

Suffragette Items at Charterhouse Auction

A group of Suffragette and other items awarded to and owned by Dr Margaret Ida Balfour are one of the amazing lots being sold by **Charterhouse in their three day Collectors auction** on the **28th, 29th & 30th May**.

“Rarely do we see items relating to the Suffragette Movement at auction and to see such a collection you can put a name to is even better,” commented Richard Bromell.

The group of items owned by Dr Margaret Balfour are estimated at £300-£500. Born in Edinburgh in 1866 she pursued a career in medicine at a time when few women studied medicine. Awarded the silver medallion for ‘Practice of Medicine Session 1889-90, she qualified as a doctor in 1891. Although women were not permitted to formally graduate from the University of Edinburgh she went to France and Belgium to do so before working in India where she went on to have a long and distinguished career culminating with King George awarding her the Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal in 1920. Returning to England in 1924 she was made a CBE by King George V.

Items in the lot, estimated at £300-£500 and being sold to benefit a charity, include the silver medallion awarded to Margaret Balfour, a WWI War Volunteer Worker badge, a National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies enamel pin badge, a matching enamel brooch, and an oval locket.



Suffragette and other items belonging to Dr Margaret Ida Balfour

Charterhouse is now accepting further entries for their busy programme of specialist auctions including coins, medals, stamps, toys, classic cars, and classic motorcycles throughout May and June.

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