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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

March, 1943—February, 1944.

Grateful acknowledgments are again offered to Miss M. S. Smith for her kind assistance in compiling the Annual Report.

K. E. INNES,

Hon. Secretary.

This Report is put together in an atmosphere differing from the depression of a year ago. Everywhere there is planning for the future, though we are constantly warned not to expect a speedy end to the war, and the burden of the terrible slaughter going on in so many lands becomes increasingly heavy. During the last 12 months, in the political field the Hot Springs Conference, the setting up of U.N.R.R.A. and signs of revival in the activities of the I.L.O., to go no further, have however directed our thoughts more and more to the problems of the post-war period. The day is coming when the W.I.L. will need all its strength and all its wisdom, that it may make its contribution in the organisation of a world for peace.

We present this Report in the confident hope that it will rise to its opportunities, and meet the challenge.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee has met throughout the year at 144 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1. Difficulties of travel and other war-time difficulties have still affected the attendance at Committees. In October, for the second time an extended Executive Meeting was held, attended by representatives from the following Branches:—*Acock's Green*: Mrs. E. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Adams; *Birmingham*: Miss Hicks; *Brighton*: Miss M. E. Hughes, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Pickworth; *Cambridge*: Mrs. W. Hargrave, Mrs. O. Wishart; *Croydon*: Mrs. Whitsey, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Webb; *Ditchling*: Mrs. M. H. Russell; *Farnborough*: Mrs. E. Roberts, Mrs. Sturge; *Childwall*: Mrs. M. I. Ferguson, Mrs. Tiller; *Glasgow*: Miss McAra; *Liverpool*: Mrs. Stapledon, Mrs. Foster; *Manchester*: Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Crosland; *North Wales*:

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Prichard; *Peppard and District*: Mrs. O. M. Lyons, Mrs. Cooke-Yarborough.

The meeting proved as helpful and interesting as before. Reports given by delegates showed great activity and enthusiasm in the Branches represented, which augured well for the future of the W.I.L. The Committee was reminded that the shape of the future world was being determined in war-time measures, and it must be considered how far they ought to be incorporated in a more permanent and final shaping of post-war reconstruction.

AFFILIATIONS, &c.

We are affiliated to the British Commonwealth League, the Liaison Committee of British Women's Organisations interested in Indian Affairs, and the National Peace Council. Miss Dickinson continues to serve as our representative on the Women's Advisory Council of the League of Nations Union; she represents us on the Council of the Abyssinian Association, and has attended on our behalf meetings of the Associated Country-women of the World.

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER SOCIETIES.

Mrs. McGregor Ross and Miss Dickinson represented the W.I.L. at the British Commonwealth League Conference on "Ideals of Colonial Administration." Mrs. Humble attended and reported on a meeting to consider "Equal Compensation for War Injury to Men and Women." Miss Haughton, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Duncan Harris and the Misses Harrison represented the W.I.L. at a Women's Conference called by the Women's Committee of the India League.

Miss Harrison attended a series of Lecture Conferences arranged by the International Bureau for the Suppression of Traffic in Women and Children on the "Abolition of Tolerated Prostitution."

Miss Dickinson represented the W.I.L. at a One-Day School, under the auspices of the Women's Group on Public Welfare, on Methods of Presenting International Subjects.

DIVERSE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee supported the National Peace Council resolution welcoming and supporting the Beveridge Report on Social Insurance.

The following letters were among many sent at various times during the year:—

(1) To the Chancellor of the Exchequer pressing for the immediate introduction of the scheme for family allowances, urging

that allowances should be operative from the birth of the first child, and suggesting that 5s. was inadequate either for the maintenance of a child, or as a factor in a woman's willingness to have large families.

(2) To the Rt. Hon. Sir William Jowitt, K.C., on the same lines.

(3) To the Home Secretary, pointing out the necessity in every prison for, at least, elementary cleanliness in the cleansing of lavatories, &c., adequate changes of clothing, and that in no circumstances should any person be confined in premises infected by vermin.

