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## Last Night's Lecture

MR. J. L. PATON ADDRESSES  
LARGE AUDIENCE ON "WOMEN  
AND THE VOTE."

A large audience was present in the  
Majestic Theatre last night to listen to  
the address given by Mr. J. L. Paton,  
M.A., President of the Nfld. Memorial  
League, on "Women and the Vote." The  
lecture was under the auspices of the  
League of Women Voters, and was  
held in the theatre which was occupied by Mrs. Charles  
Hutton who took the place of the  
President, Mrs. Gosling, as she was  
absent from the effect of a cold. In  
addition to the members of the League,  
who were present in strength,

Lady Allard attended, and included  
in the audience was a considerable  
number of men.

The following officers of the League  
occupied seats on the stage: Mrs. W.  
Gosling, Mrs. C. H. Hutton, Mrs. H.  
McNeil, Mrs. (Dr.) Burke, Mrs. A.  
Fraser, Mrs. H. Ayre, Mrs. A. H. Mur-  
ray, Mrs. J. B. Mitchell, Mrs. J. A. W.  
W. McNeilly, Mrs. J. Baird and Miss  
M. Kennedy.

Mrs. Harold Ayre opened the meet-  
ing with the following address:  
This is the first public meeting held  
by the Woman's Franchise League  
since that great day when our Bill  
was passed by both the Upper and  
Lower Houses of Parliament without  
one dissenting voice. It seems extra-  
ordinary that anyone can place any

League or Organizations above that of  
the Franchise—all other Societies  
which benefit or uplift are merely  
salves that soothe the surface, but  
cannot heal the great wounds that  
only votes for women will cure.

Women without the vote and women  
with the vote are two different propo-  
sitions. Women are now in a position  
to have their reforms carried out and  
it is owing to the indomitable spirit of  
the President, Mrs. Gosling, and the  
Hon. Secretary of the Woman's Franchise  
League, Mrs. Hector McNeill, and  
a small band of suffragettes that  
130,000 women to-day owe their free-  
dom. Those ladies have quietly  
achieved a reform that has never been  
approached in the history of New-  
foundland. To-night we were to have  
had the pleasure of having both Mrs.  
Gosling and Mrs. McNeill address us.  
Unfortunately Mrs. Gosling is suffer-  
ing from a severe cold and is unable  
to do so. We are sad because we are  
losing her. She is shortly leaving this  
country to reside elsewhere. But we  
hope that she will often come back  
and see us and we shall try and carry  
on her ideal. There is no woman who  
has done more for the country than  
she, and her service extends over  
many years. Everyone knows the  
splendid work she did during the war.  
She was one of the originators of the  
Child Welfare Association and is al-  
ways a staunch supporter of educa-  
tion. She is the only woman who has  
been elected to serve as member of  
the Council of Higher Education. She  
has toiled for the orphans and found-  
ed a Society for the protection of poor  
four-footed orphans. Indeed this is  
not half and she has always given her  
time and energy to every good cause.

Mrs. Gosling was the founder and  
gave years of work as Secretary and  
President of the Old Colony Club, a  
charming place where women can  
keep in touch with current events.  
And when "Votes for Women" was  
most unpopular here and many of us  
were developing cold feet from all the  
cold water showered upon us then  
Mrs. Gosling never faltered but  
marched steadily forward to the goal.  
Mrs. Gosling has always been a suf-  
frage, a better and nobler humanity. May  
the women of Newfoundland prove  
worthy of her ideal for them.

BOUQUETS PRESENTED TO THE  
PRESIDENT.  
At the conclusion of Mrs. Ayre's re-  
marks, Janet, her little daughter,  
appeared on the stage and presented  
the President with a handsome bou-  
quet of yellow chrysanthemums, a  
touching incident which the audience  
heartily applauded.

