

gan of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Associations, the Women's Freedom League, and the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, each of which edits a department in it. "Votes for Women," the organ of the Women's Social and Political Union, is published at 4 Clement's Inn, London. Both are weeklies, and extremely interesting.

Inter-Club Meetings.

Local Suffrage Clubs in different States are finding it pleasant and useful to have an occasional inter-club day. One local Club invites another to furnish the program for one meeting, and to send over as many of its members as possible to attend. The Club invited chooses its ablest woman to present her best paper, and some of its young people to sing, play or recite. The hostess club furnishes the refreshments. Later in the season, if convenient, the Club that was invited invites the other Club in its turn. These joint meetings always call out unusual attendance and interest.

Many women's clubs and other bodies have listened to suffrage speakers sent by our Committee on Meetings and Entertainments, and the increasing demand for our speakers marks the growth of interest in the cause.

Press Work.

The Press department of the Massachusetts W. S. A. now brings woman suffrage news and arguments before hundreds of thousands of readers through the press. Anyone knowing an editor who might be willing to print occasional short and newsy items and communications is urged to send his name to Miss H. E. Turner, 25 Winthrop Ave., Wollaston.

An Object Lesson in Cambridge.

Cambridge has adopted a new charter that compels it to cut down its expenditure for schools, by \$20,000. It proposes to do it by abolishing all the kindergartens and vacation schools, and by dismissing the night watchmen in the high schools and a number of teachers. The women of Cambridge are holding meetings of protest and writing to the newspapers, and many of them are becoming convinced that they want the ballot. In the States where women vote, the schools are not scrimped for money. Here at the East, when any city wants to retrench, it usually begins by cutting down the appropriation for schools.

Native and Foreign Women.

Massachusetts has a College Equal Suffrage League, made up of graduates of different colleges residing in this State. These young women are turning the light of science upon the old arguments against equal suffrage by means of statistics. A favorite bugbear is the vote of "the foreign women, the ignorant women and the bad women." At a meeting held the other day, at which Radcliffe, Smith and Wellesley Colleges were represented, as well as Boston University, the College League passed resolutions pointing out that "the United States has more than three times as many native-born women (32,467,041) as all the foreign men and foreign women put together (10,341,276); that women constitute only five and a half per cent. of the prisoners; and that the high

schools of every State in the Union are graduating more girls than boys, because of the tendency to take boys out of school early in order to put them into business." Paste these figures into your scrap book, and keep them to use in talking with your anti-suffrage friends.

More Labor Unions for Suffrage.

Mrs. Mary Hutcheson Page, chairman of our committee on Industrial Relations affecting Women and Children, writes that, in addition to the long list of labor unions published in the last Quarterly Letters, the following have lately passed resolutions in favor of woman suffrage:

Laundry Wagon Drivers No. 272, Brockton; Workers' Union No. 12,480, Malden; Shipwrights, Joiners and Caulkers No. 68, Quincy; Perchers, Burlers, Menders and Speckers, Lawrence; Federal Labor Union No. 8217, Malden; Painters, Decorators and Paper-Hangers, No. 483, Worcester; Shirt Waist and Laundry Workers No. 64, Brockton; Granite Cutters' Association, Worcester; Electrical Workers No. 189, Quincy; Cigar Factory Tobacco Shippers No. 8156, Roxbury; Faint Makers No. 173, Boston; Foundry Employees No. 23, South Boston; Colored Waiters' Alliance No. 183, Boston; Bakery and Confectionery Workers No. 7, Roxbury; Boston Typographical Union No. 13, Boston; Garment Workers' No. 163, Boston; Amalgamated Society of Engineers Branch 647, Jamaica Plain; Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers, No. 95, South Boston; Industrial Insurance Employees No. 1, Roxbury; Ship Machinery and Derrick Riggers No. 10,315, Chelsea; Springfield Central Labor Union; Water Workers' Union No. 6356, South Boston; Boston Wood-Carvers' Association; Boston Stereotypers' Union, No. 2; Boiler-Makers' Boston Lodge No. 431; Hod-Carriers and Building Laborers District Council, Boston; International Steel and Copper Plate Printers No. 3; Dorchester Binders' Union No. 56, Boston.

Elect Your Delegates.

The Annual State Convention of the Massachusetts W. S. A. will be held in Leominster in October. Local auxiliaries that have not yet elected their delegates should do so at their first meeting in the fall.

Literature.

Before going away for the summer lay in a good stock of suffrage leaflets and of enrolment cards, for use during the vacation. Send 10 cents in stamps to National Woman Suffrage Headquarters, Warren, O., for a sample set of the Political Equality leaflets; then order a supply of those kinds that you think most useful, and enclose one in every letter that you write to a friend this summer. They cost only 15 cents a hundred, post paid.

