

IN OTHER LANDS

Turkish Women

The Daily Telegraph's Constantinople correspondent reports to London that the Ottoman Government has decided to admit women to the universities, where a special course of lectures on hygiene, domestic economy and the rights of women will be delivered for their benefit.

In enlightened Ottoman circles the Government's new measure is regarded as an appropriate means for remunerating the world of Islam and placing it on a level with the civilization of the West.

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The Victory in Iceland

The victory in Iceland is now complete, for, according to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, the Royal assent of Denmark has been given to the new Reform Act passed by the Icelandic Althing on September 20. By this reform of Iceland's constitution, women will be admitted to the Parliamentary franchise on an absolute equality with men, that is, universal franchise will prevail.

We congratulate our Icelandic sisters warmly on their complete victory and on the splendid work they have done in educating their countrymen and thus obtaining their full rights of citizenship.

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England No Longer Leads

But the truest and deepest note was struck by one of the lecturers in a large city college, who said: "In the past, we Hungarians have looked to England for light and leading, and it is a grievous thing to many of us now that at the present time we cannot do so, since they are treating the women political prisoners in this barbarous way, and denying to them justice, a thing they have made so much of in the past. Why is it possible in their country to have such a measure as the 'Cat and Mouse' Act, and so torture women for demanding what some of their colonies have already granted, and what many leaders in all civilised countries are agreed is just and right

and must eventually come in their own land?"

It is at such times that a true patriot's blood boils with indignation, and one feels the shame that is at present staining that country's honour, her fair name, her statue of justice, and her present history.

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MRS. FAWCETT SEES AGAIN

Mrs. Millicent Garrett Fawcett, president of the non-militant suffragists, writes in *The Englishwoman* that the suffrage cause in England has shown "an extraordinary rapid development" during the past year. She names fourteen specific signs of progress:

The adoption by the Labor party of a resolution instructing the Labor members of Parliament to vote against any bill widening the suffrage for men unless it includes women also; the great non-militant Pilgrimage, its warm reception in all parts of the country, and the \$40,000 that it added to the suffrage treasury; the adoption of woman suffrage in Illinois and Alaska; the action of the Norwegian Parliament in making full Parliamentary suffrage for women universal, with the approval of all parties, after six years' experience of a limited Parliamentary suffrage for women; the passage of the full suffrage bill for women in the lower house of the Danish Parliament by a vote of 101 to 6; the mention of woman suffrage in Queen Wilhelmina's speech at the opening of the Dutch Parliament; the reference to it as a movement now nearing its full fruition in the Annual Epistle issued by the Society of Friends (Quakers) in England; the evidence of the good results of equal suffrage given from the enfranchised countries at the International Congress in Budapest; the support given to women's claims at the recent Church of England Congress at Southampton; the strong resolution pressing for woman suffrage and censuring the government for non-fulfilment of its promises on the subject, passed almost unanimously by the annual Trade Union Congress, representing 2,000,000