NATIONAL UNION OF

Women's Suffrage Societies.



Oxon, Berks, & Bucks Federation

(including Bedfordshire, West Herts, and South Northants Societies).

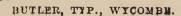


THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT.

1913-14.

PAMPHLET



OFFICERS (Elected Oct. 21st, 1914).

President MRS. F. J. K. CROSS, Aston Tirrold Manor, Wallingford. Hon. Treasurer Mrs. Berney, Ulverscroft, High Wycombe. Hon. Secretary Miss C. C. Lyon, Ashcroft, Prestwood,

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Vice-Chairman of Committee, Mrs. Haverfield,

Winshields, Headington Hill, Oxford.

Great Missenden.

Press Secretary Miss C. Lewis, 13, Rawlinson Road, Oxford.

Common Cause Correspondent MISS HARTOPP NASH, and Friends of Women's Suffrage Secretary

Eastcote, Slough.

Organisation Sub-Committee.

THE PRESIDENT, THE CHAIRMAN, THE HON. TREASURER,

THE HON. SECRETARY,

MISS DUNNELL,

MISS HILDA JONES,

THE HEAD ORGANISER.



- 1.—The Title of the Federation shall be the "Oxon, Berks, and Bucks Federation," and its area shall be the Counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Bedfordshire, the Western Division of Hertfordshire, and the Southern Division of Northamptonshire.
- 2.—The Federation shall be governed by a Committee, consisting of:
 - (a) The Officers: President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary.
 - (b) Two Representatives for each Society of over 60 members, and one Representative for each Society of 60 members or under. Each Society shall elect its Representatives annually, but shall be entitled to send substitutes.
 - (c) One Representative of the N.U. Executive.
 - (d) Any member of the N.U. Executive, who may reside within the Federation area and be willing to serve.

(Only Members in Classes a and b shall have power to vote).

- 3.—The Committee shall meet at least twice a quarter, and shall appoint its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman; these appointments to be made for a year by the Committee from their own number at their first meeting after the Annual Meeting.
- 4.—Notice of the time, date, and place of each Committee Meeting shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary of each Society, and the Members of the Federation Committee, at least three weeks before the Meeting. Notice of business to be transacted at a meeting must be sent by the Hon. Secretaries of Societies to the Hon. Secretary of the Federation 14 days before the meeting. The Hon. Secretary of the Federation shall send the Agenda to the Members of the Committee 7 days before the Meeting.
- 5.—A Report of the proceedings of Committee shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary of each Society within ten days after the Meeting.
- 6.—The Officers and Chairman of Committee shall be ex officio members of all Sub-Committees.
- 7.—A General Meeting of the Federation shall be held annually to elect, by ballot, the Officers, a Press Secretary, a "Common Cause" Secretary, and a F.W.S. Secretary; to receive and adopt, if approved, the Report and Balance Sheet for the year; to make any necessary alterations in the Rules; and transact any other

business. Each candidate for election shall be nominated by two Societies.

- 8.—In case of vacancy of any office during the year, the Committee shall appoint a new Officer or Secretary to carry on the work until the next Annual Meeting.
- 9.—The Societies shall be represented at the Annual Meeting as follows:—

Societies with 20-50 members, 1 representative. Societies with 50-100 members, 2 representatives.

Societies with 100-150 members, 3 representatives, and so on.

- 10.—Notice of the time, date, and place of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to the Secretaries of Societies at least 30 days before the Meeting. Resolutions to be placed on the Agenda, and nominations for Officers must reach the Federation Secretary 21 days before the Meeting. The Agenda shall reach Secretaries of Societies 10 days before the Meeting.
 - 11.—A Special General Meeting shall be called:—
 - (a) At the discretion of the Officers;
 - (b) or within 14 days, at the request of not less than 10 Societies.

At least 10 days' notice of the Meeting called under (b) and of the special business to be transacted, shall be given to Secretaries of Societies.

