

SUFFRAGETTE "SCENE" IN WEST CHURCH.

SERVICE INTERRUPTED.

"BLESS AND SAVE MRS PANKHURST."

Some excitement was caused in the West Parish Church, Aberdeen, yesterday by the interruption of the forenoon service by two Suffragettes. The interruption was of very brief duration, but coming as it did immediately after the first prayer the congregation were naturally startled.

The Rev. G. H. Donald occupied the pulpit, and, after the prayer the minister was giving out a Psalm when the interjection came. Two well-dressed women—one middle-aged and the other younger and taller—rose in the body of the church. Apparently reading the words from a book held between them, they chanted—

O Lord, open the ears of this congregation to our message.

Lord, bless and save Mrs Pankhurst.

Lord, bless and prosper our cause.

They began in rather weak and trembling voices, visibly affected by nervousness, and as they reached the last intercession they seemed to gather confidence. The first sentence was practically inaudible, while the second was also barely heard, but the third intercession rang through the whole church.

The women then sat down, evidently having no further desire to interrupt the service. They were approached by Mr G. A. Simpeon, the session clerk, and Mr Wright, the church officer, and on being requested to retire they did so quietly. Mr Donald, in the pulpit, continued the reading of the Psalm, and the congregation, though surprised, remained in their seats.

Mr Donald said to a "Journal" reporter yesterday that there had been no interruption in the strict sense of the word. He had continued the reading of the Psalm while the women had been speaking, and the whole incident only occupied a minute or so.

THE SUFFRAGETTES' PRAYER.

Glasgow Suffragists to the number of 30 were present in the Cathedral there yesterday, and at the end of the prayer during the service they rose up in a body and chanted, "O Lord, we beseech Thee to save Emmeline Pankhurst, Helen Crawford, and all the brave women suffering for their faith."

Similar demonstrations were made at York and Brighton.