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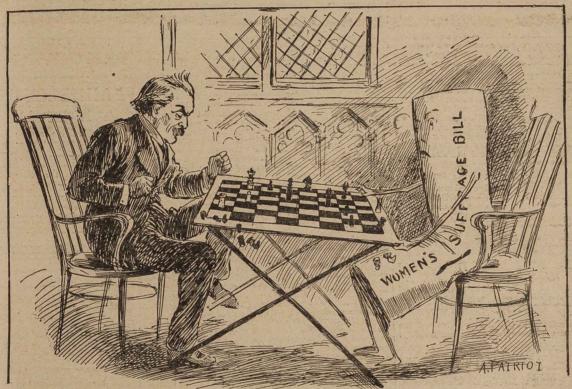
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GAME OF CHESS.



WOMAN SUFFRAGIST: "Check!" Mr. LLOYD GEORGE (upsetting the board): "What about that for the next move?" [But Mr. Lloyd George will find that the Umpire does not give the game to him.]

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

THE OUTLOOK.

On Tuesday last the Prime Minister made the announcement that it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Franchise Bill next session. This Bill will sweep away the existing qualifications for the franchise and will substitute the single one of residence. It will be confined to adult males; women will be

in opposition to Woman Suffrage. In spite of the fact that there is an agitation for giving votes to women which is national in its scope and unprecedented in its magnitude, and that there is no agitation for Manhood Suffrage, the Government are proposing to give more votes to men and none to women. In consequence of this attitude of direct hostility on the part of the Government, the Women's Social and Political Union

Deputation Fixed for November 21.

In our leading article this week Miss Christabel Pankhurst deals fully with the whole situation, and announces that a deputation of women, headed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, will proceed to wait upon the Prime Minister and Mr. Lloyd George on Tuesday, November 21. Further particulars of this deputation are given on page 82. In addition the W.S.P.U. will oppose all the Government candidates at by-elections, and will take every other means in their power of making their opposition to the Government effective.

Adult Suffragists on the Situation.

The Prime Minister's statement has provided a test by which the sincerity of so-called adult suffragists can be judged. When it was proposed to secure an extension be judged. When it was proposed essentially pro-of the franchise to a million women, this party proexcluded. It is therefore to be a Manhood Suffrage
Bill.

Anti-Government Policy Resumed.

From this announcement it will be seen that the
Government have decided to range themselves definitely

The Times says it gives Members of Parliament an excuse for breaking their pledges.

The "Manchester Guardian."

The Manchester Guardian."

The Manchester Guardian has not yet declared its attitude, but the London letter of Wednesday contains

leaving women out altogether they are apparently satisfied, and propose to await with complacency the fate of a private member's amendment on the question of Woman Suffrage

We give at considerable length on pp. 83 and 84 extracts We give at considerant engine on probability of the pronouncement. The Daily News says that adult suffrage becomes a "moral certainty," while its Lobby Correspondent points out that the proposal "goes one better than the adult amendments to the Conciliation Bill." The Morning Leader frankly describes the Government Bill as "Adult Suffrage," and decides that with or without women the passing of the Bill will be a great advantage. The Daily Chronicle says:—

The Government's policy may on the one hand cut the ground from under the Conciliation Bill, while on the other reducing the support at present available for woman suffrage.

The Daily Mail describes the attitude of the Government as the "abnegation of leadership." Both the Evening Standard and the Globe see in the announcement a trick to dodge the woman suffragist, and the latter adds :-

Already she has begun to protest, and quite rightly, against the project, under which she will be left to the tender mercies of a private amendment. We are no friends of temale suffrage, but anything more contemptible than the attitude assumed by the Government, it is difficult to imagine.

a reference to the position of the W.S.P.U. as follows:

In a subsequent paragraph, reproduced on page 84, the suggestion is made that if the Manhood Suffrage Bill is carried through the Commons it may be passed by the Lords at once, who will thus compel a dissolution, while still helding are the suffrage of the support of the supp

Women Under the Insurance Bill.