- Only the special business for which the meeting has been summoned under (a) or (b) shall be taken, unless urgency be voted.
- 12.—That the affiliation fee to be paid by each Society to the Federation be 1s. in the £ of subscribed income, but that the minimum fee be 10s. a year. The fee for the first year of a Society's existence shall be 5s.
- 13.—That the expenses of the Organiser, including her railway fare within the Federation, to the Society she visits, and a weekly allowance of 1s. for bicycle repairs, shall be paid by that Society.
- 14.—No alteration shall be made in the rules, except at the Annual General Meeting.



ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year 1913-14.

The Report that follows is not complete without a preface—it is just an account of work done during the year, and needs some further introduction to express all that the Committee would wish to say.

The Federation has grown greatly during the past year, the number of Societies in it has increased, and the Societies themselves have added many members; but no year can go by without loss as well as gain, and this year has been a hard one.

Mr. Dunnell's death deprived the Federation of a very staunch friend and helper; his wonderful enthusiasm for Woman Suffrage will be needed and missed by all who knew him personally; his faith was a strong tower.

Our other losses are others' gain. Both Mrs. Robie Uniacke and Miss Violet Eustace are sure to work for Woman Suffrage in whatever county they live, but this Federation will much miss their interest and great power of work.

It is difficult to praise sufficiently the work of the Organisers. The Federation owes them a great debt of thanks, especially the Head Organiser, who has worked for it all the year.

REPORT.

During the past year the work of the Societies has been mainly preparatory to the next General Election, and has aimed chiefly at rousing public opinion to a demand for a Government measure for Women's Suffrage, and at securing an expression of this demand from the general public and from Trade Unions and other organisations. The reports received from Societies shew a steady increase in membership during the year.

NEW SOCIETIES have been formed at Newbury, Hungerford, Slough, and Dunstable and Houghton Regis; the lapsed Society at Leighton Buzzard has been reconstituted, and the Windsor and Eton Society, formerly a Branch of the London Society, has been transferred to this Federation. It has, unfortunately, proved impossible to re-form the Buckingham Society, which had lapsed owing to the lack of a Secretary, but twenty-two members are enrolled as subscribers to the Federation, and one of these has undertaken to collect the subscriptions. It is hoped that the Society recently formed at Wolverton will shortly affiliate, so that the N.U. will not remain unrepresented by a Society in the N. Bucks constituency.

The Federation now comprises 29 Societies.

POLITICAL WORK.—(i), Bye-elections took place at Reading in Nov., 1913, and in S. Bucks in Feb., 1914. In both cases the N.U. carried on a propaganda campaign only, as none of the candidates satisfied the conditions upon which support could be given, though all, except Mr. Du Pre, the successful Unionist candidate for S. Bucks, declared themselves in favour of Women's Suffrage. The latter, in reply to a deputation, stated that he had some sympathy with the claims of the Suffragists, particularly as regards householders, but was not yet convinced; he promised to study the question, and to make up his mind before the next General Election. Captain Wilson (Unionist), who was returned for Reading, expressed himself as favourable to the extension of the Parliamentary vote to women municipal voters, and promised to urge the introduction of such a measure upon his party, and to support it in Parliament if opportunity offered.

Committee-rooms were opened in Reading, and in S. Bucks at High Wycombe and Slough, and public meetings, indoor and out, were held on an average twice daily throughout the constituencies. The meetings were always orderly, with one or two exceptions, and the resolution asking for a Government measure for Women's Suffrage was almost invariably carried with hardly any dissentients. About 400 friends' cards were signed during the campaign in Reading, 800 in S. Bucks. The work at Slough, for which Mrs. Robie Uniacke was responsible, resulted in the formation of a new Society. Sincere thanks are due to the numerous speakers and workers who rallied to both constituencies from the local and neighbouring Societies, and elsewhere; and also to the many members who generously provided hospitality for the Organisers and other workers.

