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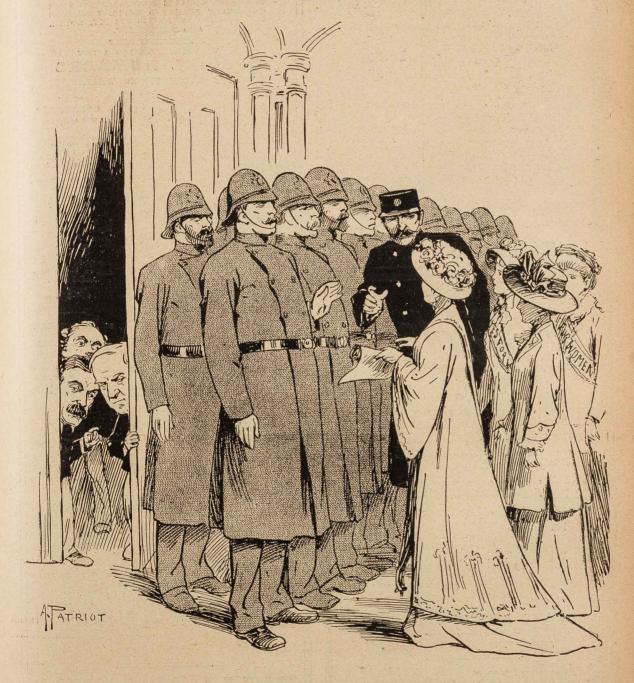
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DEDICATION.

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

THE OUTLOOK.

Once again Mr. Asquith, protected by a posse of police, has arrested and imprisoned in consequence. In doing this he has proved clearly the absolute need of women to possess the vote in order to remedy their grievances. Since he has been Prime Minister, though he has received many deputations of men, be has invariably refused to receive a deputation of women.

Story of the Deputation.

The events which led up to the arrest and imprisonment of the women were as follows:—On Wednesday, March 24, at a great meeting at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, a resolution was passed forming a deputation to wait upon Mr. Asquith. Miss Christabel Pankhurst accordingly wrote to the Prime Minister asking him to fix a time to receive them. Asquith replied in his usual manner refusing to do so. But, in spite of this refusal, the deputation, which had since been joined by other women from other parts of the country, determined to proceed, and, taking all risks, to go to Mr. Asquith at the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon. This they accordingly did, and, being barred by the police, eleven of them were arrested. On the following morning they

came up before the magistrate at Bow Street and were sentenced, in lieu of finding sureties, ten to one month's and one to three months' imprisonment—a term which they are now erving in Holloway. On the following day, as we went to press, a further deputation endeavoured to interview Mr. Asquith at the House of Commons, when nine women were

The Attitude of the Electors.

Though Mr. Asquith can meet the claim of women by coar-tion and imprisonment, he cannot check the flow of resentment in the country, and the unprecedented defeat of the Government candidate in Croydon will bring home to him how in the habit of claiming that the Labour vote is responsible in a large measure for their defeat, but in Croydon the Labour vote was far less than at the General Election, and yet the majority against the Liberal was increased from 658 to nearly 4,000. In this defeat the women played a very large part. In the report which we give elsewhere our correspondent notes the intelligent interest that was taken by the electors the same story, and even Mr. Raphael, the defeated Liberal candidate, was constrained to admit that his defeat in a measure was due to "outside agencies

No Sacrifice Too Great.

In our issue last week we referred to the hearty welcome which was given to the women prisoners who were released from Holloway on Wednesday morning, March 24. At the dinner in the evening at the Inns of Court Hotel a crowded gathering came together to listen to the speeches, which were exceptionally interesting. As one after another the prisoners related their experiences, and told how they were determined, the room rang with cheers, and everyone present felt that where these women had dared and done so much, no sacrifice could be too great and no work too arduous to be undertaken.

Arrangements to Welcome Mrs. Pethick Lawrence,

Before this issue is in the hands of our readers, Miss Gre, who has worked so splendidly for the cause on many occasi of the deputation of February 24, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, in Holloway, and we have pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the arrangements which are being made for her welcome on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, pagticulars of which will be found on page 503. We trust that the procession on Saturday will be enthusiastically taken up, and a fresh demonstration provided of the determination of women to win the vote.

Women Law Agents.

One of the disabilities which women suffer under the present law is their exclusion from many important positions by which they might earn a livelihood. Among the restricted professions is that of law agent in Scotland, in the case of which it was decided by the Supreme Court in 1901 that only men were eligible. We are glad to see that a Bill is being introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Gulland to rectify this injustice, but we fear that until there are women voters to insist upon its enactment it has little chance of becoming law. We notice that two women, Miss McLaren and Miss Stuart, have just taken their LLAB, at Edinburgh Unl versity, being the first women to obtain this distinction there.

Special Features.

Among the interesting features of this issue is the Suffragette play, Among the interesting features of this seen is the Suffragette play, written specially for this paper by Miss Beatrice Harraden, and entitled "Lady Geraldine's Speech." We take this opportunity of thanking Miss Harraden for presenting us wish this most interesting comediata, which we are sure will be of the greatest interest to our comediates, which we are sufe with be of the greatest interest to our readers. Mr. Pearse kindly contributes a cartoon dealing with the deputation, and also a special cartoon on the Croydon by-e-dection as a sequel to the one which appeared last week. Mr. Pethick Law-rence writes on the militant methods, and Miss Christabel Pankhungi. deals with Mr. Asquith and his refusal to see the deputation. We specially call our readers' attention to the fact that the issue next week will be published on Thursday instead of on Friday, and that all contributions must reach the office not later than Monday

ELEMENTS OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEMAND

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence.-Chapter VI.-Militant Methods.

"I come not to bring peace on earth, but a sword." No one idea has done more to retard the progress of the even sometimes be morally right to do so in order to avoid a greater evil; but submission is not inherently beautiful-it is generally cowardly and frequently morally wrong.

it with their armies and their police and their prisons. But, rent or refuses to abide by the conditions of the lease, I do not content with this, they have instigated the teachers and preachers of the people to extol it as a great moral and religious principle—a symbol of obodience to God Himself. This teaching has done incalculable evil. It has hindered the exercise of the real functions of the human body, it has destroyed the liberty of the human will, it has clipped the wings of the human imagination

Particularly have those whose natures are peaceable and loving, who place the good of others before that of themselves, been led astray by this false doctrine. Not content with sacrificing themselves and their own true development entirely to the wishes of others, they have yielded even where their duties as guardians and protectors of the weak should have compelled them to stand firm. They have not seen that to give way under such circumstances, to be overruled and to fail to provide the protection required, was a serious breach of trust be resisted at all costs and with the strongest power which it was possible to exert

Serious as have been the consequences of this doctrine in other fields, they have been nowhere more fatal than in the case of women who have been led in large numbers to believe any other rule of conduct unwomanly. As a result, a whole set of ideas necessary for the proper evolution of the human race has been crushed out of existence, and the man's point of view has held exclusive sway,

Nothing in life is more beautiful than the relationship of tatingly of all that she has to the young life. This devotion is in accordance with the natural and highest instincts of her nature, but to transfer this devotion into submission to the will of others, even when such submission implies renunciation of the guardianship and proper care for her own children, is to pervert the primal instincts of woman into wrong and improper channels. In allowing her ideas to become s vient to those of men, she committed a breach of trust. To-day

The adoption of militant methods by women in this fight for the vote is the outward sign that they have at last abanthe recognition that they have duties to perform, services to render to the State and to one another, to men and to rights children, which they cannot and will not any longer leave women sought to obtain their proper place by methods of argument and entreaty, they were tricked and humbugged by politicians. To-day they have decided to submit no longer, and, realising that persuasion has failed, they have deter-

This awakening of women to the stern realities of life is tical, and their political effect is rapidly becoming under not to be regretted; it cannot be good for any section of the stood human family to live their lives in artificial surroundings cut off from actuality. Moreover, for many years women workers have suffered under stress of the laws of conflict and struggle which form part of the daily round. It was full time that their more sheltered sisters should no longer be deceived.

So far I have dealt with facts of universal application true not merely of the fight for the vote, but of other conflicts in daily life. In dealing with the actual militant methods adopted by the Suffragettes, the opposition of a new set of objectors has to be met. They are perfectly aware that, in their social intercourse, in their business transactions, in their deal-

ings with their tradespeople, persuasion and courtesy are not enough, and that some form of pressure must be applied, but human race than the exaltation of submission into a high and they say that they never have occasion to adopt methods even noble virtue. It may often be expedient to submit; it may remotely similar to those used by the Suffragettes against their political opponents. They put a case in somewhat the

"If one of my friends does things to me which I do not This view is, of course, contrary to the teaching which has like, or says things to me which are disagreeable, I do not do long prevailed. From time immemorial the rulers of men his deorstep or send my children to annoy him or shout a him when he goes outside his house. If my landlord raises my not make myself personally unpleasant to him. If my baker sells me bad bread or my fishmonger bad fish, I do not there upon bring a body of customers together round his shop and force him to protect himself and his goods by a posse of police. I know quite well these are the wrong ways to get the matter put right, and if I adopted them I should not only nake myself extremely ridiculous, but I should fail entirely of my object. Why, then, do you adopt these methods in trying to get the vote?

The Unique Character of a Franchise Struggle.

The answer to this question lies in the fact that the struggle of a voteless section of the population to wrest for itself the franchise from the Government is a unique struggle, differing in essential particulars from any other struggle to obtain redress in the ordinary affairs of life. If your friend behaves badly to you in any way, it is always open to you to cease to have him for a friend; that will at once free you from the intrusion of his presence, and the knowledge that your friendship may be terminated by either of you at will serves always (if no higher consideration prevails) to deter him from saying or doing anything to you which might be a cause of offence If your landlord fails to abide by the terms of the lease, you have the remedy of the law against him; if he raises your rent unduly, you can leave his house untenanted. If your ishmonger serves you with bad fish, or your baker with bad bread, you have the remedy always at hand in your ability to transfer your custom to other shops; and the knowledge that you can take this action if things go too far gives weight to your words of remonstrance which they would not other-

But in the case of a Government you have no such means of redress. So long as you remain in the country you are under the direct jurisdiction of the laws of the land which they enact and enforce. You cannot refuse to recognise the Government as a Government. You cannot if you are votement of the day. You cannot bring the law into action to enforce your rights, for the simple reason that you have no

Faced with this position in the past, voteless men resorted undone. For centuries men have usurped the domination to physical violence—they rioted and damaged property, they and treated women as an inferior and subject race. When inflicted physical injury on those who stood in the way of their enfranchisement, and even did not stop at murder itself. The women who are fighting to-day for their rights have adopted methods which, though far more restrained, are equally effective in bringing direct pressure to bear upon the lovernment. They are methods which are essentially poli-

> It will be the object of future chapters to explain in detail and justify these methods. Meanwhile, the account next week will be devoted to the story of the inauguration of the militant policy in the autumn of 1905

> Amongst the names of women who were premisently connected with the first justifies of fifteen insuled a mining, one that we observed weak work who were those of Mise Emily Davies and Mrs. Wolkenbar and we reportable for collecting a large number of London squatters. Mrs. Emy collected several hundred in Manitanest des restores after the names held been controlled for in purpose, only the control of the counties of the Worker's book in all of Political Union.

PROGRESS OF WOMEN.

Sweden and the Suffrage.

Some of the American papers recently published a report that the offrage had been granted to Swedish women. It is amusing to find that the report arose out of a misapprehension. Whoever sent the distch that "all inhabitants" over twenty four years of age in Sweden ad been given a vote evidently forgot that Sweden was inhabited women as well as men! It is significant of the changed attitude the public mind that "all inhabitants" was generally taken to on all inhabitants, and the dispatch has called out from the ading American dailies elaborate editorials on the full enfranchisement of the women of Sweden. Unfortunately, the news was

Woman Suffrage in Jamaica.

In the Kingston Legislature; on March 25, a motion was sub-nitted by an elected member to the effect that women who own coperty should be voters. Although the motion was lost, all the nent members voting against it, it was supported by eight at of the elected members present

Women's Votes in Action.

Referring to the recent municipal elections in Denmark, the Manchester Guardian says :- "The old objections that the woman's would cause dissension in the home, that the women would tuse the vole, that they would use it-detrimentally, of courseave all fallen to the ground. All day one saw a procession of rried couples driving or walking together to the polling booths, ad although there was no disturbance of any sort, more than usual usiasm was displayed over the elections, the streets being olled all night by those waiting to hear the results. Out of 26,461 persons on the register 95,319 used their votes. The prosame of the women candidates seems to have given great pronence to the necessity for improving the laws relating to abanoped children, and to the management of hospitals and creches and of public charities generally.

The Bulgarian Women's Suffrage Association has a membership about 5,000 persons, its president being the wife of the Prime

Improving Womanhood.

Three hundred young women of Chicago who are intending to be ichers have been examined and reported physically perfect. This a larger proportion than has ever before stood the required test. he New York Normal School conducted a series of inquiries, which towed that nineteen-twentieths of girl pupils are taller than their nothers. With our young men deteriorating as they are in size and hysique, says the Woman's Tribune (Oregon), nothing can save he race but this improving womanhood.

Miss Lilian Roff is the first woman to take the degree of Bachelor Divinity at London University. She passed through the course

Woman Head of Hospital.

Dr. Mary Merrit Crawford is the first woman to become head surgeon and chief of staff in a Brooklyn hospital. She has just intered upon her duties as house surgeon of the Williamsburgh Hospital. Dr. Crawford will have entire charge for four months and a half, directing the work of four men. After that her term of office will expire, and then she intends to become a practising urgeon in Kings. Dr. Crawford took her B.A. degree from Cornell n 1904, and then entered the Cornell Medical College. Two years ago she took her M.D. When examinations for hospital service were held, in January, 1908, she and thirty-five men applied for the test. Dr. Crawford and two of the men were the only ones who

Women as Sailing Masters.

A correspondent who read our paragraph on "Women Navi-ators" recently, sends us the interesting story of Miss Hannah Miller, who died some years ago. Miss Miller's father was a shipping merchant at Saltcoats, became bankrupt, and died leaving a family of three girls and a much mortgaged estate. Betsy, the eldest daughter, determined to retrieve the honour of her family and clear off her father's debts. The chief asset was the brig

Clitus. This she got fitted out with a small craw, constituting herself keeping herself and sisters in comfort. On Betsy's death, Miss Hannah Miller took over command of the brig, and for many years

Courageous Woman Telephonist.

The courage of a woman telephonist has been applauded in the Italian Press. As recorded in the Tribuna, a disastrous fire broke out on March 8 in the Central Urban Telephone Office in Turin. It would have spread irretrievably over the whole building had it not fire blazing round her, telephoned to the fire office and brought fire men to the roscue. The men arrived in time to save the company' phone apparatus, although the urban service apparatus as well as much furniture was destroyed. Signorina Rossi's presence of mind

Acting the Courageous Part

A woman who withheld her name was thanked by the West London magistrate for helping the police by seizing a whistle and blowing for help. "It is frequently a woman who acts the courageous part," said Mr. Barker, the prosecuting solicitor. man with whom the police were engaged was said to have been a

Women Councillors in Denmark

One of the women elected to the Copenhagen Municipal Council is Mrs. Hoff, a surgeon by profession, who has learned in her profes-sional career how the health of children is undermined for life by She has a plan for the improvement of the upbringing of poor children. Another, Mrs. Salicath, is matron of a home for remedy for social ills. Miss Crone, a third successful candidate, has been elected because she was in the closest agreement with the programme of her party. Of the seven women elected three are Conservatives, two Socialists, and two Radicals.

