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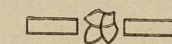


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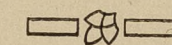
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Chairman :

Miss I. O. FORD, Adel Grange, Leeds.

Hon. Treasurer :

Miss BEAUMONT, Hatfeild Hall, Wakefield.

Hon. Press Secretary :

Miss A. M. FOSTER, Oakwood Nook, Roundhay, Leeds.

"Common Cause" Hon. Secretary :

Mrs. HALL, Oaklands, Collegiate Crescent, Sheffield.

Secretary :

Mrs. BAUER, 8, Springwood Terrace, Bradford.

Barnsley	...	...	Miss WRAY.
Bingley	...	...	„ MOULDEN.
Bradford	...	...	Mrs. ROBINSON. „ BERNHEIM.
Dewsbury	...	...	Miss LAW.
Goole	...	..	Mrs. PARKER.
Huddersfield	...	...	„ STUDDARD.
Keighley	...	...	Miss ROBINSON.
Leeds	...	...	Mrs. PARRISH. „ THORNTON. Miss FOSTER.
Sowerby Bridge	...	...	„ WIGGLESWORTH.
Sheffield	...	...	Mrs. GILL.
Wakefield	...	...	Miss BEAUMONT.

Shipley Society has not yet affiliated.

CONSTITUTIONAL RULES.

Title.

The title shall be the West Riding Yorkshire Federation for Women's Suffrage.

Area

Shall be the Constituencies of Barnsley, Barkston Ash, Bradford, Doncaster, Dewsbury, Elland, Holmfirth, Halifax, Hallamshire, Keighley, Leeds, Morley, Normanton, Otley, Osgoldcross, Pontefract, Pudsey, Rotherham, Sheffield, Skipton, Shipley, Sowerby Bridge, and Wakefield.

Object.

1. To promote and obtain the Parliamentary Franchise for women on the same terms as men.
2. To promote formation of new Societies in its area.
3. To perfect existing organisations.
4. To arrange joint meetings.

Secure co-operation among the Societies as laid down by the council.

Method.

The methods of the Federation shall be continual.

Federation.

Federation is open to all Women's Suffrage Societies in its area which are affiliated to the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies 10% annual subscriptions in except such income be less than £10 when a Society shall pay a minimum of 10/-.

Officers.

The Honorary officers shall be a Chairman, two Vice-chairmen, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, and a Representative of the Executive Committee at its first meeting of every year.

Federation Committee.

The members of the Federation Committee shall be appointed annually by the Societies. Casual vacancies shall be filled in the same manner. Each Society within the Federation shall be entitled to one representative for the first 50 members, and one for every succeeding 100. The Secretary of each Society to be the first representative.

Financial year shall be in April.

The Federation Committee shall meet once a quarter, and more often if required ; the meetings to be held in Leeds.

The accounts shall be audited annually by an Auditor or Auditors appointed by the Committee.

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National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies,

WEST RIDING FEDERATION.

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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

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A Conference to consider the formation of a WEST RIDING FEDERATION took place at Leeds, in March 1911, on the initiative of Miss I. FORD. Representatives from Barnsley, Bradford, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Leeds, Sheffield and Wakefield. Five of these Societies decided to federate, officers were appointed and area defined.

Application was made to the N.U. for the services of an organizer. Since the inauguration of the Federation good work has been done; six Societies have been added, viz:—Bingley, Dewsbury, Goole, Huddersfield, Keighley and Sowerby Bridge, and two more, Otley and Shipley are likely to be added very shortly, which proves what a success the decentralization of organization has been.

Organization.

The National Union have allowed the Federation the services of the following organisers—Mrs. Cowmeadow, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Renton and Miss Clarkson, from periods varying from a month to five months. Mrs. Cowmeadow began work on May 1st, in Bradford. She held three open-air meetings, supported by Federation Secretary, the attendance was good and resolutions in favour of Conciliation Bill were passed. Her personal visits led to 16 members joining the Society.

Leaving Bradford at the end of the week, Mrs. Cowmeadow visited Wakefield and with the help of Miss Beaumont addressed five drawing-room and five garden meetings, one Women's Co-operative Guild, one at the Liberal Club, a public meeting in the Church Institute and an open-air meeting. She paid calls on the City Councillors with the object of the votes of those Councillors being recorded in favour of the resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill, which was going to be brought before the Council. It is well to note that the chairman of the General Purposes Committee took a vote as to whether it should be brought forward for discussion. The voting was 7 for 11 against. As a result of this a deputation of 28 women rate-payers was formed—Miss I. O. Ford forming one of the deputation. The Council refused to receive the deputation; an indignation meeting was held in the open-air. This, together with the help of the press, was the means of an increase of 50 to the membership.