- (ii).—Two Deputations were arranged by the Oxford Society—one to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and one to Mr. Herbert Higgins, prospective Liberal Candidate for Mid-Oxon.
- (iii).—MEMORIALS were presented to the Hon. Eustace Fiennes, Liberal M.P., and Mr. Brassey, prospective Unionist candidate for N. Oxfordshire, the signatures being collected in Banbury, Charlbury, and Chipping Norton. The results obtained in Chipping Norton were particularly satisfactory, signatures being secured from 46 representative electors out of 61 seen.
- (iv).—RESOLUTIONS in favour of Women's Suffrage have been passed by the following Trade Unions and other Organisations—fifty-four in number:—Aylesbury (5):—

Amalgamated Society of Engineers.
British Amalgamated Union of Basketmakers.*
Trades and Labour Council.

Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen. National Union of Railwaymen.

Bletchley (1):—
National Union of Railwaymen.*

Didcot (1):—
National Union of Railwaymen.

Luton (4):—
Trades and Labour Council.
Steam Engine Makers' Society.
Union of Scientific Instrument Makers.
Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen, and Clerks.

Oxford (12):—
National Union of Railwaymen.
Society of Operative Stonemasons.*
Printers' Union.*
Builders' Union.*

Society of Printers' Warehousemen and Cutters.*
Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.
Amalgamated Society of Engineers.
National Association of Operative Plasterers.

Federated Society of Electrotypers and Stereotypers.
Building Trades' Federation.
Trades and Labour Council.*

I.L.P. Club.

Reading (13):—
United Builders' and Labourers' Union.*
Coachbuilders' Union.
National Amalgamated Society of Furnishing Trades.
Trades and Labour Council.
National Union of Railwaymen.*
Amalgamated Society of Lithographical Printers.*
Woodworking Machinists' Union.
Railwaymen United.
National Association of Operative Plasterers.
Operative Bricklayers' Society.
National Union of Teachers.
Gas and General Workers' Union.
Steam Engine Makers' Union.

Watford (12):—
General Union of Carpenters and Joiners.
West Herts United Builders' Labourers' Union.*
Railway Clerks' Association.*
Amalgamated Society of Engineers.
Union of Operative Bricklayers.
Labour Church.*

West Herts Typographical Association.*

Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.

Trades and Labour Council.*

National Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen, and Clerks.*

I.L.P.*

National Union of Clerks.*

Windsor (2):

National Union of Railwaymen. Carpenters' and Joiners' Union.

Wokingham (1):—

National Union of Railwaymen.*

Wolverton (2):—

Trades and Labour Council.*

National Union of Railwaymen, No. 2 Branch.*

High Wycombe (1):—

National Union of Railwaymen.*

The work among Trade Unions has been distinctly encouraging, the resolution being rejected on very few occasions, and scarcely ever when a speaker attended.

The Organisations marked with an asterisk in the above list sent delegates to the Demonstration held in the Albert Hall on Feb. 14th. Also the following:—

Banburyl. National Union of Railwaymen.

Bedford.—National Union of Railwaymen.

Biggleswade.—Council Teachers' Association.

Maidenhead.—National Union of Railwaymen.

Oxford.—Ruskin College.

Reading.—Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.

Watford.—Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.

Watford and West Herts Amalgamated Society of Lithographic Artists and Engravers.

West Herts Amalgamated Union of Co-operative Employees.

ORGANISERS.—Miss Mason remained in the Federation as N.U. Organiser till July 16th, and then became Federation Organiser. Miss Anson Barraud, who began work with Miss Mason as Organiser in training at the Reading Bye-election, in October, was appointed by the N.U. to succeed Miss Elias as Assistant Organiser in January. Miss Ashton Jones acted as Assistant Organiser during the bye-election in South Bucks, when Mrs. Earp and Mrs. Whalley also spent some weeks in the constituency, and

Miss Power and Miss Scott were Organisers in training. Miss Payne was in training at the Reading Bye-election, Miss Rochfort during work in North Bucks. Miss Gill continued her work in the Oxford Society till October.

The Organisers have visited most of the Societies in the course of the year, and have also worked at Newbury, Hungerford, and Wolverton (new Societies formed), Buckingham, Bletchley, Chipping Norton, Didcot, Faringdon, King's Langley and District, Newport Pagnell, Peppard, Twyford, and Wargrave.

