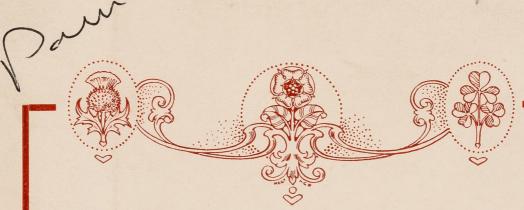
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National Union Women's Suffrage Societies

SURREY, SUSSEX AND HANTS FEDERATION.

SECOND

Annual Report

JUNE 1911-1912.

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Presented at the Annual Meeting, June 27th, 1912

National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies

Surrey, Sussex and Hants Federation.

Vice-Chairmen; Chairman of Committee; Hon. Sec. & Treasurer:

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MISS E. ATKINSON Brighton. Cosham,

Camberley. Hants.

REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. GARRETT. Aldershot. Miss F. de G. MERRIFIELD, Brighton. Miss Norton Bexhill. Mis EVELYN ATKINSON, Camberley. Miss M. E. VERRALL, Central Sussex. Miss SARAH WAITE, Croydon. Mrs. GRIFFITH BAKER, Crondall & Crookham. Miss Susan Gatliff. Eastbourne. Eastleigh.

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Miss SPICER,
Miss POWELL,
Miss SEYMOUR,
Miss STOEHR,
Miss RANCE,

Mrs. Cunliffe,
Miss Rawlings,
Miss Valence,
Miss Arnett,
Miss A. Bateson,
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Mrs. LAPTHORN,
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Miss WHITE,
Mrs. C FAWCETT,
Miss OTLEY.
Miss C. ASTON.
Miss HORTON,
Miss GARDINER,

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Miss Hoyer,
Miss Davis-Colley,
Miss Wright,
Miss M. O'Shea,
Mrs. Auerbach,
Miss F. Sterling,

Farnham.

Fleet.
Godalming.
Guildford.
Haslemere.
Hastings.
Horsham.
Heathfield.
Leith Hill etc.
Lewes

Littlehampton.
New Forest.
Newhaven.
Portsmouth.
Purley.

Purley,
Oxted & Limpsfield.
Reigate.
Rotherfield.
Salisbury.
Seaford.
Shanklin.
Southampton.
Weybridge.
Winchester.
Woking.
Worthing.
Basingstoke.
N. U. Exec. Rep.

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary: Miss Norah O'Shea.

Hon. Press Secretary: Miss N. S. B. Atkinson.

Common Cause Correspondent: Miss T. W. Powell.

PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS FOR 1911-12.

Miss F. de G. Merrifield. Miss Margaret O'Shea. Mrs. W. Cecil Marshall, succeeded by Miss Evelyn Atkinson.

Second Annual Report

Year ending June 30th, 1912.

THE Committee presents its Report for 1911, July to June 1912, with a feeling of deep gratitude, because definite progress has been made in our area, in attaining those objects for which the Federation exists.

CONSTITUENCIES.—We have increased our Constituencies by one, and have admitted Salisbury into the Federation. Suffrage work has been done in every Constituency. Though in Andover and Petersfield it has been of a minor character, due partly to the activities of the C. & U.W.F.A. and the Petersfield Women's Suffrage Society, their influence at the moment appeared more effective than ours. Still we have been in touch with them and rendered their work such help as is consistent with a non-party Society's attitude.

Steps have been taken to draw the Societies in the same County Constituency into touch with each other, and this by means of a Joint Committee, or an appointed representative.

The work of organising divisional Secretaries in every County Constituency has been developed this year. But we have still vacancies to fill.

SOCIETIES.—The number of Societies has risen from 38 to 49. The figures analysed are:—

Societies affiliated to the National Union from 27 to 39. Societies affiliated to N.U. and federated to S.S.H. 37. Societies which have not yet affiliated. or not affiliated directly to the N.U. 10.