(4) To the Howard League for Penal Reform, expressing (1) our concern about reports of conditions in military prisons which are even worse than in civil prisons, and asking to be informed if they are concerning themselves with the need for their reform; (2) our appreciation of their work in taking advantage of this generation of "prisoners of conscience."

(5) To Mrs. Brayshaw, congratulating her on her appointment as First Woman Clerk to the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends. While realising how much work is involved, the hope was expressed that she would find time to attend some of the Committee Meetings.

A PEACE TERMS MEMORIAL.

A Peace Terms Memorial was circulated and widely signed by 91 representative women in September. The terms were as follows:

"We, the undersigned British women, convinced that our deep anxiety over the increasingly destructive character of the war is shared by countless women all over the world,

Declare ourselves in favour of an immediate effort being made by the British Government to secure THE PUBLICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS OF SUCH PEACE TERMS as might bring nearer the end of the war, by re-defining and amplifying the pledges of the Atlantic Charter to create an international order, assuring economic and social well-being, justice and peace to all peoples."

The Memorial was sent to the Prime Minister. A formal reply was received.

On March 6th, 1944, another Appeal to H.M. Government for the publication by the United Nations of their Peace Terms was made as follows:—

"With a sense of responsibility for our past share in the failure to prevent wars we, the British Section of the

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, have reviewed the situation facing the world after nearly five years of conflict.

We voice our fellowship in the suffering of all who are under the burden of war; for those who have seen their countries invaded and for those whose homes are laid waste; for all who are desolate and oppressed; for those who have lost all that is most dear to them. And we set our faces to the work of reparation and reconciliation in the years that lie ahead.

We believe that the time has come to consider the best way to call a halt to the widespread and indiscriminate destruction now going on in all parts of the world; to the ravages aggravated by modern science; to the disastrous economic consequences reacting throughout the world; to the appalling loss of human life, particularly of youth; to the destruction of so much that humanity through the centuries has laboured to build up; to the blunting of spiritual perceptions.

We believe that the mass of people in each of the countries now at war are convinced that they are fighting not as aggressors, but in self-defence and for their own national existence. Such a belief provides a basis upon which a peace might be explored.

We therefore again appeal to H.M. Government to secure the publication by the United Nations of such Peace Terms as will be the preliminary step towards the cessation of hostilities—a cessation based not on the barren formula of unconditional surrender, but on the principles of justice enunciated in the Atlantic Charter.

We urge this course in the belief that the Statesmen of the United Nations have those qualities of heart and brain which are necessary to find, if they will, the way to bring this war to an end.

We believe, too, that no appeal to human feeling can ever be entirely in vain; every time words of pity and justice become articulate they awaken echoes in the hearts and minds of humanity at large.

Even if no response were forthcoming we would desire our own country to put on record its readiness for an end to the war on terms other than unconditional surrender."

This appeal was sent to the Prime Minister; The Rt. Hon. C. R. Attlee, M.P., Deputy Prime Minister; The Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; The Rt. Hon. Sir

Stafford Cripps, Minister of Aircraft Production; The Rt. Hon. Sir Archibald Sinclair, M.P., Secretary of State for Air; The Rt. Hon. Sir James Grigg, M.P., Secretary of State for War; The Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, M.P., Secretary of State for the Home Department and Minister of Home Security; and the Press, as well as to our Branches and other Sections for local action.

RESCUE OF JEWS FROM NAZI TERROR.

Mrs. Duncan Harris first and later Miss Anderson attended meetings of the Committee for the Rescue of Jews from Nazi Terror. After a Conference at the House of Commons in May a cable was sent by this Committee to Mr. Eden, then in Washington, as follows:—

"With reference forthcoming Anglo-American Conference on massacres of Jews and others by Nazis we assure you of the fullest support of public opinion in this country for treating problem as one of extreme urgency calling for immediate and boldest measures of rescue. British conscience so deeply stirred that country prepared for any sacrifice consistent with not delaying victory. We hope that the great opportunity afforded by your visit may be used for the speedy achievement of definite results."