The trial of Miss Sime Seruya at Bow Street and the judgment on the case delivered by the magistrate, Sir Albert de Rutzen, should prove to any impartial observer the fullity of hoping to obtain justice in a police court. Hiss Seruya brought is witnesses, who gave clear and inequivocal testimony of her innocence. Against this was imply the evidence of the police, who alleged obstruction, he police evidence was shown to be incorrect on a question of fact—namely, on the suggestion that she was alling copies of Vores For Woman. We the magistrate id he accepted the evidence of the police and passed dgment accordingly.

One in order that she may help to free her in those fetters which hold them in political su E.

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In view of the Prime Minister's statement special interest attaches to the Albert Hall meeting next Thursday, when the W.S.P.U position will be clearly defined. Particulars will be found on page 84.

THE DEPUTATION.

November 21, 1911.

A Deputation of women will leave Caxton Hall on Thursday, November 21 (at an hour to be announced ater), for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George in order to express their indignation at the announcement of a Government measure for Manhood Suffrage, and in order to demand that this measure be abandoned and that in its stead a Government Bill shall be introduced containing guarantees

that women shall have equal voting rights with men.

The Deputation, which has stood in readiness for action ever since November, 1910, has already been joined by many volunteers. In view of the present most grave crisis women are urged to come forward in overwhelming numbers and to enrol themselves as members of the Deputation. Offers of this service should be sent to 4, Clements Inn, at once.

The following telegram has come from Mrs. Saul Solomon:—"Strongly support reverting to anti-Government policy. Am undergoing treatment in order to Miss Dauber of the Miss Dau in our next deputation, but ready at any moment | Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence for danger service. Yours for every sacrifice."

TREASURER'S NOTE.

The one event upon which all the hearts of members of the Union are concentrated at the present time is the forthcoming great demonstration in the Royal Albert Hall. This meeting has become especially important in view of the statement made by the Prime Minister, that a Bill will be introduced next session, giving votes to all men to the exclusion of all women. A declaration of the immediate policy of the W.S.P.U. will be made, and a resolution embodying our reply to the insult offered to womanhood will be submitted to the great gathering. Every one of the eleven monster meetings held in the Albert Hall during the last four years has brought a great accession of vitality and strength to this movement. There is something almost miraculous in Lords at once, who will thus compel a dissolution, while still holding up the Home Rule Bill and the Welsh Disestablishment Bill.

The sight of tier after tier filled with human faces, the sense of Dissetablishment Bill.

On Thursday, in last week, the House of Commons devoted half a day to the consideration and passage of Clause 34 of the Insurance Bill, by which the whole position of married women and widows is determined. The amendments anticipated in our last week's issue by Mr. Pethick Lawrence were carried. Under these amendments a few married women who are able to contribute out of the family income 3d. a week in addition to the 4d. paid in on behalf of their husband's sickness insurance and 2d. on behalf of their husband's sickness insurance and 2d. on behalf of his unemployment insurance, will obtain a contribution of 1d. a week from the State. Out of this fund they will obtain, when sick, free medical attendance, and 5s. a week for the first thirteen weeks and 3s. a week faterwards. Those who do not pay this 3d. will be allowed to draw on the fund they had accumulated before marriage to the extent of 5s. a week during confinement, and 5s. a week under certain extraordinary circumstances in the discretion of those administering the benefit. This withdrawal will deplete the fund available for sick insurance of widows.

2d. for Father, 1d. (perhaps) for Mother.

Contrast the position of fathers and mothers under the Bill thus amended. Fathers will all get 2a week out of State money; a few mothers will get 10s. a week sick benefit for the first 13 weeks, a few mothers will get 5s. a week father 13 weeks, and a pension to this amount when old; a few mothers will get 5s. a week father 13 weeks, and a pension to this amount when old; a few mothers will get 5s. the rest, nothing. The widovers will all be insured; only a few per cent. of widows will be insured; only a few per cent. of widows will be insured; only a few per cent. of widows will be insured; only a few per cent. of widows will be insured; only a few per cent. of widows will be insured; only a few per cent. of widows will be insured; only a few per cent. of widows will be insured; only a few per cent. of widows will be insured; only a few pe expectancy, the response that comes from thousands of

