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Notes.

WE are glad to be able to record that Mr. Herbert Gladstone "hopes to amend" the law with regard to infanticide. If women had the vote, the showing forth of such painful lack of power observable in this halting declaration would probably not have been necessary.

AMONG measures for relief for the distress in the north, none seems more satisfactory than the Liverpool Women's Sewing Rooms, which appear to answer the purpose of temporary relief better than do the relief works for men. "Perhaps the women make a better use of the opportunity," says *The Times*; but in any case there is no excuse whatever for the continued impoverishment of the scale on which assistance is given to unemployed women.

MR. RENWICK, addressing the crowd after the announcement of his success at Newcastle, said the ladies had assisted him gallantly throughout the contest, and he must express his admiration for those ladies who had addressed meetings on behalf of Woman Suffrage. They had taught the men a lesson how to speak and conduct a campaign, and he wished they might soon realize their hopes.

The Liberal candidate expressed the hope that by the next election they would have the votes of the ladies to defeat the votes of beer.

WE are glad to see a lady candidate for the River Ward (Woolwich) Borough Council, in the person of Miss S. Turnbull. Her record on the Board of Guardians ought to strengthen her chances, and we wish her every success.

WE have been favoured with an advance copy of Mr. Cholmeley's 'The Women's Anti-Suffrage Movement.' The arguments of the manifesto are closely followed and pulverized; if one can think of pulverizing a glutinous substance, which at each blow gives way in order to take up another position of an equally transitory solidity. We mean no disrespect to Anti-Suffragists, but sentimentalities are by their very nature, effluent.

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THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL have adopted the report suggesting the appointment of a Pension Committee to consist of twenty-one members and twelve co-opted members—not less than three nor more than six of whom are to be ladies. There are four ladies appointed on the first committee, Mrs. Bland Sutton, Organizer of the Happy Evening Association; Miss Leigh Browne, Secretary of the Women's Local Government Society; Miss Morton, daughter of Mr. A. C. Morton, M.P.; and Miss Violet Douglas-Pennant, daughter of the late Lord Penrhyn.

THE Women's Suffrage Campaign in Colchester proved a tremendous success. During the week over-crowded meetings were addressed by Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Joseph Clayton, Miss Hicks, M.A., Miss Cowen, and Miss Muriel Matters. At the farewell meeting on September 21st, hundreds were turned away. The converts are establishing a branch of the Women's Freedom League in Colchester. The campaigners have since visited Halstead, and are now doing good work in Sudbury. A successful meeting was held in the Town Hall on Friday, September 25th.

WILL the Anti-Suffragists, who point so readily to the great prison reform of a lady inspector being appointed, kindly give honour where honour is due. They need to be constantly reminded that this reform was brought about through representations made by Militant Suffragists who had themselves experienced the indignities to which women prisoners were subjected.

WE congratulate those who have been fortunate enough to secure an invitation to witness the first performance of 'The New Tenant' at Wandsworth Town Hall next Monday. Copies of this charming little play for four characters are now on sale at the offices of this paper, price 3d. net.

WE have been favoured with a page torn out from a back number of the *Fashion Review* which strengthens our opinion that the paper is not one-sided. We, however, cannot help remarking that to have diametrically opposed points of view appearing as unsigned articles in different numbers of a review is unusual, and seems to imply a Janus in the editorial chair.

AT a special meeting of the Wallasey Women's Liberal Association the following resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority:—

"That in view of the lack of that support for the Women's Cause which the Liberal women have a right to expect from the Liberal party, it is desirable to suspend this Association until such time as their claims are recognized."

WE congratulate Bristol on the splendid way in which it is carrying on the Suffrage campaign. A most successful demonstration, organized by the N.W.S.P.U., was held on Clifton Downs, and meetings are being held constantly, both by the Militant and Constitutional Parties, so that the west of England, and Mr. Birrell's stronghold in particular, has the opportunity of informing itself as to the tremendous hold the movement now has on the public.

THE Manchester Education Committee has decided to appoint three assistant medical officers for schools, none of them to be a woman. It is obvious that if ever there was a field of work in which a lady doctor could be singularly useful, it is in the inspection of school children. More than half the children to be inspected are girls, and half the teachers are women.—*Manchester Guardian*.

MISS M. WEDDELL is paying for this paper to be sent to the Hinckley Free Library, Leicester, each week, and Mrs. Williams is paying for a copy to be sent to the Public Library, Stoke Newington.

WHEN we learn from the Prison Blue-Book that the average of "males" in local prisons on each day of the year was nearly six times as many as "females," it is but one more argument in favour of the more law-abiding portion of the community taking their proper share in legislation.

WE congratulate Mlle. Miropolsky, the French lady barrister, on having obtained the acquittal of a woman accused of her child's death. The woman, tired of her miserable existence, had kindled a charcoal lamp in her room, and, with the child, inhaled the deadly fumes. The child died, but the mother was recalled to life at the eleventh hour.

IT is our wish to insert at least once a month a general article on the Suffrage movement which will make *Women's Franchise* more useful for propaganda work. Unfortunately this week for lack of space we are only able to insert the first portion of such an article.

WE have received £1 as an addition to our Guarantee Fund from Mrs. E. Bentley-Clark, residing in India, accompanied by a kind letter expressing regret at our reduction of pages a few weeks back.

The Suffrage in Other Lands.

SOUTH AFRICA.—I have received an account of the Suffrage debate in the Cape Parliament on August 18th. The motion in favour was introduced by Mr. Cronwright Schreiner. "That the Parliamentary Franchise shall no longer be denied to women on the ground of sex" was made the text of an eloquent speech, devoted in great part to answering the arguments brought forward last year by Mr. Merriman, when Dr. Viljoen introduced a similar motion. Mr. Merriman had declared that the men who spent their lives in the sun, the wind, and the rain, saw no reason for Female Suffrage. "What about General Botha?" asked Mr. Schreiner. What about the Commissioner? No one will say that he is effeminate. What about Mr. Malan? And above all what about the old Vortrekkers, who on June 10th, 1859, in founding their republic, declared that the wife of any burgher must be recognized as a burgheress with the rights of burgher. Mr. Cronwright Schreiner ridiculed the old physical force argument. Soldiers, he pointed out, were just the class to whom votes were denied. "Was it credible, as Mr. Merriman had suggested last year, that women would send men to their death, when women, though they do not bear arms, bear children, and go down to the Valley of the Shadow of Death in that hour. And if force was to be the ultimate arbiter, he could easily find a band of 107 Zulus who would speedily clear out the House of Assembly. Many men of small physical strength had been intellectual giants—Saul Solomon, for instance in that Colony, and Adam Smith in England. "The world is ruled not by force in the long run, but by ideals." If it came to fighting, however, women could fight. Many a woman had taken her place in the trenches in the late war, and would have thought small beer of the soldiers who learned to ride on rocking horses on the transports.

The appeal to physical force was simply an appeal to the instincts of the bulldog, the gamecock, and the savage, and was based on the desire for dominion and mastery over womankind. The root objection to Women's Suffrage was the unwillingness of men to surrender "the brutal mastery in the home." On democratic grounds there was no excuse for disfranchising

women. They were no more unreasonable, no more subject to emotional excesses than men. On the grounds of abstract justice one class of the community could not be excluded from the vote. Even the Chinese and the raw Hottentot had a vote. Yet women were excluded. Mr. Schreiner concluded by a survey of the movement in other parts of the world, enumerating the countries where the Franchise has already been granted. The movement, he said, was world-wide, and though it might be retarded, it could not be stopped. The advancing wave would continue to advance, growing ever deeper and broader, until it had swept on to the goal of the freedom of the human race.