The cable was signed by religious leaders, members of the two Houses of Parliament, many Lord Mayors, Members of the Council of the Royal Society and other Scientific Leaders, Heads of Oxford and Cambridge Colleges, Heads of other University Bodies, Trade Union Leaders, Organisations, including the W.I.L. and many leading men and women.

Mr. Eden cabled back thanks for the cable and stated that the matter was receiving his urgent attention.

A letter was sent by the Executive to appropriate Ministers incorporating points in the 12 point programme of the National Committee for Rescue from Nazi Terror, and Branches were asked to do anything they could in the matter through their Members of Parliament.

A letter of appreciation for her untiring work for refugees was sent to Miss Rathbone.

Grants amounting to £1. 10s. 6d. were sent to the National Committee for the Rescue of Jews from Nazi Terror towards the cost of a nation-wide campaign to ensure the continuation of public sympathy and interest.

FOOD CONDITIONS IN EUROPE.

Miss Pye has given us information from time to time and has supplied material for the "News Sheet" on the work of the Famine Relief Committee. The Branches have been much concerned with the situation and have taken action pressing for at least a minimum of relief for infants and expectant mothers in Belgium. Several Branches wrote to their Local M.P.s urging them to attend a meeting at the House of Commons at which the Archbishop of Canterbury was to speak on "Food Relief in Europe." The Government has not yet seen its way to extend relief to other countries than Greece.

INDIA.

The appointment of an India and Colonies Committee that meets regularly the day before the Executive, has greatly facilitated the work done on both these important matters.

Directly after the last Council Meeting a Women's Petition to the Government was prepared urging governmental action to end the deadlock. Sponsored by our valued member, Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence, widely signed by women throughout the country, this secured attention both here and in India.

Much of our work in the Executive and Branches has been of a co-operative character in conjunction with other bodies concerned about the gravity of the Indian situation. We gave substantial help to the National Peace Council when they issued in August last a powerfully signed appeal for ending the impasse by consultation and negotiation. We helped to make the Manifesto—signed by 25 British Missionaries—known around the country, also to bring to attention the plea of Indian Christians to unite with them in making November 28th a Day of Prayer. This co-operation is also seen in regard to the tragic Famine situation that developed so acutely in the late summer; our Branches have co-operated with local organisations to make the facts of the famine known and for collecting funds for Relief. Later, before Lord and Lady Wavell left for India, we joined with other women's organisations in the direct approaches made to them to acquaint them of the deep anxiety of British women, and of their hope that their term of office would inaugurate a new era.

Contact with the Indian women (several of whose leaders we regret to say are still in detention) has improved. Owing to better mail facilities, letters and cables pass between us. The Liaison

Group (on which three of our members serve) is now getting news through of the activities of the A.I.W.C.; this is incorporated in the Bulletin edited by one of our Executive members—Miss Dickinson.

A warm invitation to attend the A.I.W.C. to be held in Bombay on April 7th was received by Miss Vera Brittain, Miss Harrison and Mrs. Lankester. Efforts have been made to secure a priority air passage—but the transport difficulties are "insuperable." This we deplore—for at no time was such a visit more needed.

A cable of warm greetings was sent to Mrs. Mehta, President of the All India Women's Conference.

The eagerly awaited statement of policy of the new Viceroy has been made; it offers no practical solution of the main issue—the ending of the political deadlock. The W.I.L. therefore is faced with a situation calling for no relaxation—but for renewed effort.

THE COLONIES.

Letters to the Secretary of State for the Colonies have been sent during the year as follows:—

(1) On 27th April, 1943, suggesting that two or three additional members with first-hand experience on Colonial life should be appointed to the Colonial Social Welfare Advisory Committee. A letter was received in reply saying that the Secretary of State for the Colonies appreciates the interest taken by the W.I.L. in the establishment of a new Committee. It is also stated that while Dr. Richards is the only member who has lived among Africans in Africa, two other members possessed personal experience of other Colonies—Miss Margaret Nixon for a number of years held the post of Welfare Adviser in Palestine and Mr. E. H. Lucette was formerly acting Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Ceylon.