ACTIVE SERVICE LEAGUE.—A cycling tour was arranged for the month of August, under the leadership of Miss C. C. Lyon (Section Leader) and Miss Mason, but had to be abandoned owing to the outbreak of the War. The village campaign planned by the Banbury Society was also of necessity abandoned, but the Oxford Society had carried through their campaign in the district round Burford, and Mid Bucks Society their Caravan tour, before the War began.

THE WAR.—Immediately after the outbreak of the War, the Organisation Sub-Committee met and passed the following resolutions:—

- 1.—"That the Active Service League Tour be abandoned, and that no arrangements be made for Suffrage work as such at present."
- 2.—"That with the approval of the N.U. Executive, the Societies of the Federation be asked to use their Organisations in co-operation with agencies undertaking the relief of distress, and that the funds of the Societies and of the Federation be used for the expenses of the Organisers employed in connection with this work."
- 3.—"That the N.U. Executive be strongly urged to initiate work on these lines, and to recommend it to the N.U. as a whole."

As members are aware, the N.U. has suspended all political work for the present, and is using its organisation for the relief of distress. Reports from Societies in this Federation shew that their members are everywhere engaged in different kinds of active work connected with the War, and are well represented on the various Relief Committees. Reports of special efforts have been received from the following Societies:—

Ascot.—Working Parties. £8 contributed to Queen Mary's fund for supplying clothes and other necessaries for hospitals, etc.

Bedford.—Working Parties.

Mid Bucks.—500lbs. of jam made for local Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospitals, etc.

King's Sutton.—Weekly contribution of about 12s. to Red Cross. West Herts.—Special Relief Fund raised.

Pangbourne.—Clothes supplied for Reading Day Nursery (made by unemployed women and girls).

Reading.—Day Nursery opened.

Woburn Sands.—Working Parties.

High Wycombe.—£280 raised by Belgian Badge Day, to be spent on running a Workroom for unemployed women and girls, to make clothes for Belgian Refugees.

Belgian Refugee House opened by Joint Committee appointed from the Town and from the Society.

Maidenhead.—Belgian Badge Day—£301 18s. 8d. for Repatriation Fund.

Slough.—Ditto, £341 15s. 5d. sent to Belgian Minister.

The Head Organiser has been employed at Bedford in organising a Workroom and Ambulance Classes, under the Centres for Working Girls' Committee, for which she acted as Hon. Secretary. She is now working in High Wycombe as Organiser to the Belgian Workroom Committee, and also to the Women's Employment Sub-Committee of the Mayor's Relief Committee. The Assistant Organiser is working at the Reading Day Nursery and is Secretary protem. of the Suffrage Society.

"Common Cause" Report, Oct. 21st, 1914.

Our work in connection with the "Common Cause" was rather brought to a standstill three months ago, owing to the outbreak of War, and the occasion was made especially difficult by the absence of the Editor. The regular monthly reports from the Federations were discontinued, and the Societies were invited to send their own reports of work straight to the "Common Cause" Office. Miss Royden has now resumed the Editorship, and writes to say that a fresh scheme of monthly reports has been started, as, owing to the present great restriction of space, only those containing fresh ideas, or hints likely to be useful to others, can be printed in detail. Summaries of other work, under different headings, will be published from time to time, to show the amount of activity in the Federation. The times for forwarding reports to the "Common Cause" Correspondent have been slightly altered, but in the course of a few days the list of dates when these should be sent in will be issued to the Societies.

Owing to the almost total cessation of meetings, one way of advertising the "Common Cause" has practically disappeared, but, on the other hand, it can be brought to the notice of those doing Relief Work as a valuable source of information.

O. HARTOPP NASH.

F.W.S. Report, Oct. 21st, 1914.

This scheme has been adopted by 25 Societies in the Federation, and the total number of "Friends" is now 4,084, as against 2,325 at this time last year. There are still several Societies which have no F.W.S. Secretary, and but few visitors—the total number of visitors in the Federation is only 125, and these are very unevenly distributed—and Societies are urged to try to appoint an F.W.S. Secretary, and to get more visitors, as a good visitor has unrivalled opportunities for making new members.

Notice has been received from Headquarters that in future returns are to be made half-yearly, in January and June, instead of

quarterly.

