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The National Union  
of Women's Suffrage  
Societies.

Fourth Annual Report of the  
South Western Federation.

Comprising the Counties of  
Devon and Cornwall.

December, 1914.



NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE  
SOCIETIES.

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SOUTH WESTERN FEDERATION.

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**PRESIDENT.**

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NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE  
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SOUTH WESTERN FEDERATION.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Society.	Hon. Secretary.
Barnstaple ... ..	Miss ADAMS.
Bideford ... ..	Mrs. LIGHTBODY.
Budleigh Salterton ... ..	Miss BAKER.
Dartmouth... ..	Mrs. HAMMOND.
Exeter ... ..	Mrs. FLETCHER.
Exmouth ... ..	Miss RETALLACK.
Falmouth ... ..	Miss ALSTON.
Honiton ... ..	Miss KIRTON.
Instow ... ..	Mrs. HASTIE.
Launceston ... ..	Miss WEVILL.
Newton Abbot ... ..	Miss FURSDON.
Newquay ... ..	Miss CLEMES.
Ottery St. Mary ... ..	Mrs. PARES.
	Mrs. HAWKINS.
Paignton ... ..	Miss MOORE.
Penzance ... ..	Mrs. CORNISH.
St. Ives ... ..	Mrs. MATTHEW.
Saltash ... ..	Mrs. WALLER.
Sidmouth ... ..	Lady LOCKYER.
Teignmouth ... ..	Miss LANGLEY.
Three Towns and District ... ..	Miss MABEL RAMSAY, M.D.
Tiverton ... ..	Miss LAKE.
Topsham ... ..	Mrs. BUSH.
Torquay ... ..	Miss PALMER.
Truro ... ..	Miss ROBINSON.
Wadebridge ... ..	Miss SYMONS.

NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE  
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SOUTH WESTERN FEDERATION.

RULES.

1. The title shall be "The South Western Federation of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies."

2. The area of the Federation shall be the counties of Devon and Cornwall, comprising the constituencies of:

DEVON:

Ashburton.	Plymouth.
Barnstaple.	South Molton.
Devonport.	Tavistock.
Exeter.	Tiverton.
Honiton.	Torquay.

Totnes.

CORNWALL:

Bodmin.	Launceston
Camborne.	St. Austell.
Falmouth.	St. Ives.

Truro.

3. Membership of the Federation shall be open to all Women's Suffrage Societies within its area which are affiliated to the N.U.W.S.S., on payment of an affiliation fee of 5/- for every completed fifty members on their books; the minimum affiliation fee to be 5/-.

4. The Federation shall be managed by a Committee, which shall consist of representatives from each society in



the Federation, one representative for every fifty members or part of fifty, one member of the Executive Committee of the National Union, and the Federation officials.

5. The Committee shall meet four times a year; on the fourth Saturday in January, April, July, and October, in Exeter, Plymouth, and Truro, in turn; the Annual Meeting to be held in January, in Exeter and Plymouth alternately.

6. To deal with matters of finance and organisation, there shall be a Sub-committee of five, with power to add to their number, one representative each from Exeter, Plymouth, and Cornwall, to meet on the Friday preceding the fourth Saturday of each month, three to form a quorum.

7. The financial year shall date from January 1st.

8. The work of the Federation shall be:—

- (a) To promote the formation of new Societies in its area.
- (b) To perfect existing organisation.
- (c) To arrange joint meetings, and generally to secure co-operation among Societies in its area.
- (d) To initiate and carry on bye-election work in the constituencies within its area.

[With regard to the bye-election work referred to in the last Rule, it was thought that the Federation would be unable to initiate such work on its own responsibility in the county divisions, but that it might be able to do so in the city constituencies. It was agreed that no attempt should be made to run Suffrage candidates.]

9. In the event of urgent business, a Special Meeting of the Federation Committee may be summoned at twenty-four hours' notice by the Hon. Secretary.

10. A Special Committee Meeting may be summoned at the request of three Societies, at ten days' notice.

11. At each Committee Meeting the Hon. Treasurer shall submit a financial statement.

12. Five shall form a quorum for Ordinary Meetings of the Committee, three for Special Meetings. If less than a quorum be present, only unopposed business may proceed.

13. Resolutions for the Agenda shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary at least ten days before the meeting.

14. The Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-committees when necessary.

15. These Rules can only be altered at an Annual Meeting, and any amendment must be included in the written Agenda.

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NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE  
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SOUTH WESTERN FEDERATION.