Swiss Women in Council

A correspondent in Geneva sends us a report of a meeting held there recently, under the auspices of l'Association pour le Sufrage Féminia, when the Vice President of the Association, M. de Morsier, presided, and Dr. Marc Dufour, of Lausanne, lectured on "Justice and the Rights of Women." The hall was lent by the Department of Public Instruction. There was a large audience, and the lecture was evidently a most interesting one. In many of men's, and in Vaud women have the right to vote in all matters

Women Pastors.

The Rev. P. T. Wells, secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, moved a recommendation at a meeting on March 16 that the Settlements and Removal Committee should onsider jointly, and report on the advisability of admitting women

Women Dentists.

A correspondent who read our note on women as dentists You were commenting on dentistry as an occupation for women and on the small number of women who have taken advantage of this particular opening. It is evident that opportunities exist, of which women have not yet availed themselves, and an instance in point has just come under my notice. I have I She found it necessary to apologise to me for the sex of her assistant, saying, 'I am sorry I cannot introduce you to a female assistant, but there are no qualified women to be had.' Here is the opening and women are wanted."

Miss N. Adler is to be one of the candidates for Central Hackney at the next London County Council election. Miss Adler is well known in connection with the L.C.C. Trade Schools.

Mrs. Tamplin has been admitted an honorary member of the interest she has shown in the troop

DR. ALICE ROMNEY

LADY GERALDINE'S SPEECH

By BEATRICE HARRADEN.

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CHARACTERS A Lady Doctor. LADY GERALDINE BOLEYN Dr. Alice Romney's School Friend.

MISS GERTRUDE SHERRHWAITE An Eminant Artist MISS NORA BAILLIE A Professor of Literature MISS HILDA CROWNINSHIELD A Famous Pianist. MISS NELLIE GRANT A Typist and Short hand Writer ... A Maid.

Scene: Dr. Alice Romney's Drawing-room in Nottingham Place. It is her fortnightly Suffrage At-Home day. She is seated at her writing desk near her window. She is of middle stature, and has a strong, capable face,

(Enter maid with card.)

Maid: A lady asks specially to see you. I said you were engaged until 3 o'clock. But she insisted.

Dr. Alice (looking at card and smiling): Show her in,

(Enter hurriedly, shown in by maid, the Lady Geraldine Boleyn.)

- LADY G.: Oh, my dear, how good of you to see me. I hope I am not interrupting any operation. Not that I suppose you do perform operations in drawing-rooms! But I had to see you instantly, whatever you were doing. I've dashed up purposely from Eastbourne. The fact is, Alice, I've got myself into a most awful hole. You'll help me out, won't you? You always have helped me out of my difficulties. Nothing more than you ought to have done considering how I used to come to your rescue over your French compositions in the dear old Cheltenham College days. My word, you were bad at French.
- DR. ALICE (nodding): Yes. And I'm not much better now. Languages were always a trial to me. I used to think you were a perfect wonder over them.
- Lapy G.: So I was. So I am still. Don't let there be any mistake about that! Well now, to business. As I told you, I've got myself into a most fearful scrape. The worst in my life-absolutely the worst
- DR. ALICE (repreachfully): Geraldine, Geraldine, what on earth have you been up to? Are you never going to
- LADY G.: Apparently never. There's no doubt that I have committed a terrible indiscretion. I've compromised myself with-well, I hardly like to tell you-with-the Women's National Anti-Suffrage League.

DR. ALICE (brightening up): Is that all?

Lady G.: Isn't it enough, in all conscience? I'm at my Lady G.: Certainly not! It's one thing to sing small about wits' end. I haven't slept for nights, for years. Look how drawn my face is. If I'm not careful I shall begin to look clever. Yes, I've got into the toils of the National Anti-Suffrage League. I've been made into a

president or vice-president, or honorary secretary, or supporter, or something of the sort, and I have to take the chair at a large meeting at the Imperial Hall next week and make a speech, and use all the anti-suffrage arguments on this wretched sheet of paper-oh, where is it? (Looking for it in her muff and satchel.) Ah, here it is-it's like a nightmare to me. Every time I try to look at it, all the letters seem to chase each other off the paper, and there's only a blank left-like my brain. If you won't help me, I shall perish. I know I shall.

Dr. ALICE: But my dear Geraldine, I'm a Suffragist, a Suffragette, a militant. You've come to the wrong

- Lady G. (coaxingly): I've come to my old school chum. As if being a Suffragist or an Anti-Suffragist could make any difference to that eternal fact.
- DR. ALICE (laughing): No, you're right! Well, what do you want me to do?
- LADY G.: I want you to write my speech for me, and coach me up in it. There! Don't look so disagreeable You're so handsome when you're pleasant. And so hideous when you're cross. Ah, that's better. Now, here are some of the arguments. As I told you, I tried to glance at them, but failed. So I haven't really gone into details. I haven't really gone into the matter at all, between you and me. But (suddenly recollecting herself I felt strongly, on general lines, that it was impossible for me to take the responsibility of being in favour of Woman's Suffrage.
- Dr. ALICE: How well you roll those words out. Someone has made you learn that sentence by heart. (Repeats it.) "But I felt strongly, on general lines, that it was impossible for me to take the responsibility of being in favour of Woman's Suffrage." I must say I wonder you dare take the still greater responsibility of being against it.
- LADY G. (waving her hand in dismissal of Dr. Alice's remark.): Come now, Alice. Do begin. We're wasting time. Allow me to conduct you to your desk. Here's paper. And here's your stylo. And here am I waiting on you as usual. Oh, you can make as much fun of me as you like, and lecture me as much as you like. I was always good-tempered, wasn't I? I don't mind what you say to me, so long as you help me with my speech.
- Dr. Alice: Why don't you go and get an Anti-Suffragist friend to do this for you?
- LADY G.: My dear girl, don't be ridiculous. With a few notable and unreachable exceptions, all the Anti-Suffragists have my sort of brains. How can we possibly help each other? Do begin. I'm losing patience with you.
- DR. ALICE: But you have heaps of splendid men amongst you. Go to them.
- your sex, but quite another thing to sing small about yourself-except to a dear old school chum who used to be a regular old brick, but who evidently isn't one any longer (plaintively). I never dreamed that you

make an awful fiasco, and disgrace myself and my Cause, and it will be your fault. You wouldn't wish to see me humiliated, would you? And surely you wouldn't wish my Cause to be disgraced. You've always said Causes saved one. Those have been your very words, Alice. Causes saved one, it did not matter LADY G. (enraptured): Gertrade Silberthwaite! You what they were

- DR. ALICE (laughing): Nothing could ever save you. You're spoilt through and through. Here, give me the precious arguments. Sit down by the fire, and don't chatter for a minute or two, and I'll see what I Silber (smiling): I'm not by nature a society-bird. And
- LADY G. (taking up her skirt and dancing round a little) : A-ha! I knew she would come round. These grim people are always the easiest to deal with. Be sure and write clearly, dear. I never could read your

(She dances into a chair and sits primly up, twiddling her fingers.)

(A pause.)

- DR. ALICE: I think you might begin in this way: "Ladies and gentlemen, I am here to-night to explain to you some of the weighty reasons which have decided me, after much anxious thought and study, to become a Lady G. (fervently): Yes, for some of them. determined opponent of Woman's Suffrage."
- Lapy G.: Excellent! Sounds as if I'd studied the question for untold centuries, doesn't it?
- DR. ALICE: Then I think you'd better touch at once on the "unwomanliness" of the whole movement, and the danger to the home. And you might enlarge on the "harem" theme.
- Lapy G.: The harem theme? What's that? I don't remember that on the list. Not that I remember
- DR. ALICE: It is not called that. It's called "The immense indirect influence now possessed by women." To me, personally, a most degrading influence. After that, you might heat the Imperial Drum,

- (The door opens, Enter, unannounced, Miss Gertrude Silberthwaite, an eminent artist. She is charmingly dressed, and has an engaging personality.)
- SILBER.: Ah, busy, I see, Dr. Alice. I'm rather early-Shall I go away and come back in half-an-hour or so?
- DR. ALICE: No, no. Sit down by the fire with my friendan old school friend. I'm throwing together a speech for her. She's a new hand. I don't mind you talking as long as you don't talk to me.
- (LADY GERALDINE and GERTRUDE SILBERTHWAITE, who
- SHEER: Dr. Alice has a most enviable gift of concentration She can study the most abstruse subject under any conditions whatsoever. So she is helping you with your first speech? Well, you couldn't have anyone better to help you. She's so splendid at arranging the arguments in their most forceful fashion. Shall you be nervous?

LADY G. (uneasily): Yes.

SILBER: Ah well, we all have to go through that. But it's worth while for the sake of the Cause, isn't it?

LADY G. (doubtfully): Yes.

Silber: I'm just painting Dr. Alice's portrait. A difficult face. So handsome when she's pleasant! And so ugly when she's disagreeable!

would fail me. What on earth shall I do? I shall Lady G. (delighted): That's exactly what I say. My very words a few minutes ago! Then you are an artist, a portrait painter? May I ask your name? I'm so interested in pictures.

STERRY - Silborthwaite

- don't mean it. I am proud and delighted to see you. I've always wanted to meet you. But one never comes across you anywhere. I always heard you were a
- moreover I haven't much spare time-none in fact. But the Suffrage Movement has brought all us professional women out of our libraries and studios and all our other hiding places. We had to take our share in it, or else be ashamed of ourselves. I really do think it is a wonderful movement, don't you? And quite apart from anything to do with the vote itself, it is so splendid coming in intimate contact with a lot of fine women all following different professions or businesses. That's one of our advantages over the Anti-Suffragists, isn't it? They have no means of understanding personally the inner meaning of the whole Movement. I'm sorry for them, aren't you?
- STIBER: Do you know I'm planning to paint a Suffrage Picture for next year's Academy, a group of representative Suffragist Women. Ellen Terry for the Drama, Mrs. Garrett Anderson for Medicine, Mrs. Ayrton for Science, Miss Elizabeth Robins for Literature, Christabel Pankhurst for Politics, and-

(Enter Miss Nora Baillie, a Professor of Literature and a brilliant lecturer. She is particularly fresh-looking, and has a fine

- BAILLIE (gaily): What, Dr. Alice, busy, making out prescriptions? Ah-no, I see you haven't the prescription look on your face! A letter to the Prime Minister perhaps! A love letter to the Home Secretary! A valentine to the Governor of Holloway! Who can tell? Anything may happen in these days.
- SILBER (laughing and beckoning to Baillie): Don't talk to her, Miss Baillie, she's concocting a speech. Come and talk to us instead. You do look in splendid form this afternoon. What have you been doing ?
- BAILLIE: I've just given the best Chaucer lecture I've ever given in my life. And the class was magnificent. Heavens, what a difference it makes when you know you have your class with you!
- LADY G.: Chaucer! How interesting! I haven't heard his name mentioned since I was at school. Do tell me something about him!

Baillie (quoting with animation):

" His stature was not very tall. A buttoned bonnet on his head, His beard was white, trimmed round. His countenance blithe and merry found."

I wonder whether Chaucer would have conceded us the vote. I have my doubts. But I have no doubt about Shakespeare. None. I can't conceive it possible that he who gave us Portia, Hermione, Cordelia, Rosalind,

* 1592, Unknown, Greene's Vision,

Beatrice, Imogen, and all his other splendid women of brain, education and initiative, would have withheld us grudgingly the rights of full citizenship. I intend to die in the belief that he would have been on our side. I'm sure he's on the platform at all Suffrage Meetings calling out inaudibly: " Votes for Women!" (Turning to LADY GERALDINE). Don't you agree with me ?

LADY G. (shyly): I've never thought of it.

SILBER: Nor have I. But I daresay she's right.

Balllie: Of course I'm right! What a pity the Prime Crown.: Bravo. (Runs to the piano and plays a few bars Minister hasn't Shakespeare's mind! There's no denying he hasn't, is there? (To LADY GERALDINE).

LADY G. (pensively): I suppose there isn't.

Silber (gaily): You appear to be in some doubt.

LADY G. (laughing): Oh no, not about that! But I was just wondering-

(Enter Miss Hilda Crowninshield, a famous nianist)

SILBER: Ah, here's Hilda Crowninshield.

CROWN. (greeting them all): Here I am. Just back from BAILLIE: Even then they can't be formidable. Remember, Busy, I see. (Turning to SILBERTHWAITE.) What is she doing? Shall I disturb her if I try the piano.

BAILLIE; Oh! dear no. She's only writing a speech. As long as you don't talk to her, you may introduce the whole of the Queen's Hall Orchestra into this room, and Lady G. (smiling blankly): The Spirit of the Age? she won't turn a hair.

CROWN .: Good. I want to run through the two little Brahms pieces I promised to play this afternoon. If the piano is very much out of tune, and there are more than five or six notes broken, I shall have to choose some other things, that's all

(She sits down at the piano. LADY GERAL-DINE, who has been exceedingly stirred by her arrival, goes up to her.)

LADY G. (excitedly): Miss Crowninshield, I must speak to you. I cannot tell you what your playing means to me I'd rather hear you than anyone in the world! I don't LADY G. (uncomfortably): No. know what you do to me. When I hear you play, I feel Silber. : Don't give them one anxious thought. They'll myself capable of everything great and good.

CROWN. (greatly pleased, and touching her gently on the hand): Thank you. Then you must be passionately Crown. (who is still at piano, improvises and sings

LADY G.: Passionately! It is the language I understand.

CROWN. (beginning to touch the notes); Ah, not so had! And I declare Dr. Alice has had it tuned! I never expected such luck. Yes, I can play one or two of Brahms's Intermezzi, and perhaps a Chopin Waltz. Perhaps even a bit of Grieg. (She addresses herself to LADY G. (who has been slowly gathering herself together

LADY G. (delighted): Yes, yes! How good of you to

CROWN.: Good? Why, I love playing to my Suffrage SILBER: Great heavens! How delightful! I've been longcomrades. I'd do anything for them! Play the trombone, if they wanted it fearfully!

(She begins Brahms's First Intermezzo. After she has been playing for a little while, enter NELLIE GRANT, a typist and shorthandwriter. She carries, slung over her shoulder a bag with one remaining copy of Votes for Women. She looks extremely fatigued. HILDA CROWNINSHIELD glances up and leaves off playing and joins the others.)

CROWN .: Why, my dear child, you look worn out.

Thoroughly at the end of yourself. Let's ring for tea for her immediately. (They ring for tea.)

NELLIE G.: Tired, but very proud, Miss Crowninshield I've had a most successful day. Sold all my Votes FOR WOMEN except one solitary copy, and had some useful little talks with lots of people. One man bought six copies. He said he had been an Anti until yesterday when he went to an Anti meeting and that converted him! (Laughter.)

of the waltz from " The Merry Widow." They laugh and clan.)