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Government's Scheme for Defeating Woman Suffrage.

topic which was introduced by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Rea, on which it would be well he should say a word, was that of woman suffrage. His opinions on woman suffrage were, he thought, fairly well known, and they had suffered no modification or change during the last few years. But with regard to the so-called Conciliation Bill—it was not a term which he would have chosen for it—with regard to the so-called Conciliation Bill—it was not a term which he would have chosen for it—with regard to the so-called conciliation Bill—it was not a term which he would have chosen for it—with regard to the so-called conciliation Bill—it was not a term which he would have chosen for it—with regard to the solution of the feels strongly, it is also that the feel which were the solution and the proposed to the feels strongly, it is also the was not a term which he would have chosen for it—with regard to the solution and the proposed to the feels strongly, it is also that the feels strongly in the solution and the proposed to the solution and the proposed to the feels strongly in the solution and the proposed to make a charge in the solution and the proposed to the feels strongly duties, is to be endowed, without effort on his part, with the right to govern ins fellow the was prepared to introduce a Bill in such a way—is to have any share in the government of her country, however great her capacity, however great her capacity, however great her capacity, however large her contributions to be indicated to make a charge in the feels strongly duties, is to be endowed, without effort on his part, with the right to govern ins fellow the was prepared to intended to make a charge in the feels strongly duties, is to be endowed, without effort on the was prepared to intended to the was prepared to intended to the was not a term which he would have chosen for it. A squith is a distinct and definite pledges were that in the regard to the solution of the franchise to the feels strongly dependent to the country however large her contributions to

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Parliament for at least another two if not three years. One thing at any rate is clearbet present Cabinet are gluttons for work, and next year's programme is assuming vigantly a present of programme is assuming Snowden is reported to have said:—

and next year's programme is assuming gigantic proportions.

The general opinion at the House of Commons seems to be that the Prime Minister's announcement to a deputation yesterday that a Manthood Suffrage Bill will be brought in next year has blown the Conciliation Bill into the air, as one indignant Woman Suffragist put it. Although the possibility of moving an amendment in the interests of Woman Suffrage is to be preserved, few believe that the House of Commons would accept at present an amendment which would institute Womanhood as well as Manhood Suffrage—an amendment, that is to say, which by a stroke of the pen would make the majority of the electors in the country women. There are Liberals who temporise with the subject, and affect to believe that Woman Suffragists might content themselves with an amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill which should give the franchise to women over a certain age, and thus keep the Feminine electors in the minority, but they scarcely expect the Woman Suffragists to take this view. It is understood that the first result of the Ministerial pronouncement was to bring Miss Christabel Pankhurst yesterday to the House of Commons, where she conferred with sympathetic members. The militant section lost no time last night in sending round the fiery cross, and will resume militant tactics against the Government with ardour. They regard the Prime Minister's pronouncement as a betrayal of their cause. The deputation to the Prime Minister was very privately arranged by the adult Suffragists.

—The Times.

Many members quite frankly gave it as their opinion that the purpose of the Government with the Author. There were the contenting at the Steinway Hall on Thursday, November 13, at 3.15, will be Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., Miss Evelyn Sharp and Steinway Hall on Thursday, November 13, at 3.15, will be Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., Will be miss Christab -The Manchester Guardian.

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Asquith indicated would raise questions and
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Women's Suffrage would become subsidiary,
and perhaps unimportant, and it was suggested that this consideration may have
weighed with the Cabinet in their decision.
Mr. Asquith, it is true, held out the expectation that the position of women might
be dealt with by an amendment in Committee. But the "Suffragist" members of
Parliament did not disquise their belief that
this would but aggravate the situation, and
lead to discussion of the question in circumstances of great party passion. The Government have certainly dealt a deadly blow at
the Women's Suffrage movement in Parliament.

—The Yorkshire Post.

In the Daily News of November 8 Mr.

Snowden is reported to have said ...