Three days were spent by Mrs. Cowmeadow in Dewsbury, where two mid-day Mill meetings were held, an afternoon meeting and an open-air meeting.

Returning to help in the organization of the Women Rate-payers' deputation, an address was delivered to the members of the Ossett Primrose League. Mrs. Cowmeadow went to Goole and held three indoor meetings and two open-air meetings.

Owing to Whitsuntide intervening Mrs. Cowmeadow took holiday and on her way called at Selby to ascertain as far as possible the position of the once existing society; on her recommendation it was thought advisable to defer work there for a while.

Resuming work at Wakefield, Mrs. Cowmeadow helped with the Rate-payers' deputation. The next place she visited was Keighley, and met with a very discouraging reception. After meeting the women of the independent Labour and the Womens' Co-operative Guild, and paying calls, Mrs. Cowmeadow was able to arrange a meeting and form a Society. She addressed meetings at Ingrow, Oakworth, met the Committee of the Womens' Liberal Association, open-air meeting at Haworth, public meeting in Keighley, Liberal Association in Oakworth, picnic of the Women's Liberal Association and to the British Women's Temperance Association. She visited Bingley and held meetings there.

Mrs. Cooper came for the month of August and sounded the district of Ilkley. Owing to Bank holiday intervening no work could be done to show any results, a move was made to Otley—the Railway Strike hampered the work here and finally Mrs. Cooper returned home. She broke her journey at Skipton, hoping that she might do good there; things proved the reverse. Mrs. Cooper returned to Otley after the Railway Strike was over and held open-air meetings, but owing to the agitation still existing from the strike it was thought advisable for Mrs. Cooper to cease work.

Mrs. Renton came to us for the month of September and began work in Selby, which she found extremely difficult. A large number of visits were paid; two open-air meetings were both satisfactory. A drawing-room meeting was kindly given by Mrs. Foster. The Committee passed a resolution thanking Mrs. Foster for her kindness to Mrs. Renton by giving her hospitality during her stay in Selby and for the use of her drawing-room for the meeting.

Open-air meetings were held at Tadcaster, Wetherby, Hambleton, Garforth and Micklefield; the men were quite enthusiastic and several promised to write to their M.P. on the

question. Mrs. Renton continued work in Leeds and Goole for a week and with the assistance of Miss I. O. Ford held a meeting every day.

Miss Clarkson began work in November, after having assisted at the Keighley bye-election, at Sowerby Bridge and divided her time between there and Keighley. She spoke to the Girls Friendly Society in Sowerby Bridge and organised a public meeting at which Mrs. Aldersley and Mr. Stanton Barnes spoke. After spending a few days in Goole she went to London to attend a special Council meeting of the National Union of December 8th. A Society was formed in Sowerby Bridge on December 17th, and officers elected.

After Christmas Holidays Miss Clarkson took up her quarters at Bingley and divided her time between Bingley, Sowerby Bridge, Otley and Shipley. At Bingley she addressed the Women's Liberal Club, the Women's Co-operative Guild, Pleasant Monday Evening and the Adult School. A Public meeting—most successful—was held at which Mrs. Aldersley and Mr. Rennie Foster spoke, with Mr. J. R. Sampson in the chair. A Society has now been formed in Bingley. Another public meeting was organised by the Sowerby Bridge Society and Miss Clarkson. Mrs. Cooper, kindly took the place of Miss I. O. Ford who was prevented from coming to speak owing to illness. Miss Clarkson also rendered assistance at the deputation which waited upon Mr. Higham, M.P.

Mrs. Aldersley has been engaged by the Federation for three weeks to be in Otley and Organise the meeting for Mrs. Philip Snowden. Having been appointed as an organiser of the National Union, she was called away after having been in Otley four days, to take part in the Glasgow election. Miss Clarkson undertook this organisation and a very successful meeting was held, though it was regrettable that Mrs. Snowden was not able to be at the meeting. Mrs. Parrish kindly took her place. Mr. Rennie Foster spoke in the place of Mrs. Aldersley.

Miss Clarkson in the meantime organised a meeting at Shipley and in the absence (through illness) of Miss I. Ford, Mrs. Aldersley addressed the meeting. Miss Clarkson attended—at the request of the National Union—the Annual Council meetings and returned to Shipley, where she is now working with hopes of forming a Society shortly.

Mrs. Earp has organised on behalf of the Federation, several meetings at Rotherham, with a view to forming a Society. A Provisional Committee has already been formed.

