

THE GRAND OLD WOMAN OF AUSTRALIA.

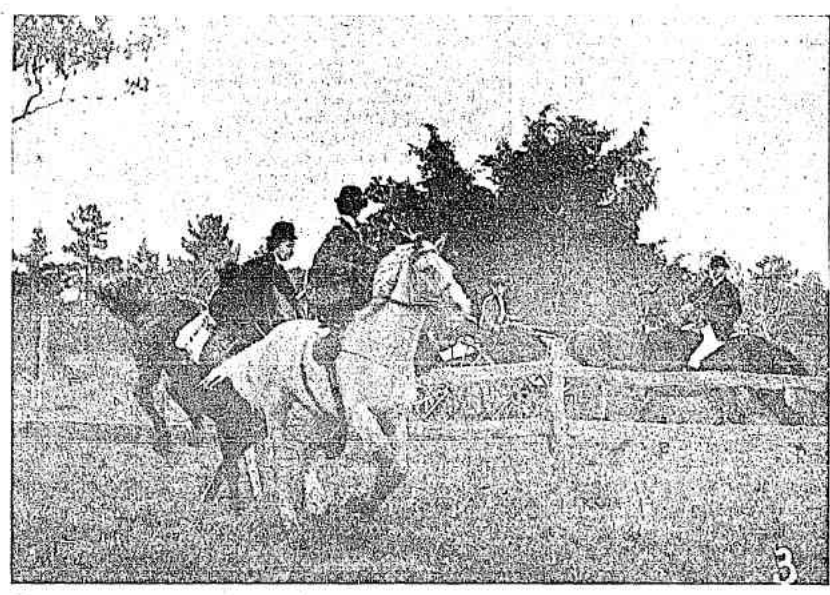
What Miss Susan Anthony had been to America, what Mrs. Fawcett had been to England, Miss Spence has been to Australia. Born at Melrose 78 years ago, one of her earliest recollections was the funeral of Sir Walter Scott. When as an inquisitive infant of six she heard her parents discussing the Reform Bill she asked, childlike, to be told about it. Instead of being snubbed, as many small folk would have been, her mother, who was witty as well as wise, gave her a sufficient inkling into the state of affairs to rouse an interest which has never faded during the course of her long life. At thirteen Miss Spence came to South Australia, and as teacher, journalist, author and politician has worked indefatigably ever since. To one of her novels, Mr. Hogarth's Will, Melbourne charities owe much. This story dealt with a man who left his money so unwisely distributed that it caused considerable disaster. The reading of the book had such an influence on the late Mr. Wilson that he altered his will, and it is thanks to that alteration that the Wilson bequests are as well known as they are. It was not till she was 68 years of age that Miss Spence ever addressed a meeting—a fact, as she naively remarked, that might encourage many of the women present to think it not too late for them to make a start. Since then she has addressed hundreds, speaking not only in South Australia, Melbourne and Sydney, but in America as well. Nearly all her speaking has been done in the cause of effective voting, which she acknowledges it is the dream of her life to see an accomplished fact.

AN EIGHT HOURS PIONEER.

Many politicians and pioneers of the Eight Hours movement assembled at "Guildford," Albion-street, East Brunswick, on Thursday, 26th ult., to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sturrock, senior, and to do honor to one of the early pioneers of the Eight Hours movement in Victoria. Among those present were the mayor of Brunswick (Cr. D. Methven), Crs. D. V. Hennessy and J. Allard, Mr. E. C. Warde, Mr.



B. Gleeson (Secy.). Callaghan (Vic.). W. Gleeson (W.A.). Mountain (Vic.). Naylor (Q.). M'Intosh (N.S.W.). Gazard (S.A.).
THE CYCLISTS' CONFERENCE. (Photo., Messrs. Johnstone, O'Shannessy and Co.)



1. The Meet.

2. The Master and Hounds.

3. Lady Followers.

THE MELBOURNE HUNT CLUB'S OPENING MEETING.