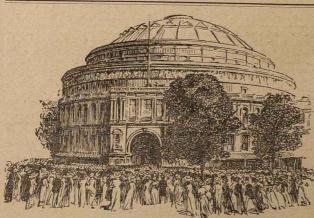
"My first impression is that the Prime Minister's action is a very clever move to kill the chances of Women's Suffrage. Mr. Asquith himself is openly and honestly opposed to that extension of the franchise, and a very large proportion of those who support the principle of Women's Suffrage would not vote for a measure which would enfranchise every adult woman as a beginning. This proposal of the Government will result in the passing of Manhood Suffrage and the indefinite postponement of any measure for the

Speakers' Class.

Speakers' Class.

Members are reminded that there is at all times a great demand for speakers. Beginners, after a course under the guidance of Miss Rosa Lee, at the Speakers' Class at Clements Inn, on Fridays at 7.45 p.m., are able to pass on to do their share of the work outside. Their places must be filled, and a special appeal is made to members to come forward, and, by joining this class, fit themselves for the work that is waiting to be done.

MEETING AT WOOLWICH TOWN HALL.



ALBERT HALL MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

NOVEMBER 16.

In view of the Government's declaration of war upon the cause of Votes for Women and of the important pronouncement of policy which will be made by the W.S.P.U. speakers, the meeting at the Albert Hall on Thursday next, November 16, assumes very special interest. It will afford a magnificent opportunity for bringing men and women to hear the true facts about the Government's policy, and the steps which the W.S.P.U. purpose to take in order to cope with the situation. Therefore secure your tickets immediately, and thus avoid disappointment. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, the leader of the deputation on the following excited the state of the deputation on the following with regard to Manhood Suffrage has been the cause of a rush for tickets, and the whole of the loggia boxes, arena, orchestra, and all 1s. tickets are now sold out, and there only remain to be had a few grand tier boxes, price £1 10s., second tier boxes at 12s. 6d., some amphitheatre stalls at 2s. 6d., and balcony tickets, price & they bresent

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November 10, 1911: THE BY-ELECTIONS.

IRISH WOMEN AND HOME RULE.

LORD LYTTON'S VIEWS.

EAST END CAMPAIGN.

"A BOLD POLICY."

DOES A MAN SUPPORT HIS WIFE?

Magistrate refuses to believe Witnesses. The case of Miss Simé Seruya was heard before Sir Albert de Rutzen at Bow Street

MISS SIME SERUYA.

Miss Seruya said that she intended to go inside the theatre to the matine. Before going in she sold books on the steps of the theatre, but was asked by the manager not to do so. She then stood on the kerb, and spoke to several friends as they passed into the theatre. At 2.30 she was about to go into the theatre when Miss Edith Craig beckomed to have seen the step of the step who were too careless to study the facts, on the her on the steps, and she was introduced to another lady. While she was talking to them a constable came and told her to clear out. She said she was on private property, and was not selling. The constable then banged her on the back with one arm and put the other arm across her cleat. She had no Votes for Women in her possession. Ladies came out of the vestibule and protested. She did not hit or kick any of the police; she was not violent, but she attempted to get out of the grip of the policeman.

Evidence for the Poleges.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH.

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K. Douglas Smith.

VIEWS OF COLONIAL STATESMEN.

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"Blackburn's Study of Words." By E. M. Blackburn, M.A. ndon: Longmans, Green & Co. 3s. 6d.
"No Surrender." By Constance E. Maud. London:

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The Art of Effective Public Speaking." By Ernest Pertwee.
lon: George Routledge & Sons. 3s. 6d.
Cross-in-Hand Farm." By Viola Meynell. London:

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The Human Compass." By Bark Kennedy. London: rson, Low, Marston & Co., Lid. 6s.

The Man-Made World." By Charlotte Perkins Gilman. lon: T. Fisher Unwin. 4s. 6d. net.

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THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. An organisation of Frenchmen has just been formed with the special object of agitating for the extension of the franchise to women. It is called the "Voters' League for Woman Suffrage," and includes, says the Standard, many eminent names, among them those of President Fallières and M. Anatole France.

those of President Fallières and M. Anatole France.