**GENERAL REPORT.**

In considering the progress of the Women's Suffrage movement during the past year, it must be remembered that whatever progress has taken place, has been the result of only seven months' work and that since the outbreak of war on August 4th, the whole activity of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies has been concentrated on work to alleviate the suffering of the mass of the population and especially that of women. The most notable event during the year has been the introduction of a Women's Suffrage Bill into the House of Lords. It is hardly necessary to say that it is the first time in the history of the movement that such a course has been adopted, but the result shows clearly the advance which has taken place during recent years in public opinion on this subject. The Bill, admittedly framed on a Conservative basis, proposed to confer the Parliamentary franchise upon women who already had the municipal vote; and was intro-

duced in the House of Lords at the beginning of May by Lord Selborne.

A short time before the introduction of the measure, it was found that Lord Curzon was organising opposition; it was therefore decided that Peers favourable to the cause should be as far as possible canvassed in the short time available, and the help of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies was requested for this purpose. Sixty Peers voted for the Bill and 104 against, a result which was a distinct triumph for Woman's Suffrage, for it proved that there was a smaller majority in the House of Lords against the enfranchisement of women than against the contentious measures of the Government. All suffragists owe an immense debt of gratitude to Lord Lytton for his untiring work for this debate and this Federation is particularly grateful to Lord Courtney of Penwith for his able and statesmanlike speech on behalf of the cause.

Early in the year the Labour Party raised the question of Women's Suffrage in moving an amendment to the Address in reply to the King's Speech. As a result of great efforts made by the Labour Party a good place was obtained for the amendment and Conservative and Liberal support was promised, regretting the omission of the subject from the King's Speech. However, when the Speaker was about to allow the amendment to be taken, Mr. Asquith moved the closure.

In all political parties it is noticeable that opinions are steadily inclining towards some solution of the Women's Suffrage question. Many influential Conservatives have



recently been converted; within the Liberal Party, the formation of the Men's Liberal Suffrage Union and the Liberal Men's Association for Women's Suffrage, have shown that an increased activity exists, due in great measure to the policy of the National Union; while, in the Labour Party, that policy has been amply vindicated by the results of the bye-elections and by the increasingly strong resolutions in favour of Women's Suffrage passed at the Trade Union Congresses.

It is indeed hoped by the Independent Labour Party that Women's Suffrage can be made a test question for candidates at the next general election in the same way as the Taff Vale decision was at a previous election.

At one stage of the Home Rule controversy there was a proposal to separate Imperial and domestic legislation which was known as Federalism and this has provided opportunities and possible dangers for Women's Suffrage. It was impossible to get a Women's Suffrage clause into the Home Rule Bill, though it is hoped that this may be accomplished in the Amending Bill, to be introduced later.

The Welsh Home Rule Bill was introduced into the House of Commons on March 11th, by Mr. E. T. Johns, M.P., on behalf of the Welsh Liberal members. It is satisfactory to note that it included women as electors for the Welsh Parliament on the same terms as men.

It was only at the last moment that it was possible to get the inclusion of a Women's Suffrage clause into the Scottish Home Rule Bill. It was finally inserted at a

specially convened meeting of the Scottish Liberal members; but although in the original Bill, it does not follow that the Government will reintroduce the Bill in the same form as at present.

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## FEDERATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

### Organisation.

Although this Federation did not have an Organiser until the middle of June, it is most satisfactory to record that a great deal of new ground has been broken which though not at the moment leading to the formation of new societies yet will undoubtedly tell when we are able to return to these places later on.

Mrs. Rackham and Miss Muriel Matters both held most successful meetings in Bodmin, arranged by Miss Foster; while Miss Matters spoke to a crowded audience at Salcombe.

During March, Mrs. Whalley, accompanied by Miss Baker, made a short tour in the Totnes constituency, visiting South Brent, Cornwood, Ivybridge, Yealmpton and Kingsbridge; while Dr. Mabel Ramsay held a meeting at Modbury at the end of July.

Mrs. Whalley also did some organising work in Devonport, Miss Baker continuing this on her return from the Caravan Tour, but it is unfortunate that Devonport has not yet been formed into a separate society.

Miss Frost has organised and spoken at two large



meetings at Helston and Mullion, at both of these places she was assisted by Mrs. Smart, who also spoke at the meetings.

At the end of June, Miss Frost went to Newquay and carried through the affiliation of a new society there. Newquay had previously had a Militant Society but this had been disbanded, and now by non-militant methods the society promises to be most flourishing as soon as active suffrage work can be begun again.