(2) On January 14th, 1944, congratulating him on the progressive step of adopting the policy of total abolition of opium in the British and British Protected territories in the Far East (now in enemy occupation) and expressing relief that the Government monopolies for the sale of opium prepared for opium smoking will not be re-established on the recovery of these territories.

(3) On 9th March, 1944, expressing regret at the recent re-enactment of forced labour in Kenya Colony for the private estates of sisal growers, and concernment at the efforts now being made by Kenya settlers for closer European settlement in the Highlands. This policy, it was pointed out, was inconsistent with the declared policy of H.M. Government to improve the standard of living of the African peoples. It was stated that a more equitable action

would be to take back for the use of Africans, with fair compensation from State funds, lands already alienated to Europeans but not used beneficially. In this way it was suggested that the African sense of injustice would be lessened.

It was considered a matter of urgency that African interests should be directly and fully represented on the Legislative Council and on all bodies concerned in future planning.

As regards the suggestions made publicly from time to time for the closer union or amalgamation of neighbouring colonial territories, we wish to express the hope that no such grouping shall be brought about without full discussion in Parliament, and without the consent of the native peoples concerned.

The following articles appeared in the News Sheet :—

“An Approach to the Colonial Problem.” By Miss Mosa Anderson.

“An International Convention.” By C. W. W. Greenidge.

“Who Controls the Natural Resources in the Colonies?” By Miss Rita Hinden.

A series of Lunch Meetings on The Colonies, as mentioned elsewhere, were organised in London.

The Warrington Branch organised a North-West Regional Conference on “The Colonies and Us.”

The Executive Committee endorsed a letter from the N.P.C. to the High Commissioner of South Africa, expressing its concern over the passing of the recent legislation in the South African Parliament affecting Indian residents in South Africa.

The Executive Committee made a number of suggestions for inclusion in the International Colonial Convention drawn up by the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, which were accepted.

A summary of resolutions on The Colonies adopted at Council Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings since 1915 was printed in the News Sheet for March, 1944.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

Russia.—A letter has been received from Dr. Lena Stern through the Embassy of the U.S.S.R. saying that she was glad to establish contacts with her old friends from the International League. A New Year greeting was received from the U.S.S.R. Society (Moscow) for Cultural Relations with Foreign countries. Russian newspapers and pamphlets in Russian and English have been received and we are keeping in touch.

Sweden.—We have corresponded with members of our Swedish Section throughout the year. The Section has been studying replies to the “Pool of Opinion” Questionnaire from the W.I.L.P.F. in America. A letter of congratulations and appreciation was sent to the Swedish Section on the very fine work of their country for the Jews from Denmark.

Switzerland.—Letters have come regularly but slowly, by air, “over Stuttgart.” Various activities of the Section have been reported in the “News Sheet.” Among the problems studied has been the ramifications of the Jewish problem.

During the year our old and beloved colleagues, Lida Gustava Heymann and Anita Augspurg have died in exile in Zurich—L. G. Heymann in August, 1943, and Anita Augspurg in January, 1944. We are thankful they were surrounded by the friendship and affection of our Swiss friends.

Czechoslovakia.—The Chairman and Miss Pye attended the Service on October 8th, in memory of Senator Plaminkova (Czechoslovakia), who was executed by the Nazis. A Memorial pamphlet was issued by the Council of Czechoslovak Women in Great Britain and copies were sent to our Branches and Committee Members.

United States of America.—Regular contacts have continued with the U.S.A. Section and with our International Chairman, Gertrude Baer in New York. We have been glad to receive “Four Lights,” the U.S.A. News Sheet, with news of activities. Those of the international movement who can be reached, have much valued G. Baer’s “International Letters,” which have brought news of several Sections as well as much of general interest. Miss Balch, our President, has secured several new subscribers in U.S.A. to the News Sheet, and has sent reflections of the points-of-view of our U.S.A. members. She joined with Gertrude Baer in framing the “Pool of Opinion” Questionnaire which has provided, and is still providing themes for discussion in our Section, and is helping us to clear our minds on many knotty problems.