A note of the women's movement has even been struck at Heliopolis, one of the most ancient cities of Egypt, where, says the Standard, a Moslem Congress listened to Mme. Badiah, the daughter of Hafin Bey Nasif, vice president of the Kautah Tribunals, who made an eloquent plea for women's rights. Her specific demands, which were heard with deep attention, were women's right of admission to the mosques, compulsory primary education for girls, the reform of the divorce laws, the prohibition of polygamy, and the admission of women to schools of medicine.

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Judge Lindsay states that Colorado, where women have
pr some years had the vote, will soon become the most
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THE MANHOOD SUFFRAGE BILL.

War is declared—declared by the Government upon War is declared—declared by the Government upon women! That is the meaning of the announcement of a Manhood Suffrage Bill for next Session. The Women's Social and Political Union have immediately responded to the challenge, and a deputation led by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, will, on November 21, go to Westminster in order to tell the Prime Minister and Mr. Lloyd George what women have to say concerning the insult which has been delivered to them. the insult which has been delivered to them.

the men of the country are so greedy as to accept what they have not troubled to ask for, rather than wait in order that women may share it with them. The Government think men so dishonest that they will seize for themselves a franchise measure which really belongs to the women who have paid for the vote by incessant labour and by sacrifice and courage without any parallel in the angle of the women who have paid for the vote by incessant labour and by sacrifice and courage without any parallel in the and by sacrifice and courage without any parallel in the men's movements of to-day. Men who have real manhood in them will reject with contempt this dishonouring and degrading offer of Manhood Suffrage. We challenge those men who opposed the Conciliation Bill because it did not give votes to all women to oppose the Manhood Suffrage Bill because it does not give votes to any woman at all. We challenge those who profess to want a democratic measure of Woman Suffrage to attack the Manhood Suffrage Bill, in order to compel the Government to withdraw it and to introduce in its stead a measure giving the same voting rights to women as to men. Adult Suffrage opponents of a limited Woman Suffrage Bill have been suspected of being Anti-Suffragists in disguise, Now has come the time when the truth of the matter can no longer be hidden.

The suggestion that a Woman Suffrage amendment is stand or tall by that part of the Bill which relates to men. Adult of the Manhood Suffrage. We consider the converse, inspired by Mr. Lloyd George. The whole crooked and discreditable scheme is characteristic of the man and of the methods he has from the first employed against the Suffrage cause. As to those members of the Cabinet, including Sir Edward Grey, who were instrumental in getting facilities for the Conciliation Bill, their position is certainly an extraordinary one. How is their connivance at Mr. Lloyd George's latest trick consistent with their personal or their political honour? That is a question the answer to which concerns them more than it concerns us. We put not our trust in them, nor im any save in ourselves and in the Power that has breathed life into this movement from the beginning, and will maintain it in dignity and in increasing strength until the victorious end. and by sacrifice and courage without any parallel in the

can be moved to the Manhood Suffrage Bill is futile and absurd. It is put forward both as a trap for Woman Suffragists, and also as a means whereby Members of Parliament pledged to support Woman Suffrage can escape from their obligations and throw One Liberal Suffragist M.P. has already told us that he will vote for the second reading of the Manhood Suffrage Bill as it stands, in the hope that a Woman Suffrage amendment may afterwards be carried. Such a man is a traitor to the cause of women, and also to the cause of Adult Suffrage in which he professes to believe. A Woman Suffrage amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill will be defeated. It cannot be carried except as an integral part of the Government measure, having Government support behind it. The men who tells us that it can be carried without Government support are deliberately trying to fool us, or have been themselves befooled.

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themselves belooied.

The reasons why this amendment is doomed to failur⁹ are plain. The majority already recorded for Woman Suffrage in the House of Commons is composed of members of all political parties. The Government's resent policy destroys this composite majority by lienating Unionists and moderate Liberals. In other ords, it renders impossible that non-party solution of the Woman Suffrage question towards which we have all been working for months gone by. But a yet-stronger reason is the absence of Government pressure behind the amendment. Such proposals, which appeal to one side of the House of Commons only, and are food for party struggle, cannot be carried except by the Government. The Liberal Whips are needed to drive the proposal for Womanhood Suffrage through. Their weapon would be the account weapon would be the announcement (so compening in its effect on private Members) that the defeat of the proposal means the downfall of the Government, with all the inconvenient consequences which that will entail. By associating Votes for Women with the policy of nestion, while at the same time they refuse to make question, while at the same time they refuse to make it a party measure. We say emphatically, that the only course for Suffragists to pursue in order to meet such an act of hostility, is for men and women alike to oppose the Manhood Suffrage Bill, and the Government

who are its authors.