From Newquay, Miss Frost with Mrs. Smart moved on to South Molton, where they did an immense amount of canvassing, assisted by Miss Baly and here they also held various small meetings and did a great deal of propaganda work by hiring each week a stall in the market for the sale of literature and *Common Cause*.

### Active Service Work.

Enjoying, as it does, a warm climate, this Federation is particularly adapted for work in the open air, and this year much useful propaganda has been done in that way. Owing to the zeal and ability of Mrs. Macmillan, a caravan tour was arranged to start from Wadebridge on May 4th, Mrs. Macmillan undertaking the commissariat, by no means a light task for four people living practically in the open air. The following were the places visited; in each place a meeting was held and, with one exception, the resolution was everywhere carried: Port Isaac, Delabole, Camelford, Tintagel, Boscastle, Bude, Holsworthy, Black Torrington

Torrington, South Molton, Chulmleigh Lapford, Okehamp-ton, Bridestowe, Lidford, Tavistock, Callington, Liskeard, Looe, Fowey and Lostwithiel, returning to Wadebridge by May 30th. Wherever the caravan went it was at first treated with great suspicion, but when it was found that the occupants were law-abiding and peaceable women the greatest kindness and courtesy were extended to them. By means of this tour places, in many cases remote from the railway, were reached and it was found that the people had no idea of what Women's Suffrage meant. Mrs. Whalley was the speaker, and much of the success of the tour was due to her eloquence, her never failing good humour and wit, while among others whose help was invaluable were Mrs. Macmillan, Dr. Mabel Ramsay, Miss Baker and Miss Kirton.

### "Common Cause."

Before war broke out, the sales of the *Common Cause* had increased so much that it was paying well; now, however, that everyone is so absorbed in war news, the circulation of the paper has suffered enormously.

The committee would like to call the attention of all suffragists to the urgent need of continuing their support and of recommending the paper to their friends.

It is the only paper in which the work of women at the present time is reported and it has also most interesting articles on subjects connected with the war, viewed from an altogether original standpoint.

It is comparatively difficult at this time to do anything



for the suffrage cause, so that it is more than ever the duty of suffragists to take in the *Common Cause*.

### Press Report.

The most favourable papers to the suffrage cause in this Federation are still the *Express and Echo*, the *Western Daily Mercury*, the *Mid Devon Times* and the *Torbay News*, though in the *Western Morning News* a marked improvement in tone has been noticeable. Of the remaining papers the majority are neutral while few are distinctly anti-suffrage in tone. In the earlier part of the year, it is satisfactory to note that good notices appeared of local suffrage work, especially of the Caravan Tour, and of the meetings addressed by well known speakers like Miss Muriel Matters, Mrs. Swanwick and Canon Masterman; it is however still difficult to obtain the insertion of general information concerning the suffrage movement.

The work of the Federation Press Secretary has been lessened by the decision that each press secretary shall deal herself with the Weekly Notes. This plan makes it still more desirable that each society shall have its press secretary who shall inform the Federation Press Secretary which notices are inserted in the local paper.

### Report of Friends of Women's Suffrage Scheme.

It is very satisfactory to note that a great many Friends have become Members during the year, so that the increase in the number of Friends is really greater than it appears. Only three Societies have been able to get

visitors to work and only three have special secretaries for the scheme.

Society.	No. of Friends.	Increase in 1914.
Barnstaple ... ..	39	10
Budleigh Salterton ... ..	61	—
Bideford ... ..	50	50
Exeter ... ..	200	44
Exmouth ... ..	127	10
Falmouth... ..	153	42
Honiton ... ..	30	16
Ottery St. Mary ... ..	26	20
St. Ives ... ..	35	31
Teignmouth ... ..	32	—
Tiverton ... ..	34	4
Enrolled by Societies not working the Scheme ... ..	440	—
Enrolled during Caravan Tour ... ..	523	523
TOTALS ... ..	1,749	750

### Relief Work since outbreak of War.

It is practically impossible to give a complete description of all the relief work which Suffragists in this Federation have, in many cases, initiated, in other cases, co-operated in organising; but doubtless some account of the more important undertakings will be of interest.