Enrolment.

Keep enrolment cards with you, and get as many as possible signed. The summer is a good time for getting signatures. The cards will be sent free on application to our State Suffrage Headquarters, 6 Marlboro' St.

Alice Stone Blackwell, 3 Park St., Boston, Chairman State Board of Directors.

This has been sent to each of the 2400 members of the Mass. W. S. A.
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The last issue of the Quarterly Letter before the summer vacation announces the good news that Denmark has just given "communal suffrage" to all women who pay taxes on an income of 800 kroner (about \$200) a year, or whose husbands pay taxes on an income of that amount. Only those whose yearly earnings are very small indeed are excluded. Under the new law, the women of Denmark, like the women of England, Scotland, and Ireland, will have a vote for all elective officers except members of Parliament.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, in a letter to the Woman's Journal, points out some curious facts in regard to the passage of the new bill. In Denmark, part of the members of the Upper House are appointed for life by the king, and part are elected by the large taxpayers. The members of the Lower House are chosen by universal (male) suffrage. The woman suffrage bill passed the Upper House 32 to 29—a majority of only three votes—but it passed the Lower House 64 to 35, almost two to one. The strength of all reforms lies in the "plain people," whom Abraham Lincoln said that God must love, because He made so many of them.

The advance of the Scandinavian countries toward woman suffrage has been rapid of late. Norway gave women the Parliamentary vote last year, and Finland the year before. In Sweden, and even in Iceland, they already have the municipal vote. At the recent municipal election in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, Mrs. Katrin Skuladottir Magnusson received the largest vote of any candidate for the town council. Eleven men and four women were elected, and of the 2850 votes recorded, 1200 were cast by women. A lady in Reykjavik writes to "Jus Suffragii," the organ of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, that she thinks the women have reason to be proud of electing women to fill more than a quarter of the places on the town council, only 23 days after women had secured an extension of suffrage and been made eligible.

The May Festival.

The May Festival and banquet of the New England and Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Associations will be held in Faneuil Hall on Friday, May 8, at 6 P. M.

Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth, the "Little Mother" of the prisoners, has promised to speak. We hope to have addresses also from Mrs. Fannie J. Cleary, who a few years ago received a remarkably large vote in her district as a candidate for the Massachusetts Legislature; Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd, who has accompanied Prof. Todd of Amherst on so many of his astronomical expeditions to strange countries; Mrs. Fannie Fernald, presi-

dent of the Maine W. A. S., and Mrs. Jessie Leonard, a young lady who voted in Colorado for President McKinley, has been invited to be toast-mistress.

Tickets at \$1.25 are now on sale at 6 Marlboro' St., and at 3 Park St.

New England Annual Meeting.

The 39th Annual Business Meeting of the New England W. S. A. will be held in Park St. Church Parlors on Saturday, May 9, at 10 A. M. Miss Blackwell will preside. The presidents of all the New England State Suffrage Associations have been invited to report the year's work in their States, and a very useful and instructive meeting is expected. Methods will be talked over and compared, and plans for the coming year discussed. Those who are interested in the real work of the movement cannot afford to miss this meeting.

Directors' Meeting.

The semi-annual meeting of the State Board of Directors of the Massachusetts W. S. A. will be held at 6 Marlboro' St. on Thursday, May 7, at 2:30 P. M. Each auxiliary local branch has one Director on the Board, and a Director who cannot be present may send a proxy. Each League is requested to send a report of its year's work.

Other Meetings.

Prof. Charles Zueblin will lecture for the Massachusetts W. S. A. at Faneuil Hall on Sunday, May 3, at 3 P. M., on "Representative Government versus Democracy."

Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw invites the school teachers of Boston and their friends to 6 Marlboro' street, on Monday, May 4, at 4:30 P. M., to hear Prof. Charles Zueblin speak on "How to secure just remuneration for women teachers." Afterwards there will be light refreshments, and a chance to meet Prof. Zueblin socially.

International Suffrage Alliance.

The second executive meeting of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance and fourth International Woman Suffrage Conference will be held in Amsterdam, Holland, June 15 to 20, inclusive. The National Woman Suffrage Associations of the following thirteen countries are affiliated with the International Alliance, and will send delegates: Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Russia, Sweden, the Netherlands and the United States of America. A special invitation to send fraternal delegates is extended to all National Associations that are in sympathy with the movement. All believers in equal rights for women are invited to attend.

For further information, address Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, care Dr. Aletta Jacobs, Teleschadestraat, Amsterdam, Holland.

Great Suffrage Procession.