With the view of forming new Societies and branches of existing ones, and doing other propaganda, work has been done by campaigns and meetings as follows:—

	constituency.
Shoreham and Rottindean	Lewis
Adur Valley, Emsworth, Bognor, Arundel	Chichester
Uckfield, Ditchfield, Forest Row, Hartfield	East Grinstead
Etchingham, Wadhurst, Robertsbridge, etc.	
Newhaven, Seaford, Hailsham, Pevensey	Eastbourne
Lingfield, Bletchworth, Godstone	Reigate
Byfleet, Egham, Thorpe, Wyke, Ripley	Chertsey
For Haslemere Society and Guildford Society	
Purley	Wimbledon
Thornton Heath	Croydon
Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport	0 1 17
Twyford, Andover	Andover
Romsey, Ringwood	New Forest
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Aldershot, Farnborough, Hartley Witney	Basingstoke
	Petersfield
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New Societies have resulted in:—Shanklin, Purley, Aldershot, Egham, Ringwood, Seaford and Newhaven. All these have affiliated. Uckfield is preparing to affiliate. Romsey has joined the New Forest Circle, and we have good hopes of Societies at Shoreham, Hailsham and Pevensey.

In strengthening other Societies the Federation has worked at Southampton, Portsmouth, Brighton and Woking. For the Central Sussex Society, Fleet, Basingstoke, Bexhill, Hastings, Croydon, Horsham, Guildford, Haslemere, Byfleet.

MEETINGS.—Public Meetings have been organised by the Federation at Aldershot, Egham, Farnboro, Fareham, Newport, Shanklin, Ventnor, Shoreham, Scaford, Byfleet, Lingfield, Horsham, Uckfield, Eastleigh.

Amongst the Speakers for these Meetings were Mrs. Fawcett, The Countess of Selborne, The Lady Frances Balfour, The Lady Betty Balfour, Mrs. P. Snowden, Miss Frances Sterling, Lord Lytton, Mr. Brailsford, Lady Chance, Miss Royden, etc.

ORGANISERS.—We have been fortunate in the services of Mrs. Lyall Dempster during the past twelve months. And we owe much to her zeal and to her good conscientious work. Her attitude towards Suffrage has a good effect on those we wish to convert and on those whose interest we desire to quicken.

We were happy in having the help of Mrs. Renton at Winchfield, she was lent to us by the National Union Executive.

Miss Woodhams has done us good service at Purley, Aldershot and in the Reigate Division. We cannot speak too highly of her capable and efficient work.

Miss Helen Wright also has given us the advantage of her natural gifts and well trained powers in Southampton, Winchester, and in the Chichester, Eastbourne and Lewes Divisions.

Miss Milton worked for us at Gosport with very good effect.

Miss Guille and Miss Hall also rendered us good service.

We should like to be able to keep these occasional Organisers always employed.

ORGANISATION.—Your Committee is glad to report that Miss N. S. B. Atkinson presided over the press department as Hon. Press Secretary.

That Miss Norah O'Shea acted as Hon. Parliamentary Secretary for Surrey, Sussex and Hants.

That Miss Powell has given us another year's work as Common Cause Correspondent.

With sincere regrets we have received on the grounds of health the resignation of Mrs. W. Cecil Marshall as a Vice-Chairman and a Provincial Councillor. Miss Evelyn Atkinson takes her place as Provincial Councillor.

EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE. During Mrs. Auerbach's absence from England, Miss Frances Sterling acted as Executive Representative. We have the pleasure to record that later her consent was given to remain on the Committee as one of its Permanent Representatives.

MEMBERS' CARDS.—We have issued two kinds of Members' Cards for the use of S.S.H. Societies. New Societies especially have made these a part of their organisation.