After the motion had been seconded an amendment was moved by Mr. D. M. Brown, to the effect that the Franchise should be extended to women who are called upon to pay direct taxes, as proposed in the Income Tax Bill. There should be no taxation without representation. People said that women could influence the voters, "but how, I ask, can a spinster exert influence upon the giving of a vote?" As for physical force, women to-day do the greatest of all the fighting in the battle of life in the home. He reminded the House that John Stuart Mill could only find one reason why a woman should not have a vote, that she was born a woman. "Get rid of sentiment, and try a little common sense" was his concluding advice.

The House did not divide on the motion, but, as is usual, sought the easiest way of getting rid of an unwelcome subject, by voting the adjournment of the debate.

On the same day at a meeting convened by a joint committee representing the Women's Organization of the Transvaal, resolutions were passed urging that, in view of the possibility of closer union, an attempt should be made to secure the Franchise for women on the same terms as to men. A. ZIMMERN.

"The Truth against the World."

BY L. H. FRANKLAND.

PEOPLE who have not studied the course of the movement for the Enfranchisement of Women, and who, like a prominent member of the Government have not "thought of the matter for at least fourteen years," and who, like him, have had their attention drawn to the subject recently by the methods of the Militant Suffragists, are surprised at what appears to them to be the sudden violence of the agitation. But women have been patient for a long time. The so-called Constitutional Suffragists have depended for success on the reasonableness and justice of their cause, which they have sought to bring into prominence with untiring patience and unflagging work. Many of them have gone to their graves unsatisfied, and the rest of us are growing grey in the struggle for recognition. It may surprise some people to hear that a Bill for the Enfranchisement of Women, similar to the one which passed its second reading with such a triumphant majority recently, passed its second reading in the House of Commons as far back as 1870, but was killed in Committee. When one reflects that between 1870 and 1908 the Bill has been before the House of Commons on about thirty occasions, and that every kind of device has been employed to ridicule and obstruct and frustrate the perfectly legitimate claims of properly qualified women, one cannot be surprised that even the victory of February 28th does not appease the resentment of women. We welcome sympathetic expressions of opinion, but nothing in the nature of a sop will satisfy us. We want the vote. Of course the attack now being made on the Liberal Government is not an attack on Liberals as such. It is an attack made on a Government which so far has refused to make the Enfranchisement of Women a Government measure; and which will continue to be made on this or on any Government, whether Tory or Socialist, Liberal or Labour, until justice is done to women. But I think women have a special claim on the Liberal Party.

A great effort to enfranchise women was made in connexion with the Reform Bill of 1884. I have always thought that

Mr. Gladstone's action, when he ran his pen through the clause which would have enfranchised women, as he feared that the claims of women might overweight the Bill and imperil the cause of men, left Liberal men deeply in the debt of women, who were thrown overboard in their interest. There was no special insult to women as a sex when the government of the country was in the hands of the monarch and the aristocracy. The majority of men were then in the subject condition in which all women, not of Royal blood, find themselves to-day. The study of the British constitution shows that in early times there was no thought of excluding women from political power on account of their sex.

The Witanagemote, of which the House of Lords is the direct descendant, was a House of Ladies as well as Lords. In later times ladies of rank and the Abbesses of the great religious houses were summoned to the Privy Council of the King, and in the Middle Ages women enjoyed various privileges, for the enumeration of which there is no space in this article. It may be as well, however, to draw attention to one of them, namely, that of pleading their cause at the Bar of the House, which was expressly denied to the women of to-day by the present Government in 1907. Modern times have witnessed the destruction, as they are witnessing the gradual resurrection of the direct political influence of women, legally disfranchised for the first time in the history of the English Constitution by the Reform Act (so named) of 1832. Women who are apathetic with regard to the Suffrage movement do not resent, for most of them are unaware, that according to the ruling of one or two modern judges, modern women are not "persons" in the eye of the law, and a special Act of Parliament is now required to rescind this barbarous decision, and replace Englishwomen on the level of the free women of the past. L. H. FRANKLAND.

(To be continued).

Correspondence.

DEAR MADAM,—In view of the decision of the Revising Barrister at Rotherhithe to allow the name of a married woman on the Borough Council roll, and his remark that he took last year's Local Government Act to mean that a married woman was so entitled (that Act over-riding all previous registration law and custom), and that marriage was *not* now a disqualification, cannot something be done to press home this view? We ought to have this decision emphasized, and more test cases. Also married women (otherwise qualified) should be urged to send in claims—although I suppose nothing more can be done in that direction now until next summer. In the meantime, however, the point should be cleared, and legislation (if it is really now necessary) should be brought to the aid of those women who pay rates; but (because they also fulfil the obligations of marriage) may have no voice in the management of their own towns.

It is most essential that we should get more women on our local bodies, and at present the number of women, capable and suitable, who are eligible is very small owing to the restriction on married women. And not only so, but while we are fighting for the larger vote, do not let us give the enemy the opportunity of saying that we do not use the powers we already possess, or almost possess.

Yours, &c.,

EDITH K. CATLIN.

A Lost Opportunity.

DEAR MADAM.—I should like to say, in reply to Miss Mason's article in the pages of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, in last week's number, *re* co-opting women on Old Age Pensions Committees, that Partick Town Council, as well as Glasgow, have co-opted six women members, two of whom are members of this, the Western Branch of the Women's Freedom League.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. WILSON, Sec.

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The Union will send Organising Agents, Speakers, or Literature to any place requiring them, its desire being to form a Women's Suffrage Society in every County and Borough. All persons interested in the movement, or desiring information about it, are requested to communicate with the Secretaries. Increased Funds are needed for the growing work of the Union, and Subscriptions will be gladly received by the Treasurer.

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Newcastle By-Election.

THE candidates' speeches after the declaration of the poll, reported in *The Newcastle Chronicle* are interesting. Mr. Geo. Renwick, M.P., said, "He must express his admiration for those ladies who had addressed meetings on behalf of Women's Suffrage. They had taught the men a lesson how to speak and how to conduct a campaign, and he wished they might soon realize their hopes. (Cheers.)"

Mr. Shortt "hoped that by the next election they would have the votes of the ladies to defeat the votes of beer."

From *The Northern Echo* we learn Mr. Shortt added that he thought it was difficult to determine whether Mrs. Pankhurst had been influential in her campaign in diverting votes to any extent. He had nothing at all to say about the use she had made of her opportunities, but he could only use the kindest terms in speaking of the educational campaign carried on by Miss Helen Fraser and the ladies who were conducting the fight for the Women's Suffrage Societies. It was a struggle in which her efforts, he thought, would be rewarded with success.

The By-election Campaign is over, and every one, including the Press, agree in saying that Women's Suffrage has been a paramount issue in this election, and that the town is converted. Our meetings have been a series of successes. We had more than a thousand women at one Town Hall afternoon meeting on Monday, the 21st, and for the second time over two thousand people at night. Our speakers included Miss Hardcastle, M.A., Miss Ward, L.L.A., Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Harrison Bell, Miss Lowndes, Miss Rowlette, Miss Robertson, B.A., and myself. At each indoor meeting we have gained new members, and our dinner-hour and engineers' meetings were excellent from every point of view. Male exponents of political creeds have little chance when we appear, and every evening when we went round to Haymarket we found our crowd waiting patiently. On the eve of the poll we had two platforms. We have had invitations to speak to every kind of organization, and everywhere the same reception. One of the candidates told me the day before the poll that he was convinced nineteen out of every twenty men in Newcastle believed in our demand.

