

of women of position and influence in this land, who either decline to interest themselves in a question of such supreme urgency or who pursue the wholly unjustifiable line that success is bound to come to a matter of such vital importance, and that therefore they feel themselves under no obligation to give any personal support in either word or deed. These women, who admit that the honor of their sex is involved, and who yet are practically indifferent as to the vindication of that honor, constitute some sort of justification for the line followed by the Government, although if the demand of awakened women is considered undeserving of that due attention which servants owe their employers, certainly there is no reason that the apathy of the rest should receive acknowledgment or be made an excuse for the Government's neglect of its duty.

Yet, as has been just said, this check will have no permanent effect on the final issue, except as a halt refreshes a regiment for another march, or as one defeat but spurs it on to a speedier victory.

Already, from all kinds of unexpected sources, messages come to the Political Equality League announcing the support of persons who had been indifferent, or the inflamed zeal of those who are indignant at the Government's attitude. And after all, the country is now vividly awake. Women who formerly had only a vague idea that in Britain women were throwing stones, now realize that the Women's Franchise Movement is something which intimately concerns each one individually right through the world, and in a very practical manner in this country. Women who had never "worried themselves" for half an hour over any political question are now, right here in B. C., coming out on to political platforms and calling upon other women to **begin to think**, pointing out to them many tragic and terrible facts which it has become every woman's duty to look into and help to put a stop to.

All this is so much to the good, and if so much can be accomplished within a few weeks, what doubt can any ra-

tional person have that by next January Victory and Freedom will lie within our grasp for the taking?

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Our Office.

Last month we announced that the office in the Campbell Block, into which we hope to move shortly, would cost us \$25 a month, but we find that we overshot the mark—the rent is only \$22.50, delightful surprise, and we have already paid the first month's rent in advance, to secure the premises.

In response to our suggestion to readers that we are in need of various office etceteras, Mr. C. C. Pemberton has very generously offered to provide a typewriter for us for a time, and Mrs. Grant has brought in a pair of scissors. Mrs. Dennis Harris has supplied a wastepaper basket. We still need a pen-tray, inkstand, pen-knife, letter-trays, letter-weight, paper-weight, curtains, and also a scrap-book for press clippings. Who will help in this way?

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Tag-Day.

"The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft alee," but there was no need at all for the plans of the Political Equality League to do so. Our tag-day certainly justified its existence but did very poor credit in the eyes of the general public to the enthusiasm of our members. We put the question of such a method of raising funds before a special meeting, and the idea was cordially endorsed. We thereupon obtained police permission to take possession of the city on February 8th, and proceeded to invite the help of members as collectors.

We knew that to make a success of the affair it would be essential that we should be "thick on the ground," all in good spirits, and the scheme of organization of the streets very carefully adhered to. We mentioned explicitly that if the public saw that the whole arrangement was well planned they would take it as an excellent joke and pour the money into our purple, white and green boxes. But that if there seemed any lack of numbers or support, the tag-day would be a lamentable failure. About thirty women and