Mrs. Hutton on behalf of Mrs. Gos-  
ling then read the following address:  
The last time I occupied the chair  
at a suffrage meeting in St. John's  
was just a year ago, when the mem-

bers of the Women's Franchise  
League were planning and organizing  
the campaign which was to secure  
for them the Parliamentary vote. I  
do not think any of us were unduly  
optimistic about our success. We  
had gone through it all before, and  
we knew by sad experience what the  
promises of politicians were worth.  
But our dealings with the Prime Min-  
ister had impressed us with a firm  
belief in his good faith, which after-  
events more than substantiated. He  
performed more than he had promised  
and it is to this vision, his far-sight-  
edness, and his sense of justice, that  
the women of Newfoundland are no  
longer classed with criminals, idiots,  
and other undesirable persons. Mr.  
Monroe has put through some excel-  
lent legislation during his adminis-  
tration, but nothing, I think, of such  
far-reaching consequence, as this ex-  
tension of the franchise to women. I  
believe he will be remembered by  
posterity as the man who gave wom-  
en the vote! And I hope he will  
always be proud of it!

But the mere possession of the vote  
is worthless if we do not use it to  
good effect. We are now duly accred-  
ited citizens to make our citizenship  
effective. The vote is a great  
educator. It should help us to gain a  
wider understanding of public affairs,  
and a broader outlook for our home  
life. Our place in national affairs will  
continue, chiefly, to be the care of  
home, husband, and children, but as  
all legislation has some bearing direct  
or indirect, on home life, our connec-  
tion with the work of Government is  
evident. We are deeply concerned in  
good housing, in sanitation, road mak-  
ing, pure food laws, education, public  
health, and such matters. We have  
the same stake in good government  
as men have, it touches us and our  
families at every point, and we should  
put all our common sense and knowl-  
edge and energy into seeing that the  
Government gives us good laws, and  
enforces them. Women's public work  
has always been characterized by the  
spirit of service, and we must not  
fall now in our political obligations.  
In other countries where women are  
enfranchised, one frequently hears  
that they are apathetic about their  
votes. That many of them do not use  
it. I hope that will never be said of  
us here in Newfoundland.

Women are singularly selfless in  
their public work. I do not think a  
group of women ever gathered togeth-  
er to exploit or advance themselves  
but always to help on some cause,  
or to minister to the community.

Our chief speaker this evening is  
Mr. Paton. Some of us have the  
pleasure of knowing him personally,  
but all of us are familiar with his  
fine attainments, and his brilliant in-  
tellectual quality, and we realize how  
fortunate we are in having him with  
us this evening. We hope to learn  
from him how we may make the best  
use of this new weapon, this lever,  
which has been put into our hand.  
Paton's first public pronouncement  
should be on this subject, which is of  
such great personal interest to us.

## MR. PATON'S ADDRESS.

Having expressed his appreciation  
of the welcome extended to him by  
Mrs. Gosling and Mrs. Hutton, Mr.  
Paton said that progress depended  
upon the co-operation of all, and the  
assumption that either sex was su-  
perior to the other meant that mat-  
ters remained at a standstill. He  
has their distinct contributions  
to give to the life of all, and it was  
only by working in this way that the  
old world could be pushed along.  
Dealing with the growth of the idea of  
extending the franchise to women, the  
lecturer spoke of the effect produced  
by John Stewart Mill whose logical  
arguments as to their rights in this  
"respect could not be refuted, but so  
tardy were the people of Britain in  
accepting the new idea that the wom-  
an grew impatient and resorted to  
violence which only tended to injure  
their cause. There were those, how-  
ever, in the ranks of the woman suf-  
frage movement who were making  
their influence felt more effectively by  
the work they were performing in var-  
ious directions. They were peace-  
fully penetrating the various profes-  
sions, proving their capacity, showing  
an intellect equal to that of the other  
sex and a spirit as strong as that of  
any man. Then came the war, which,  
said the speaker, could not have been  
won without them. They displayed  
not only ability to manage affairs,  
but heroism and endurance of the  
highest order, and with the cessation  
of hostilities it was generally agreed  
that they had made good their claim  
to the full rights of citizenship.