We got a personal pledge from both candidates that Women Suffrage would be dealt with in the speeches after the poll. This has been done for the first time in any election—and the fact that I desire to impress upon every member of the National Union is the immense political value of this by-election work in addition to its educational value. The by-election policy of the Union is the policy of the future—is a policy built upon a recognition of the greatest truth there is in politics as in all other things, that an educated public opinion must be secured, and being secured, will do everything desired.

The mandate desired by Mr. Asquith we are endeavouring to secure here also. I have sent to him resolutions carried unanimously from engineers' branches, from mass meetings of thousands, from indoor meetings, and on the polling day we started for the first time in by-elections

A VOTER'S PETITION,

which must be signed only by voters giving full name and address and number on register.

It has been in our committee-room only two days, and we have already over three thousand signatures—and every one of

these men had to come some way to sign. It is a simple petition to the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith and the Right Hon. the House of Commons, and "urgently begs that you and your honourable House will, without delay, pass into law a measure for the enfranchisement of women by granting to them the vote on the same terms as it is or may be granted to men." It is confined to electors of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and we have had to tell many Tyneside electors who desired to sign that they could not, to our regret, but we have promised to let them have an opportunity of signing one soon. We are going to carry it on till Parliament opens, and then it will be handed over to Mr. Hudson, the senior member of the City, to present on the day on which Mr. Renwick takes his seat. The first signatures on it are those of Mr. Burt, M.P. and Privy Councillor, and Mr. Charles Fenwick, M.P.

It is the direct mandate desired, and we hope and feel sure that by October 12th we shall have ten thousand signatures.

This, I need hardly say, has been an expensive campaign. We feel sure the members realize its value, and we feel certain that the money spent will be forthcoming.

The local society has been a very great help, Mrs. Harrison Bell and Mrs. Eliot Harrison being invaluable, and we have also to thank Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Watson, Miss Hall, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Charlton Wilkinson, Dr. Ethel Williams, Miss Kirby, Miss Mein, and many others for valuable help.

HELEN FRASER.

A WEEK spent in Newcastle has been a revelation to me. The space at my command is short, and, I may add, the time is short also, so I must be brief. But one or two points can be briefly indicated. First and foremost, the splendid attitude of the Liberal women. Dr. Ethel Williams, their President, has been firm as a rock in putting Suffrage before Party, and has steadily maintained the neutral attitude of our Union. In reply to a prominent Liberal, who bitterly complained of the "want of discipline among the Liberal women; 500 women canvassers last election—where were they on this occasion"; she pointed the moral and turned the laugh against his assertion that, had he foreseen this, he would have taken off his own coat to do the job, by reminding him that he had not 500 pairs of legs. Then the prominent L.L.P. women, Mrs. Harrison Bell, Mrs. Shaw, and others, have also had to bear much criticism for not supporting Hartley and for not plainly advocating Socialism when preaching Suffrage. These things make one proud of one's sex. Another strong impression I have gained is the interest men take in our organization, and our difficulties in welding the many varied forces at our command into a united whole. There was no mistaking the faces of the men in the front rows of the Town Hall meeting on Monday night, when I explained this to them, in justification of the greater deliberation of our action than that of the other section. *The Newcastle Daily Chronicle's* report of my speech is headed thus: "A Strong Cohesive Body," and ends with the sentence "they were now a strong cohesive body, which was gradually making a strong cohesive by-election policy, which would have its effect." And, finally, I was greatly astonished at the effect on oneself of such a week. To be one of a band of workers who, scorning ease, can quietly accept without a grumble the inevitable absence of creature comforts: who, fighting down

all natural instincts of shyness, have the moral heroism (I did not get so far myself!) as to stand up and "take the chair" to draw the crowd together to listen to another speaker; who have learnt to sink personal feelings and personal ambitions and the desire for personal effect in the daily drudgery of preparing for meetings as well as in the exciting display of the platform, this is a lesson in life as well as in politics. Members of the National Union, you need not go to prison in order to develop the spirit of enthusiasm and self-sacrifice; come and work at a by-election.

FRANCES HARDCASTLE.

5,000 Guineas Fund.

THE following sums have been received since our last notice of this fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Miss M. Batchelor (collected)	1	1	0
Miss M. Batchelor	0	5	0

Branch Societies.

CHELTHENHAM.—The third outdoor meeting was held on September 26th at 6 o'clock near the Norwood Arms, Leckhampton. Miss Lilian How took the chair, and the audience speedily reached one hundred. Miss Mills spoke for over half an hour on the beginning of Suffrage in America and its present connexion with the labour movement and the temperance question. The people listened splendidly, and the only interruption came from a drunken man, who, however, did not prevent the majority hearing. Miss How gave out literature. One question was asked at the close, and Mrs. Despard's oncoming meeting was announced.

HULL.—During the past week four most successful meetings have been held, each addressed by Mrs. C. Bewick Colby, U.S.A. She was introduced at a large "At Home" (over 100) given by Dr. M. C. Murdoch, in her own house, September 19th.

On Monday night, at a public meeting in the Royal Institution, the resolution for presentation to the Prime Minister was proposed by the President from the chair, seconded by Mrs. Colby, and carried unanimously. On Tuesday, despite pouring rain, a good contingent of Hull members went out to Beverley, and had a rousing speech from the visitors, with Dr. Murdoch in the chair. The resolution was again put, and carried unanimously.

On Wednesday a Franchise Tea was given in the Oddfellows' Hall, Hull. The room was packed to hear Mrs. Colby make her farewell speech. At the different meetings she answered the objections of the "Antis," as Mrs. Fawcett names them, gave arguments in favour of Women's Suffrage, adduced from a successful working of the Franchise in those States where women already have the vote, was humorous, grave, and gay by turns, and left with the warm thanks of the audiences to her and Dr. Murdoch for the time, trouble, and energy so ungrudgingly given. At each meeting some new members were enrolled and good collections given.

MANCHESTER, Glossop.—In preparation for the Manchester Demonstration on October 23rd and 24th, the North of England Society is holding a number of local meetings. Miss Irene Parker organized one for September 22nd, and succeeded so well that the square outside Glossop Town Hall was crowded with the overflow from the meeting within. Miss Ashton, Mrs. Swanwick, and Miss Courtney, after addressing the meeting within, proceeded, one after the other, to address an equally large meeting without, and were received with a courtesy and attention which reflect the greatest credit on the people and the police of Glossop. The lock-out in the cotton mills and the wide-spread unemployment are serious hindrances to the sending of large contingents to Manchester; but even so, the conduct of the people gave hope that they would do their best.

WILMSLOW.—A meeting was held at the "British Workman" on Wednesday 23rd, when Miss Royden gave a stirring address to the Knutsford Division Society, urging them to come to the Procession.

REDHILL.—A successful open-air meeting was held on Saturday evening, September 19th, at Redhill, when Miss Abadam gave a stirring address to about 300 men and women. She was listened to with the utmost attention, and her demonstration of the moral evils involved in low wages for women evoked evident sympathy. The comic element was, as usual, not absent; but the reiterated demand from a not too sober inquirer, "What I want to know is, ken you make a meat puddin'?" only gave Miss Abadam a handle for a humorous retort and a further argument for her theme. She left her audience, like the recipients of Sam Weller's letters, wishing for more.

County Campaign Fund.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cambridge.—Mrs. Sidgwick	20	0	0	39	16	0
Haddington, N.B.—Miss Alice Balfour	20	0	0	20	0	0
Glamorgan.—Miss Collin, B.A.	0	10	0	21	4	6
Eric Evans, Esq.	0	10	0	29	3	6
Kent.—Collected by Miss Zoe Kenny	8	0	0	45	15	6
Lancs.—The Misses Robinson	0	5	0	£716	1	2
Total to Monday, September 28th						

Another Lost Opportunity.