O. HARTOPP NASH.

Press Report.

Until August, a weekly dispatch from the Head Office was distributed among the seventeen Press Secretaries working in the Federation. Since then occasional notes have been circulated dealing with the present relief work of the National Union, etc. With regard to the 33 local papers, with which we deal, three give a weekly column. Out of the remaining 30 papers—4 will insert anything, 4 insert unwillingly, and need pushing, 1 refuses, and the rest will insert local news, advertise, and report meetings. Out of these, the three Reading papers are the most useful, "The Observer "giving a weekly column, "The Mercury" weekly notes, and "The Standard" being very favourable. The Federation very much regrets the resignation of Miss Violet Eustace, who was Secretary for both Reading and Wokingham, and to whom it owes the success of the Press Work in that district. Miss A. Powell has consented to be Press Secretary for Wokingham, and Miss M. Jones for Reading. Also Miss Fox has resigned the Secretaryship for Crowthorne, and Miss F. Hamilton Ramsay is serving in her place.

Treasurer's Report.

I am again able to report a satisfactory balance in hand of £156 10s. 9d.

AFFILIATION FEES.—Twenty-six Societies have paid affiliation fees, amounting to £17 2s. 1d.

HEAD ORGANISER'S FUND.—This Fund at present amounts to £89 19s. 6d. Another £10 0s. 6d. has been promised, which will

bring it to £100. Subscriptions to it so far have been received from Miss Bradford, Miss Courtauld, Mrs. Cross, and Miss Dunnell, and from the Ascot, Dunstable, High Wycombe, Kings Sutton, Luton, Pangbourne, Reading, and West Herts Societies. More subscriptions are needed to bring it to £120.

ACTIVE SERVICE LEAGUE.—Donations to this Fund, amounting to £6 2s., were sent by the Pangbourne, Reading, and High Wycombe Societies. Some small sums were spent on the preliminary arrangements for the A.S.L. campaign, arranged for August. It is proposed to transfer the balance to the Head Organiser's Fund.

BANNER.—This Fund amounts to £12 12s. 2d. Donations to it have been received from Mrs. Berney, Miss K. Courtauld, Miss Mason, and Miss L. C. Jones. Rather more is required to pay for the Banner, which is still in hand.

GENERAL FUND.—A few donations to the Pilgrimage Fund were received after the accounts were audited last year, from Mrs. Uniacke and Crowthorne W.S.S. Other donations have been sent by Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild, and Miss Waterhouse. To this are added collections at Meetings from Beaconsfield, Newbury, and Iver.

With regard to the debit side of our expenses, a donation of £60 was sent to Headquarters towards the Head Organiser's salary before she was appointed Federation Organiser. Delegates' expenses to the Provincial Council were paid, and Speakers' expenses when touring in the Federation (some of these have been refunded by Societies). Grants have been made to Societies and for breaking new ground. Part of the Banner has been paid for, and the usual expenses in connection with stamps, stationery, literature, printing, and auditor's fees have been met.

Under present circumstances, it is to be feared that it will be some time before we can do any direct propaganda work, but we shall, in any case, start our fourth year in a sound financial position.

EDITH BERNEY, Hon. Treasurer.



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REPORTS, 1913-1914-						
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EXPENDITURE.

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I have examined the above Accounts with the book and vouchers, and certify the same to be correct.

A. F. DOLLMAN, Auditor, Capital and Counties Bank, High Wycombe.

ASCOT.

Formed May, 1912.

Chairman—Miss Violet Eustace.
Hon. Secretary—Miss Violet Hanbury.

Number of Members, 125. Increase during year, 60.

Meetings.—Public (including Educational Campaign), 5; garden and Drawing Room, 2. Friends, 3. Jumble Sales, 2.

Receipts £51 11 4 Expenditure £37 8 11

M.P., Mr. Ernest Gardner (U.)

BANBURY.

Formed March, 1911.

President—Lady Willoughby de Broke. Chairman—Mrs. Braithwaite.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. Penrose.

Number of Members, 132. Increase during year, 4. Number of Friends, 111.

Meetings.—Educational Campaign, 4.