COMMITTEE.—Your Committee has met six times during the federation year. Four times we have gathered in London at the Central Office. Once at Croydon, where the President entertained the delegates at lunch, and the Society held a reception to meet them in the evening. Here excellent suffrage speeches were made. Again by invitation of the President and Committee we meet at Worthing, and after our day's work was concluded they entertained us with a dramatic representation from Carnford arranged by the Suffrage Society. The thanks of the Committee are heartily given to these Societies, and also to Godalming for their kind preparations for our reception. The Coal Strike unfortunately obliged us to cancel this meeting.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.—The elected Representatives Mrs. W. Cecil Marshall, Miss F. de G. Merrifield and Miss Margaret O'Shea attended the Provincial Council at Scarborough last October. Visitors are now allowed to attend these Councils and each Federation can send three representatives; points about which this Committee was much interested, and for which it voted.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISERS.— The Committee recognises how much "the Cause" owes in Sussex to the work of organisation carried on in that County by Miss F. de G. Merrifield. Work that has been steadily and presistently done by her ever since a scheme of co-operation among S.S.H. Societies was begun in 1910.

It desires also to record, with all the thanks and appreciation due to them, that Miss M. E. Verral, Miss Pickworth, Mrs. Duncan Harris and Miss Dorothy Edwards, have also acted as Voluntary Organisers in our area. Miss C. Aston again will arrange a Campaign during the Autumn in the Isle of Wight.

EASTER CAMPAIGN.—The National Union Executive arranged for one of its Easter Campaigns at Brockham Green. This was in charge of Mrs. Fyffe. Miss Stoehr and Miss Jamieson. They had splendid local co-adjutors in Mrs. and the Misses Forestier. Members of the Redhill and Reigate Society also gave every possible support, and the result is a Women's Suffrage Society, now affiliated to the National Union.

FRIENDS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.—The Federation has undertaken to officially support this scheme. Up to date of publication nine Societies have decided to adopt this piece of Suffrage work, viz.:—Brighton, Haslemere, Godalming, Uckfield, Basingstoke, Bexhill, Shanklin, Redhill, Oxted and Limpsfield.

MEETINGS held by S.S.H. Societies. Through the courtesy of the Common Cause Company we have been able to ascertain that at least about 240 meetings have been held by our Societies.

our friends.—The Committee cannot close this Report without drawing attention to the vital support given to propaganda work and the formation of Societies by the hostesses who entertain our Organisers and Speakers. The Financial Report will show how our friends help our Exchequer. The Committee has been also assisted by other gifts or loans, amongst them a Bicycle (lent); a Typewriter also lent to us; presentations of Literature; a block (printer's, for newspaper columns), etc. The voluntary work given in speaking, visiting, arranging meetings and writing are all essential factors in building up the Federation and carrying out its objects. To all our friends who assist it in these and other ways the Committee desires to accord hearty thanks.

Signed for the Committee,

MARGARET O'SHEA, Hon. Sec. S.S.H.F.

PRESS.—Press work became a separate and definite branch of the Federation's activities last August.

The total number of papers in the three counties is 120 Of those 46 are in Hants, 27 in Surrey and 47 in Sussex. Of this total a certain number alone are published in the area covered by Societies within the Federation. It is with these that we deal. They number 75; in Hants 22, in Surrey 22, and in Sussex 31.

The returns made by local correspondents as to the attitude of these papers to Suffrrge are follows: —

	Hants.	Surrey.	Sussex.
Favourable	10	5	9
Anti	5	1	. 1
Not defined	7	16	21

In the cases of most of these papers it is possible to procure fair notice of local activities, even in the majority of those returned as "Anti."

Continuous efforts are being made to induce Editors to insert general Suffrage news and to give publicity to the official announcements of the National Union. In this particularly useful work press correspondents are achieving considerable and increasing success.

It will be seen that there are 45 papers published in areas where there are no Federated Societies, and with these (three excepted) we have been as yet unable to deal. This omission is a source of weakness to the Federation and it is hoped that they may gradually be included in its work.

N. S. B. ATKINSON, Hon. Press Secretary **PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.**—A Parliamentary Committee for the S.S.H. Federation was formed in the early spring of 1911, and its first meeting was held on March 24th.