The policy of seeking to amend the Manhood Suffrage Billinstead of compelling the Government to make Woman Suffrage an integral part of the measure, is fatal for yet another reason. The Daily News and the Westminster

the insult which has been delivered to them.

The statement that a Franchise Bill is to be introduced which gives no place to women is, quite apart from its practical consequences, an outrage upon women's dignity. The insolence of the proposal is intensified by the fact that the Manhood Suffrage Bill is wiped off the board by the Government's latest a bandard with the Botts as women's expense.

It is hinted that if the Womanhood Suffrage amendment on the lines of the Conciliation Bill may then be carried. We repudiate the very suggestion of such a thing. The Conciliation Bill is wiped off the board by the Government's latest women's dignity. The insolence of the proposal is intensified by the fact that the Manhood Suffrage Bill is not put forward in response to any demand. There is no agitation for Manhood Suffrage. The Manhood Suffrage Bill is simply an expedient for wrecking Woman Suffrage and building up a solid wall against the enfranchisement of women. The Manhood Suffrage Bill is not the answer to a demand for votes on polimited franchise, women must have an unlimited franchise, women must have an unlimited franchise too. We consented up to the Suffrage Bill is not the answer to a demand for votes for men: it is the answer to the demand for votes for women.

We call upon men to reject a gift so dishonouring to them. This offer of a Manhood Suffrage Bill is an insult to women, but it is also a deep and wounding insult to men. The Government are convinced that the country are so greedy as to accept what the convitry are votes, and only one million women had votes upon a restricted qualification, would be a negation of the root

Christabel Pankhurst.

LIBERAL PRIME MINISTERS AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

A Record of Postponement and Evasion.

At the present juncture it is worth while to look back over the last thirty years, and enumerate the utterances of Liberal Premiers on Woman Suffrage. It will be seen that when a Woman Suffrage Bill has been introduced Prime Ministers have endeavoured to defeat it by arguing that the correct course was to move an amendment to a general electoral reform Bill; when, on the other hand, a Woman Suffrage amendment was being proposed to a general Bill they have argued that the right course was a separate measure. the right course was a separate measure.

MR. GLADSTONE IN 1884.

In 1884 a Franchise Bill was introduced into the fouse of Commons by the Liberal Prime Minister, the tight Hon. W. E. Gladstone. To this Bill Mr. Woodall moved the following amendment:—
For all purposes connected with, and having reference to, the ight to vote at Parliamentary Elections words in this Act morting the masculine gender include women.

As a majority of the House were pledged to support oman suffrage it seemed likely that this amendment ould be carried. This was prevented by Mr. Gladstone,

who said:—
The question of women's enfranchisement was one which required to be thoroughly sifted to the bottom and which ought to be entirely dissociated from every notion of party and every element of political consideration. He and his colleagues entertained the strongest conviction that it was not only not fit but unfitting in every sense of the word to attempt the enfranchisement of women by the introduction of a clause in Committee on the present Bill. They would disclaim all responsibility for the measure if the Hon. Member carried the motion he had in view.

He held out the inducement for members to break

n consequence of this pronouncement 104 Members led to Woman Suffrage, including Mr. Morley (now yount Morley), voted against the amendment and with a Bill which is so framed as to admit of free amendment.

November of the same year a separate Bill for nan Suffrage was introduced, and this is how Mr. istone kept his promise to allow his supporters to

He adjourned the House over the date, November 25, or which the second reading was put down, so that could not be voted on at all!

the next twenty years no important pro ent was made on the question of Woman Suffrage.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN IN 1906.