Mrs. Millicent Garrett Fawcett, president of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, invites American women who expect to be in London on June 13 to march in a great suffrage procession to be held on that day. This Union is the conservative wing of the English suffragists, and American women who may accept the invitation need have no fear that they will be arrested and jailed. It is against the rules to hold any procession within a mile of the Houses of Parliament, and the "suffragettes," who persist in sending deputations thither carrying their petition, get sent to prison. The older and more quiet Suffrage Association holds processions, too—it is a favorite form of political demonstration by both men and women in England and Europe—but they do not march in the forbidden district. About a year ago they had a huge procession in which ladies of title and working girls walked side by side, and Lady Dorothy Howard, so pleasantly remembered in America, carried a banner. In the procession next June, the American section will march under a banner bearing the name of Susan B. Anthony. The journey from London to Amsterdam takes only 11 hours, so that American women who are going to the International meeting at Amsterdam can take part in the London procession on the way, and still arrive in ample time.

French Equal Rights Convention.

A National Convention to advocate equal civil rights and suffrage for women will be held in Paris the last of June, after the Amsterdam Convention. It will be non-partisan and non-sectarian. Any believer in equal rights for women, by sending a postal order for a dollar to the Secretary, Madame Oddo-Defou, 55 rue de Seine, Paris, France, can become a member of the Convention, and will receive a ticket entitling her to admission and a vote.

The International Organ.

All suffragists should subscribe for the organ of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, "Jus Suffragii," published monthly, in English, by Miss Martina Kramers, 91 Kruijskade, Rotterdam, Holland, price 82 cents a year. The next few numbers will be of especial interest, as they will report the International Suffrage Congress.

The Oregon Campaign.

Undaunted by the defeat of two years ago, the Oregon women, under the initiative and referendum law of that State, have set to work and secured not only the large number of signatures necessary to submit the question again, but about 1500 signatures over. The vote will be taken early in June. Our sisters in Oregon are carrying on their campaign this time with very little help from outside. A woman of national reputation, who is intimate with one of our prominent Massachusetts "Antis," told me that the anti-suffrage campaign in Oregon in 1906 was "financed from Massachusetts." Just as, when a prohibition amendment is pending anywhere, the liquor interest all over the country pours money into that State to defeat it, so there is reason to believe that whenever a suffrage amendment is pending, the Massachusetts and New York Anti-Suffrage Associ-

ations send money secretly to be used in defeating it. That being the case, it is only fitting that Massachusetts suffragists should give what help they can to our sisters in Oregon. Any contributions for this purpose should be sent to the treasurer of the Oregon W. S. A., Mrs. W. E. Potter, Hunter's Station, Portland, Oregon.

The Biennial.

As many suffragists as can do so should attend the great Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held in Boston in June. Four of our local Leagues—Boston, Brighton, Brookline and Newton—have joined the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and find that they can both give and get good thereby.

Jane Addams's Lectures.

A fresh impetus has been given to the cause by Jane Addams's admirable lectures at the different Massachusetts colleges, and at Faneuil Hall. Many converts were made.

Mrs. Wentworth's Readings.

Mrs. Marion Craig Wentworth's readings from Miss Elizabeth Robins's play, "Votes for Women," arranged by the College League and by the Boston E. S. A. for G. G., were both delightful and impressive, and did good propaganda work. Mrs. Wentworth's address is Steinert Hall, Boston. Other Leagues may wish to arrange for her to give readings in the fall.

A Generous Offer.

Senorita Carolina Huidobro, 128 Huntington Ave., Boston, offers to give for expenses only, to any club or League within 30 miles of Boston, a lecture either on woman suffrage, or on "The Peace Movement in Latin America," or on "The Women of Chili and Argentina in the Peace Movement." All these talks are of great interest.

The Fair and the Fire.

The great fire in Chelsea, among other damage of much greater importance, upset our Suffrage Fair. There were plenty of beautiful and useful things for sale, the hall was prettily decorated, and the speakers who gave addresses on the different days were eloquent and convincing, but the people who usually come in crowds to buy and to listen were absent. Chelsea is practically a suburb of Boston, and the benevolent part of the public (which includes almost all the suffragists) were absorbed in helping the 15,000 persons burned out and left homeless and destitute right at our gates. An effort might as well have been made to hold a Suffrage Fair in Oakland just after the San Francisco earthquake.

We hardly expected to cover expenses. It speaks volumes for the business ability with which the Easter Sale was managed, and also for the zeal and devotion of a small band of very faithful workers, that we not only met our expenses but cleared about five hundred dollars.

Supplementary Sales.

Newton, Malden, Worcester, and probably some of the other Leagues, will hold sales in their own localities later, to dispose of their left-over goods; and they will be glad to take

over and sell for the benefit of the suffrage treasury the goods of any of the other Clubs and Leagues that do not wish to have a special sale themselves. Some of these supplementary sales will not be held till the autumn, and any of our friends who wish to make additional articles during the summer vacation will have a chance to do so. There is literally no limit to the number of large, plain kitchen aprons that can be sold; and some of the officers of the Association have expressed a willingness to buy bed puffs (for full-sized beds), if anybody wishes to make them.