There are more than ninety members of different suffrage societies serving on local Distress Committees; in Plymouth and Torquay registration of voluntary workers was undertaken as soon as war broke out and resulted in providing suitable people as interpreters, secretaries, workers



on Relief Committees, and for other emergency work which required to be done so urgently. The Torquay office was turned into a bureau for women thrown out of employment and was worked in connection with the Labour Exchange, the Charity Organisation Society, and the Relief Committee; and by this means situations were found for between thirty and forty people. By opening workrooms in Exeter and Torquay timely help has been given to women who were thrown out of employment. In the workrooms for toy making, organised by the Exeter Relief Committee, suffrage workers have given valuable assistance. This training will be of the greatest service to these women in the future by giving them additional earning power.

Other societies, such as Exmouth and Tiverton, have employed women at home in knitting and other needle work, thus helping them to tide over difficult times.

At this time no work is more important than that of helping mothers and children; Ottery St. Mary and Wadebridge have started Schools for Mothers, and several other places will probably follow in the New Year.

Torquay, Falmouth and Plymouth are co-operating with the National Union of Women Workers in organising Women Patrols, and this work of helping young and frivolous girls has been much appreciated both by the military and by the police. In connexion with this work, it is most useful to have girls' clubs where girls can invite their men friends; such clubs have been established in Falmouth, Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton; in Falmouth it has been combined with a washing and mending scheme for the troops in the town.

In offering hospitality to Belgian refugees, St. Ives has set a most excellent example, for over forty Belgians are being supported and twenty members of the suffrage society act as collectors for the money required.

This useful work has also been undertaken by the Truro Society which has become responsible for six Belgians.

The secretaries of the Exeter Belgian Relief Committee are both keen Suffragists and they have worked without ceasing in receiving and placing Belgians in all parts of Devon, Somerset and Cornwall.

In Red Cross and hospital work there are over eighty members of different societies at present at work, while to Plymouth fell the task of re-organising the Red Cross Society in that place.

Mention must also be made of Miss Foster's work in raising £500 to provide a "Cornish Women's Ambulance" for the Scottish Women's Hospital; Miss Foster hopes to use her skilled knowledge as driver to the motor ambulance in France.

Two of our vice-presidents are at present in France, Lady Rosalind Northcote is in a hospital in Paris, while Col. Courtenay Vyvyan is with the Expeditionary Force; then, too, Dr. Mabel Ramsay has been serving in Mrs. St. Clair Stobart's hospital in Antwerp and was one of the last to leave the place before the Germans entered; she is now in the same hospital in Cherbourg.

### **Financial Statement.**

We are glad to be able to report that the S.W. Federation has a balance in hand of £57 10s. 7½d. The







## DONATIONS, 1914.

	£	s.	d.
Barnstaple Branch to General Fund ...	0	7	6
Miss Dutton .. .. .	1	0	0
Miss N. Fox .. .. .	0	10	0
Salcombe Branch .. .. .	2	1	6
Mrs. Rotheram .. .. .	1	0	0
Miss Baly .. .. .	0	5	0
Miss Raper .. .. .	0	5	6
Miss Story .. .. .	0	5	0
Per Miss Penney .. .. .	0	5	0
Mrs. Robins Bolitho to Caravan Tour .. .. .	2	2	0
Miss Davies .. .. .	0	10	6
Miss Mathieson .. .. .	6	0	0
Budleigh Salterton Bch. .. .. .	1	17	0
Miss Kirton .. .. .	1	0	0
Grant from Executive .. .. .	10	0	0
Launceston Branch .. .. .	1	11	10
Mrs. Withers to Scottish Women's Hospital .. .. .	0	2	6
Miss Chilton .. .. .	0	5	0
Mrs. Yorke Smith .. .. .	0	4	0
Mrs. Gwynne .. .. .	0	2	6
Miss Burton Brown .. .. .	1	0	0
Mrs. Burton Brown .. .. .	0	10	0
Mrs. Lake .. .. .	0	2	6
Miss Lake .. .. .	0	2	6
Mrs. Geddes .. .. .	0	5	0
Miss A. Perrin .. .. .	0	2	0
Mrs. Robins Bolitho .. .. .	5	0	0
Miss Dutton .. .. .	2	2	0
Tiverton Branch (1st Donation) .. .. .	0	10	0
Mrs. Fox .. .. .	5	0	0
Miss Fox .. .. .	1	0	0
Mrs. Waterfall .. .. .	0	10	0

