

social life to a wider and more direct usefulness, as the opportunity in national life for full and responsible citizenship; and on these grounds we claim it.

By the exclusion of one-half of humanity from a legitimate share in the counsels of nations there have arisen distorted ideals of human life, and also a double standard (or rather a divided standard) of morality, which, affecting as it does every department of national life, is hindering the highest and fullest development of the race. It is not only the women and children who suffer under the present political system—the result is naturally seen in the lives of men.

"Humanity," said one great writer—we quote from memory—"is like a bird which while one wing is crippled can never fly a straight or upward course."

We therefore would call the mighty movement, in which we of this Province have hitherto taken but a small and insignificant part, not a Woman's Movement, nor even a Feminist Movement, but a Humanist Movement. Where God (or Nature) has given capabilities, it is not for man by arbitrary and artificial restrictions to deny them scope.

The "Champion" therefore starts out on its career with a message not only to women but also to men; and even if it speaks at first (like Conscience) with a "still, small voice" we trust that because it speaks urgently and sincerely it may not be disregarded.

Its purpose is primarily educational and propagandist; secondarily, the pursuance of an active crusade against evils, social and political, which flourish only in the darkness and silence of ignorance; and thirdly, the arousing of co-operative energy throughout this country on behalf of its moral upbuilding.

The success of our paper will depend upon each individual member of the League, on whom, as on a link in a chain, falls the test of that chain's strength.

We therefore call upon our readers for subscriptions, for literary contributions, and for help in distribution, in short, for the loyal and unselfish support rightly demanded by any effort towards the achievement of the great ends for which we are working.

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### BROKEN WINDOWS.

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By Christabel Pankhurst.

"I lay down this proposition—democracy has never been a menace to property. I will tell you what has been a menace to property. When power was withheld from the democracy, when they had no voice in the Government, when they were oppressed, and when they had no means of securing redress except by violence—then property has many times been swept away."—Mr. Lloyd George at Bath, November 24, 1911.

In these words, more valuable than all his unprofitable remarks on Women Suffrage, Mr. Lloyd George, without perhaps intending it, explained and justified the action taken by militant suffragists on March 1. We hold that militant Suffragists themselves are under no obligation to give justification of that action. They are answerable to their conscience, and they are answerable to the law. Their conscience approves, indeed, commands the action taken on March 1, and the law has pronounced sentence upon them. Those well-disposed and law-abiding persons who condemn and wish to prevent a recurrence of the militant action in question, have only one course open to them. It is not to remonstrate with those who took action, but to call upon the Government to remove the cause of the trouble by introducing and carrying a Bill grant-