The following are the Members of the Committee:—Miss Merrifield, Chairman, Miss N. O'Shea, Hon. Sec., ex-officio Mrs. Auerback and Miss O'Shea; Miss Crossfield, Miss Evelyn Atkinson, Miss D. Edwards, Miss H. Wright, Miss Bryan, Miss M. E. Verrall, Mrs. Duncan Harris.

There are 21 constituencies in this Federation and 25 members to deal with.

In order to prevent overlapping and also to promote mutual action and co-operation in dealing with the members and in conducting Parliamentary action, local Parliamentary Committees have been formed in County Constituencies consisting of Divisional Secretaries and Representatives of each Society in a Constituency.

The Federation has undertaken to be responsible for the bye-election work and in order to carry out this work as it arises the Committee adopted a scheme of work, which has been sent round to the Representatives of the various Societies in the Federation.

The Federation has been singularly lucky in its freedom from Bye-elections, at one time it was within the range of possibility that there would be a contest at Brighton, owing to the succession of the Hon. W. Rice to the Peerage. Eventually the seat was not contested, and the Hon. St. J. Gordon was returned unopposed. The change in the representation was a distinct gain to the Suffrage Cause.

It is to be regretted that on the whole the Members who represented the constituencies in this Federation are not supporters, but the experience gained by their vote in 1911 and 1912, is that on the whole their attitude is rather non-committal than active and declared hostility.

In May 1911, the voting was as follows:—For 5, Paired for 1, Total 6; Against 6, Paired against 3, Total 9; Abstained 7; Absent unpaired 2.

This was an improvement on the voting in July, 1910.

In March, 1912, the voting was as follows:—For 4; Against 10; Abstained 11.

Lord Charles Beresford and Colonel Rawson, both of whom voted in favour in 1911, abstained in 1912, but this was counterbalanced by the gain of one of the Brighton Members. The following analysis shows that on the whole there was very little change in the voting in 1912.

Of those who voted in favour in 1911, none voted against in 1912, two Abstained.

Of those who abstained in 1911, two voted against in 1912. Of those who paired in favour in 1911, one abstained in 1912.

> NORAH O'SHEA, Hon Parliamentary Secretary, S.S.H.F.

COMMON CAUSE CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT.— The Monthly Federation Reports in the "Common Cause" for the past year show very great energy, perseverance and progress in the work of our Societies, and new ground has been successfully broken in various places throughout three counties. The Editor has found it necessary to curtail the space allowed each month to a strict 500 words, owing to presence of other matter, and to the impossibility of enlarging the Common Cause through lack of funds. In the limited space at her command it is unfortunately impossible for the correspondent to give any idea of the eloquence and variety and keen interest of many of the speeches at the innumerable meetings, and of the enthusiasm and rapt attention of many of the audiences.

Monthly summary cards, giving statistics of the public, private and outdoor meetings, the resolutions passed, petitions to Parliament, with the names of important speakers, throughout the Federation, are now received by the Correspondent from the Societies, and sent to Miss Leaf.

THEODORA W. POWELL, Common Cause Correspondent.

FINANCE. – Our Income for the year July 1st, 1911, to June 27th, 1912, was £209 8s. 3d. This was chiefly raised by Federation Fees, Subscriptions and Donations. Subscriptions and Donations amounts to £140 3s. 2d., the Fees represent in bulk £37 10s. 4d. And these have been contributed, with one exception, by the S.S.H. Societies or individuals who are Members of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. Members of the Committee have largely contributed.

A marked increase has taken place in the cost of our work, attributable to the sphere of our activities, and expense of living in various localities. When our chief work was strengthening and building up Societies and working in places easily accessible from the Suffrage centres, hospitality could be easily got, but now we have reached the point when new ground is broken in places isolated from our older Societies, and hospitality is often quite impossible to obtain. The Treasurer realises now the debt of gratitude owing to all able and willing to offer us the boon of hospitality, and can testify to the enormous assistance it is to our finances.

