picture of Hindu life. Supposing she, after visiting the hospitable homes of Americans, had written a book describing the fever of its streets, the hysteria of its elections, its social ills, and its night-life, would that have been a true picture of America? India, like every other country, had its own special problems, and Mrs. Naidu made an eloquent appeal to her friends to respect its struggles by standing aside and refraining from any interference. Indians would solve these problems in their own way.

Short speeches were made by Miss Underwood, Dr. Lewin, Miss Clark, and Mrs. Westbrook, and a delightful evening came to a close.

INSIDIOUS "REFORMS."

La Femme Polonaise scents a grave danger threatening equal professional opportunities for women in the European movement to reform secondary education for girls. By its Constitution, all Polish citizens, irrespective of sex, are granted free choice of a profession. Polish feminists point out that if different curricula are introduced into girls' schools to those followed in boys' schools, girls will be debarred from qualifying for the Universities, and consequently from entering the professions they would wish to follow.

To confront this danger the National Council of Polish Women, the Association of Teachers in Secondary Schools and Colleges, the Federation of University Women, and other organisations, at a joint meeting held recently, adopted a report declaring that vigilant watch should be kept to see that the Universities were kept accessible to girls to the same extent as to boys, and that the curriculum should remain identically the same in girls' schools as in boys' schools.

The adoption of a second report, which proved by statistics that of the students entering the Universities a larger percentage of women than men received diplomas, and that the number of women holding University positions is increasing, suggests that male jealousy may be at the bottom of this insidious move against the higher education of women.

All reforms which apply only to secondary schools for girls need careful watching, and however desirable in themselves, if they deter women from entering any profession or occupation, should be resisted.

DAME JANET CAMPBELL, D.B.E., M.D.

SPECIAL MISSION TO AUSTRALIA.

The Times reports that the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia has, through the Secretary of State for the Dominions, requested the Minister of Health to liberate Dame Janet Campbell, the Senior Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare at the Ministry of Health, to proceed to Australia in order to advise the Government on the organisation and development of maternity and child welfare services for the benefit of the several States of the Common-

In view of the special importance of these services in the interests of the Empire as a whole, the Minister has acceded to the request and has agreed to set Dame Janet Campbell free from her official duties in this country for a limited time. She will probably leave England on this special mission towards the end of

FRENCHWOMAN JOURNALIST to REPORT BRITISH ELECTION.

Andrée Viollis, the well-known French woman journalist, is in London to describe the progress of the election campaign in this country for the Petit Parisien, the newspaper with the largest circulation in France. The preponderance of the women's vote has aroused great interest in France, and it is believed may have a far-reaching effect on the feminist movement

Two years at Oxford and repeated visits to this country have made Andrée Viollis familiar with our social and political life. She is greatly interested in our women Members of Parliament.

LONDON MEMBERS' MEETING.

A meeting of outstanding interest, arranged by the Mid-London Branch, was held at the Minerva Club on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., when London members and representatives of London branches met to discuss with Dr. Knight and Miss Underwood the work at headquarters and future plans for its development. This was the first meeting of a campaign for the extension of the League's work in London. Mrs. Legge presided, and in her opening remarks pointed out the advantages gained by headquarters through the support of its members. Mrs. Legge appealed for further help. Miss Underwood, in a most interesting address, gave an account of the work which had been done at headquarters since the Annual Conference, when no less than thirty resolutions were passed. As most of these resolutions had political bearing, copies had been sent in some cases to the Prime Minister, and in others to heads of departments, leaders of the political parties, women M.P.s, etc., and Miss Underwood said it was satisfactory to say that replies had been received to nearly all. Miss Underwood then went on to give an account of the work done in connection with the London Lock Hospital and the mui-tsai system, and referred to the deputations on which the League had been represented. The election policy of the League was fully discussed, including the work that is being undertaken in connection with the support of women candidates of all parties. Dr. Knight spoke of the splendid support received for the Jumble Sale, which had been so ably organised by Miss Hoc, and expressed the hope that suggestions for further money-raising efforts would be made. Those present, feeling that the evening had been so instructive and enjoyable, asked that a similar meeting might be arranged early in June, particulars of which will be announced later.

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FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1929.

WHERE TO GO.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

DARE TO BE LONDON AND SUBURBS.

Thursday, June 6th, at 3 p.m.

Brentford and Chiswick Branch. Meeting at 1, Fairlawn

Thursday, June 20th, at 3 p.m. Hampstead Branch. Meeting at 16, Denning Road, N.W.3 (by kind invitation of the Misses Berry).

Tuesday, June 25th, at 3 p.m.
Finchley and Golders Green Branch. Meeting at 15, Ravenscroft Avenue, N.W.11(by the kind invitation of Mrs.Gugenheim).

Saturday, June 29th, at 10 a.m.
National Executive Committee Meeting at 144, High Holborn,

Wednesday, June 26th, at 8 p.m. Meeting a 94, Cambridge Gardens, North Kensington (by the kind invitation of Mrs. Boyd). Speaker: Miss Reeves: "The Work of the Women's Freedom League."

Thursday, June 27th, at 8 p.m.