Much work remains to be done as the area has not by any means been covered. Generosity, on behalf of our sympathisers within the area, either by funds or personal help, will be gladly welcomed, because these two items are necessary in order to carry on the work, and particularly in the untouched spots, the former taking precedence.

Grateful thanks are tendered to Mrs. Alfred Illingworth for her generous donation to the Federation and again at the time of the Keighley bye-election.

2.—To Miss I. O. Ford for her continued donations, without which the work of the Federation must have ceased, also for her responsibilities of a month's expenses of the organisers.

3.—To Mrs. Francis Whitehead and Miss Whitehead, (Bradford) for their generous donation given at the Albert Hall meeting, earmarked for the Federation.

4.—To Miss Wray for her donations and responsibility of a month's expenses of the organiser.

5.—To the Leeds Society for the generous donation.

Parliamentary Work.

An important piece of work has been the pressure that has been brought to bear upon the Members of Parliament, first in urging them to support the Conciliation Bill on May 5th, and in exacting pledges by means of deputations and letters, for the support of an amendment, at least on the lines of the Conciliation Bill to the Manhood Suffrage Bill.

Before the Conciliation Bill came before the House on May 5th, all the M.P's. were written to by the Secretary of the Federation, and each Secretary of the Societies wrote to their respective members, urging the M.P's. to support the Bill in all its stages.

- 19 members voted for the Bill.
- 1 member paired for the Bill.
- 1 member tried to pair for the Bill.
- 1 member voted against the Bill.
- 2 members paired against the Bill.

Bye-Election.

One bye-election has taken place within the Federation during the year at Keighley. The Federation has lost a very staunch supporter of the cause by the death of Sir John Brigg, late M.P. for Keighley.

The National Union sent Mrs. Cowmeadow to organise a campaign, and a Committee room was taken. The Federation entrusted their Secretary to take charge of all the helpers and workers within the Federation. Special mention must be made

of the help given by Miss Foster, (Leeds) Mrs. Robinson and Miss Nachbar, (Bradford), and to them and Miss I. O. Ford for speaking, we offer sincere thanks.

The candidates, Mr. Buckmaster, (L.), supported Women's Suffrage. Mr. Ackworth, (U). was in favour of Conciliation Bill and Mr. Anderson, (Lab). supported Adult Suffrage and Conciliation Bill. Propaganda work only was done.

Public Meetings.

Providing speakers for meetings has been an important part of the Federation's work, and thanks are due to the speakers of whom there had been frequent and tiring calls upon their services, particularly mentioning Miss I. O. Ford, Mrs. Parrish and Mr. Rennie Foster.

The Federation need a larger supply of speakers to cope with all the meetings, and here we suggest that each Society should organise a speaker's class, one Society has already done that and the effects are already beginning to be shown.

The Federation has arranged and financed several public meetings in various constituencies.

Procession.

A special call was made upon the Societies and all who could possibly attend did so. A large contingent walked under the banners of their respective Societies, headed by the West Riding Federation banners, made by Miss Emily Ford, inter-mixed with banners recording the names of the City, Town, and Urban District Councils which had passed the resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill.

City, Town, and Urban District Councils.

Resolutions in favour of the Conciliation Bill have been passed by the Councils of Adel-cum-Eccup—Barnsley—Bradford—Huddersfield—Dewsbury—Sheffield and Leeds.

Our warmest thanks are due to Miss I. O. Ford for her great invaluable help at the Committee meetings, as the Chairman. To Miss Ashton for her invaluable advice as representative from the National Union Executive, and to Miss A. M. Foster for the splendid services she has rendered as Press Secretary.

Delegates have attended the Provincial Council meeting of April, at Haslemere—Miss I. O. Ford and Mrs. Bauer. October, at Scarborough—Mrs. Hall, Miss I. O. Ford and Mrs. Bauer.

Committee.

The Federation Committee has met four times during the year. It is essential that the Societies should see the importance of representative attendance at these meetings.

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Common Cause.

Reports of the meetings held and work done by each Society have been forwarded each month to the "Common Cause." With the growth of Associations, they have considerably increased in both number and volume and have conveyed some idea of the extent and activity of the West Riding Organisation. The duties of the C.C. Secretary might be made easier if the reports from Societies were received regularly and at the stated time.

The widely circulated Newspapers of the West Riding have been carefully watched re-their attitude towards W.S. and every opportunity has been taken of replying to opponents through the medium of the correspondence columns. The Yorkshire Post has rarely, for the past two or three years been without some letters on some phase of the W.S. movement. The Sheffield Daily Telegraph invited correspondence recently on a series of "Anti" articles which appeared therein from the pen of Mr. Harold Owen.