BAILLIE: I really do think the Antis are our best friends LADY G.: Why? I don't quite understand. I should have thought they were very formidable foes

Silber.: Oh! dear no. You needn't have any fears about that. You see, with a few exceptions, they can't speakthey haven't had the practice-they haven't learnt how to hold an audience

LADY G.: But when they have learnt, what then?

for your comfort, that they haven't got an irresistible

LADY G. (entirely mystified): An irresistible champion? CROWN.: She means the Spirit of the Age.

Baillie: And lots of them haven't "gone into it"! I know they haven't. One of them brought me the Anti-Suffrage Petition to sign, and told me quite frankly, when I advanced some arguments in favour of Woman's Suffrage, that she had not "gone into it." but that she wanted to get as many signatures as quickly as possible for that petition which was sent in yesterday, you knowseven miles long or seven feet high-I forget which! They may get signatures—whole villages of signatures but they can't really hope to influence people if they haven't taken the trouble to influence themselves, can

soon "fold their tents, like the Arabs, and as silently

"The night shall be filled with music, and the cares

which beset the day. Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs, and as silently stoal away

for a declaration of faith): I have something to tell you all. You've been taking it for granted that I'm a Suffragist. Well, I'm not. I'm an Anti-Suffragist.

ing to meet one face to face. No one brought me the Anti-Suffrage petition.

BAILLIE: Do tell us your name. Who are you?

Baillie (turning to the others): Why, of course! Lady Geraldine Boleyn. She's going to take the chair on the 15th at the Imperial Hall. Surely I'm not mistaken.

LADY G. (frankly): Yes, that's quite right. And as I couldn't manage my speech, I came to my old school friend in my distress. I know it sounds absurd, but it's DR. ALICE (looking up for the first time from her desk) Idiot! Why did you give yourself away? I could chake you.

Lapy G.: Alice, I simply couldn't have held out for a moment longer. I couldn't have gone on pretending by my silence that I was one of them.

DR. ALICE (getting up from her desk, and turning fiercely to her comrades): You mustn't betray her. I wouldn't have her betrayed for worlds. She's very dear to me. She has always been wonderfully good to me, though she has been a great nuisance at times and has given me a lot of trouble, and has always made the most unreasonable demands on me-and-well-I've liked it. She's my oldest and dearest school friend, and we plotted all corts of mischief together in the happy old days. And that isn't a sacred bond, then nothing is. Nearly all the pleasures I had in my holidays came through her-I should never have known all the sweet pleasures of the country but for her-joys which abide with one for ever, when other things have passed out of one's life. I can't and won't have her humiliated. If I hadn't helped her over her speech she would have probably made herself idiculous-and I couldn't have stood that-I had to help her-and I shall always have to help her-if she becomes an anarchist and takes the chair at an anarchist meeting I shall have to write her speech for that Dr. ALICE: Impossible! You've never done such a thing I . . . (She breaks off suddenly.) Promise me you won't give her away.

ALL FOUR TOGETHER: Of course. Our word of honour.

(They all stretch out their hands to Lady Geraldine, and make a charming group round

Ballete (gaily): There's nothing, however, in our oath to event us from laughing a little, is there? Oh, and to think I shan't be able to go and heckle you! I can't SILBER .: Of course I will. Full face, Full face, heckle Dr. Alice's old school friend. And I'd bought a LADY G. (to HILDA CROWNINSHIELD): The same language, ticket surrentitiously and with the utmost difficulty

SILBER: As I told you, I've never seen a real Anti-Suffragist Crown.: Yes, Yes. before. Do let me paint your portrait! Side face LADY G. (to NELLIE GRANT): Will you let me have your would be best, I think. I'm not quite sure, thoughlo, it must be full face. Yes, full face.

NELLIE G.: Do tell me if it's true that there's going to be "No Votes for Women" paper, with a Union Jack on LADY G.: Thank you. Good-bye-all of you. Good-bye!

CROWN. (taking LADY GERALDINE'S arm): Don't you dare tease her any more! Votes or no votes, she and I speak the same language, don't we?

Dr. Alice: Well, now for the speech, Geraldine. I've quite Lady G.: Alice, how long do mumps take? enjoyed this little job. I'm rather pleased with it. I Dr. ALICE: Oh, about two or three weeks, think I've brought in all the points. Degradation of LADY G.: Very infectious, aren't they? womanhood. Degradation and disintegration of entire Dr. Alice: Highly. Empire. Dominant female vote in all matters concerning the Army and Navy, our relations with foreign Powers, with our Colonies, and with India. Physical force argument. Women have to safeguard the past and the future, and it is the men's work to look after the present. I don't myself know what that means, but it sounds well. Absolute denial that the vote will improve the economic position of women-indirect influence of women quite sufficient. Emphatic, nav passionate, insistence on your own brainlessness-that is very important. A few passing allusions to us Suffragists as obscure vulgarians. I think you might almost call us uneducated. Yes, uneducated and obscure vulgarians. That also sounds well. And as there's so little to say it must sound well my dear girl,

or else the cause perishes. Ah, yes. And you mustn't forget to refer to yourselves as "so-called traitresses to the sex, so called survivals of the Dark Ages," because that will elicit respectful sympathy. And be sure and mention that you have joined the Territorial Nursing Corps. I forget its name, but that's near enough. Have you joined it, by the way?

Lady G. (who is standing all this splendidly): No.

Dr. Alice: Then do so at once, because that's a piece of subtle eleverness. You disclaim physical force, and yet are preparing indirectly to defend your country. There now, haven't I been a brick? Haven't I wiped out for ever the obligation of those French composi-

LADY G. (with spirit but good temper): No, that obligation could never be wiped out. And besides, this service doesn't count. Do you know what I'm going to do with this speech? Look.

(She throws it into the fire.)

Dr. Alice: Well, of all the ungrateful, aristocratic little

LADY G. (with increased spirit and charm, turning to the others): Do you know what I'm going to do next? I'm going home to think

in your life!

Baillie: Shame, Dr. Alice! It's never too late to sin-I mean to think !

LADY G. (smiling at her): I should love to come to one of your lectures. May I?

BAILLIE: Of course you may

LADY G. (to GERTRUDE SILBERTHWAITE): And will you

votes or no votes?

last remaining copy of your paper?

NELLIE G. (delighted): Here it is, Lady Geraldine-a present from us all!

(She goes to the door. When she has reached it, she turns round to Dr. Alice. There is a

LADY G.: I believe I've got them slready! Afraid I shan't be able to take that Chair! Good-bye! (She goes out.) (They look after her for a

moment.) DR. ALICE (fiercely): Mind, if you betray my school

chum, I'll never speak to you again.

NELLIE G. : Betray one of our own, Dr. Alice! For she is one of our own already. Before many weeks are passed she'll be selling Votes for Women in a blinding snowstorm in the merry month of May!

Baillie (raising her tea-cup): Her health! (They drink her health.) CURTAIN.

DINNER TO THE PRISONERS.

The twenty-six women released from Holloway, after their month's imprisonment, on Wednesday in last week were enter tained in the evening at a dinner at the Inns of Court Hotel.

Every available seat had been sold a long time ahead, and the large restaurant was crowded, 400 people being present, who gave the prisoners a most enthusiastic reception. The hall was decorated in the purple, white, and green, and a number of people staying in the hotel gathered round in the balcony and the windows overlooking the restaurant and listened to the speeches. It is not easy to convey an impression of the enthusiasm of the scene. Each of the prisoners on rising was greeted with cries of "Bravo!" from men and women, who stood on their chairs and waved and cheered

Miss Christabel Pankhurst occupied the chair and gave the prisoners a very hearty welcome back to active service. She was glad to say that public feeling as to these women being political offenders was growing stronger every duy, and she related how a man in the crowd that morning had said, "Yes, when Jemmiton was in prison he had a suit (sie) of rooms"—(laughter)—"and duck and 'en for breakfax." The remark was perhaps only a straw, but it showed which way the wind blew. The Suffragettes' complaint was in having to go to Holloway at all. (Hear, hear.) They thought they ought to have the vote instead, and she was sure they would have the country with them in saying that it was a disgrace to the country, and above all to the Government, that women should eloquently than words what the members and leaders of the W.S.P.U. felt towards these women—their thanks, gratitude, and pride—(hear, hear)—and their determination to live up to the standard their friends had set. Miss Pankhurst then called upon each of the released prisoners, in alphabetical order, for a brief speech, and it was noticeable that in every case thay expressed themselves as ten times more enthusiastic in the cause than when

Miss Ainsworth described the prison system as "perfectly rotten," She had been visited in Holloway by the member for Wandsworth (in whose division she lived), Sir Henry Kimber, who had told her that she could go out at any moment, and that she was "putting was a proof that the cause was going forward. A prisoner had said to her before she left, "You do not know the difference it makes to

us, the Suffragettes being here. God bless you."

Miss Mary Allen, of Bristol, said that she had admired women before she joined the W.S.P.U., but, having been to Holloway, she Self-that no one knew their capacity for combining and standing up for one another. She had been unfairly punished for some breach of discipline, and all the women had appealed to the governor on her behalf, and had succeeded in getting her two days' solitary confinement reduced to one

Mrs. Frank Corbett said it was useless for the Home Secretary to Mrs. Frank Corbett sain it was useless for the Home Secretary to say that he had no power to remove prisoners from the second divi-sion to the first division; he had the power of advising the magis-grate. She added a special plea that the clerzy should support the women's cause on the ground that it was for the uplitting of the

Miss Una Dugdale said that if before she had gone into Holloway Miss this Duguale said that it before she had gone into Holosop, liberty was for her spelt in letters of gold, it was now spelt in letters of living fire. She would hold all her life in reverence those women who first went to prison, and who had borne the brunt of the scoffs and jeers. The women had got to conquer, and they were going to conquer. She wanted to give her tribute to her fellow-prisoners conquert such that who, though often ill and crushed (for in Holloway they did all possible to crush you), had revived her with their courage. She nly wished that those men who considered women physically and ually unfit to have a vote could go for a month to Holloway. (Hear, hear.) The movement was like a cloud rising out of the sea, no larger than a woman's hand to begin with, but growing until there came a mighty flood, which would sweep away ignorance and prejudice for ever. Let Mr. Asquith take heed. ("Coward, coward.") Her advice to him was to follow Noah, and build an He knew the planks, Votes for Women; but if he despised them they might be taken by another party.

Miss Carwin stated that ahe wrote "Glorious Christabel" on ery prison spoon that came in her way.

Mrs. Caprina Fahey said that her stay in Holloway had increased er enthusiasm tenfold. She was now a double-dyed Suffragette. She had taken care to tell each of the visiting magistrates that fact, They all owed the deepest gratitude to the leaders of this move ment, for women had begun to realise what it was to be really womanly, and that was a splendid power.

Miss Leslie Lawless brought the following message from Mr.

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Pathiels Laurens

My thoughts are with you, and will be with you at this st

This message was written by Mrs. Lawrence on her slate, a Miss Lawless learnt it by heart, as she was not allowed to wr down and bring out a copy with her.

Lady Constance Lytton.

Lady Constance Lytton said a message had reached ! Holloway: "A speech will be expected of you." Her dil efforts to obtain paper and pencil with which to write dow points she wished to make. The only letter she had been al-to keep was a business letter relating to shares, for which si material on which to write, although she had asked with her her prison slate. Apparently something like an A Parliament would have been required for this! On the blank of the envelope she had been able to make some rough not feet the "hanety, blood which she had drawn from her flesh. The first thing she wanted to say was, "How are you and "How is it with the cause?" She had had the imm privilege of being with their beloved treasurer, Mrs. Peet Lawrence, from the beginning. That had been a most tremen ter not to be able to speak, but to be obliged to stand by witness treatment of Mrs. Lawrence on certain occasions. sort or, surpling in the movement, Lady Constance said that had imagined she knew a great deal about Voice for Women he she went on that deputation of February 24. On that night, ever, she had experienced several tremendous and shocking prises. It had been thought well, in view of that absolute appear upon the platform with the rest of the deputation. other countries was an absolute impossibility in England; i took place. She had been desperately ashamed of the Government which called itself Liberal, and which allowed such things to on, amounting to nothing short of a national disgrace. At B Street, again, she felt how absolutely imbedie and ludicous of whole thing was. Their colonies were to be stripped from the and practically they were to be searched and to have everyth

Her difficulty had been to prevent herself being treated will unnecessary and unwarrantable privilege. As an instance of this, one night when a poor woman was brought into the cell below hers she heard scuffling and unusual noise, and then a terrible voice rang through the corridors, "Let me out; let me out," while the rattling of the gates in front of the poor woman out, white the ratum of the gates in ront of the poor women-cell shoot the whole place. This she understood was one of those sad cases of the Daisy Lord type. Everyone would remember how last summer Mr. Herbert Gladstone had written to the papers scornfully telling the public how ignorant it was about the law

such cases as that, how the passing of the death sentence was a r of form and not intended to be carried out. She wished

wished that the Home Secretary could have been in her cell ght. She wished that every member of any Government that ame into power, and every legislator, could have heard that ice. It was a thing not easily forgotten, and she would ask why, if it was a matter of form to pass the death sentence ed. If it was a sort of play-acting, was it not one of those which could easily be altered? She would have a placard law, and in many cases it must be very much worse than own. Then, again, she thought that an officer was wanted prison to meet the prisoners on their arrival, and to hear enforted her most had been the voice of an old man back streets, "Here's chickwood and groundsel and roce-sweet singing birds." That old man knew that there were glorious vanquishers of the air, shut up in tiny cages in periods, and he wanted to remind the birds of what they could bein best. That was what was wanted in Holloway—to women of what they could be, and not perpetually to tell t they were damned. Her advice to the Government, if end them to Holloway. Holloway was the place where one

singled a hot Suffragette, but what she was then was an of an address. On one occasion the address dealt with the on in the Wilderness, and the Chaplain referred to the sin

spite of everything that was saddening, however, she found herself constantly giving thanks for little things. First, e was that marvelloes spirit of kindness which appears even ugh a coat of mail, and even through a system of tyranny and son. Then, again, she felt all the time what a tremendous f gratitude women owed to those two heroic and magnificent nged cheers.

Mrs. Lamartine Yates said she had made up her mind to join the equation within forty-eight hours. Nothing had been further ber thoughts, but she attended a meeting addressed by Mrs. & Lawrence, and came away feeling that if only certain difficould be overcome it was her duty to go to the Prime Minister 24th. She described the effect of the solitary confinement tal chloroform." Being a busy woman, with many publiand little leisure, she had imagined that during her stay in ay she would have a splendid opportunity for thought. way he would have a splendid opportunity for tolought. In-of the atmosphere, however, made that impossible. The walls do to clore round upon one, and the only refuge was to read Very amusingly Mrs. Yates described how the broad arrow scattered all over the prison precincts, and how even the snow pigeons. She had puzzled over the letzers "P P." on the

Miss Tewnsend said that some prisoners whom they had to leave it Perionville on their way to Holloway had wished them good oke. They told this to the policy, who said, "They would wish sood lack to your pockets if they could get hold of them." It was saily the Liberal Government who were the robbers, (Chors; and bor, hear.) She was a soldier's daughter, and she was ready to ghigh for her political liberar.

The rest of the prisoners made short but vigorous speeches, and ithout exception expressed themselves as infinitely more determined win the vote from the Liberal Government than they were before they went to Holloway.