Australia.—Our old friend, Miss Eleanor Moore, the Hon. Secretary in Australia, sent us an article for the News Sheet on the cause of war which promoted considerable discussion and provoked a reply from more than one member. Later on, our Melbourne friends sent us two excellent cakes and some tea, for an Australian tea party, together with an appreciative (and appreciated) letter. That is the kind of thing that makes us *feel* our unity!

Canada.—Several letters and programmes giving information about activities have been received. Activities centre in International House at Toronto, which is used constantly for lectures, discussions and social intercourse. A number of News Sheets go to Canadian subscribers.

LIAISON COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has continued its representation on this active Committee, with the help of the British Section. For some months Mrs. Grindley was our representative and when she had to resign in January, 1944, her place was taken by Mrs. Duncan Harris.

CONFERENCES.

I. A Conference on The Beveridge Report, initiated and organised by the W.I.L. on behalf of an *ad hoc* Committee of Women's Organisations, was held at Swedenborg Hall, London, on Saturday, April 3rd, 1943. About 120 women were present, most of whom had been sent by women's organisations. Mrs. Rackham and Mrs. Ridealgh gave excellent résumés of the Report and lively discussions followed. At the close of the meeting the following resolution was adopted:—

"This Conference of Women meeting in London on Saturday, April 3rd, 1943, declares its general support for the proposals of the Beveridge Report, but urges that the scheme for children's allowances should include payment for the first child and should be implemented forthwith, and presses for the consideration of benefits for housewives.

It also urges, in particular, the immediate establishment of a Ministry of Social Security."

This resolution was sent to Sir William Beveridge and the appropriate Government quarters.

II. *Ad Hoc* Women's Conference.

A delegate conference (organised by an *ad hoc* committee of women's organisations set up at the W.I.L. conference on the Beveridge Report) was held at the Swedenborg Hall, London, on September 11th, to consider how best to work for the official inclusion of women in all steps taken in the making of peace and of

reconstruction. Twenty-six women's organisations were represented, and the meeting was well attended.

Mrs. Duncan Harris, J.P., was in the Chair. The first speaker at the morning session was Dr. Margaret Mead, Executive Secretary, Committee on Food Habits, National Research Council, Washington, U.S.A., who took the Hot Springs Conference on Food and Agriculture for her subject. She was followed by Miss Bertha Bracey, Secretary of the Friends' Committee on Refugees and Aliens, who gave a detailed explanation of the Draft Convention of U.N.R.R.A. (The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration).

The Afternoon Session was opened by Dr. Nesca Robb, Hon. Registrar of the Women's Employment Federation, who gave many interesting facts and figures regarding Women in Key Positions. Mrs. M. Lloyd Pritchard, M.A., Senior Lecturer in Economics at Bangor University, then put forward her suggestions as to "How organised women can make themselves felt in International Reconstruction."

The Resolution, moved by Mrs. C. Ganley, J.P., and seconded by Miss E. M. Smith, was carried unanimously, and empowered the committee to call a wider conference on similar lines in London at some later date.

LUNCH MEETINGS.

Lunch Meetings were held at Friends House, Euston Road, London, and at Y.M.C.A., Gt. Russell Street, W.C.1, during the year. The subjects and speakers were:—

- "Trends in Post-War Thinking." Miss Ruth Woodsmall.
- "Portents and Potentials in the Far East." Mr. van der Sprenkel, B.Sc. Econ.
- "Interpreting America." Mr. Felix Greene.
- "What Contributions can America make to Lasting Peace." Prof. George Catlin.
- Relating National with International Reconstruction.*
- "Nutrition." Prof. John Marrack, D.S.O., M.C., M.A., M.D.
- "Education for World Citizenship." Miss B. M. Baker, M.A.
- "Health." Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P.

The Colonies.

- "Some African Food Problems." Dr. Audrey Richards.
- "Labour Conditions in the Colonies." Dr. Rita Hinden.
- "Colonial Education." The Rev. Myers Grace.
- "International Action for the Colonies." Mr. C. W. Greenidge.

THE BRANCHES.