Shortly after the commencement of the work of the S.P.U. in London, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman ed to see a joint deputation of suffrage societies or insented to see a joint deputation of suffrage societies on ay 19. He commenced by speaking as a supporter of man suffrage, dwelling not only on the benefits lich the franchise would confer upon women, but eir enthusiasm for working for it, their fitness to recise it, and the good work which they had already influencing public affairs. He then added this

Attending—
That is where you and I are all agreed. It has been very
ice and pleasant hitherto, but with regard to the actual
nactment of a Woman Suffrage Bill I have only one thing
o preach to you, and that is the virtue of patience.

In 1906 and 1907 the Woman Suffrage Bill was

MR, ASQUITH IN 1908.

In February, 1908, the Woman Suffrage Bill, intro-iced by Mr. Stanger, was carried through its second-ading by 179, and Mr. Asquith was approached by a apputation of Liberal M.P.'s on May 20, who asked him acilities for the passage of the Bill into law. cilities could not be given during 1908 for the passage. Stanger's Bill.

Stanger's Bill.

ting accidents, he regarded it as a duty—indeed, a
g obligation on the Government—before the present
ment came to an end to bring in an Electoral Reform
This being the intention of the Government, it would
a to Woman Suffragists to effect the enfranchisement
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overnment would not oppose, provided (1) it was on
cratic lines, and (2) that it had strong and undivided
tof the women of the country as well as the present
orate.

quently questioned as to by what means he to ascertain whether the proposal had behind support of the women of the country, Mr.

replied;
e are a variety of ways in which opinion may be
ed. It is not for me to say which way is likely to be

Asked whether a Woman Suffrage amendment to be proposed Government Bill would, if carried, then come part of the Government policy in relation to be franchise, Mr. Asquith replied:

My hon, friend has asked me a contingent question with gard to a remote and speculative future.

MR. ASQUITH IN 1909.

s no Woman Suffrage Bill before the House of n 1909, and at the end of the year Mr. Asquith the King to dissolve Parliament. Having failed

Nearly two years ago I declared on behalf of the present Government, that, in the event of our bringing in a Reform Bill, we should make the question of suffrage for women an open one for the House of Commons to decide. My declaration survives the General Election, and this cause, so far as the Government is concerned, shall be no worse off in the new Parliament than if would have been in the old.

Mr. Asquith's promise of 1908 having proved worthless, the W.S.P.U. were not enamoured of this repetition.

MR. ASQUITH IN 1910.

In 1910 the Conciliation Committee was formed and the first Conciliation Bill was introduced. Time was asked for its discussion, and Mr. Asquith made the following state-

ment:

The Government have considered this matter, and recognise that the circumstances of the case are exceptional, from the fact that under the conditions which govern private members' proposals the House of Commons has never had an adequate opportunity of discussing so momentous a change. They are, therefore, prepared to give time, before the close of the session, for a full debate and a division on the second reading of the Bill which has been introduced. In view of the exigencies of other Parliamentary business, and their own announced decision not to prosecute contentious legislation, they cannot afford any further facilities to the Bill this session. The Government recognise that the House ought to have opportunities, if that is their deliberate desire, for effectively dealing with the whole question, and the course of the debate may be expected to throw instructive light on Parliamentary points bether regard to this Bill and to other proposals.

The second reading debate took place in the House of

the held out the inducement for members to break heir pledges that when the question was "taken out of the vortex of political contention and strife" the upporters of his Government would be free to vote on according to their convictions.

The second reading debate took place in the House of Commons on July 11 and 12, and resulted in a majority of 145 in favour of the Bill. Mr. Asquith, however, refused to grant further time. On November 18 he announced the dissolution of Parliament, and on November 22 made the following statement:—

This statement was rejected by the W.S.P.U. as worthless

MR. ASQUITH IN 1911.

The second Conciliation Bill was introduced in 1911, and was carried through second reading by a majority of 167.