"Women," the lecturer remarked,  
"are not in public life for what they  
can get out of it, but to help it and  
make it better for all concerned." A  
new moral reserve, he said, had been  
brought into the field of politics by  
extending the franchise to women,  
whose point of view in public affairs  
would always be the home. Some de-  
clared this or that the main industry  
of a country, but he contended, by  
far the greatest was home making, a  
fact which was not sufficiently real-  
ized. It was an industry which called  
for not one particular talent but many  
and it was one in which women had  
in a great measure to rely upon her  
own initiative and enterprise. The  
home remains the first thing and  
there education is needed, as it is  
through the child that all reform is  
brought about and all good begins.

Mr. Paton stated that the rate of in-  
fant mortality to-day in London was  
56 per thousand births, but ten years  
ago it was double. This reduction had  
been largely brought about by child  
welfare work and the establishment  
of centres for the care of the mothers  
before and after birth. Much in this  
direction remains to be done in this  
city. Housing lies at the base of al-  
most every social question and it is  
women who will investigate and see  
that conditions are made such that  
every child will have a chance. Child  
clinics are needed here and also the  
appointment of women on every school  
board as they would see that among  
the subjects taught would be health  
and temperance. It is the child suf-  
fers every time through drink, and  
those responsible for the man in the  
gutter should be brought to order.  
The lecturer strongly urged that the  
women should get together and secure  
representation in the Legislature so  
that she might make her point of  
view heard with effect. "We are told,"  
he said, "that in those seats are old  
women. Let the new women replace  
them."

In conclusion, he spoke of the evil  
effects of war which in all its aspects  
was repugnant to women. War de-  
faces and despoils the earth, he re-  
marked, whereas woman beautifies it.  
War destroys life, whereas women  
have always been associated with  
cherishing and saving it, as instances  
of which he mentioned Grace Darling,  
Florence Nightingale and Joan of  
Arc who saved France. "To-day,"  
said the lecturer, "it is the woman's  
task to save the world."

The whole address was most close-  
ly followed by the audience who ex-  
pressed their appreciation at its close  
in a fitting manner.  
A solo having been beautifully ren-  
dered by Mrs. W. R. Warren, Mrs.  
Hector McNeill briefly referred to the  
franchise movement which had been  
inaugurated by Mrs. Gosling and Mrs.  
Mitchell and paid a great tribute to  
the Prime Minister Hon. W. S. Mon-  
roe through whose influence victory  
had been won and the bill passed  
without a dissenting vote, unlike other  
men who had promised but had not  
fulfilled their promises, he had lived  
up to his word. In conclusion, she  
urged the women to make their in-  
fluence felt in the forthcoming Muni-  
cipal election.

Mrs. Hutton said that it was a great  
opportunity for women to come for-  
ward as Councillors and trusted that  
every woman in town would make  
use of her right to vote.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Paton, pro-  
posed by Mrs. Mitchell and seconded  
by Mrs. (Dr.) Burke, was put by Mrs.  
Hutton and accorded by acclamation.  
The meeting then closed with the  
National Anthem.

## Star Hallowe'en Entertainment

A Hallowe'en Card Party, Supper  
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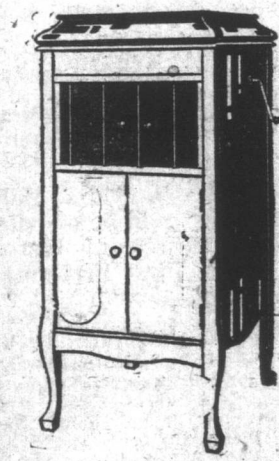
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Kyle arrived Port aux Basques 6  
a.m.  
Home leaving St. John's to-day for  
Lewisporte.  
Malakoff left Valleyfield early this  
morning, inward.

Meigs left for Labrador at 10 a.m.  
Portia left Ramen 5.30 p.m. yester-  
day, going west.  
Prospero no report since Quirpon  
Saturday night.  
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