The small local Newspapers have been watched by the respective Societies. About eight Newspapers in the Federation are definitely favourable to Women's Suffrage, ten other papers, though not definitely in favour, give fair space to the subject.

A. M. FOSTER,

Common Cause and Press Secretary.

BARNSLEY.*President* : - LADY WALTON.*Vice-President* - MRS. ALEXANDER.*Hon. Treasurer* - T. BALDWIN, ESQ.*Hon. Secretary* - MISS WRAY.

Membership 115.

Money Received £56.

The Barnsley Society was formed about 18 years ago and was affiliated to the National Union when the Union was first formed. The following meetings have been held—Mrs. Merivale Mayer addressed the Women's Liberal Association, an open-air meeting at Cudworth, and a Mother's meeting. She and Mr. Joseph Clayton gave addresses at an "At-Home" given by Mrs. Alexander and Miss Wray. 35 new members were enrolled.

Miss Mary Fieldin addressed a very large meeting of men at the Liberal Club. Miss Florence Embleton addressed the men at the Adult School.

An American Sale was held at Fairfield House which realised just over £8. Miss Embleton gave an address.

A Jumble Sale was also held which made about £12. A donation of £4 was made to the West Riding Federation, and £1 to the N.U.

The Actresses Franchise League gave three plays in November. Miss I. O. Ford spoke during one of the intervals.

At all the meetings with the exception of the Adult School, resolutions were passed and a copy sent to members of the Cabinet, and to Sir Joseph Walton, (member for the Division), urging the Government to pass a Women's Enfranchisement Bill without further delay.

BINGLEY.*President* - Miss SCOTT.*Hon. Treasurer* - MISS MADELEY.*Hon. Secretary* - MISS MOULDEN.

Membership 48.

Money received £2 8s.

Affiliated to the National Union in January 1912.

This Society was formed in December 1911, and a public meeting was held in the Victoria Hall, and well attended. The speakers were Mrs. Aldersley, Miss Clarkson and Mr. Rennie Foster. 23 new members were enrolled at this meeting.

BRADFORD.*President* - MRS. ALFRED ILLINGWORTH.*Vice-Presidents* :—

Mrs. Bernheim, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. T. R. Hill, Miss Gregory,

Miss Gregson, Miss Wade, Miss Illingworth,

Mr. W. Claridge, Coun. J. A. Guy, Rev. R. Roberts.

Chairman of Committee - MRS. BERNHEIM.*Hon. Treasurer* - MISS NACHBAR.*Hon. Secretary* - MRS. BAUER.

Membership on books 200. Money received £181 1s. 2d.

Affiliated to National Union 1904.

Since the inauguration of the West Riding Federation in March last, greater activity has been shown among the members, partly due to the visits of the N.U. organisers allocated to the Federation. Mrs. Merivale Mayer came for three days and held meetings, which which were most successful. Resolutions were passed at each meeting.

Mrs. Cowmeadow followed later on and remained for a week. Open-air meetings were held and resolutions passed. Mrs. Cowmeadow filled in her time by paying calls, which resulted in 16 joining the Society.

The Society has now been able to employ an organiser of its own. A special fund being raised for the purpose, of which Mrs. Alfred Illingworth contributed £20. Since Miss Hilston's engagement in October, great strides have been made. Four Ward Committees have been formed, and they are able to cater for the people in their respective wards, monthly meetings are being aimed at. One ward has initiated a speakers' class, under the guidance of Miss Maude Illingworth. Miss Hilston has addressed meetings under the auspices of the Women's Co-operative Guild, the Ward meetings of the Women's Liberal Associations, and the various Temperance Societies. The membership has increased by 80.

Delegates have attended all the Council meetings of the National Union, and visitors were present at the Annual Council meeting at the National Union.

A contingent of 33 walked in the procession of June 17th, under their banner—a gift from Mrs. Whitehead—and 7 members were present at the Albert Hall meeting of February 23rd.

The Society has affiliated to the local branch of the National Union of Women Workers, the representative on the Council being Mrs. Bernheim.

The Society is greatly indebted to their president, Mrs. Alfred Illingworth for her generous donation of Twenty five guineas to the general fund, besides her annual subscription, and they much appreciate all the kindness extended by her in monetary gifts to other Suffrage Societies.

Two public meetings have been held at which Miss Ashton, Miss Royden, Lady Betty Balfour, Mrs. P. Snowden, Mrs. Swanwick, Mrs. Despard, Miss Ford. Mr. Malcolm Mitchell, Mr. Stanton Barnes, and Mr. C. Smythe gave addresses, under the Presidency of Mrs. Parrish, Coun. E. J. Smith, Professor Grieve, Mrs. Jacob Moser and Miss Maud Illingworth. Resolutions were passed at all these meetings.

