

Bill would mean the admission to the electorate of 10 or 12 million women as well as 3 or 4 million additional men, that is to say it would increase the present register of 7 or 8 millions to a register of over 20 millions at one stroke of the pen. No previous Reform Bill has added more than about one million new electors, and such a sweeping reform is utterly out of keeping with British public opinion. It would be opposed by all Conservatives, which reduces the support in the House to about one half, and yet it leaves all the anti-suffragists in the Coalition, including the whole of the Irish party, free to vote against the measure without incurring any liability of defeating the Government. It is an absolute arithmetical certainty that the amendment cannot pass, as easy to prognosticate as that 2 and 2 make 4. This is the clever ruse of Mr. Lloyd George, who, posing as our friend, is in reality our most dangerous and most crafty enemy."

"Do you think you will succeed?"

"We know we shall succeed, though we cannot foresee how dearly that success may be bought; and even," added Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, "even if we knew that we could not succeed, instead of being certain of victory, as we are, we should still fight against the subjection of the whole of one sex to the whole of the other, because in such a position as ours the only way in which we can maintain our self-respect is to be ready to die rather than surrender. If Manhood Suffrage is to be introduced into Britain, prison is the only place for any self-respecting woman. And I may add that a race of free men can never be born of a race of abject women."

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

The August monthly meeting held on the 14th in the League office was an unusually large one and remarkable for the enthusiasm of its members.

The chair was taken by the president, Mrs. Gordon Grant, and the principal business was the introduction of the new paper, which met with an extremely warm welcome.

A new feature of the meeting, and a most successful one, was the open questioning and discussion among the members of various points in connection with Woman Suffrage. This experiment infused an element of personal interest and responsibility into the proceedings which it is most important to cultivate. Members were also urged to recollect that no meeting is of any really definite value which has not some tangible result.

One important outcome of this meeting was the appointment of a committee to attend to the formation of a "Study Club," of which full details are given elsewhere.

A STUDY CLUB.

In connection with the work of the Equality League, a study class is being formed, for the discussion of subjects that must necessarily be of interest to every woman who sees the possibilities latent in the larger field that is slowly but surely opening up before her, and who recognizes that behind the woman's movement is the urgent demand for the expression of that larger woman self which has evolved out of past ages, and which can no longer be confined within the limits of outgrown restrictions.

As time-honored authorities and governments are slowly beginning to see that it is better to utilize the independent strength and ability developed in its woman kind rather than vainly endeavor to suppress them, and are transforming the futile "don't" into permission to "do," new channels of service to her country and her race must open up before the woman of today. As she recognizes the responsibility of the coming further demand, she feels the necessity of facing with new earnest-