UNDER this heading there appeared in *The Daily News* of Sept. 10th a remarkably able and interesting article by Mr. Chiozza Money, M.P., dealing with 'The Unfortunate Omissions from the Inland Revenue Report' (just published), a Report which, according to Mr. Chiozza Money, "is chiefly remarkable for what it does not contain."

One of the omissions on which Mr. Chiozza Money lays special stress is the lack of any return of the number of persons making claims for the ninepenny rate of income tax. He is of opinion that, if such a return had been made, "it would give us an exceedingly valuable and interesting record of the earned incomes of the country lying between 160l. and 2,000l. per year." He is also of opinion "that the authorities should smooth the path of the Chancellor of the Exchequer by providing him with information" of this kind.

With both these statements we agree, but we go a step further. The Report, in our opinion, would have been still more "valuable" and "interesting" if it had recorded how many of those who have paid the tax on earned and unearned incomes were the women who are called upon to contribute in this way to the revenues, but who are allowed no voice in deciding how that income is to be spent. We wonder if the injustice of this occurred to Mr. Chiozza Money while writing!

Though this information might not tend "to smooth the path of the Chancellor of the Exchequer," and certainly would not help to comfort the women who have to pay this tax out of their incomes earned or unearned, it is, nevertheless, worthy of consideration by the Chancellor, and by all men who have any love of justice and fair play in their souls.

This taxation presses heavily on a multitude of women with small incomes (it does not affect the point raised as to whether the said incomes are earned or otherwise), and the pressure becomes well nigh intolerable to many, when the injustice which accompanies the pressure is taken into consideration.

In three cases personally known to the writer, the small incomes of the respective families were entirely earned by, or belonged to, the women of the household. The said incomes, though small, were not quite small enough to escape income tax, and this was paid by the unrepresented women, who, in each case, had the additional burden of maintaining idle or drunken brothers. Such cases are only samples of scores of others which are, doubtless, known to many of the readers of *Women's Franchise*. They simply prove once again the injustice and inequality of the law so far as women are concerned, an injustice and inequality which will never be rectified till women possess the Parliamentary Franchise.

BERTHA MASON.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

	South Kensington, Public Meeting, Small Town Hall	Chair, Mr. Cholmeley Speakers, Miss Corbett Miss Palliser	8
	Manchester , Public Meeting St. George's Hall, Ladybarn	Chair, L. Oppenheim, Esq. Speakers, Miss Margaret Ashton, Miss A. M. Royden	8
	Bury, Public Meeting		8
	London , Richmond, Drawing-Room Meeting	Hostess, Mrs. Aldin Chair, Dr. Maguire	8.30
	Bristol , Caldecott	Speaker, Miss Abadam	5-6.30
	Leicester , Meeting of N.U.W.S.S. Secretaries at Y.M.C.A. (London Road Entrance)		8-10 A.M. 10.30
	Soiree , Municipal Art Gallery, New Walk		8-10 A.M. 10.30
	N.U.W.S.S. Quarterly Council Meetings , Sunday-School Memorial Hall, New Walk		P.M. 3-6
	Exhibition of Banners , Admission 6d., including Tea, Temperance Hall, Granby Street		8-10 A.M. 10.30
	Great Demonstration , Temperance Hall. Admission by Ticket—1s., 6d., 3d. Organized by an Independent Local Committee	Chairman, J. Tudor Walters, Esq., M.P. Speakers, Mrs. Fawcett, L.L.D., Mrs. Billington- Greig, Mrs. Cooper, Miss L. O. Logan, Sir Charles McLaren, M.P., T. M. Kettle, Esq., M.P., Franklin Thomasson, Esq., M.P.	8
	Bournemouth , Public Meeting, St. Peter's Hall, Hinton Rd.	Speaker, Lady Grove	4
	London , Bedford Park	Hostess, Mrs. Brookes Chair, Mr. J. Leighton Speaker, Miss Cockle	8.30
	Manchester , First Weekly "At Home" of the N. of E. Society, at New Offices, Deansgate Arcade	Speaker, Miss Margaret Ashton	8
	Knutsford Division Branch, Public Meeting, King's Coffee House	Speaker, Mrs. F. T. Swanwick	8
	Cheltenham , First Social, Town Hall	Speaker, Maekenzie Bell, Esq.	4-6
	Manchester , Public Meeting, Emmanuel Schoolroom, Barlow Moor	Chair, Rev. Charles Ford, M.A. Speaker, Miss Margaret Ashton	8
	London , Ealing, Public Meeting, Argyle Congregational Hall, W. Ealing	Chair, H. G. Chancellor, Esq. Speakers, Mrs. Stopes Miss Abadam	8
	Manchester , Marple Branch, Public Meeting		8
	Nottingham , Exhibition of Banners, Lecture Hall, Castle Gate		8
	Manchester , Joint Demonstrations in Support of Women's Suffrage, Evening Meeting, Free Trade Hall		8
	Afternoon Mass Meeting and Procession from Albert Square to Alexandra Park		8
	Birmingham , Meeting for Women only, Smethwick Town Hall	Speakers, Miss Abadam, and others	3.30
	Public Meeting, Smethwick Town Hall	Speakers, Miss Abadam, and others	7.30
	Cardiff , Public Meeting, Park Hotel	Speakers, Mrs. Fawcett, J. Malcolm Mitchell, Esq.	8
Oct. 1.	Bristol , Public Meeting, Bethesda Schoolroom	Chair, N. H. Knapp, Esq.	P.M. 8
	Darlington , Public Meeting, Temperance Institute	Chair, Rev. Q. Christian	3
	London , Marylebone, Drawing-room Meeting	Hostess, Mrs. Meyerstein	4
	Manchester , Cheadle Hulme	Speakers, Mrs. Swanwick, M.A., and others Speaker, Miss Helen Fraser	8
	Whitefield , Public Meeting, Church Schools		8
2.	London , Ealing, Public Meeting, Lecture Room, Town Hall	Chair, Rev. W. Templeton King. Speaker, Miss Ransom	8
	Highgate , Public Meeting, Spears Memorial Hall	Chair, Rev. T. A. Lacey Speaker, Miss C. D. Corbett	8
	Wandsworth , Woman's Suffrage	Miss Agnes E. Slack	8
	Manchester , Drawing-Room Meeting, The Crossways, Broughton	Hostess, Miss Young Speakers, Mrs. Swanwick and others	8
	Public Meeting, Memorial Hall	Chair, Rev. W. Hudson Shaw Speakers, Mrs. C. H. Corbett, Mrs. Allan Bright, Miss M. Ashton, Miss D. Armitage	8
3.	Cheltenham , Outdoor Meeting, near Norwood Arms, Leckhampton		3.30
4.	Altrincham	Speakers, Mrs. Swanwick, M.A., and others	8
	Birmingham , Meeting of Subscribers and Friends, Grand Hotel	Chair, Prof. Hughes	3.30
	Bristol , Public Meeting, Counterslip Schoolroom		8
	Cardiff , Public Meeting, Secondary School, Howard Gardens	Chair, Councillor H. M. Thompson Speakers, Mrs. Lester Jones, Mrs. Lewis, Canon Beck, Councillor Smith	8
	London , Blackheath, Drawing-Room Meeting	Hostess, Mrs. Norman McDougall, Speaker, Mrs. Rackham	3
	Wandsworth , Reception by Local Committee, Town Hall, Dramatic Sketch	Speakers, Lady Grove, Cecil Chapman, Esq.	7.45
	Manchester , Prestwich, Public Meeting, Liberal Club	Speakers, Miss K. D. Courtney, Miss Fraser, Miss Royden	8
	Reading , Annual Meeting	Speaker, Miss Abadam	8
	Reigate and Redhill , Public Meeting	Chair, H. Brodie, Esq., M.P. Speakers, Mrs. Rackham, Baillie Weaver, Esq.	8
6.	Brighton , Public Meeting, Pavilion, Admission by Ticket, 2s. 6d., 1s., 6d.	Chair, Rev. Vicars Boyle Speakers, Mrs. Corbett, Miss Abadam, Miss Verrall and J. T. Fletcher, M.P.	8
	London , East Ham, Women's Co-op. Guild	Speaker, Miss Abadam	2.30
	Marylebone , Public Meeting, Portman Rooms	Chair, Sir E. Busk Speakers, Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., Miss Lowndes	8
	Windsor , Invitation Meeting	Hostess, Miss Hodgkin Speaker, Mrs. Rackham	3
	Willesden , Invitation Meeting	Chair, Rev. Morgan Speaker, Miss Palliser	8
	Sutton , Invitation Meeting, Walton-on-Thames	Speaker, Mrs. Wilson	8 5.30
7.	Bristol , Public Meeting, Small Colston Hall	Chair, Rev. Canon Talbot Speakers, Miss Abadam, Mrs. Allan Bright, W. S. B. McLaren, Esq.	8
	Edinburgh , Public Meeting, Café, Oak Hall, Princes Street	Chair, J. Dobbie, Esq. Speakers, Lady Steel and others	4
	London , Brixton, Drawing-Room Meeting	Hostess, Miss Packer Speaker, Miss Cockle	8.30