M.Ps., Hon. Eustace Fiennes (L.) Hon. A. E. Fitzroy (U.)

Press.—"Banbury Guardian," "Banbury Advertiser." Both favourable.

BEACONSFIELD and DISTRICT.

Formed 1911. Affiliated 1913.

Chairman—Mrs. Commeline.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. Snow.

Pro tem.—Mrs. Dixon Davies.

Number of Members, 82. Increase during the year, 15. Meetings.—Public, 4; drawing-room, etc., 21.

M.P., Mr. W. Baring Du Pre (U.)

Receipts £29 6 8Expenditure ... $£21 5 5\frac{1}{2}$

BEDFORD.

Formed 1910. Joined Federation 1912.

President—Mrs. Rowland Prothero.

Chairman—Miss Amy Walmsley.

Hon. Secretary—Miss Stacy.

Number of Members, 293 (including 41 Associates). Number of Friends, 177.

Meetings.—Public, 2; members', 2; Garden Fête; Weekly Sewing Parties, etc.

M.P., Mr. Kellaway (L.)

BERKHAMSTED.

Formed 1911.

Chairman of Committee—Mrs. Cohen. Hon. Secretary—Mrs. Stevenson.

Number of Members, 77. Friends, 15.

Meetings.—Public, 4; drawing-room, 1.

Receipts ... $\pounds 17 \ 12 \ 5$ Expenditure ... $\pounds 16 \ 15 \ 11\frac{1}{2}$

M.P., Mr. Arnold Ward (U.)

NORTH BERKSHIRE.

Formed 1910.

Chairman—Mrs. F. J. K. Cross. Hon. Secretary—Miss Nora Marshall.

Number of Members, 176. Number of Friends, 48.

Meetings.—Public, 3 (Faringdon and Didcot); open-air, 2 (Didcot).

Receipts £28 8 0 Expenditure £27 11 $6\frac{1}{2}$

M.P., Major Henderson (U.)

BIGGLESWADE AND DISTRICT.

No Report received.

BRACKNELL.

Formed 1912.

Chairman—Mrs. Robie Uniacke.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Bradford.

Public Meetings, 2.

Receipts \dots \dots \dots £13 5 11 Expenditure \dots \dots £13 9 6

MID BUCKS.

Formed January 1910.

President—The Lady Frances Balfour.

Chairman of Committee—Mrs. Sichel.

Hon. Secretary—Miss Courtauld.

Number of Members, 177. Increase during year, 68.

Number of Friends, 218.

Meetings, 18. Lectures, 7.

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M.P., Mr. Lionel De Rothschild (U.)

CROWTHORNE.

Formed March, 1910.

Chairman—Mrs. Robie Uniacke. Hon. Secretary—Miss Fox.

Number of Members, 65.

Public Meetings and Lectures, 7.

Receipts £20 8 9 Expenditure £18 7 3

DORCHESTER and DISTRICT.

No Report received.

DUNSTABLE and HOUGHTON REGIS.

Formed January, 1914.

President—Mrs. Lathbury. Hon. Secretary—Mrs. C. K. Garrett.

Number of Members, 56.

Meetings.—Public, 1; drawing-room, several.

GERRARDS CROSS.

Formed 1914.

President—Miss Stevenson.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. Barnard Davis.

Number of Members, 54.

Meetings.—Public, 1; open-air, 1; drawing-room, 3.

HENLEY and DISTRICT.

No Report received.

WEST HERTS.

Formed 1909.

Chairman of Committee—Dr. Mary Spence. Hon. Secretary—Miss F. M. Grace Bradford.

Meetings.—Public, 3; drawing-room, 5. Fortnightly Members' Meetings; open air Meetings.

Receipts $\pounds 50$ 1 5 Expenditure $\pounds 47$ 2 8

M.P., Mr. Arnold Ward (U.)

HIGH WYCOMBE and DISTRICT.

No Report received.

Receipts $\pounds 103 \ 13 \ 2\frac{1}{2}$ Expenditure ... $\pounds 101 \ 3 \ 2\frac{1}{2}$

HUNGERFORD.

Formed 1914.

