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## THE BROWN DOG.

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### MEETING AT BATTERSEA.

A "preliminary mass meeting" was held at Battersea Town-hall, last night, to protest against the suggested removal of the Brown Dog anti-vivisection memorial at Battersea. Apart from the large body of stewards there was only a moderate attendance, the lavish display of posters headed "Shall Battersea Lose Its Brown Dog?" having evidently failed to rouse local enthusiasm. Mr. EWELL MCALLEN presided, and the Mayor of Battersea (Mr. Worthy), with several borough councillors and local Socialist leaders, was on the platform.

The CHAIRMAN said the meeting was called by the London and Provincial Anti-Vivisection Association, first, to protest against the iniquitous system of vivisection, and, secondly, to try and instil a little courage into those who were in control of the forces of law and order. He extended a somewhat qualified welcome to the medical students who, he understood, were present. When medical students demonstrated in Trafalgar-square on behalf of the underfed children or against the wretched conditions under which the masses lived they would agree with them. Having referred to the letter of the Commissioner of Police suggesting that the memorial should be removed or that the Battersea Borough Council should pay the £700 a year spent in guarding it, the chairman asserted that it was not due so much to a desire to economize as to certain influences which were at work.

Mr. WILLIS moved:—"That this meeting condemns the practice of vivisection as being inseparable from cruelty to its dumb victims, and as dishonouring to the nation which encourages and supports it." This, he said, was a declaration against cruelty in every shape or form, and he asked the meeting to pass it unanimously. He read the inscription on the memorial, and maintained that it was true and its continuance was needed as a protest and a reminder. The practice of vivisection engendered callousness in medical men and accounted for an alarming increase in the use of the knife on patients. With reference to the letter from the Commissioner of Police, he said the proper answer would be to tell the Commissioner to do his duty, and they would communicate with the Home Office and see that he did it.

Mr. WALL, physician and surgeon, of the Battersea Anti-Vivisection Hospital, seconded the resolution, and said a miserable minority of vivisectors dominated the whole medical profession. It was an insult to common sense of assert that experiments on living animals were conducted

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assert that experiments on living animals were conducted without the infliction of pain.

Mr. SIDNEY TRIST protested against honours being bestowed on those who had built up a reputation on the sufferings of animals.

There was some cheering when Mr. D. CARMICHAEL, a Socialist, said bludgeons would have been used if the unemployed instead of medical students had attacked the memorial. If the students chose Battersea as a battle ground they would have a warm welcome.

The resolution was carried.

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**THE RESEARCH DEFENCE SOCIETY.**—A correspondent who was present at the demonstration organized by Miss Lind-Af-Hageby's Anti-vivisection Council on Tuesday night, at Caxton-hall, writes that there were present in the hall three (and only three) young medical students. "To keep these in order the society had hired some 50 to 80 stewards, who to judge from their appearance were men of the lowest type. Ill-clad, ill-fed, they presented a striking contrast to the fashionable audience who flocked to the meeting. . . . The sole offence of the students was a little satirical applause caused by a particularly foolish statement by one of the speakers. I assure you, Sir, this applause took the form of hand-clapping only. As if by some prearranged signals the stewards darted down upon the students and commenced to rain blows on them, and, dragging them this way and that, hurled them from the hall. One was so badly treated that he collapsed on the way home and had to obtain medical treatment. He now lies in bed suffering from severe concussion caused by a large bruise on his temple."



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**THE RESEARCH DEFENCE SOCIETY.—Miss M. M. Dawson,** Honorary Secretary of Lind-af-Hageby's Anti-Vivisection Council, writing from 224, Lauderdale-mansions, Maida Vale, W., under date May 18, says:—  
“As the organizer of the Demonstration against Vivisection and the Research Defence Society, held at the Caxton Hall on the 12th inst., I write to protest against the notice inserted in The Times on the 16th inst. The information sent to you by your anonymous correspondent is entirely inaccurate. I have made inquiries from eye-witnesses of the ejection of the three students, and from the stewards who performed that necessary duty. I have found that there is absolutely no foundation for the statement that the stewards ‘commenced to rain blows’ on the students. The assertion that the stewards were ‘men of the lowest type,’ ‘ill-clad and ill-fed,’ is a shameful and gratuitous attempt to throw discredit on the meeting. The men who acted as stewards are workmen and electors of Battersea, responsible citizens, and members of various Trades Unions . . . With regard to the ejection, the following facts should be noted:—1. One of the students ejected was so anxious to return to the meeting that upon giving his word of honour that he would cause no further disturbance he was re-admitted. 2. The student of whose alleged ‘collapse’ your anonymous correspondent complains, was well enough to carry on a spirited argument for over half-an-hour with the stewards after his ejection. The ‘dragging’ and ‘hurling’ had evidently not interfered with his speech-centres, and the subsequent ‘concussion’ must have been of a peculiar and mysterious origin”  
—Mr. Elwin H. T. Nash writes:—“As one of the audience at Miss Lind-af-Hageby's anti-vivisection demonstration, I feel compelled to add my testimony to that of your correspondent of Saturday last. I was sitting in the gallery, and thus had a perfect view of everything that transpired. The three students were seated together at the back of the hall. At the first sign of ironical applause, which was the only form of demonstration employed, several of the hirelings gathered towards the end of the hall; on a repetition of the hand-clapping first one of the burliest of the hirelings sat beside the students and a little later on, greeting the mention of the Research Defence Society with more clapping, the most ill-kempt and evil-looking of the hireling crowd, with a peculiarly pallid face, and wearing a black, greasy cap, seated himself behind them. Shortly after this there was applause at a more than usually

gross and more was applause at a more than usually grotesque statement by the speaker. Thereupon commenced an argument between the student on the extreme left and the hireling next him. In his excitement the brave stood up and suddenly rushed upon the student, this brought about a simultaneous rush of all the “stewards,” and there ensued a scene of absolute brutality. . . . I have seen much of the rough and tumble of life and evictions at election time when restraint seems scattered to the winds, but for downright blackguardly brutality I have never seen anything to approach the eviction from that anti-vivisection meeting.”