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VOTES FOR WOMEN.

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The N.E.C. in Scotland.

THE visit of the N.E.C. to Scotland has been made the occasion of great effort on the part of the branches. Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Perth, and Aberdeen have each signalized the time by holding at least one public meeting, preceded or followed in most cases by a social gathering. The speakers have been received everywhere with sympathy and understanding by the public, and with the most kindly hospitality by the Scottish members.

Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Kilmarnock occupied attention previous to Sunday, September 20th. On Monday, 21st, Mrs. How Martyn and Miss Cicely Hamilton attended a Suffrage At Home, given by Mrs. Murray, at Moore Park, Cardross. Speeches and appeals were made by Miss Eunice Murray and the two members of the N.E.C. present. Donations of about 15l. were given for the work of the League, and a considerable number of new members joined the ranks. Mrs. Murray is to be congratulated upon the success of the function from both the Suffrage and the social point of view.

At the same hour Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Holmes, and Mrs. Sproson were assisting the Glasgow stalwarts who have initiated the protest against the neglect of unemployed women by the authorities. A mass meeting was addressed in George Square by the speakers mentioned.

The Athenæum Hall was crowded for the evening meeting, and great enthusiasm prevailed. Miss Anna Munro was in the chair, and Mrs. Despard, Mrs. How Martyn, Miss Irene Miller, and Mrs. Teresa Billington-Greig were the speakers. A great impetus has been given to the winter work by the meeting, and a considerable profit will go to swell the Scottish Council funds.

Dunfermline and East Fife were visited on Tuesday, and on Wednesday Aberdeen and Leven, both places supplying good audiences. In Aberdeen the winter work has already been commenced. Further meetings are arranged, one on October 15th or 16th in connexion with the visit of the Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, and others to follow. Miss Third, a member of the Aberdeen branch, has been co-opted upon the Old-Age Pensions Committee. This appointment is due to the foresight of the branch in sending in a formal application to the local authorities. Other branches should immediately follow this good example.

On Thursday the East Fife meetings were held at Strathmiglo and Auchtermuchty. A meeting was also held at Dundee where Mrs. How Martyn, Miss Hamilton, and Miss Irene Miller, spoke. The Friday meetings were at Ladybank and Perth, and on Saturday the campaign closed with a meeting at Dunoon. The Perth branch is full of promise. Its members have a splendid opportunity, as the city has no Suffrage Society other than the Women's Freedom League.

In East Fife good work has been done during the summer. As a result two branches will be formed during the next month, one at Strathmiglo and one at Leven. An attempt is also to be made to form branches at Newport and Tayport, where the co-operation of the Dundee members will be valuable. Kirkcaldy, St. Andrews, and Cupar are also to be attacked during October, for though not of the constituency, they are geographically in it, and on account of their size are more easily worked than the tiny East Fife villages. With branches in these places we shall be able to work the constituency more cheaply and more completely. Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Irene Miller, Mrs. Holmes, and Mrs. Billington Greig have addressed the East Fife meetings. The visit of the N.E.C. has been productive of one other

effort. Mrs. Sproson is spending a week in Leith, where with the co-operation of the Edinburgh and Leith members, she is holding an outdoor campaign to reach new members. From every point of view the visit of the N.E.C. to the land north of the Tweed has been successful. The enthusiasm has been increased. The branches and the N.E.C. have been brought nearer together, and the foundations of much good future work have been laid. The N.E.C. and the Scottish members share the credit and the benefit.

Special Effort Week.

THE brilliant idea of celebrating the reassembling at each session of Parliament until women have the vote by a Special Effort Week of raising funds promises to be a great success. The time of preparation for this first week, October 12th-19th, is short, but that only means that a great deal of work must be done in a short time, and all members and friends are urged to remember that the need of the League for money is greater than it ever was.

More than 1,500l. was raised during the first six months of this year, but that amount will be quite inadequate during the next six months. Our work is extending in all directions, but not so quickly as could be wished, owing to the need for more organizers. Especially do we need a by-election organizer, who would, when the election was over, form a branch of the League, so that the whole result of the splendid work put in at by-elections can be reaped. An organizer is needed in Ireland to follow up the work so ably begun there by Mrs. Wilson. Applications for organizers to visit the Orkney Islands, Hull, the towns and villages visited by the Caravan, and many other places have been received, and it is only the lack of money which prevents full advantage being taken of these invitations.

More necessary than all is the continuance of an active campaign against the Government both at by-elections and in further protests and demonstrations. The Committee has excellent plans, and the proceeds of the Special Effort Week must supply the ammunition which will enable them to be carried out effectively. The methods which individual members may adopt for raising funds are almost infinite. The following will give some idea of the variety. Mrs. Holmes and Miss Irene Miller will arrange street corner concert parties.

Mrs. Saintry will make three reform dresses if given orders, and Miss Arklay is willing to make blouses.

Miss Hodgson and some helpers are making lavender bags and other small articles for sale.

Barrel organs, gramophones, magic lanterns will all be used to bring in money, while some amateur photographers are hoping to become professionals for the week.

Those members who are willing to sell or collect in the streets should send in their names to the Hon. Sec.

How all can help.—Splendid work is being done at our open-air meetings, but at several of them there is scope for more workers who will sell literature, take the collections, distribute handbills, and take the names and addresses of sympathizers. Will those who will help in this way but do not know where they are most wanted, kindly write to the Hon. Secretary?

ANY Suffragette who is fond of country life can join a Hop-picking Party. Delightful experience, good opportunity for propaganda, and good work for the cause. Bur Garten, 56, Clapham Common West, London, S.W.

Workless Women.

THE neglect of women by the law-maker is only equalled by the neglect she suffers at the hands of the administration of law. The Unemployed Act supplies striking instances of this fact. The attitude of Mr. John Burns from the earliest moment of his occupancy of his present position has been such that political outlaws must not expect to benefit under the laws of the land. The efforts of women such as Mrs. Tennant, Mrs. Margaret Moore, and the members of the Women's Freedom League, have been often rendered futile by the emphatic refusal of "head-quarters" to empower the local Distress Committee to take action.