The Federation has been most generously supported financially by the S.S.H. Societies and by individuals; and this is an opportunity to express the Treasurer's appreciation and the thanks of the Committee to all who fill the Exchequer and so make work possible. The Treasurer has had such support from Brighton, Croydon, Farnham, Fleet, Guildford. Godalming,

Haslemere, Hastings, Cuckfield, Oxted, Reigate, Winchester, Worthing, Portsmouth, Weybridge, New Forest, and from Mrs. Pilcher, Mrs. Walter Carey, Miss Bryan, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss D'Albiac, Miss Elves, Miss Clough, etc. The Treasurer, also, would draw the Federation's attention to the financial support she receives from the members of its Committee.

Financial help was specially given to the S.S.H. in the Collection at the Albert Hall Meeting; for this generosity of our supporters grateful thanks are accorded now, and they are also heartily given to the Executive of the National Union for a grant of £20 0s. 0d. from the same collection.

MARGARET O'SHEA, Hon. Treasurer.

FINANCE LISTS.

General Fund, 1911-12.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

INDIVIDUALS.			SOCIETIES.
£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Mrs. Auerbach 5	0	0	Aldershot 1 0 0
Mrs. Walter Carey 12	5	6	Croydon 1 0 0
Entertainment,			Guildford 1 0 0
per Miss Edwards	6	6	Haslemere 3 0 0
Miss Elves	10	0	Redhill & Reigate 4 10 0
Mrs. Hay Newtown		6	Salisbury 2 1 0 0
Miss M. O'Shea 3	10	0	National Union 20 0 0
	5	6	Worthing . 1 0 0
Miss Bryan 1	1	0	Weybridge 2 0 0
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		FE	DE	RA	TION FEES.				
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Farnham		1	5	0	Fleet "		1	0	0
Guildford		1	0	0	Brighton		6	12	0
Worthing		1	0	0	Lewes		1	1	0
New Forest		1	7	6	Central Sussex		1	0	0
Eastbourne		1.	. 0	0	Croydon		2	0	0
Haslemere		2	2	0	Portsmouth		1	0	0
Winchester		1	0	0	Purley		1	0	0
Camberley		1	0	0	Aldershot		1	0	0
Egham		ĺ	0	0	Littlehampton		1	0	0
Hastings		1	8	6	Godalming		5	0	0
Newhaven			5	0	Woking	•••	1	.0	0
Weybridge		1	0	0	Eastleigh		1	0	0
Oxted & Limps	field	1	0	0			3 0	-	
Reigate		2	10	0			39	11	0

Only those Societies who paid Federation Fees in 1911-12, are included here.

ELECTION FUND, (Guaranteed).

Miss Bateson	d	210	0	0	paid.
Mrs. Auerbach		5	0	0	promised.
Miss Crosfield					•
Farnham N.U.W.S.S.					paid.
Brighton N.U.W.S.S.					,,
	-	220	0	0	

No Bye-Election, so nothing has been expended.

ORGANISERS SALARY FUND, March 1911, To June 30th, 1912.

Subscriptions and Donations.

INDIVIDUALS.			SOCIETIES.
$oldsymbol{arepsilon}$	S	. d.	£ s. d.
Mrs. Walter Carey 11	0	0	Oxted 2 5 0
	0	0	Brighton 4 0 0
	C	0.0	Croydon 2 0 0
Miss Merrifield 2	0	0	Leith Hill and Dis. 3 0 0
Miss Bevan 2		0	Portsmouth 2 0 0
Miss A. Bateson 20		0	Farnham 3 0 0
Miss T. Powell 20		0	Winchester 1 0 0
Miss Crosfield 3	0	0	Fleet 3 15 - 6
Miss E. Atkinson	10	0	Hastings 1 0 0
Mrs. Atkinson 1			Haslemere 7 0 0
Mrs. G. Simms	5	0	Weybridge 2 0 0
Mrs. Pilcher 5			New Forest 1 0 0
Miss Clough 5			Winchester 1 1 0
	10		
Miss Bryan 5	5	0	£116 12 6

ALBERT HALL COLLECTIONS.

		s.			£	s.	d.	
Miss Bryan	 5	0	0	Farnham Soc				
Miss D'Albiac	 5	0	0	Miss E. Atkinson		10	0	
Mrs. Atkinson	 1	0	0	-				
Miss O'Shea	 5	0	0		19	5	0	

ORGANISERS EXPENSES.