One debate has been held, the speakers being Miss Ashton, and Miss Gladys Pott. The resolution in Women's Suffrage was passed.

In May, the Leeds Society very kindly gave their two plays—"How the vote was won," and "A change of tenant," very much appreciated by the audience. Miss Ford gave an address, Madame Ellison attributed to the musical part and sang the "Awakening." Appreciative thanks are offered to the Leeds Society for their kindness,

A General Meeting in October was held in order that the members may have an opportunity of meeting Miss Hilston.

DEWSBURY.

President - MRS. LEONARD FIRTH.

Vice-President - REV. A. E. J. CASSON.

Hon-Treasurer - MRS. PRITCHARD

Hon-Secretaries—

MISS FROST, MISS LAW. MISS PICKERSGILL.

Membership 42.

The Dewsbury Society affiliated to the National Union in December 1911.

Mrs. Cowmeadow addressed a meeting in the Church Street Café, and on open-air meeting, where a resolution was carried nem con.

A deputation to the Mayor and Council asking for their support was quite successful.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall, addressed by Mrs. Fawcett and Mrs. Parrish.

A meeting was held in March at the Church Street Café, addressed by Mrs. Holmes and the Rev. A. E. J. Casson, on the aims and principles of the movement.

GOOLE.

President - MRS. C. I. MATTHEWS.

Hon. Treasurer -

Hon. Secretary - MRS. S. PARKER.

Membership 67.

Money received, about £10.

The Goole Society has been formed about a year, and the following meetings have been held :—

March, 1911—Public meeting. Speakers : Miss I. O. Ford and Miss Fielden.

May—Public meeting. Speakers : Miss I. O. Ford, and Mrs. Richardson, (Hull).

June—Mrs. Cowmeadow—organiser—spent six days in in Goole, and held two drawing-room meetings, two open-air meetings, and addressed the British Women's Temperance Association. She paid visits.

September—Public meeting. Speakers : Miss I. O. Ford, and Mrs. Renton.

November—Public meeting. Speaker : Lady Frances Balfour.

December—Miss Clarkson—organiser—spent two days in Goole. Addressed a meeting of members and gained 15 new members.

January—Public meeting. Speaker : Miss Ashton.

HUDDERSFIELD.

President - MISS SIDDON.

President of Council - MRS. JOSIAH LOCKWOOD.

Hon. Treasurer - MRS. A. BEAUMONT.

Hon. Secretary MRS. STUDDARD.

Membership 70 paid. 70 non-paid.

The meetings that have been held are—one garden party, one reception at the Town Hall, one public meeting at the Town Hall. A deputation to the Town Council, resolution passed by the Town Council. Meetings have been addressed by Mrs. Josiah Lockwood, Miss Pyrah, Mrs. Donkersley and Mrs. Laycock. Mrs. Studdard has addressed meetings on Social Purity, at Longwood, Milnbridge, Paddock, Hynley, Marsche, and Wakefield.

Deputations to the Borough member of Parliament. Three ordinary meetings and six executive meetings. Affiliated to the National Union, 1903.

KEIGHLEY.*President* - MISS SUSAN CLOUGH.*Hon. Treasurer* - MRS. GRINDROD.*Hon. Secretary* - MISS ROBINSON.*Minute Secretary* - MISS GLYDE.

Membership 80. Money received, £34.

The Society affiliated to the National Union in May, 1911. Five public meetings have been held in addition to many during the bye-election. Much literature has been distributed and organisation attended to.

LEEDS.*President* - Mrs. CONNON.*Vice-Presidents:*

Miss I. O. FORD, Miss EMILY FORD.

Gon. Treasurer - Miss FORD.*Hon. Secretary* - Mrs. J. E. THORNTON.

Membership 336. Money received £130 4. 9½

The Leeds Society has during the year held thirteen Committee meetings. Many new members have joined, but several have been obliged to resign on account of leaving Leeds.

In the month of February, Miss Fielden, who spent some months with us in 1910 as organiser, again visited Leeds, and held several meetings. Since then, much propaganda work has been done by Miss I. O. Ford and Mrs. Parrish.

Political Clubs and institutions, and Women's Co-operative Guilds have been visited, and this form of work, though quiet, is perhaps more fruitful results than big public meetings.

On March 1st, several ladies, headed by Miss I. O. Ford, approached the Leeds City Council, asking them to permit a resolution to come before them, this resolution was carried by a large majority. The Parish Council of Adel-cum-Eccup also passed a similar resolution in May.

