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NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

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MISS BERTHA MASON.

RESOLUTIONS to be moved at the Special Council Meeting of  
the the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. Nov. 26/1910

RESOLUTION I.

Amendment IV

That the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies places on record that it considers as supporters of Woman's Suffrage only those members of Parliament who voted not only in favour of the second reading of Mr. Shackleton's Bill but also against sending the Bill to a Committee of the whole House; and further it resolves that in selecting constituencies in which to run Woman's Suffrage Candidates the seats of such supporters be not endangered.

Proposed by EDINBURGH  
Seconded by

London Amendment III?

RESOLUTION II

low vote for discussion III TL

Seeing that the "Representation of the People Bill 1910" has been referred to a Committee of the whole House the policy of running Woman's Suffrage Candidates shall immediately be put into effect in every possible constituency.

Proposed by EDINBURGH  
Seconded by

T.L.

RESOLUTION III

open

That it be an instruction to the Executive to send the questions to each Candidate immediately after he is announced and to at once inform the local Divisional Secretary of the result of such action.

Open

Proposed by FARNHAM  
Seconded by

RESOLUTION IV

does not affect London

That all societies which are not employed in running Women's Suffrage Candidates should make the selling of The Common Cause an important feature of their propaganda work during the election, selling at meetings, in the streets, at polling booths and in shops and that they should always wear the colours when doing this."

open

Proposed by NORTH OF ENGLAND  
Seconded by

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AMENDMENT I to Resolution re Policy Proposed by the Executive Committee (already circulated)

That the word "early" be inserted between the words "for" and "facilities" in (2)

Proposed by NORTH OF ENGLAND W.S.S.  
Seconded by

AMENDMENT II.

*barred*

*same as IV*

(1) That of Parliamentary Candidates seeking re-election we support those only who voted both for the second reading of the Conciliation Bill and for its reference to a grand Committee.

*Too late*

(2) That of new Parliamentary Candidates we support those only who will give Woman's Suffrage a prominent place in their election address, and who will promise to press whichever Government may be in power for facilities for the passing into law of any Woman's Suffrage Bill on the lines of the Bill promoted by the Conciliation Committee or in accordance with our formula for the enfranchisement of women "on the same terms as it is or may be granted to men".

*T.L*

Proposed by EDINBURGH W.S.S.  
Seconded by

AMENDMENT III.

*amendment*

*II*

That the Societies be urged, in places where there is no close contest or where for any reason intervention is unlikely to be effective, to refrain from giving help to any candidate, but in selected constituencies where the contest is expected to be close, to oppose all liberal candidates as a protest against the failure of the liberal Government to pass the Conciliation Bill.

*barred*

*II*

Proposed by DOVER W.S.S.  
Seconded by

RESOLUTION V.

*amendment*

That the General Election Policy of the National Union be to concentrate work and apply all funds in the Constituencies where Women's Suffrage Candidates are being run; the affiliated Societies to send workers to the constituencies requiring help and in their own areas to do propaganda work only.

*barred  
frustrated in N.U. policy*

*I*

Proposed by GLASGOW W.S.S.  
Seconded by

RESOLUTION VI

*open*

If possible the Societies of the National Union should avoid overlapping the work of any other Suffrage Societies, in any constituency, during the Election.

*read to the  
Union*

Proposed by LEEDS W.S.S.  
Seconded by

*Amendment*

RESOLUTION VII

That in consequence of the Government's treatment of the Conciliation Bill the National Union decides to run Women's Suffrage Candidates against unsatisfactory Liberals only.

Proposed by NEWCASTLE W.S.S.  
Seconded by

RESOLUTION VIII

That it be an instruction to local Suffrage Societies and to the Executive of the National Union that in suitable constituencies where it is felt that a W.S. platform pure and simple would be ineffective, efforts be made to run candidates jointly with some other political organisation.

Proposed by NEWCASTLE W.S.S.  
Seconded by

*T.L*

RESOLUTION IX

That the policy of putting questions to Candidates be abandoned and that in future the test be -  
(a) In the case of members of the late Parliament, their support of the Second Reading of the Conciliation Bill.  
(b) In the case of new Candidates a pledge given to the Executive of their own party Organisation.

Proposed by CARDIFF  
Seconded by

ADDENDUM to RESOLUTION to be moved by the Executive Committee (already circulated)

That except as above no change be made in the declared Election Policy of the National Union but that considerable freedom be left to the Societies in interpretation of Policy to suit local circumstances.

Proposed by LIVERPOOL W.S.S.  
Seconded by

*For late discussion  
& amended by "all candidates"*

*debat?*

*Passed by N.U. resolution*