Chairman—Mrs. Burmester. Hon. Secretary—Miss Davis.

Number of Members, 37. Number of Friends, 70. Meetings.—Public, 1.

KING'S SUTTON.

President—Mrs. E. Browne.

Hon. Secretaries—Miss Browne and Miss Harman.

Number of Members, 62. Number of Friends, 28.

Meetings.—Public, 1. Other Meetings, 3.

Receipts £12 5 $7\frac{1}{2}$ Expenditure £10 4 3

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

No Report received.

LUTON and DISTRICT.

Formed August, 1911. Joined Federation May, 1912. Hon. Secretary—Mrs. Chalkley.

Meetings, 7; in addition to several addressed by the Federation Head Organiser.

MAIDENHEAD.

Formed November, 1911.

Chairman—Mrs. Arthur Schuster. Hon. Secretary—Miss Duncan.

Number of Members, 120. Increase during year, 20. Number of Friends, 242. Increase during year, 69.

Meetings.—Public, 2; drawing-room, 4.

Receipts £40 10 7 Expenditure £30 13 3

M.P., Mr. Ernest Gardner (U.)

Press.—" Maidenhead Advertiser." Favourable.

NEWBURY.

Formed October, 1913.

Chairman—Miss Henry.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. Sharwood Smith.

Number of Members, 40. Number of Friends, 88.

Meetings.—Public, 1.

Receipts $\pounds 8$ 13 $4\frac{1}{2}$ Expenditure $\pounds 8$ 3 6

M.P., Mr. Mount (U.)

OXFORD.

Hon. Secretaries—Mrs. Geldart and Miss Eden Lewis.

Number of Members, 494. Number of Friends, 220.

Meetings.—Public, 4; open-air, 2; garden or drawing-room, 7; members', 4.

Receipts £349 0 9 Expenditure £381 7 10

M.P., Lord Valentia (U.)

PANGBOURNE.

Formed October, 1911.

Chairman—Miss H. C. Jones.

Hon. Secretary—Miss Margaret Jones.

Number of Members, 67. Number of Friends, 126.

Meetings (June, 1913—Sept., 1914).—Public, 2; open-air, 1; other meetings, 3; addresses to other Societies, 2.

Receipts (to May 31, 1914) ... £51 18 1 Expenditure £43 9 0

M.P., Mr. W. A. Mount (U.)

READING.

Formed March, 1907.

President—Councillor Edith Sutton.

Chairman of Committee—Miss Ashcroft.

Hon. Secretary—Miss Hilda Jones.

Number of Members, 211. Increase during year, 18. Number of Friends, 809.

Meetings (exclusive of Bye-election).—Public, 2; garden, 2; Speakers sent to other organisations, 5.

 Receipts
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 $\pounds 73$ 11
 $9\frac{1}{2}$

 Expenditure
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 $\pounds 63$ 3
 $8\frac{1}{2}$

M.P., Captain Leslie Wilson (U.)

SLOUGH.

Formed February, 1914.

Chairman—Mrs. Cyril Battock.
Hon. Secretary—Miss Hartopp Nash.

Number of Members, 46.

Meetings.—Public, 2; drawing-room, 2; also members' meetings.

M.P., Mr. Baring Du Pre (U).

WINDSOR and ETON.

No Report received.

WOBURN SANDS and ASPLEY GUISE.

Formed November, 1907.

Hon. Secretary-Miss Woods.

Number of Members, 29. Number of friends, 28.

Meetings, 4 (members).

M.P., Mr. Harmsworth (L.)

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Hon, Treasurer:
MRS, R. H. BERNEY,
ULVERSCROFT,
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With the Hon. Secretarys Compliments.

WOKINGHAM.

Formed April, 1912.

Chairman—Miss Churchill.

Hon. Secretary—Miss Sturges (pro tem.)

Number of Members, 107. Increase during year, 30.

Number of Friends, 371. Increase during year, 165.

Meetings.—Public, 4 (including Twyford and Wargrave); drawing-room and garden, 3; members and friends, 2; Lectures, 2

 Receipts
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 £31
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 Expenditure
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