## DONATIONS, 1914—continued.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Kennet Were to Scottish Women's Hospital ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Fuller Maitland .. .. .	3	3	0
Honiton Branch (1st Donation) .. .. .	1	0	0
Miss E. Hayter .. .. .	0	10	0
Mrs. Colclough .. .. .	0	10	0
Torquay Branch .. .. .	6	4	6
Miss Dewey .. .. .	0	10	0
Miss Splatt .. .. .	0	2	6
Honiton Branch (2nd Donation) .. .. .	2	0	0
Mrs. Trepplin .. .. .	1	0	0
St. Ives Branch .. .. .	5	0	0
Tiverton Branch (2nd Donation) .. .. .	5	5	0
.. Branch (3rd Donation) .. .. .	1	6	6
Mrs. Walton Evans .. .. .	1	0	0
Miss Walton Evans .. .. .	1	0	0
Miss B. Walton Evans .. .. .	1	0	0
St. Ives Branch (2nd Donation) .. .. .	2	5	6
	<u>£49</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>



THE NATIONAL UNION OF  
SOUTH WESTERN

BALANCE

RECEIPTS.					
£ s. d.					
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	128 0 9½
To Affiliation Fees	...	...	...	...	8 5 0
„ Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	28 1 0
„ Donations to General Fund	...	...	...	...	5 19 6
„ Scottish Women's Hospital	...	...	...	...	49 0 0
„ Caravan Tour	...	...	...	...	23 1 4
„ Liskeard Branch Fund	...	...	...	...	7 10 0
„ Grant from Organisation Committee	...	...	...	...	3 0 0
„ „ Executive to Exeter	...	...	...	...	3 15 0
„ Sale of Literature	...	...	...	...	0 15 3
„ Expenses of Organiser for Exmouth	...	...	...	...	0 9 9
„ Miss Walford	...	...	...	...	1 6 8
„ Collections	...	...	...	...	4 15 3
„ Sale of Goods from Xmas Trees	...	...	...	...	3 0 0
„ Miss Fraser's Tour (1913)	...	...	...	...	0 16 4
„ Miss Cooke's Tours	...	...	...	...	3 2 0
„ Mrs. Knight Bruce's Tour	...	...	...	...	0 18 0
„ Mrs. Rackham's Tour	...	...	...	...	1 10 0
„ Miss Matters' Tour	...	...	...	...	9 6 0
„ Mrs. Whalley's Tour	...	...	...	...	4 8 0
„ Mrs. Swanwick's Tour	...	...	...	...	5 8 3
„ Mrs. Fawcett (1913)	...	...	...	...	0 10 0
„ Membership Cards	...	...	...	...	1 7 6
„ Miss Baker	...	...	...	...	0 12 5
„ Reports Sold	...	...	...	...	0 2 6
„ Per Miss Mathieson	...	...	...	...	0 6 0
<u>£295 6 6½</u>					

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.  
FEDERATION.

SHEET, 1914.

EXPENDITURE.					
£ s. d.					
By Speakers' Tours	...	...	...	...	31 7 7
„ Printing	...	...	...	...	14 2 2
„ Organiser's Expenses	...	...	...	...	54 13 1
„ Hon. Secretary's Postages	...	...	...	...	7 18 3
„ Hon. Press Correspondent's Postages	...	...	...	...	2 12 0
„ Stationery and Literature	...	...	...	...	11 0 2
„ Treasurer's Postages	...	...	...	...	1 13 11
„ Membership Cards	...	...	...	...	2 10 6
„ Caravan Tour	...	...	...	...	24 19 11
„ Meetings...	...	...	...	...	0 12 6
„ Donation to Anti-Sweating League	...	...	...	...	0 3 0
„ Hire of Magic Lantern	...	...	...	...	0 11 4
„ Grants	...	...	...	...	9 5 0
„ Scottish Women's Hospital	...	...	...	...	76 1 6
„ Cheques	...	...	...	...	0 5 0
Balance					57 10 7½
<u>£295 6 6½</u>					

Examined and found correct.  
W. F. THOMAS.



**REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.****Barnstaple.**

*President* - - - Miss CHICHESTER.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Miss ADAMS, Rosebank, Barnstaple.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Miss M. HUNT, Taw Vale, Barnstaple.

Number of Members, 54.

MEETINGS: Miss Ruth Giles ... .. January 19.  
 Miss Muriel Matters ... .. March 10.

LECTURE on "Sweated Industries":  
 Mrs. Whalley ... .. March 17.

Barnstaple Trade and Labour Council passed a resolution in favour of Adult Suffrage, May 28th.