Work in most of the Branches has been steadily carried on, some with increasing membership, others in face of increased war-time depletions, which have happily led to only two Branches, Cheltenham and Harpenden, finding suspension of work necessary.

Subjects of study have included India, the Jewish problem, the Colonies, and the problems set by the "Pool of Opinion."

Features of the year have been the formation of new Branches at Bromley, Blackpool, Childwall, Ditchling, Farnborough, Peppard, Saffron Walden, Sheffield, and conferences towards planning regional organisation in the North Wales and Manchester area. Contact with an American branch has been established by Childwall, and a one-day Conference on Colonial problems was organised in March, 1944, by our Warrington Branch.

It is not possible to give details of the work in Branches, but the Executive would like to express its appreciation of the ready response to suggestions for action, and of the independent initiative of many.

We must again express our gratitude to the Birmingham and Acock's Green Branches for their help over our Annual Council Meeting at Westhill Training College last April, for the practical help of the Bring and Buy Sale which they organised, and the excellent Public Meeting at which the Bishop of Birmingham took the Chair and the speakers were Miss Pye and Mrs. Lloyd Prichard.

We have Branches in Acock's Green, Birmingham, Brighton, Blackpool, Bromley, Croydon, Childwall, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Farnborough, Ditchling, Glasgow, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Marazion, North Wales, Peppard, Reading, Saffron Walden, Stockport, Warrington, Welwyn Garden City, Worthing.

THE OFFICE.

The Office has continued at Flat 8, 144 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, throughout the year, with Miss E. Horscroft in charge, assisted by voluntary workers, Miss Alexander, Miss Edith Dowell, Mrs. Grindley, Miss Ruth Harrison, Mrs. Legge, Miss Orr-Paterson, Miss Palmer, Mrs. Porcas. In February the Executive Committee decided further paid assistance must be obtained as soon as possible, the developing activities making this essential, and Miss Palmer was appointed as Clerk. Our gratitude is due to Miss Horscroft for the way she has carried the burden, often single-handed, and to all the voluntary workers who have helped her from time to time.

NEWS SHEET AND LITERATURE.

Mrs. Innes has continued Editor of the News Sheet throughout the year. There have been 11 issues.

Literature published has been :—

1. A two-page Membership Form for use at meetings.
2. "Calling all Women" with detached membership form, reprinted in 1943.
3. A Membership Card for use of new members, giving name of member, and on the back the Objects of the W.I.L.
4. A leaflet of the Appeal for the Publication by the United Nations of their Peace Terms, issued March, 1944.

Several Branches have taken advantage of the Cash Credit Literature Account, which entitles them to receive at short notice Government White Papers, &c., recommended by the Executive.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER.

I feel that there is no need this year for a stimulating Treasurer's report. You, dear friends, Members of Branches and Headquarters Members have rallied to our help and, with a full year's work, the quota scheme will put us again on our feet. Thank you very much.

IN MEMORIAM.

We regret the loss of the following Headquarters members by death during the year :—

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| Mrs. A. H. Gardiner. | Miss J. E. Montgomery. |
| Mrs. Patrick Graham. | Mrs. Bernard Shaw. |
| Mrs. Kennaway. | Mrs. M. G. Thoday. |
| Mrs. Maynard. | |

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| Travelling Expenses | | | | | | | 57 | 2 | 8½ |
| Grants and Affiliation | | | | | | | 14 | 3 | 0 |
| Press Cuttings | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | 806 | 19 | 7½ |
| BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1943: | | | | | | | | | |
| At MIDLAND BANK LTD. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 36 | 17 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | 11 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 85 | 8 | 6 |
| PETTY CASH IN HAND | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 5 | 10 | 7½ |
| At Co-OPERATIVE PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY, LTD.: | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 158 | 14 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | 76 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | 390 | 19 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 625 | 13 | 9 |
| | | | | | | | £1,523 | 12 | 5½ |

I have examined the above Statement with the Books and Papers relating thereto and certify same to be in accordance therewith.
W. A. SELBY,
28th February, 1944.