Mrs. Dempster	Salary Organising	 Expenses		97 17 82 5	2 3
Miss Woodhams (w	vith fees)			10 15	
Miss Wright (with	fees)			6 9	7
Miss Renton				16	7
Miss K. Hall (fees)				1 16	5
Miss Guille (with for	ees)			1 10	0
Miss Milton				10	1
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BALANCE SHEET, June 30th, 1912.

ORGANISER'S SALARY FUND.

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EXPENDITURE. By Salary, July to December, 1912 January of June, 1912 Balance	£11	Expenditure.	Postage	
£ s. d.	£116 12 6	£ s. d.	6 9 3 5 1 1 18 1 1 7 1 0 0	£4 14 3
From March, 1911 to date, Subscriptions and Donations		Receipts.	Sale Sundry Articles Federation Reports Agendas Member's Cards Badges Scattered Member's Subscriptions Collection From General Fund	
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Signed, MARGARET O'SHEA, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, C. M. GUILLE.

BALANCE SHEET, June 30th, 1912.

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EXPENDITURE.	Organisers' expenses, including Salary and Fees	Expense of Meetings not defrayed by Organisers	Speakers' Travelling Expenses	Advertising and Billposting	Stationery	Petty Cash	:	Expenses incurred by Hon. Press	:	Refunding Subscriptions to Local	Branches	Literature	Miss Drew for Designing Members Card	Organiser's Journals	Minutes of Executive Meetings	Agendas	Balance	
£ s. d.	101	21 14 7	2 15 6															£288 16 3
RECEIPTS.	Balance on June 30th, 1911 By Fees	Collections at Meetings	Moneys refunded															

Signed, MARGARET O'SHEA, Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, C. M. GUILLE.

MONEYS RAISED BY S. S. H. SOCIETIES . FOR PERIOD GIVEN IN LIST.

NAME.	AMOUNT.	PERIOD
Haslemere	£ s. d.	Jan 1911, to Jan 1912.
Leith Hill	47 19 0	ditto.
Eastbourne	30 11 7	ditto.
Brighton	162 11 4	ditto.
Fleet	10 5 0	ditto.
Godalming	$ 65 7 6\frac{1}{4}$	ditto.
Redhill & Reigate	108 8 0	ditto.
Horley .	6 1 8	ditto.
Central Sussex	50 9 9	ditto.
Camberley	43 17 4	ditto.
Croydon	53 5 11	ditto.
Winchester	$30 \ 13 \ 4\frac{1}{2}$	ditto.
Woking		ditto.
Weybridge	33 16 5	ditto.
Guildford	62 14 2	July 1911, to June 1912.
Farnham	29 11 11	ditto.
New Forest	$$ 38 17 $7\frac{1}{2}$	ditto.
Rotherfield	1 7 10 4	June 1911, to June 1912.
Portsmouth	91 16 $1\frac{3}{4}$	Sept. 1910, to Sept. 1911.
Eastleigh	8 7 9	Sept. 1911, to July 1912.
Shanklin	11 2 9	Oct. 1911, to July 1912.
Basingstoke	7 8 3	ditto.
Purley	24 10 8	Dec. 1911, to July 1912.
Aldershot	5 17 0	Feb. 19I2, to July 1912.
Oxted & Limpsfield		Feb. 1911, to Feb. 1912.
Church Crookham	200°	1911 to 1912.
Southampton	30 3 3	May 1911, to May 1912.
Bexhill	23 3 1	ditto.
Worthing	94 1 4	Mar. 1911, to Mar. 1912.
Hastings & St. Leon		April 1911, to April 1912.
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MONEYS RAISED BY HON. PRESS SECRETARY.

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and Literature	1 12 6	Oct. to Dec. 1911.

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