Receipts	...	...	£9	17	0
Expenditure	...	...	£11	12	3

**Bideford.**

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,*  
 Mrs. LIGHTBODY, Hazelhurst, Bideford.

Number of Members, 52.

MEETINGS: Mrs. Knight-Bruce and  
 Miss Ruth Giles ... .. January 30.  
 Mrs. Whalley ... .. April 27.

OPEN AIR MEETING: Mrs. Whalley ... .. April 28.

DEBATE: Miss Geraldine Cooke and  
 Mrs. Gladstone Solomon.

Vote resulted in a victory for the Anti-Suffragist.

Receipts	...	...	£15	16	7
Expenditure	...	...	£15	7	9

**Budleigh Salterton.**

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,*  
 Miss BAKER, Eryl Mor, Budleigh Salterton.

Number of Members, 82. Increase in 1914, 17.

MEETING: Mrs. Rackham, P.L.G.... .. March 13.

Receipts	...	...	£11	5	11
Expenditure	...	...	£8	8	5

**Dartmouth.**

*President* - - - Miss DOUGLAS.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,*  
 Mrs. HAMMOND, Rock Cottage, Dartmouth.

LECTURE on "Sweated Industries":  
 Mrs. Whalley ... .. March 19.

GARDEN MEETING: Miss Mathieson, M.A. July 27.

**Exmouth.**

*Hon. Secretary* - Miss RETALLACK, Chypraze, Exmouth.

*Hon. Treasurer* - Miss DAW, Cobham, Exeter.

Number of Members, 77. Increase during 1914, 22.

SOCIAL EVENINGS: Miss Frost and Mrs. Fletcher.

MEETING: Mrs. Swanwick, M.A. ... .. April 22.

Receipts	...	...	£17	9	2
Expenditure	...	...	£16	4	10



**Exeter.**

*President* - - Mrs. WALTER PRING.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Mrs. FLETCHER, 48, Polsloe Rd., Exeter.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - R. HOLMES, Esq., 4, Grendon Villas,  
 Exeter.

Number of Members, 263.

MEETINGS: Miss Muriel Matters ... .. March 12.  
 Canon Masterman and  
 W. J. Mirrlees, Esq. ... .. May 12.  
 Mrs. Whalley ... .. October 28.

GARDEN FETE by invitation of Mrs. Pring July 6.

Market Stall during the Summer for sale of literature  
 and *Common Cause*.

PETITIONS: 1.—To H. E. Duke, Esq., K.C., M.P.  
 Signed by 301 voters.  
 2.—To Major St. Maur, Liberal Candidate.  
 Signed by 175 voters.

DEPUTATIONS: 1.—To H. E. Duke, Esq., K.C., M.P.  
 2.—To Medical Officer of Heath con-  
 cerning Maternity Scheme.

Receipts ... ..	£113	16	7
Expenditure ... ..	£500	2	7

**Falmouth.**

*President* - - - Miss FRANCES STERLING.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Miss ALSTON, Kerris Vean, Falmouth.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. GILBERT STEPHENS, Ashfield  
 Cottage, Falmouth.

Number of Members, 118.

MEETING: Miss Muriel Matters ... .. April 2.  
 Receipts ... .. £28 6 9  
 Expenditure ... .. £18 8 8

**Honiton.**

*President* - - - THE LADY FRANCES BALFOUR.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Miss KIRTON, St. Michael's Hill, Honiton.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. FURSDON, Halsdon, Honiton.

Number of Members, 36. Increase during 1914, 19.

MEETING: Mrs. Knight-Bruce, Miss Walford  
 and Sir Robert Newman, Bart. January 29.

Receipts ... ..	£8	5	9
Expenditure ... ..	£7	2	9

**Instow.**

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,*  
 Mrs. HASTIE, The Cottage, Instow.

Number of Members, 20.

MEETING: Mrs. Knight-Bruce ... .. January 30.

**Launceston.**

*Hon. Secretary* - Miss WEVILL, St. Mary's, Launceston.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Miss KELLY, Kelly, Lifton, Devon.

Number of Members, 50.

Meetings for members and friends were held every fort-  
 night from January to April and various subjects connected  
 with women and children were discussed.

DRAWING ROOM MEETING: Miss Mathieson, M.A. July 23.

Receipts ... ..	£18	10	9
Expenditure ... ..	£18	8	10



**Newton Abbot.**

*President* - - - Mrs. KNIGHT-BRUCE.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Miss FURSDON, Mondello, High Week.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. HOLE, Grimspod, Newton Abbot.