On July 26th, a delightful garden party was held by the Misses Ford at Adel Grange. A White Elephant Stall and Sale of cakes, and second-hand books realised over £22. A sham suffrage debate between Miss I. O. Ford and Miss Tennant created much amusement. Mrs. J. E. Thornton and Mrs. Barnes gave a Dialogue.

In November, some members of the Actresses Franchise League visited Leeds, and performed at the Albert Hall, presenting a triple bill—"An Englishman's Home," "The Apple," and "How the Vote was won."

In December, Lady Betty Balfour spoke at a Drawing Room meeting held at Bramdean, Headingley. Mrs. Curren Briggs presided, and Miss I. O. Ford and Mr. Sadler—the recently appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Leeds University—addressed the meeting.

Much strenuous work has been done during the year by our Hon. Organiser and Press Secretary, Miss Foster, and we are indebted to her for watching the interests of the cause in in connection with the local papers.

The sale of the "Common Cause" has been kindly undertaken by Miss Catterall and Miss Hargrove.

A "Common Cause" week was held in November, when Mrs. Darlington—"Common Cause" organiser—paid a visit to Leeds.

Delegates have attended the Council meetings of the National Union and a large contingent took part in the Demonstration of May.

SHEFFIELD.*President* - Dr. HELEN WILSON.*Hon. Treasurer* - Miss HARDEN.*Hon. Secretary* - Mrs. GILL.*Hon. Press Secretary* - Mrs. H. F. HALL.

Membership 178. Money received £34 10. 5.

Affiliated to the National Union in 1908.

Good work has been done by distributing literature, especially among elementary school teachers. Two Members of Parliament, one unfavourable but open to conviction, have received deputations, the other three were approached by letters and have given satisfactory replies. A box was taken for the Albert Hall meeting and occupied.

We have been asked many times by other Societies, Co-op Guilds, Spiritualist Societies, Debating Societies, Church Guilds etc, for suffrage speakers and have always complied, with good results.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.*President* - Miss BANKS.*Vice-Presidents* :CANON IVENS, Mrs. IVENS, Miss BROWN,
Rev. H. R. BARRY, COUNCILLOR J. BATES.*Hon. Treasurer* - Miss JONES.*Hon. Secretary* - Miss Wigglesworth.

Membership 34. Money received £2 6. 6.

Affiliated to the National Union in January 1912.

Two public meetings have been held in December—
Speakers : Mrs. Aldersley, Miss Clarkson and Mr. Stanton Barnes.

February—Speakers : Mrs. Cooper and Miss Clarkson.

Two meetings for members and friends have been held and
papers have been read and discussed.A deputation has waited upon the Member of Parliament,
which was satisfactory.**WAKEFIELD.***Chairman of Committee* - Mrs. ATCHERLEY.*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. HINDMARSH.*Hon. Secretary* - Miss BEAUMONT.*Common Cause Secretary* - Miss M. SPENCER.

Membership 154 Money received £42 10. 7.

Affiliated to the National Union in March 1910.

This Society accepted an invitation to debate at the
Wesleyan Guild on March 17th, and there was a crowded audience. Mr. F. Stanton Barnes (Manchester), proposed a resolution in favour of W. S. Mrs. G. F. Nurse opposed. Resolution in favour was carried by a substantial majority.

A fortnight's campaign in support of Sir George Kemp's Bill was held, Mrs. Cowmeadow, organiser, did excellent work. Two garden meetings, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Atcherley and Mrs. Hudson, were held, and drawing room meetings at Horbury, Normanton, and Staveley. At all of these Mrs. Cowmeadow spoke; she also addressed the Ossett Primrose League, the Wakefield Women's Co-operative Guild and the Women's Liberal Association, and spoke at an open-air meeting Bull Ring, also at a Public Meeting in the Church Institute, the Rev. W. T. Davies being in the Chair. Mr. F. Stanton Barnes also spoke.

As a result of Mrs. Cowmeadow's work 40 members were added to the Society. Mrs. Cowmeadow also canvassed the City Councillors with a view to getting promises of support to a resolution from the Council in favour of the Conciliation Bill. A large and very representative deputation of Women Ratepayers was organised, and duly went to the Town Hall on June 13th, but the Council adopted "the line of least resistance" and refused to admit the deputation. This action aroused much comment and no little indignation; it is a significant fact that shortly after this one of the Wakefield papers actually advised the General Purposes Committee to pass a resolution either for or against Women's Suffrage, but so far they have not adopted the suggestion. A meeting was held after the deputation left the Town Hall at which Miss Ford and Mrs. Cowmeadow spoke.

