

THE WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS' MEETINGS.

There was a large and enthusiastic audience at the meeting held at the Wallace Statue on Saturday evening under the auspices of the British Women's Social and Political Union. Miss Helen Fraser and Miss Annie Kenney were the speakers. Their addresses were attentively listened to, and a number of questions were asked.

An open-air meeting under the same auspices was held in Castle Street on Saturday evening. Addresses were delivered by Mrs B. Greig and Mrs Sandison, Forfar.

A NOISY SUNDAY MEETING.

A large and somewhat noisy audience assembled in the Union Hall last night, where a meeting under the auspices of the Women's Social and Political Union, was addressed by several ladies. Miss Fraser presided, and Mrs Billington-Greig was the first speaker. She contended that in the home the male child was made to feel that he had the world before him and was encouraged by the thought of his national inheritance, to become broad in his view and manly in spirit; while the female child was made to feel that she was inferior to and of less importance in the world than her brother. Thus they created a tendency on the part of the female child to take a frivolous and less serious view of life, and practically barred to her the chance of obtaining for herself anything like a decent economic position by her own efforts. This had the effect of making hundreds of women marry, not because they wished to marry but because the only way they could get an economic surety of life was to become a wife. They lowered the most vital relation of life—the economic relation of the whole human race—and it was disgraceful and scandalous that these results should follow upon the denial to women of a fair and equal opportunity in the economic and social world. Mrs Billington-Greig went on to contend that this condition of things was nothing short of mastery and serfdom, and said that before the people of this country began to talk of saving and civilising other races, they should see to it that this great wrong in their own midst was put right—that every woman had equal chances with the men of securing economic independence.

Miss Sanderson confined her remarks to a declamation against war, and said that all women were against this method of settling international disputes, so that if they had the power to say whether or not there should be war, they would be strengthening and broadening the principle of peace. In the meantime, women had no voice in this subject, but yet they had to pay their share of the cost, and had to suffer more, through anxiety, than the men who were actually at the front and did the fighting.

Miss Wilkie and Miss Fraser also delivered short addresses, and the meeting, which, as indicated, had been noisy at times, terminated with the singing of "For she's a jolly good fellow" by a number of youths in the gallery.