Number of Members, 40.

MEETING: Mrs. Tweedale, Mrs. Knight-Bruce  
 and Rev. E. Barton ... .. May 25.  
 Receipts ... .. £14 13 2  
 Expenditure ... .. £12 11 8

**Newquay.**

(Affiliated in July.)

*President* - - - Rev. W. HUNTLEY NEALES.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Miss CLEMES, Llangarth, Newquay.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. CROSBY-SMITH, Newquay.

MEETINGS: Walker King, Esq. ... May 26 and June 2.

DRAWING ROOM MEETINGS: Miss Frost. July 8 and 10.

**Ottery St. Mary.**

*President* - - - THE HON. AUDREY COLERIDGE.  
*Hon. Secretaries* Mrs. PARES, Easthayes, Ottery St. Mary.  
 Mrs. HAWKINS, Fernlea, Ottery St. Mary.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Mr. E. HAWKINS, Fernlea, Ottery St.  
 Mary.

Number of Members, 33.

MEETING: Miss Gertrude Pares and  
 Miss K. Fell ... .. March 31.

WHIST DRIVE, with short speech by  
 Mrs. Metcalfe ... .. July 1.

Receipts ..... £9 15 2  
 Expenditure ... .. £6 11 8

**Paignton.**

*President* - - - BARBARA, LADY CHURSTON.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Miss MOORE, Lansdown, Paignton.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Miss SCOTT-DURBIN, Kittery, Elinsley  
 Road, Paignton.

Number of Members, 52.

Receipts ... .. £9 8 2  
 Expenditure ... .. £3 0 8

**Penzance.**

*President* - - - Miss BORLASE.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Mrs. CORNISH, 4, Clarence Place, Pen-  
 zance.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. BACHE, Penzance.

Number of Members, 50.

Receipts ... .. £3 10 0  
 Expenditure ... .. £1 8 10

**St. Ives.**

*President* - - - Mrs. MOFFAT LINDNER.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Mrs. MATTHEW, 9, Draycott Terrace,  
 St. Ives.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. SKINNER, Salubrious House,  
 St. Ives.

Number of Members, 86. Increase during 1914, 19.

MEETING: Mrs. Rackham, P.L.G. ... .. March 12.

Subject: "The Child and the State."

SOCIAL MEETING of Members and friends ... April 16.

Receipts ... .. £20 4 2  
 Expenditure ... .. £17 2 6



**Saltash and District.**

*Hon. Secretary* - Mrs. WALLER, The Cottage, Burraton,  
near Saltash.

*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. KEAST, 7, Home Park Rd., Saltash.

MEETING: Miss Muriel Matters ... .. March 13.

Receipts ... .. £4 12 9

Expenditure ... .. £1 9 10

**Sidmouth.**

*President* - - - THE LADY FRANCES BALFOUR.

*Hon. Secretary* - LADY LOCKYER, Salcombe Regis, Sid-  
mouth.

*Hon. Treasurer* - Miss AMY TYRRELL, Ivy Cottage, Sid-  
mouth.

Number of Members, 120.

ANNUAL MEETING: Miss Newcomb ... .. March 27.

Subject: "Women's Suffrage in our Overseas  
Dominions."

MEETINGS at Branscombe:

Mrs. Richardson ... .. May 30 and June 1.

GARDEN PARTY by invitation of Miss Dutton and

Miss Geraldine Cooke ... .. June 11,

During July, the *Common Cause* was sold on the beach.

Receipts ... .. £29 8 6

Expenditure ... .. £17 4 0

**Teignmouth.**

*President* - - Mrs. SANDEMAN.

*Hon. Secretary* - Miss R. LANGLEY, 3, Barnpark, Teign-  
mouth.

*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. DENNEY, Tralee, Teignmouth.

Number of Members, 62.

ANNUAL MEETING: Miss Mathieson, M.A. ... .. March 2.

LANTERN LECTURE: Mrs. Whalley ... .. March 18.

MEETING AT SHALDON: Mrs. Swanwick, M.A., April 23.

Receipts ... .. £8 8 6

Expenditure ... .. £8 0 3

**The Three Towns and District.**

*Hon. Secretary* - Miss MABEL RAMSAY, M.D., 4, Went-  
worth Villas, North Hill, Plymouth.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Miss G. M. KEYS, 2, Woodland Villas,  
Plymouth.

MEETINGS: Miss Muriel Matters ... .. March 12.

At Devonport:

Mrs. Swanwick, M.A. ... .. April 21.