But the local authorities have been guilty of neglect on their own account. They have often spent all their money on unemployed men, and only remembered the unemployed women when no further funds were available. This was done last year by the Glasgow Distress Committee. In their report they say, "So far nothing has been done in the city for the unemployed women."

In order to prevent a recurrence of this inequality of treatment, the Women's Freedom League has commenced an agitation. Two deputations have been arranged, one to the City Council, and one to the Glasgow Distress Committee, at which the claim for the equal treatment of unemployed men and women has been made, and various practical suggestions have been laid before the administrative bodies. Mrs. Billington-Greig and Mrs. Wilson were the speakers at the City Council, and Mrs. Billington-Greig, Miss Munro, and Miss Glasier addressed the Distress Committee.

As an immediate result, the Sub-Committee—which had rejected the plan previously considered for opening workshops for women—has been instructed to reconsider the new suggestions, and a considerable amount of interest has been aroused in the methods of registration recommended by Mrs. Billington-Greig, and in the Menderies and the Sanitary Brigade and other agencies for supplying or organizing work which were put before the local authorities. The agitation will not be allowed to die down. It forms a most striking and educative example of the neglect which women must expect until they are voters.

A Milestone.

"BUT it's precisely what we have been saying year in year out, talking to deaf ears, and knocking at street doors; and now you hear your very words repeated as if they were quite new, and had occurred to the signatory only that morning." We had been canvassing for signatures, and it was as gladdening as it was astonishing to note the gentler thought, the juster view, and the hopeful sorrow that clustered round the Daisy Lord incident. It would have been impossible a hundred years ago.

"Daisy Lord" is a milestone whereon we read the distance travelled since, say, the "Ann Askew" milestone. To-day's milestone is nearer the kingdom, the nearer miles are chiselled large, and all the failures and disheartenings and long-deferred hopes cannot chip it away.

We are nearer and we are nearing. A boat may toy on the water almost beneath the Niagara Falls and not be sucked under; but away down the broad river, where the hidden force of waters comes to sight again, that little boat of indifference could not live on the tossings and pitchings of the mighty swirl.

The Niagara of justice and right was too strong for Cromwell's day and generation, and for 250 years has our history gallery exhibited that vulgar joke—his head on a pike.

But his hidden force is coming to light again, and toleration for all—women and men—is in the air. Our ancestors better than we? No, indeed, we are still black enough, but our national ideal is brighter and whiter, and compared with our ancestors—would the country fold its arms to-day while Raleigh sickened in prison; while the third queen's head was on the block; while Joan of Arc was burning; while Jeffrey's tortures were going on; and while women and girls, half naked, worked in pits?

We are better, and there is better still ahead. The voices and deeds of noble womanhood in the Victorian and in our own day have sunk deep, and from their very forcefulness must be hidden awhile; but they are coming to light again and bearing fruit, shaking the indifferent, confirming the searcher for truth, healing the cruel wounds, and proclaiming the acceptable time, the time of the just Christ.

London Council.

Sunday Socials.—The third of these interesting monthly gatherings will take place next Sunday evening at the Holborn Town Hall, when Dr. Thornett will be "At Home" to members and friends from 7 to 10.

Mrs. Arncliffe Sennet and Dr. Lewin will speak.

All visitors, both women and men, will be warmly welcomed, and we anticipate a very large attendance.

Notices.

Books, pamphlets, and leaflets for propagandist purposes are to be obtained at the new offices of the Women's Freedom League, 1, Robert Street, Adelphi. Branch secretaries and other members are urged to push the sale of literature as much as possible. Criticisms and suggestions relating to this branch of the work will be welcomed and carefully considered by the Literature Sub-committee. It is felt that a special effort must be made this autumn to increase the sale of literature. If every member would help, much would be accomplished; but without such co-operation it will be difficult for an already overworked committee to make a great success of this department.

League Colours.—Many members have expressed a wish that the League should have distinctive colours. Yellow and white seemed to be the favourite combination, but as they are the Papal colours, the Committee decided to add a third, either black or dark blue or dark green. Notices have been sent to the branches, and the choice made by the branch should be sent as soon as convenient to the Hon. Sec., so that orders for ribbons and badges may be put in hand.

Wanted—More Vans.

THE work done by the one van now touring has been so effective and of such educational value, it is really imperative that we should be in a position to place at least two more on the road next spring.

The north of England district, including Lancashire and Yorkshire, is clamorous for a van, and in Cornwall and Devon the same desire has been repeatedly expressed.

A lady, who wishes to be anonymous, has given 5*l.* to commence the fund for a new caravan, and we appeal confidently to all those who lay stress on the value of educational work, to send donations marked "For New Caravan" to the Hon. Treasurer of the League.

News Paragraphs.

MRS. BILLINGTON-GREIG has been approached by three societies to stand for election to the City Council in Glasgow. In refusing these invitations our Hon. Organizing Secretary has emphasized the political independence of the Women's Freedom League and the urgent need for all women to devote themselves to the establishment of the primary right of citizenship for their sex.

Street Corner Concert Parties are to be arranged in Glasgow as well as London during the Special Effort Week from October 12th to October 19th. Singers and reciters are asked to send in their names to Miss Anna Munro, 30, Gordon Street.

Autographs of leading Suffragists are to be sold during the Special Effort Week. The autograph alone will be 1*s.*, with message or motto, 2*s.* 6*d.*

Branch Notes.

Lewisham Branch.—At a recent Swimming Exhibition and Competition held at the Lewisham Baths, Miss M. Chandler, Hon. Treasurer of the local branch, adopted a novel method of Suffragist propaganda by entering for the Costume Race as a "Suffragette." Miss Chandler, whose ample skirt was trimmed with bands inscribed "Votes for Women," and with copies of the heading of this paper, upheld a flag, wore a bandeau of the "Women's Freedom League," and carried a sandwich-board proclaiming the unrecognised truism that "Women must vote that the will of the People shall prevail." Her appearance was greeted with applause by some members of the audience, also by a contingent of members of the Lewisham Branch. Hisses were also loudly heard.

The Prizes were awarded "according to the applause of the audience, as is the custom for the Costume Race, to an "Early Victorian" damsel, and to a "Shock-headed Peter." Miss Chandler's fine diving met with reward earlier in the afternoon, when she took a Third Prize, on receiving which, from the Vicar's wife, that lady remarked: "I am glad I do not give you this for your costume, as that would go against my conscience!"

It is evident that Lewisham stands in sore need of a Suffragist mission (or a by-election). The hisses were chiefly from the young school-girls of a celebrated High School and their "comfortable" mothers, who had curiously failed to recognise that "Votes for Women" merely proposes to give women a share of the political, as well as of the educational and professional advantages hitherto considered only suitable for men.

The Hillhead Branch re-opens its fortnightly meetings in the Burgh Hall on Monday, October 5th, at 8 P.M., Miss Munro and Miss Farquharson as speakers.

The Committee desire to draw attention to the Café Chantant and Sale to be held in Charing Cross (mid) Halls on December 12th, Miss Dorothy Molony, Organizer to London Council, will open the Sale.

A Public Meeting follows on December 14th in the Burgh Hall, Hillhead. Chair, Rev. D. Graham of St. Gillats; Speakers, Miss Molony, Miss Anna Munro, Alex. MacKendrick, Esq.

Gifts for the sale, and offers of help will be welcomed by Jessie M. Soga, M. Barrowman, M.A., Secs.

