

## LADY MACKWORTH.

### CHAIRMAN OF THE SANATOGEN COMPANY.

We are always glad when women with ability and brains have scope for the development of their talents, and thus we are pleased that the British Proprietors of Sanatogen, &c., 12, Chenies Street, London, W.C., have appointed Lady Mackworth, daughter of their chairman, Lord Rhondda, as his successor on his resignation, owing to his elevation to Cabinet rank as President of the Local Government Board. When Lord Rhondda recently visited America in connection with the supply of munitions Lady Mackworth acted as his substitute as the controller of collieries representing £18,000,000 of money, and our portrait, which we owe to the kindness of the Editor of *The Gentlewoman*, proves her a personality capable of assuming great responsibilities and of carrying great projects to a successful conclusion; so it is not surprising that Lady Mackworth has taken Lord Rhondda's place in every directorship which he has resigned.

She is a staunch supporter of "Votes for Women." It will be remembered she was a passenger on the ill-fated *Lusitania* when she sank, and was in the water for three hours before being rescued.



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### THE REVISION OF THE PRESENT FRANCHISE.

Parliament has met, and it is understood that it will be called upon at an early date to deal with the Report of the Speaker's Conference on Electoral Reform.

The question of the revision of the present franchise law has been raised on this occasion by the Government, and not by women suffragists. Since the beginning of the war, the great majority of the members of the Suffrage Societies have been immersed in national work, and have had no desire to break the political truce. But it is apparently this very public spirit that has given rise to the suggestion made in some quarters that women have lost interest in the great reform for

which an ever-increasing band has striven with such unflagging devotion for the last 50 years.

In these circumstances the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies feel it necessary to call on all supporters of the movement to unite in demonstrating to Parliament and the country that their convictions, so far from having been shaken, have been immeasurably strengthened by the experience of the past two and a half years.

A public meeting is to be held at the Queen's Hall, on February 20th, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Fawcett will take the chair, and arrangements are being made to secure the presence of representative women workers who have at heart the granting of this measure of justice to their sex.

Those desiring to be present should apply to the organising secretary, Women Workers' Demonstration, N. U. W. S. S., 14, Great Smith Street, Westminster.

### THE SIN OF INJUSTICE.

We are sincerely glad to note that the Parliamentary Committee of the Association of Poor Law Unions of England and Wales have adopted a report on the resolution:—

"That legislation should be promoted whereby any child born of single parents, if the parents of such child afterwards marry, be made legitimate, and that such child

shall, by law, have the same privileges as those of the legitimate child in all respects."

The Rev. P. S. G. Probert disagreed with the report, but said he would not move any amendment. Personally, he objected to anything which would lower the sanctity of marriage, although it might be contended this would not be the case.

Surely adding the sin of injustice towards innocent children cannot "lower the sanctity of marriage." In our opinion every just action makes for righteousness.

We have known of real martyrdom suffered for a life time by innocent people deprived of their birthright of name and inheritance. A Church which confers "sanctity" on the sinners through the marriage ceremony must not punish the innocent for the guilty, such Christianity is poor stuff.

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