THE WOMAN'S EXHIBITION.

Prince's Skating Rink, May 13-26, 1909, Communications to be addressed: Exhibition Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

So generous has been the response to the call to work in connecare intending to specialise. This would give the Committee a sor of bird's-eye view of what is going on all over the country, and

Holidays intervening, it is well to take stock before going on.

Another way in which readers of Votes for Women can render some little account of their experience in getting up bazaars. There are many technical points to be considered, and the Committee would be glad to compare the practical experience of any who will write to them with their own.

Inquiries have been made as to what will become of the goods supplied for the stalls, supposing they are not all sold during the suppose to the value, supposing they are not an isodicularly the first united it is proposed to hold further sales, probably in the provinces, and if this plan is carried out, the interest will be truther added to by the exhibition of photographs collected by the Y.H.B., illustrating various phases of the movement and forming a unique record of the past few months' activities.

Entertainments.

for bands and other musical entertainments, and the Secretary will be glad to hear from anyone who will volunteer this form of help.

Send for the Paster

A preliminary poster is being prepared, and will be ready as soon as this week's VOTES FOR WOMEN is in the hands of readers. The poster, which is 40 ins. by 30 ins., is being printed in the colours, and will, it is hoped, be found very useful. Will all who way, write for a supply of these posters in order that they may be exhibited wherever possible to make the Exhibition known? As

Refreshment Department

received.

Help is also wanted for the evening work, between 7 and 10.30, tickets, price 1s, cach, are now on sole. Please send all effers of the Joins Secretaries and Managers, Mrs. Frederick Edwards, GS, Lu Gate, and Miss Una S. Dugdale, 18, Stamhope Place, Marble Arch, W.

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Stady Constance Lytton informs us that she has since received a letter from Mr. Gladstone stating that the woman from whom the crice proceeds could not possibly have been the woman who had killed her child, as this woman was in another part of the prison at that time.

VOTES FOR WOMEN. CROYDON BYE-ELECTION.

DISAPPEARANCE OF MR. RAPH -- L.

[A sequel to our Cartoon of last week.]

RESULT.	
Sir R. Hermon-Hodge (C)	11,989
Mr. J. E. Raphael (L)	8,041
Mr. F. Smith (Labour-Socialist)	886

Conservative majority over Liberal ... 3,948 Union at the Croydon bye-election was brought to an end on persistently Mr. Asquith had refused to listen to the claims of polling day, Monday last, and resulted in a magnificent victory women. The points of the speakers were listened to with great for the women over the Government, Mr. Raphael, the Liberal attention, and it was evident that with every word that was candidate, being defeated by no less than 3,900 votes, as compared with the majority of one thousand by which the Con- A resolution calling for the immediate enfranchisement of duly

servative had been returned at the General Election.

During the whole of the previous week signs had not been want ing of the coming result. Wherever members of the W.S.P.U. had been present they had been re-Croydon had shown themselves particularly ready to understand and appreciafe the bye-election policy of the W.S.P.U. Friday and Saturday,

the last days of the active campaign, were well spent. The Suffragette colours were everywhere in evidence, and at all the meetings considerable interest was evoked

The arrangements for carried out with great success. A procession of members drove through

ing the women recently released from Holloway, and also On polling day members of the Union stationed themselves members of the deputation which subsequently went to the outside the polling booths, and as every elector went in he was House of Commons on the following Tuesday.

The route was from the Clock Tower at Thornton Heath to advice which in the great majority of cases he gladly followed. the Empire Theatre at Croydon, and as the procession passed along the street cheers were raised again and again for the women who were fighting for their enfranchisement.

At the Empire Theatre so great was the interest that every seat was filled long before the time for the meeting, and though Holloway, and the band of Lancashire women, who are determined the theatre holds no less than 2,000 people, a further 1,500

hall the great banner of the Union, bearing the motto "Strong souls live like fire-hearted suns to spend their strength. attracted special attention. Prominent on the stage were the ex-prisoners, and the audience was addressed by Mrs. the last election were :- Bt. Hon. Hugh Oakeley Arnold Forster (Con.), Pankhurst, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Gawthorpe, and The great campaign of the Women's Social and Political others, who dealt with the political situation, showing how

manding that Mr. Asdeputation on Tuesday was carried with few di sentients. Outside the hall speeches were almade, and at the close : running fire of questions elicited ready answers from the speakers.

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This meeting broug had been held in the con stituency from the be ginning of the campaign. meetings in the Public Hall, Croydon; the Nor bury Public Hall, the Stanley Hall, South Nor wood; the St. Michael's Hall, the Public Baths, Thornton Heath; the Art Gallery, St. Augustine's Hall, the Friends' Adult lic buildings, and also a very large number of outdoor meetings in every



called upon to "support the women and keep the Liberal out,"

EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESS. "THE DAILY MAIL."

The Suffragettes made a brave show with their procession on Saturday afternoon. The latest batch of martyrs, liberated from to see Mr. Asquith to-morrow or go to prison in the attempt, assem waited outside in the hope of an overflow meeting. Inside the banners. Lady Constance Lytton, the most distinguished member

Holowy stath, who says the wrote her thoughts in blood is disting they can through megaphenes, and they bold up all the state of the st pire Theatre at Croydon, their bands playing "The Mar-Great crowds watched them pass. They had an entirely meeting in the theatre. It was packed to the roof, and

" THE TIMES."

APRIL 2, 1909.

The woman Suffragists, of course being for the most part cultured ike the strange Mr. Gray, they speak with a pleasing quiet-

" DAILY GRAPHIC." Where Women Excel.

leaving the spectacular elements of this contest the speakers. It is a feature which has impressed Croydon even Croydon ' men in the street," without distinction Though the "Votes for Women" brigade has certainly in sheer intellectual mastery of speech and argument arts and wiles of plausible speech they are superior.

"THE STANDARD." Suffragists Active.

the afternoon the Suffragists held a great demonstration in , and a number of women recently liberated from Hollo The hall was packed from stalls to gallery, and the akers were listened to with marked attentiveness. When t was impossible to obtain a seat in the house, but from in the gallery, high up against the ceiling, I could just impse of the stage. The speakers, looking none the worse incarceration in gaol, were flanked by an imposing I caught only one phrase, but it was suggestive of the n's whole argument—" Only the great mothers have the

"THE MORNING POST." Processions and Oratory.

oughout the day and far into the night propagandist work was on yesterday (Saturday) by all parties with prodigious Namerous processions and parades took place, the most display being that of the ladies of the National Women's ed speeches from the text, "Keep the Liberal out.

"MORNING ADVERTISER," March 23.

ous feature of the election vesterday was proy the militant Suffragettes, who paraded the town in motor a meeting at night. The same proclamation was also made

"EVENING NEWS " March 29 What the Women Have Done.

A notable sign of the times is the part that women have played in

When the fight started the Suffragettes attracted a few hundred their meeting, many of them hostile.

a Saturday afternoon they filled the Empire Theatre with an ence of about 2,000, and there was scarcely a single interruption. his does not mean that Croydon is converted to "Votes for "Croydon's approval is for the cry, "Keep the Liberal Committee Rooms-64, Montrose Terrace, Edinburgh,
All the same, the conspicuous part which the women of all The figures at the tast election were :-Sir George McCrae (Lich.), 5500; Rankin Danson have played in the contest has had its effect in familiarising argeeses with the idea that women do, nowadays, insist on at they understand their subjects.

m-air andiences. Women draw up lists of speakers and look after take the field. Preparations have been made by the W.S.P.U. wo women friends. They carry sandwich boards, they distribute charge of Miss Cecilia and Miss Evelyn Haig.

" CROYDON CHRONICLE " March 12

Now about the Suffragists. They are in the fray and are to be reckoned with. They had already opened an office in Croydonbefore there was any likelih their presence felt. What with open-air meetings, chalking announcements on the pavements, distributing literature, and other methods, they have entered into the battle in earnest.

"CROYDON CHRONICLE," March 25.

Then there are the Suffragettes. They certainly lend a new colour to the campaign in Croydon. At the 1906 contest they were leaving the special section of the country who deplores the sight of women in the very thick of the not to be seen. They have gorung themselves upon the country avert remark with admiration upon the striking ability of in our national life. Newspaper readers would have felt annoyed did they not find something about the "Votes for Women" agita-

we platform manner than other sections. A young man things lively. Their gay-coloured flags—purple, white, and green-cits of a crowd interrupted an advocate of the vote with fly from motor-cars as they flit about the town visiting this and tended to be a crushing reduction to absurdity. "Don't that open space and seeking to address the crowds, often provoking was what he called to her. Quick as the greatest merriment by their ready responses to interrupters the reply: "Don't you wish you were a man?" This is They do not mind adopting manly efforts. Some parade the of the style that tells. The fact should be recognised streets with sandwich boards and others rush about scrawling with n in this contest have, on the average, excelled the men. electors for whom they should vote. They are not moved by the more skilled in self-expression; they repeat themselves loss; taunts and jeers to which they are subjected. But then they are feminine, not masculine,

" MANCHESTER GUARD AN," March 26. (Lond n Letter. The Sentences on Suffragists.

A good deal of attention is being directed to the disparity in the sentences of imprisonment passed upon Mrs. Despard and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Both were arrested while seeking to make their way into the House of Commons with petitions. Both were ring-leaders in these enterprises, both were convicted of the same offence, and in both cases there had been a previous conviction; yet Mrs. Despard was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and Mrs Pethick Lawrence to two. No doubt the organisation with which Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is connected is by much the more active and formidable, and no doubt also its demonstrations, be larger scale, give more trouble; but these seem hardly adequate grounds on which to inflict a double sentence on one of tw duals who, as individuals, committed precisely the same offence That, at least, is a feeling widely entertained among all ranks of suffragists, and it is thought that Mr. Gladstone, if approached on the subject, might very properly remit a portion of the heavier se tence. Should be do so be would relieve a somewhat acute sense of

"HEREFORD TIMES" March 27

From the first militant act, so-called, three years ago, up to this the cause further and quicker than the combined efforts of the last

"MANCHESTER COURIER," March 25.

When the history of the agitation in Great Britain comes to be written the chapter dealing with the imprisonment of delicate women

EAST EDINBURGH BYE-ELECTION.

Committee Rooms-64, Montrose Terrace, Edinburgh,

It is stated that owing to the appointment of Sir George McCrae, M.P., as Vice-President of the Scottish Local Government Board, a vacancy has been caused in East Edinburgh. nen now undertake nearly every branch of committee-room John Cowan has been mentioned as the possible Liberal candidate, Women canvass in the rain and engage in competitions for and it is said that the Unionist party has also a candidate ready to conduct a vigorous campaign, committee rooms being under the

OUR POST BOX.

AN ARGUMENT FROM HOLLOWAY. To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,-Woman Suffrage has passed out of the region not only of romance, but of rational discussion. We are dealing in platitudes which the stunidity of our opponents convert into revolutionary paradoxes. If militants are going to prison for the sake of a self evident proposition, their argument—the argument from Holloway -is the only really fresh and vivid one I know. It is lack of from using it. The Sixth Commandment and the Fifth Proposi tion in Euclid seem to me more brilliantly debateable than Women's Suffrage! I am glad that you have good news of your brave MAY SINCLAIR.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE HOME SECRETARY.

dence has taken place between Mrs. Saul Solomon widow of the late Saul Solomon, M.L.A., Cape Colony, and Mr. Herbert Gladstone extracts from which we are invited to publish, In the course of her first letter Mrs. Solomon said :-

In conclusion, may I point out to you, and through you to your honourable colleagues, that these methods will eventually defeat the ends in view. When fully made known and understood, all civilised people will recoil from this way of wounding every sense bility of womanhood, and from this extraordinary abuse of the physical force at the service of the Government.

Mr. Gladstone in his reply said:

to force your way through the police, but that, having failed in one endeavour, you returned to Caxton Hall and announced your intention yet to succeed in your object of effecting an entrance into the House of Commons by leading a second deputation. I am to point out that this involves a deliberate defiance, not of the Government, but of the House of Commons itself. The police were acting under the direct orders of the House itself in the shape of a Sessional Order. . . . The deputation endeavoured to prevent the police from carrying out those orders. If in these circumstances undesirable scenes occur the whole responsibility rests with those who defy the orders of the House of Commons.

through the police," and that I admit this. Frankly, as I do not possess physical force, I am incapable of boasting of using it. My mounteth with occasion," and we women are going to win. in England towards the vanguard of Woman Suffragists may well thrust to the front the noblest and the best of womankind for the help and elevation of the co-operating men and women of our great Empire. But what of this Cabinet, with all its vast possibilities and splendid prospects? Is not the handwriting of doom appearing upon the wall? "Weighed in the balance and found-wanting!

ON STRIKE

To the Editors of Voves for Women. Desc Sir,-A letter in the Times of the 22nd ult. proposes that

the same rights, privileges, and justice as men they should abstain from assisting the State either by joining the National Service League or by becoming Territorial nurses. Let them, in fact,

Mayfield House, Farnham, Surrey,

IL-LIBERAL LIBERALISM.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dans Sig.,—One of the speakers at the Queen's Itall moeting tirack the true note when he referred to the transcendental spirit entries the true note when he referred to the transcendental spirit entries the true note when he referred to the transcendental spirit entries of a formation of the transcendental spirit entries the formation of the spirit entries of the spirit entries the formation of the spirit entries the spirit ent for the vote is merely an item-perhaps the culminating item, but

still an item-in the list of assertiveness of the "forward" school a women. To those inside it has the moral sanction of a s mental principle, a principle, moreover, underlying a hundred it of assertive discontent, and, as it were, unifying them in one of demand for freedom. Directly it is stated in express terms; found to be as immoral and impolitic to allow a stigma to rem on a whole sex as it is irrational and unphilosophical to draw

Is there not reason to think that in restoring to a sex its freedom we may be conferring health to the State?

And much it grieves my heart to think

What man has made of man!

were they so urgent and so baffling? An era of blind force, or and discredited, and no vital new conception to take its place has done its work. Its worst enemy could not wish for a application of its principles. If there is little hope of h ing Liberulium, there is no reason to doubt that statesm and diplomacy may again be equal to the problems of the when this civil strife is ended by the enfranchizement of v and a British Government represents and speaks for the nation, and not for one sex only .- Yours, etc

Mrs. Pankhurst has received the following letter from Lady

My dear Mrs. Pankhurst,-I have taken in a well-kr Mr. Gladstone in his reply said:—

sixpany weekly paper regularly, year after year, for 1 if
think quite thirty-law years. When is alloles to us at all
to force your way through the police, but that, having failed in
the force your way through the police, but that, having failed in and in its place taking six copies weekly of Votes for Womes circulating them. Thus I shall add £1 (s. per annum to the circulating them. tion of our paper. I am writing to the editor of the we which I allude to that effect. Now, I know that my £1 make no difference, but supposing 300 of our Union would w their £1 6s. per annum subscription from this paper, that wo at £390 per annum loss to the paper alluded to, and gain to we can get six copies of our paper for one of the sixpenny. This suggestion is my response to the Vorks for Women a expressed so strongly before going to prison, as to our u were done on a large and combined scale many of the papers soon after their tune about us.—Yours, etc., EMILY KNYVETI."