The Prudential Agents Union passed a unanimous reso-  
lution in favour of Women's Suffrage.

During the summer, literature and the *Common Cause*  
were sold at a market stall.

Receipts ... .. £39 12 1

Expenditure ... .. £39 7 4



**Tiverton.**

*President* - H. ACLAND TROYTE, Esq.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Miss LAKE, 5, St. Aubyns, Tiverton.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. JEFFERD, Bank House, Tiverton.

Number of Members, 31.

ANNUAL MEETING: Miss Ruth Giles ... February 3.

MEETING: Mrs. Rackham, P.L.G., and  
 Mrs. Whalley ... March 11.

Receipts ... £8 11 7

Expenditure ... £7 14 4

**Topsham.**

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,*

Mrs. BUSH, Woodbury Lodge, Exton.

Number of Members, 41.

Receipts ... £3 3 4

Expenditure ... £1 18 8

**Torquay.**

*President* - THE HON. LADY ACLAND.  
*Secretary* - Miss PALMER.  
*Office* - 19, Abbey Road, Torquay.  
*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. TWEEDALE, White Court, Torquay.

Number of Members, 135.

MEETINGS: The Countess of Selborne, Mrs.  
 Alderton and Mr. F. Organ ... January 28.

Meeting of Torbay Trades Council:

Miss Willcocks, B.A., and Miss  
 Palmer ... July 13.

**Torquay.—continued.**

Joint Meeting with the Women's Co-operative Guild:

Mrs. Whalley and Nurse Lee

Smith ... October 29.

Mrs. Tweedale ... November 12.

Receipts ... £199 16 9

Expenditure ... £197 7 9

**Truro.**

*President* - Mrs. HAMILTON.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,*

Miss ROBINSON, 20, Lemon Street, Truro.

Number of Members, 137.

OPEN AIR MEETING: Miss Mabel Ramsay, M.D. July 20.

Receipts ... £22 0 10

Expenditure ... £22 11 4

**Wadebridge.**

*President* - Mrs. MACMILLAN.

*Hon. Secretary* - Miss SYMONS, Atlantic House, Polzeath,  
 Wadebridge.

*Hon. Treasurer* - Mrs. JAS. COLLINS, Trenance Veau,  
 Wadebridge.

Number of Members, 84.

MEETING: Miss Muriel Matters ... March 11.

OPEN AIR MEETING at commencement of  
 the Caravan Tour: Mrs. Whalley ... May 4.

During the summer, the *Common Cause* was sold in the  
 Market.

MEETING of Members and friends to start the  
 School for Mothers: Mrs. Whalley ... October 30.

Receipts ... £5 14 9

Expenditure ... £2 4 0



LIST OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN THE FEDEARTION AREA, AND ACTION TAKEN BY THEM ON THE SECOND  
 READING OF THE CONCILIATION BILL, MAY 5th, 1911, AND MARCH 28th, 1912, ON THE SNOWDEN  
 AMENDMENT, NOVEMBER 5th, 1912, AND THE DICKENSON BILL, MAY 6th, 1913.

Constituency.	Member.	Snowden	
		Conciliation Bill, 1911.	Amendment, 1912.
Ashburton	Capt. Morrison Bell	Abstained	Voted for
Barnstaple	Sir G. Baring	Abstained	Voted against
Bodmin	Lieut.-Gen. Pole-Carew	Abstained	Abstained
Camborne	F. D. Acland	Paired for	Voted against
Exeter	H. E. Duke, K.C.	Abstained	Abstained
Falmouth	C. S. Goldman	Voted for	Voted for
Honiton	Maj. Morrison Bell	Abstained	Voted against
Launceston	Sir G. C. Marks	Voted for	Voted against
Plymouth	Waldorf Astor	Paired for	Abstained
	A. Shirley Benn	Paired for	Voted for
Devonport	Sir T. Jackson	Abstained	Abstained
	Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke	Abstained	Abstained
St. Austell	Hon. Agar Robartes	Voted Against	Abstained
St. Ives	Sir C. J. Cory	Abstained	Abstained
South Molton	G. Lambert	Abstained	Paired against
Tavistock	Sir J. W. Spear	Paired for	Voted for
Tiverton	Hon. W. L. Walrond	Abstained	Voted for
Torquay	Col. Burn	Paired for	Voted for
Totnes	F. B. Mildmay	Abstained	Abstained
Truro	G. Hay Morgan	Abstained	Abstained