On November 1st, a crowded and very successful public meeting was held in the Institute of Literature and Science. The Rev. W. G. Southey, who has always been an excellent friend to the Society, took the chair, and the speakers were Miss I. O. Ford and the Earl of Lytton, who were both very well received; there delightful and convincing speeches were listened to with the deepest attention, and at the close of the meeting a resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill was passed unanimously.

The Actresses Franchise League gave performances at the Wakefield Theatre on Nov. 27th and 28th, and a very successful Whist Drive was held at The Laurels, St. John's North on February 12th

F. M. BEAUMONT.



PARLIAMENTARY LIST.

List of 35 Constituencies returning 36 Members of Parliament, with their on May 5th, 1911.

Constituency.	Member.	Party.	Voted on May 5th.
Barnsley ...	Sir J. Walton, Bt.	... L. ...	Promised vote
Barkston Ash ...	Mr. G. R. Lane Fox	... U. ...	Anti Suffragist
Bradford Central ...	Sir G. Scott Robertson	... L. ...	For ... Adullist
" East ...	Sir William Priestley	... L. ...	Pair'd ag'st Anti
" West ...	Mr. F. W. Jowett	... Lab. ...	For
Colne Valley ...	Mr. C. Leach	... L. ...	For Voted for 1910
Dewsbury ...	Rt. Hon. W. Runciman	... L. ...	For
Doncaster ...	Mr. C. N. Nicholson	... L. ...	For
Elland ...	Mr. C. P. Trevelyan	... L. ...	For Voted for 1910
Holmfirth ...	Mr. H. J. Wilson	... L. ...	
Hallamshire ...	Mr. J. Wadsworth	... Lab. ...	
Halifax ...	Mr. J. Whitley	... L. ...	
	Mr. J. Parker	... Lab. ...	Pair'd for
Huddersfield ...	Mr. A. J. Sherwell	... L. ...	Voted for 1910
Keighley ..	Sir John Brigg	... L. ...	For
Leeds, North ...	Mr. R. H. Barran..	... L. ...	Ag'st ... Anti
" Central ...	Mr. R. Armitage ..	... L. ...	For Voted for 1910
" East ..	Mr. J. O'Grady ...	... Lab. ...	For , , "
" West ...	Mr. T. E. Harvey	... L. ...	For
" South ...	Mr. W. Middlebrook	... L. ...	
Morley ...	Mr. G. A. France...	... L. ...	... Would give no pledge
Normanton ...	Mr. F. Hall	... Lab. ...	Tried to pair for
Otley ...	Mr. J. H. Duncan...	... L. ...	Voted ag'st 1910
Osgoldcross ...	Rt. Hon. Sir J. C. Rickett	... L. ...	Anti
Pudsey ...	Mr. F. Ogden	... L. ...	Will support Bill
Pontefract ...	Mr. P. Handel Booth	... L. ...	
Rotherham ..	Rt. Hon. J. A. Pease	... L. ...	... Anti
Skipton ...	Mr. W. Clough	... L. ...	For Voted for 1910
Shipley ..	Mr. P. Illingworth	... L. ...	For , , "
Sowerby Bridge ...	Mrs. J. S. Hingham	... L. ...	For , , "
Spenningsdale ...	Rt. Hon. Sir T. P. Whittaker	... L. ...	For , , "
Sheffield			
Attercliffe ...	Mr. J. Pointer	... Lab. ...	For
Brightside ...	Mr. J. T. Walters	... L. ...	... No favour
Cental ...	Mr. J. T. Hope	... U. ...	Pair'd ag'st
Eccleshall ...	Rt. Hon. C. S. Wortley	... U. ...	For
Wakefield ...	Mr. A. H. Marshall	... L. ...	For

LIST OF SPEAKERS.