SUFFRAGISTS AT GIRTON.

The following letter has been received by Miss Christibe

DEAR MADAM,-Several times in the past two or three w stated that there is an Anti-Suffrage majority at Girton. Ma beg you to contradict this statement.

The members of the Anti-Suffrage Club number twenty-cipl
whilst those of the Suffrage Club number ninetw-seven.

The Suffrage Club includes every member of the staff.—Yours to., F. E. Wollkrasky. President of the Girton College Women's Suffrage Club. Gloucester Lodge, Sydenham, S.E.

ANOTHER DISGUSTED LIBERAL.

all English women should help their country by joining the National Service League. I suggest that until English women are accorded To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir, -Mr. T. Shackleton, of Glodwick, Oldham, has placed mentary vote entirely at the disposal of Miss Mary Gawthorpe until such time as the Government grants the just claims of

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

DEAR Str.,—I am compiling a list of famous people who have declared themselves in favour of women having the Parliamentar;

Member of Men's League for W.S. 68, Osborne Villas, Hoye.

WELCOME!

Out of the darkness comes the Dawn-The Lightning flash is born of the Storm;

And from the greatest love on earth
The Spirit of Freedom shall have birth."-J. ROBERTS.

Members and Friends of the Women's Social and

pril 16 we shall have the joy of welcoming our Treasurer us again. The strain of her two months' imprisonment, cheerfully for the great cause to which she has given so much devoted personal service, so great a her time and thought, and which entirely holds her be put behind her, and she will face the future work with the practical forethought which is one of distinguishing characteristics. For the purposes of she has long seen the many ways in which a motorbe utilised, and she has realised that, by its use, omies of time and energy would be effected, while from an advertisement point of view is obvious. The how dear she personally is to us all, and how deeply iate her utterly unselfish devotion to the Cause Union stands. The motor-car which we propose her will cost over £400. Towards that amount been received. The time during which the present can remain open is of necessity very short. efore urge that those who have been inspired did example and stirred by her spoken and written could take this opportunity of giving expression of the love and gratitude they bear her. Please sen ibutions to me at 4, Clements Inn, with all possible

gements for the welcome to be accorded to the Hor It will be one of those days which will go down in the the women's movement as "red letter" days. The following the state of the state

Friday, April 16.—

8 a.m., at Holloway Gates.

4 Orrige Procession from Bolloway Prision to the Criterion Restauran Pricasilly Circus.

9 a.m.—Breakfast, Criterion Bestaurant, Fleesdully Circus.

10 a.m.—Breakfast, Criterion Bestaurant, Fleesdully Circus.

11 dec. 20. cach, from the Tricks Secretary, 4, Circumia lim.)

28 Address will be deduced by Mrs. Petilisk Lawronce, Mrs. Packhur mt the Chât.

Saturday, April 17.PROCESSION AND GREAT PUBLIC MEETING AT THE ALDWYCH

ill be noticed that the welcome is in two parts-i.e., two day devoted to it-and those who cannot be present on bot ill, we are sure, make a point of doing honour to our Honer on one day at least. Many who are out of town on their solidays will no doubt come up specially for the day, and a ver-

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1 Queen's Hall, Lendon, mext Monday, April 5, Mrs. Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and Lady Contrance dangwill be the ,speakers at the At Home at 5 o'clock, and the speakers and friends of the Union welcome. There will be no At Home on Easter Mon-velcome. There will be no At Home on Easter Monpril 12, but the At Home will be held as usual on Monday, 19. There will be no At Home in St. James's Hall on evenings, April 8 and April 15, but they will commence

agements as to the At Homes to be held throughout the ntry will be found on pages 509-11.

The Albert Hall Meeting.

Albert Hall meeting on April 29, and all readers of Vorzs FOR

WOMEN and their friends are invited to take tickets early for this Works and their friends are invited to take tickets early for this great gathering. The International delegates of the Woman Suffrage Congress will be among the audience, and a special presentation will be made to all members of the W.S.P.U. who have suffered imprisonment for the cause. Tickets, price Sc. 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., can be obtained from the Ticket Secretary, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Men are admitted to the 5s. and 2s. 6d.

The Exhibition

As there are now only five weeks to the great Exhibition on May 13 to May 26, readers are invited to use every means available for making it known to their friends. Posters and handbills are now ready, and will be sent free on application to the Exhibition Secretary, N.W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn.

The Boat Race.

Women who are able to act as sellers at the University Boat Race to morrow (Saturday) are referred to the London report on page 509. Mrs. Mosen is in charge, and will give full particulars to helpers calling at the office before 10 a.m.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS. April | Birmingham, 16, Ethel Street | Vorus von Women Corps | 11.30 a.m.

	Clevedon, At Home, Old	Mias Vera Wentworth	3 p.m.
	Vicarage Restaurant Bristol, Women's Meeting,	Miss Ball	3.30 p.m.
	Horfield Tavern Bishopstone, Open-air Meet-	Miss Ball	7.30 p.m.
	Streatham Town Hall, recep-	Miss Seymour and ex-prisoners	7.30 p.m.
	tion to Mrs. and Miss Tyson Manchester, At Home, On- ward Buildings, Deansgate		8 p.m.
	ward Buildings, Deansgate Fulham, 20, Churchfield Man-	General meeting	8 p.m.
	Fulham, 20, Churchfield Man- sions, New King's Road Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath	Miss Conolan, Miss Paxton	8 p.m.
	Street Clevedon, Public Hall	Miss Vera Wentworth	8 p.m.
Sat. 3	Manchester, 164, Oxford Road	Lancashire Vores FOR WOMEN Week	10 a.m.
	Glasgow, At Home, 141, Bath Street	Miss Conolan, Miss Hunter	3 p.m.
	Putney, Open-air Meeting Aberdeen, At Home, Kenna-	University Boat Race Day Miss Adela Pankhurst, Miss	7 p.m. 8 p.m.
	way's Rooms Bradford, Advertising Parade	Flatman	o p.m.
	Bradford, Open-air Meeting	Miss Marsh, Mrs. Clarke, Miss Crocker	
Sun. 4	Hampstead Heath	Mrs. Mosen	11-30a.m.
	Clapham Common Blackheath		3 p.m. 3 p.m. 3-5 p.m.
Mon. 5	London, At Home, Queen's Hall	Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss C. Pankhurst, and others	
	Bristol, Victoria Rooms, Clif- ton	Miss Annie Kenney	3.30 p.m.
	Gloucester Place, W., Mrs. Frances Smith's Drawing-	Mrs. Pankhurst, Lady Constance Lytton, Miss	4.30 p.m.
	room meeting Bradford, 61, Manningham	Brackenbury Special Steward's Meeting	8 p.m.
	Lane Chelses, 4, Trafalgar Studios,	Miss W. Mayo	8-45 p.m.
	Beginners' Blocution Class Weston-super Mare, At Home,	Miss Vera Wentworth	
Tue. 6	North Street Hall Bradford, Cyclists' Advertis-		ll am.
	ing Parade	Miss Mary Phillips, Mrs.	5-5 & 8-10
	Liverpool, At Home, 48, Mount Pleasant Birmingham, At Home, Mid-	Duncan Miss Gladice Keevil, Miss	3.30 p.m.
		Louisa Phillips Mr. Forbes Robertson : Chair	3.30 p.m.
	New castle on Tyne, Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge	- Hon, Mrs. Parsons	orba France
	Wolverhampton, Priory Rms., Old Square	Miss Gladice Keevil, Miss Louisa Phillips	7.30 p.m
		Concert	8 p.m. 8.15 p.m.
Wed. 7	Harley Street, W., Mrs. Morris' Drawing-room Meeting	Miss New	
	Newcastle-on-Tyne, At Home, Crosby's Cafe, Northumber- land Street	Miles Now	3 & 8 p.m
	Hendon, At Home, Mrs. Fahey's release	Miss Dugdale	4 p.m.
	Wolverhampton, St. Peter's Institute	Miss Louisa Phillips	8 p.m.
	Wood Green, Unity Hall	Bowes Park W.S.P.U., Miss	8 p.m.
	Bradford, St. George's Hall	Marsh Miss Christabel Pankhurst	8 p.m.
	Edinburgh, Roseburn Hall, Murrayfield	Miss Macaulay; Chair—Miss Milne Chapman	8 p.m.
	Chelsea, 93, Oakley Street Chiswick, At Home	Chelsea W.S.P.U. Miss Bonwick	8.30 p.m. 8.30 p.m.
	Aberdeen, Workers' Meeting,		
Thu. 8	Birmingham, 14, Ethel Street	VOTES FOR WOMEN COTES	12.20 a.m.

	IMPORTANT F	UTURE EVENTS.	
April			
16	Release of Mrs. Pethick Law-	Holloway Gates	8 8.
17	Welcome Procession to Mrs.	Marble Arch	2.30
	Aldwych Theatre	Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst	4.30
19	Newport, Temperance Hall	Mrs. Parkhurst	8 p.3
22	Bath, Guild Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton	3 p.1
29	London, Albert Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	
30	Bristol, Victoria Rooms	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton	
May			
. 5	Kensington, Town Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton	
7	Birmingham, Town Hall	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence	
13-26	Prince's Skating Rink	Exhibition and Sale of Work	

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Mrs. TUKE. Joint Hon, Sec MISS CHRISTABEL PANKHURST.

The Women's Social and Political Union are NOT asking for a vote for every woman, but simply that sex shall cease to be a disqualification for the Iranchise.

At present men who pay rates and taxes, who are owners opposes the Parliamentary vote. The Women's Social and Political Union claim that women who fulfil the same conditions shall also enjoy the franchise.

It is estimated that when this claim has been conceded, about a million and a quarter women will possess the vote, in addition to the seven an a -half million men who are at presentenfranchised

The Women's Social and Political Union claim that a simple measure, giving the vote to women on these terms, shall be passed immediately.

A LETTER FROM PRISON.

HOLLOWAY PRISON March 26 1909 My dear Friends and Fellow-members of our beloved Union, I send you greeting and love. I am with you constantly in thought and spirit and desire. Very soon I shall be with you in the flesh. I have felt, and I still feel, the support of your thoughts and good wishes. You must know that I have not seen a newspaper since I came here. I am very ignorant as to how the world is wagging. In Holloway "nobody knows nothing," so it would be quite useless to ask questions. Knowing nothing can be carried to a fine art. But across this night of oblivion glorious flashes of good tidings have come to me, One was the report sent for my signature. Great was my satisfaction to know that we had raised the whole £20,000 during the That we should be very near to our mark I felt sure

> "Oh, the little more, and how much it is: The little less and what worlds away.

In our Union we pride ourselves on attaining our standards! Another great joy to the heart of your Treasurer was to hear be sum raised in donations and promises during Self-denial Week. Eight thousand pounds is a good start at the beginning February. I seem to bear some of you gasp, "Fifty thousand recurary. I seem to near some or you gasp, "Fifty thousand pounds!" I will tell you how it is to be raised. We have proved, have we not, that we ourselves are good for £20,000? We gave our unmost last year; we shall go on giving our utmost. The remaining £30,000 has to come from a public not yet touched. And what we have to do without a moment's delay, every one of us, is to go about everywhere preaching the gospel of Votes for Women, and bringing as many people as we can into the movement. Especially must new people be brought

by all our members to our great meetings And now I come to the main point of this letter, which I write you from my prison cell. I have a great, great wish. And if I tell it to you I know that you will fulfil it. I want the Albert Hall demonstration on April 29 to be the greatest the Alter! Hall demonstration on april 29 to be the greatest access, the most magnificent triumph, that our against irrumph, that our against many access of this meeting her individual responsibility, and to emecutate from now all her energies upon it. Take the tickets and the state of the free state of the state of tain number and for their value in cash. If you cannot sell Will those who wish to make this thom all in the usual way, persuade some wealthy friend to once to Clements Inn?—C. H. P.

urchase tickets which can be given to those who cannot affor to buy for themselves. But make up your mind that you wi dispose of six, ten, twenty, or fifty tickets, as the case

The occasion is a particularly significant one. w. Suffragists from every civilised country in the world will representing their respective organisations at the Internati Suffragist Congress in London. And this Albert Hall mee is to give them welcome in the name of the Women' Social served for them. It is also a demonstration in honour our members who have suffered imprisonment for the women's emancipation. They will come from the Northe South, the East and the West, to the centre of re-n the Albert Hall. They will wear their prison dress. Se mediately behind the speakers will be reserved for them. interesting developments will be revealed as time goes is to be a field day of the Militant Movement. I am would say more about this matter, but space forbids. you, dear women in this Union, read into my brief wo than all that my heart could wish?

I want to tell you how delighted I am that the paper paper—is developing so rapidly. I hear it has reached already. I hope it will reach 25,000 before I come back, will be another joy. My Three Wishes! How splendidly have been carried out. With all my heart I thank you: Oh, to see our flag again! To salute the colours! My yearn for them. I comfort myself with the thought tha prison dress is green, my prison cap is white. Would the apron were purple. My library card is faintly purplish one lives on small things in Holloway. And how one's pe tions and appreciations are intensified. How one learn of life which one is so apt to take for granted. Colour intercourse. Wear the colours always; if not for your sake, then for the sake of those who are in prison. vinced that wearing the colours is one of the best way attracting strangers to this movement. Curiosity and in large number of the deputation who went to prison with were quite recent converts, who a few short weeks ago w have scouted the possibility of going to prison. Ours is such

I must say good-bye to you. When you read this letter mine there will be only two more weeks to pass before the of re-union is ours. Meanwhile, as I sit here in my pr I know that in the world outside it is spring-time. Life pushing its way through the clods. Life is rising like a through stem and branch, soon to overflow and bring a floor of new life in the heart of the human race, and especially in heart of the world's womanhood. I feel it in our movement see the blossoming of new hope, new faith, new love. courage, new energy. I know that in the cycle of the wor life a new spring is coming—has, indeed, come. This know ledge is my great joy. It is the joy which we all share, and which none can take from us. We will give body and soul and all that we have to minister to this new life. We will accomplish the purpose to which we have been called.-Yours in the strong bond of fellowship which unites us all in this movement

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

RELEASE OF THE TREASURER.

Before the Albert Hall meeting comes the welcome to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, the arrangements for which are described on page 503. The Public Breakfast at the Criterion on the morning dear leader and comrade and our enthusiasm for the Caus. Will those who wish to make this a record welcome write at

THE OPPOSITION OF THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT.

Just before the Women's Parliament of Tuesday last the Social and Political Union and the Prime Minister as the result of a letter requesting him to receive a deputation.

APRIL 2, 1909.

10, Downing Street, Whitehall, S.W., March 27, 1949.

Min Famburch.

Insa Ministr.—In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., in which you selfhis Ministr.—In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., in which you selfhis Frimm Minister to receive a deputation tom in the Ankieni Wowene's your

Applied to get your to the 20th inst., I am desired by

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4, Clements Inn, W.C., March 29, 1969.

To the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith. To the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith.

