

# 'PREPARE TO DO BATTLE,' SUFFRAGETTE ADMONISHES

*English Young Woman  
Champion Says Moral  
Power in Arms Makes  
the Aim Straight.*

## PRACTICED FOR DAYS AT THE SEASHORE

"Why do suffragettes throw straight?" echoed Miss Elisabeth Freeman, the young English suffragette, who spoke at the Church of the Ascension on the subject of brick throwing in the cause of "votes for women."

"Well, the moral power behind would make us aim straight if nothing else would," she said, with a smile. "The arm that swings for woman suffrage simply must hit the mark."

"But I happen to know that secret artillery practice has helped the militant women of England. I didn't tell that last night, when I said the windows they aimed at were almost always broken."

### Practiced at Beach.

"A number of women I knew well in England went down to a beach where there were a lot of nice, smooth round stones. They practiced for days. And when they went back to London they took a supply of ammunition with them."

"Letters from England have said that at a given date in the near future the suffragettes would break every postoffice window in the country," Miss Freeman was told. "Do you know anything about that?"

"I don't know that it's going to be done," she replied. "But I should not be at all surprised if something like that happened."

"If it is done a time will be selected when there'll be no one in the buildings who might be injured. No one has ever been injured by suffragette window breaking in England."

### Throw Straighter Than Men.

"They can throw straighter than the men. Why, I know a man who



Miss Elisabeth Freeman.

went to Winston Churchill's house on a window-breaking expedition. He wanted to show his disapproval because another sympathizer with woman suffrage had been sent to jail.

"The man threw at a window and hit the door! Worst of all, he got a month in jail for it, although no damage was done."

Miss Freeman was asked if militant methods, including stone throwing, would be adopted in this country.

"I don't think so," she replied. "The English women are paying the price for women all over the world. They are the leaders in the cause

and they are suffering martyrdom for the rest.

### Gaining Concessions.

"The English women are gaining concessions from the government right along. Since the arrest of 225 women a few weeks ago, suffragettes have had the status of political prisoners. Before that they were treated as common criminals.

"Now the prisoners are allowed to wear their own clothes; they can go out of their cells twice a day for exercise and talk with one another as they walk up and down. That privilege of talking means a good deal to a woman."