Name.	Address.	Particulars.
Mrs. Donkersley	Woodview, Almondbury, Huddersfield,	Expenses needed. "Why women want the vote" "The English Law as it affects women." "Industrial Problems and women."
Miss Lucan Davies, M.A.,	9, Bradford Road, Wakefield.	Fee £1 1s. and expenses. No fee small societies. Indoor and open-air meetings.
Mrs. R. A. Harrison	14, Chaucer Place, Bradford,	Expenses. Small meetings.
Mrs. Grattan Newbould	16 Lansdowne Pl., Bradford,	Fee and expenses.
Miss I. O. Ford	Adel Grange, Leeds,	Requires long notice.
Mr. Rennie Foster	Exchange Buildings, Bradford,	Fee 10/6 and expenses. Indoor and open-air meetings.
Mrs. Earp	Ash Grove, Clifton Grove, Rotherham,	Fee and expenses. Open-air and indoor meetings. Very suitable for Open-air.
Miss Maude Illingworth	4, Birr Road, Heaton, Bradford,	Fee £1 1s. and expenses. Indoor meetings preferred, will speak at private open-air meetings, requires long notice.
Miss E. Maude Maxfield	The Bole Hills, Sheffield,	Fee 10/6 and 3rd class travelling expenses, prefers working class audiences, indoor only.
Mrs. Parrish	80, Grange Avenue, Chapeltown, Leeds.	Fee 10/6 and expenses.
Miss Pattinson	41, Woodview, Bradford.	Fee £1 1s. and expenses. Indoor meetings. Prefers afternoon meetings.
Mrs. Robinson	6. Westcliffe Road, Shipley.	Expenses only. Services free until end of Sept. 1912. after which a charge. Open air & indoor meetings.
Rev. R. Roberts	20, Apsley Crescent, Bradford.	Fee 10/6 & expenses. Open-air & indoor meetings.
Mrs. Bauer	8, Springwood Terrace, Bradford.	Small fee required according to size of Society, and expenses. Indoor and open-air meetings.

NOTE:—As long notice as possible should be given in each case. Miss Maude Illingworth is prepared to form and organise speaker's classes, and will give terms to Societies applying, according to the number and length of course.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1911-1912.

In spite of several very anxious moments, the Federation has been able to pay its way, and we close the financial year with a balance on the right side. Our chief source of income has been obtained through the very generous donations of members of the Bradford and Leeds Societies to whom we offer our deepest gratitude. It is to be hoped that during the coming year we may have a more steady income from the Societies themselves; in this respect we have to thank both Leeds and Barnsley for special donations, and we hope that other Societies may follow their example during the coming year.

The Federation work is of such immense importance that we feel all the Societies should do their utmost to help, so that the financial burden may not fall in the future in as great a measure as it has done during the past year upon one or two Societies.

We hope that the coming Bazaar will place the Federation upon a satisfactory financial basis, there is enough work yet to be done in the West Riding to keep three or four organisers at work if we had the "Wherewithal," and we do appeal to all the Societies in the Federation, both great and small, to join in making a great effort to raise a sum sufficient to free the Federation from relying for its income upon the generosity of those kind donors who are continually giving to the various Suffrage organisations and upon whom there are so many calls.

FLORENCE BEAUMONT.

Hon. Treasurer.

DONATIONS.

Mrs. Alexander ...	...	...	1	0	0
A Bingley sympathiser	...	...	2	6	
Mrs. Claridge ...	...	...	2	6	
Miss I. O. Ford ...	...	...	11	13	0
Mrs. Alfred Illingworth	..	..	36	15	0
Leeds Banner Fund	18	0	
Dr. Leipoldt	3	6	
Miss Robertshaw	1	0	
Mrs. Robinson	5	0	
Miss Celid Wray	7	9	0
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			£58	8	6

Donations (Albert Hall Meeting, Feb. 23rd).

Miss Beaumont	5	0	0
Miss E. H. Ford	5	0	0
Miss I. O. Ford	5	0	0
Miss Nachbar	1	0	0
E. A. P.	1	0	
Mrs. Whitehead	20	0	0
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			£31	15	0

Affiliation Fees.

Barnsley	10	0	
Bradford	1	11	0
Goole	10	0	
Huddersfield	10	0	
Keighley	...	...	1	0	
Leeds ...	...	...	4	7	6
Sheffield	...	...	2	0	0
Wakefield	...	...	10	0	
Societies recently affiliated (Fees 1912-1913)—					
Bingley	...	...	10	0	
Dewsbury	...	...	10	0	

WEST RIDING FEDERATION BALANCE SHEET, 1911.

	RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
To Affiliation Fees	10	8	By Organisers' Expenses in various ...	77
„ Donations from Societies	11	17	districts	11
„ Individual Donations	58	8	Secretary's Expenses	8
„ Subscriptions	1	1	Printing and Literature	15
„ Sale of Books and Literature	1	19	Chairman's Expenses	3
„ Various Collections	5	10	Bouquet—Miss Ellen Terry	15
„ Collection (Provincial Council Scarbro')	3	12	Postage and Hire of Rooms	10
„ Collection (Albert Hall Meeting)	31	15	Hon. Treasurer's Sundries	11
			Petty Cash in hand	3
			Cash in Bank	27
				11
				31
				8
				0
				0½
	124	12		124
				2½

Audited April 10th, 1912, and found correct.

E. A. BEAUMONT, *Hon. Auditor,*
Chartered Accountant.

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