Brais Six.—In reply to your ledet of the 27th Inst., we respectfully renow
our repost that you will receive the dependation which at to leave the
worsh Farlament all the Cay Bull London For Translate and the Cay Bull London For Translate
for the Cay Bull London For Translate and the Cay Bull London For Translate
fast have been adduced in respect to the conferency on Woman Sufface. Let
my point out that it is precisely for the purpose of Liquip before you at the
fast having upon the question of Woman Sufface, and upon the position
such this cause look in public overteen, that the deputation weeks to intershirt this cause look in public overteen, that the deputation weeks for inter-

ment of women runy states; the hope that you will be mored by these considerations to accord them interview, the deputation will present themselves at the House of mons to-morrow afternoon.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTAREL PANERURST.

From this it will be seen that Mr. Asquith advances as his excuse for refusing the reasonable request that he should receive a deputation his ignorance of those very facts which it was the desire of the deputation to lay before him. Naturally the Women's Social and Political Union decline to allow the Prime Minister to settle matters in this arbitrary and unconstitutional fashion. As we have before pointed out, to relinquish the attempt to lay the claim for women's enfranchisement before the Prime Minister would mean the collapse of the living movement for Woman Suffrage.

Speaking in the Name of Womanhood.

The women who time after time have gone forth from the Caxton Hall determined that, unless they are forcibly prevented from doing so, they will see the Prime Minister, are in very truth the representatives of all women who claim political enfranchisement. In them is personified the whole women's movement, and when they demand admission to the House of Commons and audience of the Prime Minister, they are speaking with the voice and in the name of every woman who seeks release from political bondage.

Realising to the full the meaning of their action and the responsibility of their position, the deputation of Lan-cashire women, with their colleagues from London and elsewhere, left the Caxton Hall on Tuesday, March 30, resolved that no weakness or hecitation on their part should cause the failure of their political mission. They made repeated attempts to gain admission to the House until finally they were overcome by physical force. Some were arrested, and the others resolved to renew their efforts to see the Prime Minister on the following day. Confidence in women, love and admiration for them, are the source of the enthus: asm felt by members of our Union, and they have been intensified by the bravery and devotion shown by every member of

The action of the Prime Minister in deliberately causing the arrest of these women by the unwarranted refusal to receive them, will still further injure his position in the country. It is now generally admitted in political circles that the militant campaign of the Women's Social and Political Union is a great and growing danger to the Government. Sir Charles. M'Laren has openly stated this to be the case in the House of Commons, and further proof is afforded by the overwhelming defeat of the Government at Oroydon. From all quarters

come various explanations of the severe defeat suffered by the following correspondence took place between the Women's Liberal party, but undoubtedly a major cause of that defeat was the unpopularity of the Government's Woman Suffrage policy. A recognition of this fact is betrayed in Mr. Raphael's article, attempted to conceal the fact that the Women's Social and Political Union had obtained a strong hold on the constituency, by saying: "If we may judge by the popular recepion of the women who are opposing the advocate of Woman Suffrage in the obvious interest of the Conservative candidate, their uncompromising opponent, the absurdity of this propa-

ganda offends the commonsense of the electorate," and again, Whatever else the Croydon contest may have left undone, it has side-tracked the militant Suffragists from serious politics. But the real fact of the case is that the people of Croydon understand perfectly well that the Women's Social and Political Juion opposed Mr. Raphael because, having accepted the leadership of Mr. Asquith, he had to all intents and purposes deserted the women's cause. The Daily Chronicle's assertion that our speakers had an unfavourable and discourteous reception is directly contrary to the truth, as can be proved by abun dant evidence gathered from the columns of other newspapers In this connection it is interesting to notice that the Dally thronicle, while suggesting that the Union did not win the meeting in the Empire Theatre on the eve of the poll, excelled in numbers and enthusiasm any meeting held by the political parties during the whole campaign. Far from "side Croydon contest has confirmed our position in the political

The article in question is significant because of the implied admission which it contains that our power is recogn official Liberalism. Never before has Woman Suffrage held Government policy which has worked this transformation Women, because they lack the constitutional weapon can or pose the Government only by means which, though essentially moderate, are yet unconstitutional. The electors of the country, now that they are roused to action by witnessing the struggle which women themselves are making, can, and do, oppose the Government by means of the constitutional weapon sarily succeed in securing the enactment of a Bill for Woman Suffrage. By resisting the inevitable the Government are Delay in settling this question means that the Woman Suffrage forces are becoming so strong and united, that the day which brings Votes to Women may also bring to the Government the destruction which, if they acted now, might be averted. Moreover, the spirit of revolt against the Liberal Government which took rise amongst women is spreading. The example set for the women has not been lost upon the men who seek legislative change. The Welsh party are rejecting a and are forcing the Government nearer and nearer to the noint of action on the thorny question of Welsh Disestablishment. Even more formidable to the present Administration is the prospect that the Irish party may again resume the policy which twenty-five years ago made them the arbiter of political

The present Government made their first great mistake when they refused at the outset of their career to recognise the power then latent, in the women's agitation. Already that mistake has cost them dear, in direct loss of support from women, and in the general disillusionment and disintegration which has been produced in the Liberal forces throughout the country Many are the enlightened and far-seeing Liberals who know this to be the case. It is for them, if they care for the honour -for the existence even-of their party, to express to the Government their disapproval of the illiberal and unconstitutional methods which are destroying the Liberal cause in the

Christabel Pankhurst

DEPUTATION TO MR. ASQUITH.

THE LANCASHIRE SUFFRAGETTE. A PARODY.

Air : " The Lincolnshire Poucher (See Chappell's "Popular Music of the Olden Time," Vol. IL, p. 733.)
When I was down in Manchester, in famous Lancashire, Oh! we've tried in vain the vote to gain for more than forty year.

We spied a big policeman, though for him we did not care;
For we were in the right, my girls, and had no thought of fear—
Oh! we've tried in vain the vote to gain for more than forty year.

As me and my companions were walking straight along
Towards the House of Parliament, doin nothing that was wrong,
We all were then arrested. Arrested! Do you hear?
Oh! we've tried in vain the vote to gain for more than forty year.

They took us by the shoulders and marched us all to jail Although the prison life was hard our courage did not fail; For one long dreary month, my girls, they kept us locked up

Oh! we've tried in vain the vote to gain for more than forty year

Success to every Suffragette that lives in Lancashire Success to every woman who to have a vote would care!

Bad luck to the Liberal Government and tyrants everywhere —
Oh! we've tried in vain the vote to gain for more than forty year.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

On Tuesday last, when another deputation was sent to lay before Mr. Asquith the claims of women to citizenship, another black page was written in the history of the struggle for at three o'clock in the Caxton Hall, which was entirely filled by a most enthusiastic gathering of women. At the back of the platform was the banner of the London City branch of the Women's Social and Political Union, with its inspiring words, "Thoughts have gone forth whose powers can sleep no more," and as Mrs. Pankhurst and the delegates filed in to the stirring strains of the "Marseillaise," the enthusiasm was tremendous, applause and cries of "Bravo!" greeting

From the gentle, dignified elderly lady who was chosen as leader, to the sweet-faced girl who proudly carried the banner the members of the deputation showed by their faces their pride and happiness in their mission

Mrs. Pankhurst explained that women would show the Gov ment that they would not be deterred by hard treatment from working for the principles which a Liberal Parliament did not put into practice. Mr. Asquith had once more refused to receive a deputation, and it would be their duty to go again and yet again to lay their claims before him. (Cheers.)

She then read out the names of the twenty-nine women who had

lunteered to go on the deputation, and called upon Mrs. Saul Solomon, who had been chosen as leader, to move the resolution,

THAT this PARLIAMENT OF WOMEN expresses its deep THAT THE PARLIAMENT OF WOMEN expresses its deep dissatisfaction with the Prime Minister's recent declarations that, while the Government wish to see a further extension of the Franchise to men, they are not prepared to carry a measure for the enfranchisement of women.

This Parliament calls upon the Government to abandon their present unsatisfactory policy, and to carry into law, without delay, a Bill giving votes to those women at present disqualified solely on the ground of sex.

A Deputation is hereby appointed, to whom is entrusted the duty of forthwith conveying this Resolution to the Prime Winster at the Klouse of Commons and eliciting his reply." (Signed) EMMELINE PANKHURST,

Mrs. Saul Solomon first called for an ovation for Mrs. Pankhurst on account of the Croydon election result, and then expressed her pride at being chosen to lead the deputation. It was a terrible thing that the Liberal Ministry should be so illiberal as to refuse citizenship to women; and they were going to urge the sause of woman before Mr. Asonith.

Mrs. Eates (Kensington), Miss Margaret Smith (Birmingham), Mrs. Morris and Miss Patricia Woodlock (Liverpool), Miss Rona

Robinson, and Miss Dora Marsden (Manchester) also spoke, each laying great stress on their peide and pleasure in representing in this deputation the views of those who could not speak for them selves. Miss Marsden evoked cheers by her declaration that as

be stopped by a long line of police and let through gradually in pairs to Victoria Street. From here to the very portals of the House of Commons progress was easy, the authorities having evidently underestimated the determination of the women. My Saul Solomon was allowed to enter the House, and on being told that Mr. Asquith was not in, she saw Col. Seely, who, however

Meantime, just outside the door of the House, there was a struggle and which those who saw and understood found unspeakably

On the occasion of the previous deputations, the grievous sin foreseen. The brave members of the deputation advanced again and again to seek a way through the close row of police guarding the doors of St. Stephen's; again and again they were flung back into the roadway, perilously near to the horses of the mounted police. In such a struggle violence was unavoidable, arms wer wrenched, women fell down, bruised and panting for breath endurance, their self-control will never be forgotten.

Among the cheers of the crowd, winning even the admiration of those who had come to see "sport," these women, dishevelled and muddy, made a picture of nobility and heroism, enduring for the before meted out to the daughters of England. Sometimes a cry rang out that could not be repressed when one of them suffered more than usual. The police, it was evident, hated the job, but, of course, had to obey orders, and orders not to arrest but to keep the way clear were equivalent to orders to use violence.

And on this scene of heroism and shame, bravery and ignominy, the members of our House of Legislators looked on from the winrabbits." Is anything wanting to complete the tale of shame of the first Liberal Government of the twentieth century? As an ye-witness throughout, I cannot refrain from a personal expres-tion of scorn for the members of the Government who allowed such things to be, and of admiration for the incredibly plucky behaviour of the colour bearer, Miss Dora Marsden, Miss Rona Robinson, Mrs. Eates, and the other women

Eleven women were arrested and charged with obstruction and accault. The ingenuity of this device compels admiration : the overnment will now be able to say that the women were arrested not for seeking to interview the Prime Minister, but for common and disgraceful assault! Even this, however, will not make the

In all twelve arrests were made, including one man, a journalist, who made a chivalrous protest against the treatment of the

Miss Alice E. Burton has passed most of her life on the stage, from which she retired about fifteen years ago to devote herself to the teaching of elecution. She describes herself as a "life-long rebel against the idea of women's intellectual inferiority," and joined the W.S.P.U. in September, 1908, after attending an open-air meeting.

Miss Emily Wilding Davidson has taken an active share in ion campaign, and is a valued worker in the cause

Mrs. Florence Farmer, of Irish parentage, is the wife of a retired warrant officer who is heartily in sympathy with the more ment. Mrs. Farmer believes that the vote can only be obtained by

Miss Dora Marsden took her B.A. degree at Manchester Uni with Mies Mary Gawtherpe in the Lancashire Campaign for many

Mrs. Ressie J. Morris is an active worker in the Lancashire

Miss Kate Nobl t is a worker in the Birmingham movement with Miss Gladice Keevil, where she has done much valuable work.

Miss Rona Robinson is a B.Sc. of the Manchester University and is well known as a worker and speaker in Manchester, where worked under Miss Mary Gawthorpe.

Mrs. Julia Scott comes from Chertzey. For the sake of her children she feels that she is bound to take an active part in

Miss Margaret Smith is the daughter of a clergyman, formerly naster at Rugby and Eton. She was educated at Bedford High ing a process
implant, sibe became a Socialist lecturer. In November use seconds in polling a large number of votes as a candidate for the

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"was when I received a communication". most keenly," she writes, "was when I received a communication from the London University inviting me to become a member of Convocation, and informing me that only male members of Convoation were eligible to vote for the University member.

Miss Helen Tolson left school at seventeen, and took two years' raining in household management at the Manchester School for Domestic Economy. She joined the W.S.P.U. after hearing Mrs. Pankhurst speak at the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, in 1908

Miss Patricia Woodlock has been three times imprisoned for the option of a fine. She has been described as "a great trial to Cabinet Ministers." Miss Woodlock is one of Miss Mary Gaw-

Mr. William Hutcheon is a journalist, and was arrested while sking a protest against the treatment of the women.

AT BOW STREET.

The cases came up before Sir Albert de Rutzen at Bow Street on The cases came piecers are American actions as now street on Wedneeday morning. Mr. Muskett, who conducted the prosecution, did not make any opening datement, but called at once npon Superintendent Wells to give his evidence, which was to the effect that on the previous afternoon there had been scenes of considerable of police, both on foot and mounted, and that owing to the insistence of the women the footway became blocked and the roadway rowd, but after about fifty minutes it had been found necess arrest some of them, and this was accordingly done. As a result be addressed to her at 4, Clements Inn.

The first prisoner to be put in the dock was Miss Davidson. A constable proceeded to give evidence against her to the effect that did not question the constable, but stated that she felt it to be her duty to try and get into the House; what she had done had been with the intention of getting to see Mr. Asquith. She had no quarrel with the police, and if she had assaulted the constable it had been accidental. She added that she had been disgusted at the

Sir Albert de Rutzen said that although he could not fail to admire the courage of the women, yet there was no doubt that they prison for two months, and she at once selected the latter alterna-Subsequently the magistrate reduced her sentence to one

The next prisoner was Miss Patricia Woodlock, against whom If wis case that the insisted upon recent met say one change were an another control and the control of the con

and that she considered that she had done her duty and was in Suffrage societies.

no way disorderly. As to the charge of assault that had been made against her, when she was being pinioned by the police her banner which she was carrying struck the constable. She had no quarrel with the police, but she was engaged upon a political

Miss Rona Robinson spoke of the necessity of the enfranchise ment of women, and claimed that she was engaged upon a per-fectly constitutional mission of carrying a petition to the Prime Minister. The authorities, by means of their agents—the police had placed every obstacle in the way, but she felt the necessity of

All the prisoners were ordered to be placed in the Second Division, and several of them protested against this treatment, as they were political offenders, but the magistrate paid no attention to their

him. The evidence of the prisoner was to the effect that the con-stable had knocked a woman down, and that he pushed him with man had knocked her down, possibly unintentionally. The magisover, or in default to go to prison. He was bound over.

A FURTHER DEPUTATION.

As we went to press on Wednesday afternoon, the remaining members of the deputation of the previous day endeavoured to

Mrs. Reinold, Miss Binnie, Miss Feck, Mrs. Eates, Miss Brough ton, Mrs. Wiseman, Mrs. Hilton, Miss Martin, Miss Streatfic

THE SUFFRAGETTE BAND.

In connection with the W.S.P.U., a drum and fife band has been recently organised. The services of an instructor have been secured and about twenty members are in training. There is still room to more recruits, who should be able to give Monday, Wedne and Saturday evenings to practice. When fully testined the band will be asked to perform from time to time, and will, it is toped, be a regular feature on official occasions. Miss Dallas has been appointed Secretary, and all inquiries and communications should

PRESS EXTRACT. "DAILY NEWS," March 27. Women Who Don't Want Votes.