Manchester Branch.—A very successful "At Home" was held on September 23rd. Miss Manning and Miss Schofield, who paid us a flying visit, spoke so convincingly and to such good purpose that several new members were enrolled. The Men's League were well represented; we have to thank our friends Messrs. Coe and Kay for providing the social part of the evening. Manchester women are indeed coming forward nobly with offers of assistance in distributing bills, selling literature, sitting on committees, &c., all in readiness for our huge demonstration on October 23rd and 24th. There is work for every one who applies for it at our offices. We are still badly in want of funds, and those of us who are unable to render personal assistance please remember that monetary help would be very acceptable just at present, so please forward it to "The Treasurer," W.F.L., 47, Mosley Street, Manchester.

We have chosen a larger pitch than last time for our open-air meeting, to be held on Saturday in Broughton, as we expect a huge crowd. We require helpers to sell literature at all our open-air functions. Members are expected to do their duty and apply for work. M. B.

Campaign in South London.

MANY large and enthusiastic meetings have been held at all the main thoroughfares of the Dulwich Division. There has been no opposition, but much intelligent questioning, and we have been delighted with the welcome received everywhere. Throughout the campaign the need for more equitable treat-

ment of unemployed women has been kept well to the front, and many and eloquent appeals were made on behalf of these poor women. The various speakers included Miss D. Molony, Mrs. Toyne, Miss May Taplin, Miss Neilans, Miss Hillsworth, Miss Williams, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Moore, and Mr. Albery.

Future meetings will be held at the following places: September 30th, Vestry Road, Town Hall, 8 P.M.; October 1st, Addington Square, North Camberwell, 8 P.M.; October 2nd, Old Kent Road Gas Works (side), 6 P.M.; October 3rd, Victoria Road, Peckham Road, 8 P.M.; October 5th, Elm Grove, Rye Lane, 8 P.M.; October 6th, Hanover Park, Rye Lane, 8 P.M.; October 7th, Bournemouth Road, Rye Lane, 8 P.M.; October 8th, Choumert Road, Rye Lane, 8 P.M.; October 9th, Attwell Road, Rye Lane, 8 P.M.; October 10th, Triangle, Rye Lane, 8 P.M.; and Sunday the 11th, Peckham Rye, 11 A.M., 3 P.M., 7 P.M.

Athenæum, Camden Road, Public Meeting.

THE arrangements for this meeting are in hand, and the following speakers have been secured: Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Billington-Greig, Mr. Atherley Jones, K.C., M.P., and Mr. Chancellor. A shop in the neighbourhood will be taken about October 7th; and we shall be glad if all those who can help in any way to make the meeting known, or by selling tickets for it, will kindly communicate with Miss Seruya, 13, Pembroke Crescent, W.

Subscriptions already acknowledged, 1*l.* Further subscriptions: F. Murray, 2*s.* 6*d.*; S. Murray, 2*s.*; E. Murray, 2*s.*; E. H. M. G., 1*s.*; L. Robinson, 1*s.*; Mrs. Nicholson Clark, 5*s.*

PROGRAMME OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

September 30th to October 31st.

SEPT.	WED.	30.	Glasgow Western Rooms, Partick	Academy Mrs. Sproson	P.M. 8
	Oct.	1	"At Home," Caxton Hall, Westminster	Mrs. Toyne, Miss Molony	3.30
	Thurs.	1	1, Robert Street, Adelphi	Miss Molony	8
			10, Highbury Hill, N.	Islington Members' Business Meeting	
	Fri.	2	National Hall, High Street, Hornsey	Miss Molony	8
	Sat.	3	Carnoustie	Mrs. Billington-Greig, Miss Munro	
			Cheltenham	Mrs. Despard	
			Manchester—Broughton	Open-air Meeting	3.30
	Sun.	4	Wandsworth Common	Mr. Duval	12
			Battersea Park	Mrs. Duval	3.30
			Clapham Common	Mrs. Duval	3.30
			Holborn Town Hall, London	Miss Underwood	6.30
			Council "At Home"	Dr. Thornett	7-10
				Mrs. Arncliffe-Sennett	
	Tues.	6	Tottenham, 91, Mount Pleasant Road	Dr. Lewin, Mrs. Hicks	8
	Thurs.	8	Partick, Glasgow	Mrs. Toyne, Mr. Stanger, K.C., M.P.	
				Miss Cicely Hamilton, Mrs. Billington-Greig, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Harriette Neill, of Bangor	
			"At Home," Caxton Hall, Westminster		3.30
	Fri.	9	1, Robert Street, Adelphi	Despard Debating Society	8
			Middlesbrough	Miss Cicely Hamilton and others	
			Leicester	Mrs. Billington-Greig	
	Mon.	12	Reception, 1, Robert Street		5-7 & 8-10
	Wed.	21	Athenæum, Camden Road	Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Billington-Greig, Miss Hamilton, L. Atherley Jones, Esq., K.C., M.P.	8
				Hackney Branch	
	Sat.	31	31, Goldsmiths' Row, Jumble Sale		

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Notes and Comments.

WE greatly regret that the Women's National Anti-Suffrage League has officially informed us that it cannot at present arrange to send a speaker to debate with us. We offered a private or a public debate, free or by ticket, and had hoped that some arrangement might be found possible. In a letter from the Secretary dated September 25th, we are informed that the speakers of the League "are fully engaged in attending Meetings arranged by those who are organizing branches. It might be possible later on." Our request, however, will be laid before the Committee at its next meeting on October 7th, and a further reply will then be sent.

Our readers may be interested to know that the following are the officers of the society:—*Chairman*, the Countess of Jersey; *Vice-Chairman*, Mrs. Massie; *Hon. Treasurer*, the Hon. Ivor Guest, M.P.; *Hon. Secretary*, Miss Gertrude Lowthian Bell. Its headquarters are at Caxton House, Tothill Street, Westminster.

WE much regret that the Rev. Gertrud von Petzold has left England for America, where she is taking up pastoral work. Miss von Petzold was the first woman who took the charge of a church in this country (at Leicester), and her popularity has been great from the beginning of her work.

It is, however, as a Suffragist that we know Miss Petzold best. Her help has been invaluable to the Leicester societies, and it was in no small measure due to her and to Miss Gittins that the meeting in the Temperance Hall in the spring of this year was so striking a success. Her departure to America is not only a personal loss to many, but a great misfortune to the movement in Leicester.

The Newcastle election is another triumph to the militant Suffragists. We regret, however, that Mr. Renwick did not, so far as we can discover, make mention of what he proposes to do for the cause in the House. Mr. Shortt, on the other hand, when he addressed his supporters after the result was known, spoke very emphatically in favour of our cause. We hope that he will feel free as a private individual to do valuable work outside the House. In this connexion we would draw attention to a letter from an anonymous correspondent on the future of the militant policy, published below. We are not very keen on unsigned letters, but when they seem to afford food for thought we accept them, however reluctantly.

Men's League Speakers.

MR. JOHN RUSSELL, and perhaps Mr. Herbert Jacobs, will speak for the Women's Freedom League at a meeting in Holborn Town Hall, on Sunday, Oct. 4th. Mr. H. G. Chancellor will speak for the same society in Camden Town, on Oct. 21st. Mr. Baillie-Weaver is to address a National Union meeting at Reigate on Oct. 5th, and Mr. Mitchell is speaking at Pontypridd and Cardiff on Oct. 28th and 29th. Mr. Joseph Clayton who has spoken during last month at Clacton-on-Sea (Sept. 10th), Colchester (Sept. 16th), and Trafalgar Square (Sept. 13th), is to take part in a debate at Kennington on Oct. 24th. The Clapham Branch is vigorously helping in open-air meetings in Battersea and district under the leadership of Mr. E. Duval and Mr. V. D. Duval.