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## A RAG—ITS CAUSE AND ITS SEQUEL.



Martin, head all.      Hodgkin, head all.      Waterman, head forty shillings.      Nelson, head forty shillings.      Withland, head forty shillings.      Carr, head forty shillings.      Baskitt, head forty shillings.      Everett, head forty shillings.      Crumley, head all.

The Students at Bow Street Police Court.



A group of "King's" Students.



Edgar Hampton White forcibly persuaded by his companions to be photographed.



The Fyvie Dog monument in Battersea Park.

THE BROWN DOG OF BATTERSEA AND THE STUDENTS FURNISHED FOR TUESDAY'S NOISY DEMONSTRATION IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE. (See page 6.)



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THE DEFENCE OF THE HELPLESS.

Designed and Presented to The Animal Defence and Anti Vivisection Society by WALTER CRANE.



15, Sandgate Road, Brighton.  
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Dear ladies,

(If I may drop the "W.", and you will drop the "W."). We had often wondered how you were faring in that land of the sun, so were the more glad to see your handwriting again. Many thanks for talking us of your experiences, and for writing at a time when you must be very busy.

I have never been in Italy, except that once I went over an easy pass from Switzerland, and spent a night at some Italian village, I think Courmayeur; and now travelling has become rather irksome to me, and Catherine has difficulty in getting me <sup>even</sup> to take a cheap day-ticket to the nearest station. So I marvel at the enthusiasm which has evidently inspired your pilgrimages.

It is strange to think of the Casa Magni as still in existence, and under the same name. A friend of Lloyd's lately found in a garage, which had once been a place of worship, a tablet (overlooked) with the inscription: "This is none other than the House of God". I should have feared that Shelley's residence might have suffered some such fate!

I wonder if I should have felt the <sup>Shelleyan</sup> personal influence in the places you mention - I don't as a rule; and somehow I cannot

associate Shelley, very intimately with any locality, not even with his native Horsham, where, at the centenary, I heard Edmund Gosse's eulogy of the poet: "his shining garments so little specked with mire" &c!

But it is clear from your verses that you felt the influence very keenly, and it is worth going a long journey to experience that. How do I like the lines? Well, my confession must be that, lover of rhyme as I am, I miss it in the third and fourth lines of each stanza. The first and the second lines charm me throughout: then I seem to expect an echo somewhere — as if the fourth line should rhyme with that of the preceding verse. But in this I am quite out of taste with the current fashion, so you need not pay the least heed to my remark. Indeed the writer of a recent review of my Virgil translation said that it was clear that I had not read much modern poetry; which is a fact.

I have been fearfully busy for the past three months; largely because my book of Itan memories brought me letters from old schoolfellows to all of <sup>whom</sup> ~~which~~ I was bound to reply. In some cases it is very curious to find myself in touch again with persons from whom I had never expected to hear more. In one case, an old Italian whose flag I use, when I first went to the school, and from whom, or of whom, I had not

heard for quite sixty years, wrote me a long letter, confiding to me, among other things, that he had felt a little troubled by my early "gravity" when I was his age. The book, I think, pleased him that I had outgrown that characteristic.

The *Vergil*, <sup>translation</sup> has been rather well noticed. It is nearly an impossibility to translate Vergil adequately; but my attempt has been hailed in several papers as the best (of a bad lot). And now there is likely to be a new edition of my version of passages of Lucretius; so those too have to be revised.

That is my only link with the Italy you have been seeing.

Ep's S. has been very kind and gracious about the *Vergil*. He sent me a copy of his "Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism"; and I was so fortunate as to find a mistake (grammatical) in it, for which he was quite grateful. He says it will prove ~~the copy~~ to be a First Edition, which, by 1950, or thereabouts, will be of immense value. He now advises me strongly to sell his letters; says that "no man who expects to leave a widow can afford not to sell".

We have had a very trying winter here; not out very cold, but with cruel changes from dry to damp, west wind to east wind, and so on, which have made the cold harder to bear. Even today, in the middle of February, we have a current of polar air which would give an Eskimo the shivers.



But as you probably have it equally at Sharn, I need say no more of it.

I send you two press-cuttings from the Literary Guide (the rationalist paper) concerning Shelley. J. M. Robertson is one of those very learned philosophers who think themselves competent to discuss poetry also. It is perhaps a mistake to enter into controversy with such; but his remark about "excessively bad rhymes" irritated me. You need not return the cuttings.

Catherine is writing to you; so I will say no more now. Please remember me very kindly to John.

Yours M.

Mary S. Salt.

Tell me if you want the "Cor Cordium" to be returned.