The Women's Anti-Suffrage League held last night a largely attended meeting at the Queen's Hall, and doubtless we shall soon gestion that they are fit for political power. For our own part, we cannot but admire that irony of circumstance which is drawing women into public life by the very act of recording their disapwomen into puncture the uy the very act of recording their dirap-proval of the movement by which their enfranchisement is to be effected. Many and many a good woman, who has deligited all hor life in tushand, botte, and children, and who dreads that in some unknown way the "Suffragettes" will deprive her of those speeches and helping to organise meetings, and doing all these whings so well that thereby she unconsciously and in her own

which the League was organised to oppose.

But the ability displayed is not hard to understand. The women vious convictions against her, he sentenced her to three months' politicians are past masters of the game. Their real objection is to sharing the power which from their recision is to sharing the power which from their recision is already their The romainder of the priorage cach received one month, in

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many retreasts the aristocratic privilege is Miss Dora Marsden stated she had been specially sent from descend into the streets and make use of that democratic forum hester to carry the petition to the House of Commons, the orange box at the street corner, as do the members of the

QUESTIONING CABINET MINISTERS.

When, on Thursday evening, Mr. Runciman was the guest at the Hotel Cecil, the occasion being a municipal banquet, a member of the W.S.P.U., meeting him, put to him in the corridor a question concerning the Government's intentions. A lively discussion

On Thursday, Mr. Haldane visited Northampton in connection Although the police were present in full force, she was able to ask him, "Mr. Haldane,-What can you tell me about Votes for Women; will the Government do something? "The Minister for War replied somewhat gruffly, "I will tell you nothing." The police then removed her, but she had time to add, "Remember, we want Votes for Women this Session," before Mr. Haldane entered the hotel. Upon entering the Corn Exchange Mr. Haldane had another reminder, a woman remarking, "Remember, Mr Haldane, no Votes for Women, no nurses for the Territorials!"

At Colchester.

Mr. Runciman and Earl Carrington were given a lively time ab Colchester on Friday. A meeting had been arranged by the Home Counties Liberal Federation, and a special train was run from Lon-don. Two members of the W.S.P.U. travelled by the same train as Mr. Runciman, whom they met on the platform, and with whom they had some discussion on the militant tactics

At the meeting women were either excluded or asked to sign a said, "Earl Carrington, Votes for Women this session." Ther they closed the window, leaving the audience in a state of bewilderment. Speaking again from another window, they again questioned Earl Carrington, when stewards and audience ran out into the passage, and great confusion ensued. The women were called upon to come down, and some men swarmed up the ladder and seized them. So hysterical was the behaviour of a steward who endeavoured to fetch the women down that he missed his footing and fell upon the head of a policeman standing below.

Earl Crewe in the Strand.

People passing up and down the Strand on Tuesday afternoon y the sight of women carrying sandwich boards in were attracted by the sight of women carrying sandwich coarries in the colours of the N.W.P.S.U. On one side were the words "Why does Lord Crewe imprison women for asking for the vote?" and on the other, "Women in Victoria have the vote: why not English women?" The occasion was the opening by Earl Crewe of the new Victoria Government offices between Aldwych and the Strand. During the afterneon large crowds gathered round the women, two During the afternoon large crowds gathered round me women of whom were able to question. Lord Creve as to the Government's intentions with regard to Woman Suffrage. As a building a with regard to was valid on the kerb throat a megaphone building at which was waiting on the kerb throat a megaphone through the window of his motor-car and on the window of his motor-car and through the window of his motor-car and continuous contractions of the window of his motor-car and contraction. The window of the window of his motor-car are contracted by the window of his motor-car and windo

TREATMENT OF SUFFRAGETTES. PROTESTS IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Gladstone was again severely criticised last week in the House of Commons on account of the treatment meted out to Suffragette prisoners, for which he as Home Secretary is responsible.

Mr. Swift MacNeill stated that the offence of the Suffrage

prisoners was clearly a political one, and, if not condoned, should be at least treated as such. He compared the luxurious life of Dr. Jameson, another political offender, with the comfortless and degrading conditions of women prisoners in Holloway-cold due to insufficient bedclothing, inadequate lavatory arrangements, and absence of writing materials, which meant so much to educated people. The honourable gentleman then gave a obscription of now the women were stripped in the presence of several others and put into coarse prison dress; how they were obliged to rise at 5.50 a.m. and scrub their cells, and were not allowed to wash during the day, even after eating vegetables with their hands. He concluded: "One lady described the horrors of the life, and said that it was calculated to weaken the mind and produce madness. I say that it is scarcely these women to be imprisoned for weeks for such offences as these and I shall continue to urge the matter in every way in my power upon the Home Secretary, who is absolutely responsible."

Mr. MacNeill was warmly supported in his protest by Mr. John
Dillon, who spoke from personal experience of the degradation of the usual tricks of the cheap fountain pens."

prison clothes and the prison system. He described the treatment of the women as a "positive disgrace to the Government," and stated that the women "were unquestionably political prisoners," and would not be treated in any other civilised country as they were in England. He thought nothing was more likely to strengthen the movement. There was no disgrace attached to these ladies when they came out; they were honoured by their friends and by the public, and although some punishment might be necessary, a tech-nical offence of this nature did not justify such humiliating treatment. Prison clothing, which was instituted as a sanitary precaution in the case of dirty prisoners, was in the case of Euffragettes a wanton outrage, inflicted for no other motive than to insult and degrade. Many people thought this treatment was vindictive, because the women's attacks had been directed against the House

Mr. Byles called upon the Government to put a stop at once to this treatment of the women prisoners. It was confusing the public mind as to the meaning of crime to mix up women who acted from who desired to present a petition to the Prime Minister it was time

The Under-Secretary of State (Mr. H. Samuel) replied on behalf of Mr. Gladstone, who was absent through indisposition. He stated that since 1898 the Prisons Act left to the magistrate's discretion the Secretary had not overridden the decision of the court. When no use his influence. First division sentences would only lead to the adoption of these methods by supporters of other causes. Com-

WOMEN TEACHERS AT MORECAMBE.

Miss Mary Gawthorpe writes:—Will all teacher members who have intended spending a brief holiday at some seaside resort during feater please spend it as Morecambe?—The National Union of Teachers, to which organisation I still belong, will hold the annual conference there from Monday to Thursday inclusive, and it is advised that at such a conference-representing as it does a majority of women teachers as compared with men—much practical good may be accomplished. Will teacher volunteers please communicate with Miss Helliwell, at 164, Oxford Road, Manchester?

THE ALBERT HALL MEETING.

Every member of the W.S.P.U. is, of course, keeping April 29 before her as the date of the Albert Hall meeting. A special invitation has been given to the delegates of the International Congress to be present on the platform, and another interesting feature of the way for their political opinions may like to purchase the dress as a memento of their experience. A special presentation "Holloway" brooch has been designed, and this will, it is hoped, be presented to the prisoners at the Albert Hall meeting.

Miss Isabel Seymour, 4, Clements Inn, will be glad to have the names of any members of the W.S.P.U. who have been to prison in the cause, in order that arrangements may be made for the presen-tations. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be in the chair, and the speakers will include Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Christabel Pankhurst lickets for the meeting are in great demand, and application should he made early to the Ticket Secretary, N.W.S.P.U., 4, Clements

THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE

All RESISSES FERMALISE LEAGUE.

A large meeting of this Langue will be held to-day (Friday), from 2 to 4 pm., in the Grand Hall of the Criterion. The speakers in-cube Lody Strately, Lady Grow, Mis Fancas Stelling, and Mr. Yorke Stanger, K.C., M.F. The bostnesse for the League are Miss Early Lallah McLerchy, Miss Alloc Charderi, and Mr. Monillot. All members of the League and their friends are expected and their friends are expected to the Company of th space is limited.

ndent writes:-"I have now used a Diamond Star Fountain Pen (as advertised in Votes for Women at 2s. 6d.) for over three months, often writing with it 4,000 or 5,000 words a day. It looks good for many years' work still; does not clog or play any

THE CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES.

Office: 4. Clements Inn. W.C.

APRIL 2, 1909.

The next great return to which we are looking forward in the release of Mrs. Pethiok Lawrence on April 30, to be followed on scarrely, in: Pink, by a precession and a grean public meeting at tagged to the property of the property of the property of the property of the property will make a very penil affort to be present to welcome their Treasurer on their release for the very long implementent that was model out to her. We not a property of the property of t

One of the sections of the procession will be formed by teachers, this Irene Dallas and Miss Ainsworth are engaged in organising his contingent, and they ask all teachers to send in their names as soon as possible, in order that they may know how many are likely join the teachers' contingent. As the date occurs within school olidays, it is hoped that a great many may be able to join, and one out of town are asked, if possible, to make a special effort to

present. It is hoped that as many people as possible along the route followed to the procession will show the triceiour. Many women may be able help by joining a committee for the purpose of calling on tenanistics; the route and asking them to show the colean. Those willing help sittled my organizing the procession or in advertings; it, or aims of the procession or in advertings; it, or aims as you ofter responsibility in the matter, are asked to send in our names as soon as possible to Miss Leavis Knamy, 4, Clements our names as soon as possible to Miss Leavis Knamy, 4, Clements

Albert Hall Meeting .- Then I must remind London members of at rally at the Albert Hall on the 29th, when Mrs. Lawrence in the chair, and the speakers will include Mrs. Pankhurtt iss Christabel Pankhurst. Particulars of this meeting will be nd on page 508,

found on page 500.

The Boat Racc.—The University but mee takes place to-morrow
Standay). We have arranged to have a hausels on the river adverStanday). We have arranged to have a hausel, on the first
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ers should wear the regalia and the colours as conceinously as able. This is a special occasion, affording a unique opportunity sales, and we want as many helpers as we can get. The Drum and Fife Band .- Practices are being held regularly, and all who would like to join are saked to communicate at once with Mits Jossie Kenney. The services of an instructor have been secured, and practices are being leid on Monday. Wednesday, and Salurday eveninge, in St. James's Hall, until the band is fully tained. It will then be called upon from time to time to play during the salurday.

Sunday Meetings.—As the apring advances these will be held in the principal parks throughout London. The crowds are attentive and interacted, and the opportunity for saling Yorks row Wouts is very great. Will all members of the W.S.P.U. look down their Porgramma eash Sunday for the mesting that is nearest to them, and come and help the speakers and organizers.

Questioning Cabinet Ministers .- Two or three opportunit

The At Homes.—I want to urgs upon all London members to look upon attendance at one or other of the At Homes as part of their dust towards the W.S.P.U. If prastible, they should bring with them assonered Uriends. At the Monday afternoon At Home this week Ms. Pankhurat, Miss Christabel Pankhurat, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Mes. Pankinusi, Misa Christabel Pankinuri, Misa Mary Gawhorpe, Misa Barnicis Woodlock, and Misa Gina Duglabs spoke to a large and Misa Gina Duglabs spoke to a large and ion Motor-car were hand d up. This Thursday we welcome Miss ion Motor-car were hand d up. This Thursday we welcome Miss it was the Most Monday Lady Constance Lytion will speak at the Queen's Hall At Home. Owing to the Easter holidays, there will be not Al Homes on Thirsday evenings, the Bit and 18th, or on Mon.

afternoon to interview the Prime Minister is fully reported on page 506.

The members of the deputation had a magnificent reception at Croydon on Saturday. Thousands of people lined the route as the brakes passed from Thornton Heath through the constituency, cheer-

movement, and has been of very treet educational value.

The account of the dinner to the twenty-six women released from
Holloway on the 24th uit, will be found on page 498. It was a magnitiener gathering, and I only wish some members of the Government
had been present to hear the views expressed by the women just
released, and their determination to fight harder than ever for

Flora Drummond

WEST OF ENGLAND.

Shop and Committee Rooms.—33, Queen's Road (opposite Art Gallery)

At Homes.—Gilton. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 pm.

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Stokes Croft: Assembly Rooms, meeting every Wednessky 8 pm.

Bab's: Bean Nash Rooms, every Satarday, 3.30 pm.

Wetton-super-Marc: North Street Hall, every Monday, 3.30 pm.

I have again to report most encouraging progress in the funds Letters are still coming in bringing contributions for an organizer for Cornwall, and I have to report a total of £28 \$a. 10id. sent to Treasurer during the last three weeks for the various objects we

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We hope to be quite settled in our new shop before I send in my next account. We are having a flagsfaff on the roof, and we shall roist the flag for the first time on the arrival of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in Bristol. After next week there will be no more weekly indoor meetings, as we shall be starting our open-air campaign. The weekly At Homes will, however, still go on, as they are the best means

week Miss Ball was our speaker.

We gave a very warm welcome to our two released prisoners last We gave a very warm welcome to our two relaxed primers have week after their metals; impressionant as the rands of their charm-work after their metals; impressionant as the rands of their charm-and interested crowle were writing for them as the station. They were presented with beinquist of flowers, and the pression, headed by a band, marched to the Queen's Hotsl. In the overing a recup-rent presentation to Mare Planta, and When Dev Willow, to Miss Mary Allian, on behalf of the Breatt members. I also want to thank the Beside towarm for the beautiful takes, of flowers that was given to Beside towarm for the beautiful takes, of flowers that was given to

Bath.—I am glad to be able to expect progress here. I needs to the Bath member last Statesly, and we made unany plane for the future, especially for advertising the great maying in the Guildhild on April 22, when Mrs. Publick Lawrence and Lady Constance Lived are to be the speakers. Before the date of that meeting, which members have are determined to make a great success, we hope to

In another week or two I hope to have something definite to say about Plymouth and Cardiff. The following reports have come from Miss Elsie Howey and Miss Vera Wentworth:—

Weston-super-Mare. - Our work here is receiving great encour ement, and there is an earnest desire on the part of the public understand our position. On Wednesday we tried the experiment selling VOTES FOR WOMEN in the market place at Bridgewater. of selling Vorze non Worzes in the market place at Bridge-ribe-Mays copies were sold, and a great dead of prognanda work denies in the way of answering questions, etc. On Friday nort we wen having two meetings in Cheesolo, an alforation menting for women to be a supported by the control of the control of

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be so Al Homes on Thursday evenings, the fish and 15th, or on Monday, April 2 (Mass, Holiday).

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ing in our window, one being overheard to say, admiringly, "Women that can do things like that deserve a vote." The usual fortnightly At Home was held on Thursday in the Swiss Café. Will friends do their best to make these At Homes more widely known in the district.

LANCASHIRE.

Headquarters.—Manchetter, 160, Oxford Road, Local Offices.—Presson, 41, Glover's Coart. Local Offices.—Presson, 41, Glover's Coart. At Homes.—Machister. Oxfordiade, 84, Variability Street, Liverpool. Engineers Roems, 48, Mr. Plessants, Treedsyn, 5–10, Liverpool. Engineers Roems, 48, Mr. Plessants, Treedsyn, 5–5, 8–10, Preston; Glover's Coart, Wendendayr, 7, Jop. m., Robbidde: 84, Vortakine Street, Salerdayr, 7, Jop. m., Sestiliport's Chambridge Hall, Salerdayr, 3, Jon.

