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**OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

- 1.—To promote the extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to all qualified women on the same terms as men.
- 2.—To promote the registration of all qualified women electors under the Local Government Act.
- 3.—To promote the election of suitable women as Poor Law Guardians, and Rural, Urban, Borough, and County Councillors.
- 4.—To promote the appointment of women as School and Sanitary Inspectors, and to all other public offices for which they are eligible under the Local Government Act and other Statutes.
- 5.—To promote the formation of Women's Suffrage and kindred Associations in all the leading towns of Ireland.

The Association seeks to achieve these objects by means of Drawing-room and Public Meetings; Petitions to the House of Commons; Letters to our Parliamentary Representatives, to the Heads of Public Departments, and to the Press; the distribution of appropriate literature, etc.

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THE past year has been, perhaps, one of the most eventful in the history of our movement; while Suffrage activities have been subservient to the needs created by the war, the march of events has become a triumphal procession towards our long desired goal. Women's Suffrage is to-day less in evidence as an aggressive force than ever before, in times of peace women had to contest every step of the way towards emancipation; now, in the midst of war, they are quietly coming into their own, filling positions long barred to them, long believed to be beyond their capabilities, and have taught the nation, and are surely teaching the Government, under a Suffragist Premier, what Suffragists have always known—the equality and interdependence of men and women. “Peaceful Penetration” has carried them far, it remains to safeguard their position; more than ever women *need* the vote; they are being called to fill the places of absent men, not only as heads of households, but in every department of life, without the constitutional safeguards which are the heritage of every Briton.

The question of the extension of the Franchise under a new Register, made it necessary for your Committee to reiterate its adherence to its principles, as it was felt that a Register, including a number of new men voters, would intensify the injustice and anomaly of the exclusion of all women. Therefore the following resolution was proposed and carried:—  
“That this Committee reaffirms its adherence to its chief aim, namely to obtain the Parliamentary Vote for women as it is, or may be, granted to men, and believes that now, more than ever, the claim of women to citizenship is abundantly justified, and this Committee therefore urges upon the Government the necessity for including women in any scheme formulated for the future Government of Ireland.” This resolution was sent to the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary, our Irish Members, and the principal Dublin papers.

The National Union of Women Workers decided to hold a Council Meeting in 1916, and not the usual Conference. Our delegates, Miss Buchanan, P.L.G., and Lady Dockrell, U.D.C., found it impossible to attend. Amongst the subjects for discussion, “Patrols and Policewomen” held a large place. It is a matter for sincere congratulation that the authorities have legalised the payment of Policewomen from Police funds, and it is to be hoped that at no distant date Women Police will be an accepted fact in the British Isles. The Women Patrols in Dublin have splendidly justified their existence, and the opening of a Girls’



Recreation Room in Middle Abbey Street will be of great help in the furtherance of their work. There is still a great demand for workers and for money.

In accordance with our policy—that of promoting the appointment of qualified women on Public Boards, etc., the following memorial was sent to the Commissioners of the National Board of Education:—"Understanding that there is at present a vacancy upon your Board, we, on behalf of the Irish Women's Suffrage and Local Government Association, desire to express our strong conviction that as a matter both of principle and expediency, it is desirable that there should be at least one well qualified woman upon the membership of all Boards which have the control of the education of our girls in Ireland."

Death has once more thinned our ranks, and your Committee suffers a great loss in the death of Mrs. Maurice Brooks. She was for forty years a member of your Committee, and a generous subscriber. The first Suffrage Drawingroom Meeting ever held in Dublin took place in her house. In Miss Hilles the Committee loses one of its oldest members. She joined the Association in 1887, and was a staunch adherent, and warm and generous supporter of all efforts to advance the cause of women.

The following world-wide Suffragist news is taken from the pages of "The International Women Suffrage News" (Jus Suffragii):—

**AMERICA.**—The event of the last month of 1916 was the Presidential Election. About *four million* women are said to have recorded their votes. One result of the elections has been the election of a woman to Congress, for the first time in American history. The State of Montana has elected Miss Jeanette Rankin, (who is an active Suffragist), to the House of Representatives. For the first time all political parties, and both Presidential candidates, had Women Suffrage in their programme.

**HOLLAND.**—The Government proposes to amend the Constitution, so as to merely remove the existing obstacle to Women's Enfranchisement, and thus enable a measure of Women's Suffrage to be introduced at some future time. The only party which accepts the principles of Women's Suffrage in its programme is the Social Democratic, but it has thrown the women overboard, assuring the Government that it would support the Government's limited measure sooner than jeopardise more votes for men!

**DENMARK** enfranchised its women in 1915, and called upon all men and women of twenty-nine years of age to vote in a referendum in December, 1916, on the proposed sale of the Danish West Indies. In order that voters might have material on which to form an intelligent judgment, the Government sent out to all voters (over a million) a copy of the Report of the West Indian Commission.



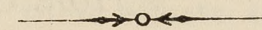
**AUSTRALIA** has taken a referendum of all its men and women voters on the question of Conscription, and has rejected it by a majority of 61,000.

**RUSSIA.**—Women in Russia are gradually coming into their own. The Imperial Bank employs women by preference, and in the department dealing with the Cutting of Coupons, women are employed exclusively; the head of the department is also a woman. Women are largely employed at the War Office, at the Ministries of the Interior, Agriculture, Education, Means of Communication, and at the Chancellories of the Imperial Court. But, although giving general satisfaction, the law directs that women, as a rule, are not to be promoted to the higher and better paid posts in the Government service.