Mrs. Lowell on the Easter Sale.

Mrs. George F. Lowell writes: "To one and all who rendered their assistance for the Easter Sale, I extend my sincere thanks in appreciation of their kind efforts.

"Every member of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association was asked to help with donations of articles or money through a personal appeal by postal card, as well as through the Quarterly Letter. The response was not as general as might have been expected, considering the lapse of seven years since the last Suffrage Bazar. Never was there a time when money could be used to so great advantage for our success as now, when the women's clubs and various other organizations are actually asking for speakers to explain our work. This always results in the conversion of many, and the gaining of new members. But we are limited in our work for lack of money.

"Owing to the great calamity which has befallen the city of Chelsea, the Bazar was not as well attended as it otherwise would have been. Everyone's sympathy was in Chelsea, and it was right that it should be so; consequently our net receipts will not exceed five hundred dollars.

"Anyone having neglected or forgotten to give their 'mite' may do so now, before the final report is made to the State Association in May, and it will be gratefully received.

Souvenir Programs.

"Anyone desiring a Souvenir Program, with portraits of Julia Ward Howe, Rabbi Fleischer, Alice Stone Blackwell, Mrs. Fannie J. Fernald, Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley, and Lucia Ames Mead, can secure one by sending a dime in stamps or coin to the manager, Mrs. Geo. F. Lowell, 525 Walnut St., Newtonville, Mass.

Suffrage Rummage Sale.

"In the fall a large rummage sale for the benefit of the State Association will be held in charge of Mrs. Elsie M. Fales of Dorchester. It will be located in some quarter of Boston where such articles will sell, and I again appeal to you to begin now to put away anything you can spare for this sale. Further particulars will be given later."

Self-Denial Week.

The officers of the National American W. S. A. invite the suffragists throughout the country to set aside the first week in June as "Self-Denial Week," and either deny themselves some luxury, or give some form of money-making entertainment, for the benefit of the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Fund. Miss Anthony for many

years practised self-denials of a severity that younger women can hardly realize, for the sake of the cause, and it is eminently appropriate that we should do something of the kind in order to swell the memorial fund. The proceeds should be sent to the National Treasurer, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, Warren, O.

The Treasurer Seeking Members.

Our State Treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude B. Newell, is sending out special letters inviting people to join the Massachusetts W. S. A. She explains the object of the Association, and the fact that membership will entitle them to receive the Quarterly Letter four times a year, as well as occasional copies of other literature, and to be notified of the meetings, entertainments, etc. Mrs. Newell especially requests any of our members who can do so to send her membership lists of other societies, benevolent and humane associations, women's home and foreign missionary societies, women's clubs, Women's Alliances, educational associations—any sort of societies where thoughtful persons are enrolled—in order that she may send them letters enclosing suffrage literature and inviting them to join the Suffrage Association. This is an excellent idea. Everybody should help to get Mrs. Newell these lists, and send them to her at 6 Marlboro' St.

Lucy Stone's Birthday.

The suffrage pilgrimage on Aug. 13 to Lucy Stone's birthplace at West Brookfield, which proved so pleasant last year, will be repeated this year. All interested are invited. The old farm on the hillside is in a beautiful situation, and Lucy Stone's niece, Mrs. Phebe Stone Beaman, who now lives there, joins with the suffragists of the neighboring Leagues in giving a cordial welcome to the pilgrims. For further particulars, address Mrs. Harriet A. Eager, 43 Carleton St., Newton.

Movement Growing in England.

The second annual report of the Women's Social and Political Union in England (popularly known as the suffragettes) is just published. It shows that during the year ending February, 1908, the society expended \$32,500, as compared with \$12,500 the year before; that its sales of literature have risen from \$300 in 1906 to \$3,000 in 1907; its office space has been doubled, the staff trebled, and the number of subscribers almost quadrupled. It has held more than 5,000 meetings all over England, 400 of which were attended by upwards of 1,000 people each. It has taken an active part in defeating the government candidates for Parliament in 13 by-elections; 130 women have spent an aggregate of 370 weeks in prison for their activity in behalf of the ballot, and the number of women willing to go to jail for the cause is constantly growing. And the Women's Social and Political Union is only one of a large number of suffrage societies in England that are all working for the same end.

English Suffrage Papers.

All American suffragists interested in the remarkable movement in England should send for sample copies of the English suffrage papers. "Women's Franchise," published at 13 Bream's Buildings, London, is the or-