Barnsbury and District Branch. Social Evening Richmond Crescent, N.1 (by the kind invitation of Mrs. Potter), preceded by a Business meeting.

Monday, July 1st, at 4 p.m. Hampstead Branch. Garden Party (to be held by kind invitation of Mrs. Waring, at Althorpe House, Branch Hill, N.W.3) to meet Mrs. Despard who will speak. Tickets (in aid of the Birthday Fund), price 2/- including Tea, from the Hon. Secretary, 16, Denning Road, N.W.3. Members and friends

of all Branches will be most welcome.

Thursday, July 41h, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Despard's Birthday Party, at Caxton Hall, Westminster. OTHER SOCIETIES.

Friday, May 24th, at 4 p.m.

British Common wealth League. Delegates' Tea Party.

Monday, May 27th, at 8.15 p.m.

Speech Club. At the Minerva Club, 56, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. Debate: "That private enterprise has failed in dealing with post-war problems. Proposer : Miss

Dorothy Cleaver. Opposer: Miss Bromley.

Tuesday, June 4th, at 9 p.m.

British Commonwealth League. Reception at the Suffolk Galleries. Tickets 3/6. Eleventh Congress of the International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship, Berlin, June 17th-22nd

BRANCH NOTES. BARNSBURY AND DISTRICT.

A very interesting meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at 10, Barnsbury Square (by the kind invitation of Mrs. Blamey). Mrs. Mustard, in emphasising the non-party attitude of the League, gave a splendid account of the history of the women's movement, and showed the necessity for the League's women's movement, and showed the necessity for the League's work at the present time. A resolution was passed unanimously in favour of the formation of a branch; twenty-five joined, and the following officers were appointed: Chairman, Mrs. Burton; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Blamey; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Rann. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27th, at 8 o'clock, at 15, Richmond Crescent, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Potter. The meeting will take the form of a social evening, to be preceded by a huriness meeting. hy a business meeting

BRENTFORD AND CHISWICK.

At a meeting held at 5, Brook Road, Gunnersbury, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Parkin, on Thursday, 16th inst., a branch was formed and officers appointed. Miss Underwood gave a very clear account of the work still to be done by the League, and fifteen joined the branch. Mrs. Parkin was appointed Chairman; Mrs. Beckwith, Hon. Sccretary; and Mrs. Morris, Hon. Treasurer. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6th, at 1, Fairlawn Avenue, Chiswick (by the kind invitation of Mrs. Bacc)

KEW AND DISTRICT.

At a meeting, held at 32, Gloucester Road, Kew Gardens (by the kind invitation of Miss Bulkeley Johnson), on Friday, May 17th, at 3 o'clock, a branch was formed, to be known as the Kew and District Branch of the Women's Freedom League. Miss Bulkeley Johnson presided, and Mrs. Legge, in an inspiring address, explained fully the aims of the Women's Freedom League and painted but the acceptance of the head of the second control of the seco and pointed out the necessity for the extension of the work. Miss Shapiro was appointed Hon. Secretary, and Miss Brewer kindly undertook to act as Hon. Treasurer

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May 16th, 1929.

The Editor of THE VOTE.

Dear Madam,

I have only now discovered that there is a slight mistake in the report on the Peace Meeting which took place in connection with the Conference of the International Council of Women at the Rudolf Steiner Hall, on May 2nd. This meeting was organised by the Peace and Arbitration Committee of the International Council of Women, not by the National Council of Women, and Mme. Dreyfus-Barney, one of the speakers on that occasion, is a French woman (American by birth) and a member of the League of Nations' Expert Committee on the instruction of young people in the aims and the work of the League of Nations. She Vice-Convener of our Peace Committee and Convener of our Cinema Sub-Committee. I think her name must have been confused with that of Dr. Emmy Beckmann, who also spoke I think her name must have been in the Rudolf Steiner Hall and who is a member of the Municipal Council of Hamburg.

Yours sincerely, G. M. GUNTHER. [We extremely regret the inaccuracy.—Ep.]

We are pleased to call our readers' attention to the following letter from Dr. White, on a subject in which women take a deep

Aid for The Nerve-Strained.

The Editor of THE VOTE.

Dear Madam,

A movement is on foot in the House of Commons, to which about 150 members have so far given their adhesion, for the provision of hostels or sanatoria for the benefit of such early cases as cannot be proved to be "dangerous or unfit to be at large," where they might recover much more speedily than in asylums, and be free from risk of detriment or the stigma associated with institutions under Lunacy Control.

It is intended to present a memorial to the Minister of Health, asking him to allocate Government grants for the provision of hostels free from detention. Grants are already given to the Asylum Committees to run homes which are liable to become "feeders" to asylums; whereas these of a voluntary remedial type ought naturally to be kept apart from Lunacy, and run by the Health Committees of local authorities. This would be an immense boon to the country, and would result in a great saving of expenditure by steadily and effectively reducing the £8,000,000 now spent yearly on asylums. The present is an excellent opportunity for each elector to write to the candidates in the constituency, asking for a pledge of all possible support, if elected, for this most necessary reform

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