**CANADA.**—Since Sir Wilfred Laurier went over to the Suffrage side another convert has been added to the cause—Sir George Foster, M.P., who has declared himself for Women Suffrage, and says:—"There is no doubt that a few years will see the inequality of voting between the sexes in most, if not all, British countries done away with, and a new impetus given, especially in questions of social and moral reform, to the great body of the democracy of the country."

With our Prime Minister an enthusiastic Suffragist and firm supporter of the widest form of Women's Suffrage, and with some sixteen members, including

several members of the Cabinet, holding his views, we can end on a note of hope, if not of confidence. An Imperial Conference is to be summoned, so that our Dominions may be consulted as to what further action can be taken to achieve an early and complete triumph for the ideals they share with us. These free sons of free mothers will speak for the women as well as for the men of the countries they represent; is it possible there will still be found anyone to deny to the women of the British Isles, on whom has fallen so heavy a share of the burden of work and sacrifice, the right to share in the deliberation of their rulers?



#### REPORT FROM CORK BRANCH.

As war still rages, Woman Suffrage work is more or less at a standstill.

On June 20th, 1916, we sent to the R.S.P.C.A. 240 bandages for the horses in the Veterinary Hospitals in France, and we had a letter of acknowledgment and grateful thanks for our "splendid contribution" from Sir Montague Fowler, Bart., Hon. Sec. of the Fund for Sick and Wounded Horses, London. He said they were specially welcome at that time, as they were very badly in need of large quantities in France.

On October 10th, 1916, we sent out a resolution to the effect that we still adhered to our chief aim—to obtain the Parliamentary Vote for women, "on the same terms as it is, or may be, granted to men;" and



urged that women might be included in any scheme formulated for the future government of Ireland. This resolution was sent to the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary, and to the Members of Parliament for the County and City of Cork.

Women are helping to save our Empire; consequently we are keeping our forces together, so that when the fitting time comes, our voices may be heard and our claims reiterated. Parliamentary representation without women is not only inadequate and incomplete, but a misnomer.

(MRS.) ELIZABETH CHRISTIE,  
*Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*

#### REPORT FROM LIMERICK BRANCH.

From the material, or rather lack of it, at our disposal, we are hard put to it to make out a Report. We held our Annual General Meeting on November 8th. In addition to the ordinary routine business, we passed a resolution urging upon the Government the claim of women to citizenship, and asking that they be included in any scheme formulated for the future government of Ireland. At this meeting we also voted £15 from our funds to the following War charities (£5 to each):—The Limerick War Supply Depôt; The Limerick Belgian Relief Committee, and Lady Shaw's Fund for supplying Comforts to R. M. F. Prisoners of War.

MABEL M. DODDS, B.A. } *Hon.*  
EVERINA S. I. MASSY, M.B. } *Secs.*

Since going to press a calamity has befallen the Suffrage Cause in Ireland, which has lost a champion by the death of Mr. Thomas J. Haslam, who passed away on Tuesday, 30th January, in his 92nd year. Mr. Haslam's name is associated with all that is chivalrous, elevating and inspiring in the propaganda for the intellectual and political advancement of women, and his firm belief in the justice of their demands was only equalled by his beautiful faith in women's ability to use for the good of the world those advantages he worked so hard to obtain for them. Mr. Haslam's printed words on behalf of the cause have been greatly valued, and his last pamphlet, "Some last words on Women's Suffrage," would seem to have been named with prophetic insight, it may be well to quote some passages here, as typical of his conception of Woman's Suffrage:—  
"We want our men and women to join hands, to work side by side in friendly rivalry, in their efforts to reform the world;" and again in connection with his firm conviction that some measurement of enfranchisement will follow the termination of this war—  
"but the extent and comprehension of that measure will largely depend upon the attitude and earnestness displayed by our women themselves." All Suffragists must treasure those last words, they will be an inspiration and stimulus to renewed effort to live up to the ideal of womanhood held by this veteran Suffragist, Thomas J. Haslam.

At a Committee Meeting on 22nd February, 1917, the following Resolution was proposed by Lady Dockrell, seconded by Mrs. Solomons, and passed in silence, the Committee standing:—

"That we, the members of the Committee of the Irish Women's Suffrage and Local Government Association, wish to place on record our sense of the irreparable loss we have sustained by the death of Mr. T. J. Haslam, and desire to convey to Mrs. Haslam our heartfelt sympathy.

"We wish to express our deep feeling of appreciation for his long and unwearied efforts on behalf of Women's Suffrage, and his unselfish devotion to the service of humanity."



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for 1916.

Receipts.		Expenses.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance, 1915	6 6 3	By Subscriptions to London	3 13 0
" Subscriptions, 1916	29 14 0	" Patrols	1 0 0
" Affiliation Fee—Cork	0 10 0	" "Irish Citizen"	0 10 0
" " Limerick	0 10 0	" Affiliation Fee, N. N. W. W. (Branch)	0 2 6
" Bank Interest	0 8 0	" N. N. W. S. S. Report	0 6 0
" Mr. Haslam's Paper	0 13 6	" Rent	0 16 0
" Sundry Small Subscriptions	0 10 0	" Printing	13 1 4
		" "Common Cause"	2 2 0
		" Literature	0 8 0
		" Stationery and Postage	4 9 11
		" Secretarial Expenses	12 0 0
		" Cash in hand	£38 8 9
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16th January, 1917.

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