On October 8th Mr. H. Yorke Stanger, K.C., M.P., is addressing a Women's Freedom League meeting at Partick. On the 2nd Rev. Hudson Shaw of the Manchester Branch takes the chair at the Memorial Hall, Manchester, and on the 7th Rev. Canon Talbot presides over a meeting in the Colston Hall, Bristol, at which Mr. Walter Maclaren, one of our Executive Committee, will be one of the chief speakers. Mr. Cecil Chapman is at Wandsworth Town Hall on the 5th. At the Association Hall, Birkenhead, on September 28th Mr. J. H. Ziegler, J.P., took the chair.

It will thus be seen that members of the League are vigorously helping the movement. In this connexion we would draw attention to the views stated in a letter which we print below, in supplement to that of Mr. A. W. Holland which appeared in these columns on September 17th. It is most important that our members should take every opportunity, both in public and in private, of making the League known and adding new members to our list.

Branch News.

THE Branches have all approved (with the exception of one branch from which no reply has yet been received) the letter addressed to all members of Parliament demanding in the name of the League that the enfranchisement of women shall be taken up at once. The letter will be in the hands of the M.P.s by the end of this week. The Bristol Branch is further addressing its local M.P.s as has already been done by the Manchester Branch.

The Manchester Branch is vigorously pushing its preparations for the big demonstration of Oct. 23rd. Its first annual general meeting is fixed for Oct. 16th, when an important discussion is expected.

Stewards' Corps.

HELP has been invited for the following meeting during the ensuing week.
Chelsea Town Hall, N.W.S.P.U., October 7th.
Please arrive at 7.30

Liverpool Meeting.

UNDER the auspices of the League, a meeting was held near the Seaforth Station of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway last Wednesday week. It was intended, primarily, as an advertisement for the big meeting last Tuesday, September 29th, under the auspices of the original Liverpool Society (N.U.W.S.S.). Among the speakers at this latter meeting was the Rev. J. Ivory Cripps, who joined the Men's League at Birkenhead last spring.

We subjoin a report of the Seaforth meeting in the words of *The Waterloo Herald*.

"Under the auspices of the Liverpool Men's League for Women's Suffrage, a meeting was held by Seaforth (Lancashire and Yorkshire) Station on Wednesday evening.

Mr. A. R. Allerton, who presided, said that the best men had always supported Women's Suffrage, but the formation of the Men's League meant that men were not going to merely support the movement in future, but to fight alongside the women. He emphasised the fact that women workers, unprotected by political power, would inevitably undercut men, and that it is in the interest of men as workers that women should be enfranchised. Miss Broadhurst, M.A., said that in the Women's Suffrage movement there was no antagonism of sexes. Women wanted nothing so much as co-operation of sexes. Men, she said, often reproached women with being narrow minded, forgetting that the opportunities of women were restricted. That was not fair. The vote would be an education in itself, and would broaden the minds of women, and they would become better companions to their husbands and more intelligent mothers. A vote was then taken, and resulted in the meeting declaring itself in favour of Women's Suffrage, there being only four dissentients."

Correspondence.

[The Men's League is essentially a non-party organization, in which all shades of political opinion are represented. For this reason we feel bound to state that the League is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.]

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,—The correspondent A. W. Holland, in the portion devoted to the Men's League voices a thought that had often occurred to me: Why is not more attention called to the fact of the existence of the Men's League by all speakers on Woman's Suffrage, not merely by members of the League itself? I have heard several speakers in Newcastle lately, but I have not heard one allude to this League. As the omission is so general I suppose there must be a reason for it; but what it is I cannot imagine.

It seems to me that the formation of this League was the first step taken to bring the question of Woman's Suffrage into the arena of practical politics. Women cannot get the vote till men give it them. Therefore the men must be won over not merely to seeing—as so many now admit—that women ought to have it, but to the generosity of giving, and while there are few who have the courage to stand alone for an unpopular cause, there are hundreds, especially of young men—and generosity is specially a virtue of the young—who if they knew more of the League—knew that they could join without rendering themselves conspicuous—I feel sure would do so. Most of the disturbances at the meetings were created by students. Now the students as a class are gregarious and noisy—but provided that several of them can join together they would as soon cheer as "boo" and whistle, and I do not consider any trouble seems to have been taken to get them to join the "Men's League"; yet in spite of the much vaunted influence of women, a young man will in politics give only a laughing contemptuous attention to what a woman may say, whereas a man's word he will carry into action, and it is on the increasing members of the Men's League that the women must depend for effect on the elections.

A NEWCASTLE ONLOOKER.

If Women had the Franchise.

DEAR SIR,—If the Suffrage is to rob woman of womanliness and deprive England of homes by substituting clubs in their place, and if the vote is so to undermine the essential needs of a woman by making her a mountebank instead of a mother, we had better face the matter at once.

Perhaps, however, it would be wise to ask ourselves in the first place if the average home to-day is a true haven and rational dwelling-place, and the average motherhood all that common sense and knowledge could make it.

Mere unpaid housekeeping and irrational breeding is not an ideal for a well-organized State to try to uphold, but it is an embryonic condition which has to develop.

The domestic life of the average woman to-day is a petty absorption, a wrestling with unimportant facts, and a waste of mental and spiritual energy worthy of a better cause.

When we have learnt to beautify and simplify our homes—when we use in them only necessary and lovely things instead of elaborate devices for creating labour and then despising the labourer; when we eat in order to make the body strong for service, and not for fear our hirelings should scorn us, then we shall find that the absolutely necessary work of a house need not absorb a woman, body, soul, and spirit.

If giving women the vote will help to destroy some of the genteel and stuffy asylums for idiotic mimicry and selfish boredom which constitute some of the respectable homes of English people to-day, it is one of the strongest reasons for bringing about the Suffrage.

As for motherhood, the argument that a woman must allow herself to be absorbed by the care of one cradle, or in the nursery of her own children, is fast going the way of conventional prejudice.

It is not now considered unwomanly for a woman to ride a bicycle or to nurse in a hospital, and soon it will not be thought anything but the height of womanliness for a mother to help to make another woman's baby less miserable and a State nursery more enjoyable.

The best citizen ought to make the best mother. The most capable mother to her own child should be the best adviser to the children of other women. In this struggle for the vote it behoves every woman not to bate a jot of her womanhood and capability. It is one unanswerable argument.

If a woman can prove that by doing the simple, commonplace things of life well by the side of the larger things of wifehood and motherhood, she can thereby render to the State out of her experience just what the State needs, then men will soon see that that as in the private home duality is needed, so it is needed in citizenship.

I remain, yours, &c.

FRANK OWEN.

DEAR SIR,—Naturally you, as editor of the Men's League columns, are bound to hold the balance to the best of your ability between the militant members of our League and the non-militant or constitutional. I appreciate your ideal of impartiality, but I wish you were free to speak your mind. I propose to trouble you with a few ideas on this question.

The party system is anathema to me. (This is not an idea, but a text.) The extremely logical policy of opposing the Government, which I assume to have been successful, has produced an odd condition of things. There is no doubt that my own party (the Conservatives) would like to enfranchise women on a narrow basis, and would gladly promise this now. But they recognize that if they spoke now, they would cause the Liberal women—who are deserting their party right and left—to return to the fold, feeling that since the women's cause is safe, nothing more needs to be done. Consequently they lie low, and feed the flame which is burning in many Liberal hearts against the failing Government. If I am right—I know I am in some cases—then the militant women, whose aid in by-elections I should welcome as a good Conservative, are not so far-sighted as they think. Providing the Conservatives get back to power unpledged as regards Women's Suffrage, the battle may be indefinitely prolonged.

Will you kindly give me your opinion on this point?

G. I.

[Space forbids an answer this week.—ED.]

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