In reply to a question asking for further facilities Mr. Lloyd George, on behalf of Mr. Asquith, said:—

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The Cab net have now given the matter their most careful coasideration, and they have come to the conclusion that the Government proposals for legislation will, if they are to be adequately discussed, fully occupy a prolonged Session, and that, without jeopardising the fortunes of those measures, they could not allot to the Woman Suffrage Bill this year such an amount of time as its importance demands. They will be prepared next Session, when the Bill has been again read a second time, either as the result of obtaining a good place in the ballot, or (if that does not happen) by the grant of a Government day for the purpose, to give a week (which they understand to be the time suggested as reasonable by the promoters) for its further stages.

Mr. Asquith subsequently explained this announcement

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as follows:

"The week" o fered will be interpreted with reasonable elasticity. The Government will interpose no obstacle to a proper use of the closure, and if the Bill gets through Committee in the time proposed, the extra days required for report and third reading would not be refused.

The Government, though divided in opinion on the merits of the Bill, are unanimous in their determination to give effect not only in the letter but in the spirit to the promise in regard to facilities which I made on their hehalf before the last General Election.

In a subsequent letter to Lord Lytton, Mr. Asquith

I have no hesitation in saying that the promises made by, and on behalf of, the Government in regard to giving facilities for the "Conciliation Bill," will be strictly adhered to, both in letter and in spirit.

The result of Mr. Asquith's present announcement is to centre interest once more on the Government's Electoral Reform Bill, and, provided this is proceeded with, to nullify the value of his promise to the Conciliation Bill. He has thus broken absolutely the spirit of his promise.

F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

THE MOTHER OF THE MAN.

AN ANSWER TO MR. RUDYARD KIPLING. ["THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES."]

When the Lord of the Creation gave the Woman to the Man, In that blest but brief existence ere the rule of ill began, Then He knew, whate'er her conduct, whether innocent or frail, That the female of the species would be scapegoat to the male.

When He banished them from Eden for the sin that each had wrought, And the flaming sword of vengeance sealed the fate that both had sought, Then he knew throughout the ages, long as man should tell the tale, That the female of the species would be temptress to the male.

When He cast His children from Him, and by primal earthly vow Doomed their seed to eat their life-bread in the sweat of blood and brow, Then He knew where paths were reddest down the line of labour's trail There the female of the species would be slave-mate to the male.

When He dowered the Man with passions, when He formed him from the dust, With its wilderness of instincts, with its lava-streams of lust, Then He knew that in the whirlwind of his manhood's wasteful gale Still the female of the species would be subject to the male.

When He ordered that the Woman, both as mother and as wife, Should obey her law of being as the vehicle of life, Then He suffered it to happen, lest the generations fail, That the female of the species might be "deadlier" than the male.

But when the Lord of the Creation gave the Woman to the Man, In that blest but brief existence ere the rule of ill began, Then He willed it that if sharing in man's fault and in his fate She should therefore be his equal and the partner in his state.

Not to govern or cajole-him, not to court or speak him smooth, Not to snare or to enslave him, but to cheer, inspire, and soothe. Not his temptress, not his slave-mate, not his subject, not his squaw. But his helpment and his angel by the right of God's own law.

If He cursed the Man with labour as the human lot's alloy,
He provided that for Woman his work should be his joy.
If He dowered the Man with passions which the grosser instincts move,
He reserved it to the Woman to uplift his lust to love.

If He ordered that the mother for the children of her womb Should dare her death by travail and fight till crack of doom, He ordained that by that impulse, still the purest and the best, She should gather all that suffer in her pity to her breast.

Nurturing, nursing, guarding, guiding, giving strength with heart and hand, Paying toll in pangs to Nature which no man may understand, Dauntless from the God who made her without fear to draw her breath, Saviour of the weak and helpless, first at birth and last at death.

Since—the Lord creating Woman—she became a living soul
Hers has been the old Earth's burthen, age on age, from pole to pole,
Hers the conflict, hers the conquest, hers the flag of life unfurl'd,
Hers the sorrow, hers the suffering, hers the love that moves the world.

Therefore, why should Man, the Ingrate, when he chooses to confer Welcome every fool and coward, only close the door on her? Room, Sirs, room within your Councils, bare your foreheads if you For behold, without your portal, stands the Mother of the Man.

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