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CARD TO BE USED IN CANVASSING MEMBERS OF THE
CENTRAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Members should be asked whether they will permit the Secretary to call upon them for assistance in any or all of the following ways, and it should be clearly explained that an affirmative answer will not be construed as a promise that they will give their assistance whenever it is asked for.

I. Clerical Work Will they give clerical assistance at the office in Victoria Street in a time of special stress?

II. Room for Meetings. Will they (1) Lend a room? (2) Help to organize a drawing room meeting?

III. Steward Will they act as stewards at public meetings?

IV. Hospitality. Will they offer hospitality for a night or two, to delegates from other W.S. Societies, or others introduced by the Secretary? (This would be specially useful at the time of an election in the division).

V. Election Work. Will they help either in canvassing or in other ways in the election work of the N. Union of W.S. Societies? If so, will they work only in their own immediate neighbourhood, or in any London Constituency, or will they take part in elections in the Provinces? (In the latter case it is probable that hospitality would be offered.) Will they work for any candidate other than Women's Suffrage; if not what must be his particular political creed?

(In asking these questions the canvasser should explain that the Central Society is the London constituent of a Union of W.S. Societies from all parts of Great Britain; this National Union is guided by a Council of Representatives working through an Executive Committee. It should be explained that the policy of the National Union at elections is to work for any candidate who satisfies their Executive Committee that he is a genuine supporter of Women's Suffrage, irrespective of his opinions upon other

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subjects, and that in this respect it differs from the policy of the Women's Social and Political Union, who work against any candidate who holds the opinions of the Government of the day, irrespective of his views upon Women's Suffrage.)

VI. Obtaining Members. Will they seriously endeavour to obtain new recruits and new subscriptions for the Society? Many will be unable to reply in the affirmative to the first five questions owing to their time being fully engaged in other occupations, but every member of this Society should be a centre for the diffusion of knowledge of the facts upon which women's claims to the suffrage are based; all members should reflect upon their personal responsibility for the education upon this subject of those with whom they are brought in contact.

(Canvassers' names and addresses should be filled up in the space provided for the purpose on the yellow cover.)