The organising of our Lancashire women for the deputation on Tuesday has taken all our time. The deputation were bidden "God Tuesday has taken all our time. The deputation were bidden "God speed" on leaving Marnbescr; they had a sphridit reception at Govdon on Saturday, and again at the Queen's Hail on Monday. A cell account of the deputation will be found on pp. 506 and 507. Our postposted Votes Fox Works were will take place from April 3 to 0. Mr. Forbres Robertson speek anginificantly at our At Home. Other

The review stool-rides popular magnificativity at our at from concer-monamements as held over till next week.

Liverpool.—The interest of the members and contrades who are laking centred result the departure of our brave contrades who are laking part in Tuesday's departation to the Prime Minister. Five women went from Liverpool, and their late will be known to all of a before this is in print. Brief notes about each of them appear on another page, dut we especially sunt it to be known that Mr. Hillion volume. teered for this duty only the day after she joined the Union, a fort-night ago. The earnestness of her devotion to the cause has made a deep impression upon us all, and the cheerful way in which there a deep impression upon us all, and the caserful way in which their women faced the risk of going on this departation has stirred us all up to the control of the control of

Mary E. Gawthorpe. MIDLANDS.

Offices and Committee Rooms: 14. Einel Street, Birmingham. At Homes.—Birmingham: Michael Ricel, Tueedays, 5.30 Welverhampton: Si. Pater's Institute, Welmedays, 9.30. Important Future Event.—Birmingham Town Hell, May 7. Mrs. Pethick Lawren, Fethick Lawren, 1988.

I am delighted with the response to my request for drawing room meetings in the Midlands; eight are being arranged for after Easter. They will do much towards strengshening our afternoon At Homes, which we are so anxious to build up, and I would remind all members who can to endeavour to come regularly on Tuerday afterneons. With a similar object we have now formed a visiting committee, which Miss Margesson has very kindly undertaken to organise. This work is another hopeful feature of our progress, and the increase in the number of women who are volunteering to give a regular day, or portion of a day, to the work is most satisfactory, but, of course, I siderable distance from Birmingham are willing to give a week or a fortnight of their holiday to the work here., Will those who can provide hospitality please write to me so that I can make arrange-

Miss Margaret Smith, B.A., took Mrs. Massy's place at our At-Miss Margaret Smith, B.A., took Mrs. Massy's place at our At Homee this week. When I amounced that she was foining the depu-tation on the 30th the room was filled with sympathetic admiration, and her clear, lucid exposition of "Why Women Want the Vote" was litetened to with the closest attention. One of our new members has been the president of a Liberal Association, but feels the time has now come to go on strike, and therefore has joined us,

Names are coming in excellently for the cycling scouts, and Dr. Helena Jones expects to have a most effective corps. Several of our

Exhibition.-We have been promised a charming white kitten for our stall, and Miss Steen has some beautiful specimens of metal art work which she has offered to do in the colours. She is willing to work when see has observed to no in the coolers. She is wijling to show them to members, so that they may order brooches, buckles, pendants, etc., from the stall. Berkweil has promised the splendid aum of £12. Will all members in this district send contributions to Miss Lettice Floyd not later than May 37. In Wolverhampton, on May 10, an At Home will be given by Mrs. Perry Jones, when the

13 and 14, but they will recommence the following week, 20th and join us in this please let us know at once, as the time is getting very 2lst. I hope to have matters of great interest to announce. The solve? There are a great many 30th still to dress, so will laddes will-Vortes row Noves copts will be on Thunday, April 3, this week. in 510 to 40 them please let us know? VOTES FOR WORKS copys will be on Thirnday, April 8, this week.

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Tickets for the Town Hall meeting on May 7, when we shall have the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, are now obtain-able from Miss Freeth, 14, Ethel Street; prices, 2s. 6d., 1s. (reserved),

Stechford .- On Friday evening Miss Hazal and I spoke at a Siccultured—On Friday evening Miss Hazol and I spoke at a meeting excellently organised by Miss Neale. The room was crowded. At the close we asked the women to vote who were in favour of Women's Enfranchisement, and only one hand was held up against it. This is most satisfactory, as they are supposed to be completely under Mr. Auton Chamberlin's view on this question.

Handsworth.—On April 22 a reception will be held in the Albert Hall, Six Ways. Invitations are being issued by Mrs. Hill, 89, Hamp on Road, Birchfields. Mrs. Davis will preside, and I shall speak. con Road, Brothfelds Mrs. Davis will preside, and I shall specific SARIGY—SARIDy has now investigate some matter of its corn, and SARIGY—SARIDy has now investigate to its corn, and support of our many sided movement. On Turnsky last Miss Hard-spects of our many sided movement. On Turnsky last Miss Hard-spects to some of them at the home of Miss ward, and on Weelnesday evening they must at Mrs. Davids house. An At Homes is shortly to the leadership of Miss Matthews, a splendid party of moments were out in the streets with a harred organ, gally decorated in the collect. They collected for field, which want to the Self-denial Puedler.

They collected its, bd., which went to the Self-demai Funds. Financial Report.— Contributions are still coming in towards the assistant organiser and office funds. I am sending this week Lis from Mrs. Barnard, collected in threepenmy-lists. This is a very good idea, and might be carried out by many of us. Also organiser fund:—25 lbs., Miss Jean-Crombie; £1 lx, Miss Grist-demail or the state of the contribution of the contr organier fund:—25 10s, Miss Jean Crömber; El 18, Miss turst-wood; 2a, per Mary Calway; Malvern, El 18s 6d; self-denial (Miss Thompson), 2s, 6d; Miss Grew, 8s; Steodrord collection, 21 0s, 04d; organ-grinding, 16s, 6d; self-denial box in offee, 5s; total, El 2 4s, 6dd. All communications should be addressed to me

Gladice G. Keevil, YORKSHIRE.

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May Christeld Prehiture Ind a vyer enduration andersee at the Colseum, Leod, on the 28th ult, and when she asked the women we wanted the vote hold up their bands almost everyon present did so. The question at present in Leo're, a, "When is Miss Praharter coming again?" Our Lanks are due to the unit freed for the present of the control of the present of the control of the con who acted as stewards, and also to Mr. Bean, of Boar Lane, who sold tickets for us. Mrs. Clarke, Miss Crocker, Miss Roberts, and I are now back in Bradford working for the meeting in St. George's Hall on Wednesday, April 7. On Saturday we are going to have a decorated carriage driven by ourselves to advertise this meeting, and decorated carriags driven by ourselves to advertuse this meeting, and probably a cyclistic parade also. All tokets out on sale or return for this meeting must be returned at latest by Monday, April 5. I shall be glad to hear from London members the names and addresses of any of their Yorkshire friends, especially those in Leeds

and district, as we are anxious to gain new supporters.

The time remaining before the Exhibition is very short, and I hope members are working as hard as they can for the Yorkshire stall. I shall be glad to have further promises as soon as possible. The dates of Miss Elizabeth Robins's lectures are now fixed. On

After the Easter holidays the weekly meetings will begin again, in Leeds Arts Club on Wednesday, April 21, and in Bradford on Mon-day, April 26, and we shall also begin open-air meetings again. I

hope all members with make a pen tring.

begin to practice speaking this spring. [Neurol. 27 T. & ed.; Collection, Particular Members of the property of the p

C A I March

Headquarters.—38, Rye Hill. At Homes.—Crosby's Café, Northumberland Street, Wednesdays, 3—5 and 8—10. As of greater constraints and an arrange of the results of the property of the the variation to delete our tacking with the opposition. Our evening At Home last week took this form. The opponent was Miss M. Minton Senhouse, the case For being taken by mysself. The "Pras" was the majority of votes. The open discussion was of a most interesting description, a great many on both sides taking part. Now members of the property of the present many on both sides taking part. Now members of the property of the present of the present

May 10, an At Home will be given by Mrs. Percy Jones, when the arriveles from this district will be exhibited.

Easter Announcements.—There will be no At Homes on April.

Eithilation, to be held on Thursday evenings. Will ladies who will

arrie those who can speak to let us have their names. The value of sur open-air work is recognised by everyone. We need more bely, too, in saling VOTES FOR WORNS. If every member would be responsible for the sale of a small number among her friends every week, our circulation would rapidly increase. There will be no At Homes on Wednesday, April 14, as this will

APRIL 2, 1909.

We are proposing a meeting in Stanley, so will friends who live in ar near there please let us know, so that we may have their help? Edith New.

SCOTLAND. Glasgow

Utasgo... Office: 141, Bath Street. Friday, 8 p.m. At Homes...—141, Bath Street, Friday, 8 p.m. 141, Bath Street, Saturday, 3 p.m. 141, Bath Street, Saturda

Miss Evelyn Sharp's visit was a very pleasant finish to her series at Homes held in the Charing Cross Hall, the room in which all the workers, as there is a good deal to be arranged in con-ction with Mr. Forbes Robertson's meeting and the Prince's Skat g Rink Exhibition. The account of promises already received will held over until next week. Tickets for the Athenaeum meeting, sice 2s. (reserved), 1s., and 6d., are now ready, and may be ob-F 141 Bath Street

Paisley.—In spite of the wet and dreary evening, a very successing was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, thanks to the efforts of meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, thanks to the entoris of Jean Bow, assisted by some of the Glasgoor members. At the property of the control of the co stings should send in their names to 141, Bath Street, or to Bow, Dunscore, Paisley.

Stirling. - The crowded audience which filled the Y.M.C.A. was Stirling.—The crowded audience which hilled the Y.M.C.A. was more of the excellent work being done in Stirling by Miss Ure and local members. Mrs. Manners took the chair, and Miss Sharp do a most interesting speech, dealing chiefly with current events. is hoped that Stirling may now be able to assist in contributing ne work or other articles towards the Exhibition Stall; as the time work or other articles towards the Exhibition Stall; as the time

G. M. Conolan.

Edinburgh. Edinburgh. Shop: 100, Haoorer Street. Shop: 100, Haoorer Street. Shop: 101, Haoorer Street. At Homes.—Boolety of Aris Hall, 117, George Street, Thursdays, 3.20 p.m.: Marshall Street Hall, Thursdays, 8 p.m. We are no sooner out of one bye-election than we are plunged into

enother, with an even higger majority than before to samislisted At the General Election Sir George McCrae, the retiring Liberal member for Bast Edinbargh, polled 6506 voice, against 2432 given for Dr. Rankins Dawson. We hope to give a good account of our

[67] Dr. Rankinis Dawson. We hope to give a good account of our fight in max week's issue. Our Exhibition Secretary, Mrz. Maxtone Graham, reports good progress in the preparations for the Edinburgh stall. Further promises have been received as follows:—Goods to the value of £5, Mrs. Jury; of £5, C. C.; of £1, Misr C. W. Haig; shorthead, cat-

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Workers Meeting each Wednesday at 415, Union Street, at 8 p.m.

ng here so well that we propose to weekly meeting on Monday afternoons, beginning at the end of April;

we hope Miss Mary Gawthorpe will be present at the first. The small Y.M.C.A. room has been engaged for the purpose.

Miss Constance Ogston and I are holding a small At Home at 41½. Union Street, on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, where we hope to get together a good band of workers. A similar At Home will, we hope, together a good hand of worken. A similar at Homes will, we brown the given inter by two more numbers. An At Bones was hade on the given inter by two more numbers. An At Bone was hade on the given inter by the second of the se ther friends are to be thanked for assisting to make the gathering

On Saturday, April 3, an At Home is to be held at Kennaway's Rooms, Union Street, at 8 p.m. So many ladies have asked for invi-tations that we shall have to hold another meeting after Easter. We have to thank Miss Grant and Mrs. Lyon and other members for

Stonehaven .- Miss Flatman organised a meeting here for last Scondard Chi-Miss Fatman organised a mosting hore for last Wednesday night if was ascendar in every way. Professor their professor and the professor way is professor their intention of joining the W.S.P.U., and one promised a drawing room meeting. Miss Fataman spoke at a well-tended drawing-room meeting last Tuesday, and made many converts. Miss Fataman is snding to the Tressurer the receipts from Sonchavon, amounting standard or the professor of the professor the rent of our office, amounting to £15, and I hope to be able to raise another £50 for the services of an assistant organiser.

Adela Pankhurst

Are you the woman

who bought a bar of Fels-Naptha soap last washing day, read the directions about the Fels-Naptha way, thought you knew better, and then used hot water?

Was it you?

You can understand that you mustn't wash the baby with boiling water. Can't you believe us when we say you musn't use boiling water when you wash clothes with Fels-Naptha soan?

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Next washing day, try Fels-Naptha soap the Fels-Naptha way. If you don't like it, your money back. There!

Soak; rub gently; squeeze the water out (don't twist), and rinse. Wind small, fine Fels-Naptha laces around a bottle ; rub and squeeze with the hands, and The soap with a Way of its own. rinse while still on the bottle. Stretch and dry! That's all!

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M. E. SLEIGHT.

Hall W.S.P.U.—On Saterday last Mos Little and I again visited the football, gloosely with Yorns res, Worsts, and though the sale was not as rapid at the previous week, we dissented of doubt the number of copies. Revisits for the work are urgantly needed. Bull members desire to express their samesh appreciation of the node service of Lady Contamer Lytten and other members of the NW N.P.U., and offer herstiest congusting toom on their release from prince.

Lewisham W.S.P.U.—O Monky, Morth 21, Mic Smith, of Strethman, Mofrened Appen meeting in the Morth Place, Lewishm. A large number of "Votes" were sold. Our Brookley meeting on the Tall utility was most as-crafted. Mic C. Towassed, Fresh (from Edichary, was presented with an Option spoke on the militant tactics. Several new members were careful as with whom Mic Scampbell will start the Brookley Ward. A collection

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Notingham W.S.P.U.—On Thunday, March El, members net at the Valland States to sevenes Man Helman at the formation from the Helman Man Helman at the second that the second states of the second states

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THE SUFFRAGETTES' "MOTHER."

In opening the Hampetead Garden Suburb on Saturday, Canon Barnets eaid all distilked any sort of closed door. It was wrong of Bluedeiard to keep a closed door, and personally he through Fatina was quite right to open it. She, at any rate, was the mother of all Suffrageties.

WATCHING THE FUN.

From behind police protection the Members watched the fun .- Daily Paper When a score or so of women, armed with their sex's cause, Went (without police protection) to the makers of our laws. To ask that right and equity and justice should be done, From behind police protection the Members watched the fun-

Have those gentlemen (*) forgotten the deeds, to true and brav Did they think of Florence Nightingale, to mention only or

When they think of all the sport they've missed, living in this milder age, I'm sure they swear and stamp their feet, and gnash their teeth

Had they lived when Joan of Arc was burnt, no doubt they would

Behind police protection, and have stood and watched the fun.

They might have seen Jane Grey, so wise, and Mary, Scotland's Lose their heads upon the block-grand times those must have

They might have seen Hypatia torn to pieces by the mob— Oh! the fun they've missed, and the sport they've loct! It almost

Could the Suffragettes be burnt alive in, say, Trafalgar Square, And Parliament have an "evening off" so that Members could

Now, each gentleman (2) had a mother, who, if she's living still, Muss glow with admiration, and with pride her heart must taril When she reads how brave and chivalrous was the behaviour

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