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				1936.
				<b>November</b>
Humane Treatment of Animals . . . . .	2.45	Monday	9th	
British Empire and Migration . . . . .	11.00	Tuesday	10th	"
Public Health and Child Welfare . . . . .	2.15	Tuesday	10th	"
Arts and Letters . . . . .	4.00	Tuesday	10th	"
Finance . . . . .	10.00	Wednesday	11th	"
Parliamentary and Legislation . . . . .	11.00	Wednesday	11th	"
Moral Welfare . . . . .	2.15	Wednesday	11th	"
Temperance . . . . .	4.00	Wednesday	11th	"
International Affairs . . . . .	11.00	Thursday	12th	"
Cinema . . . . .	2.15	Thursday	12th	"
Regional and Branch Representatives . . . . .	4.00	Thursday	12th	"
EXECUTIVE . . . . .	11.00	Friday	13th	"
				<b>December</b>
I.C.W. . . . .	11.00	Tuesday	15th	
Women Police . . . . .	2.15	Tuesday	15th	"
Finance . . . . .	10.00	Wednesday	16th	"
Parliamentary and Legislation . . . . .	11.00	Wednesday	16th	"
Housing . . . . .	2.30	Wednesday	16th	"
Education . . . . .	4.00	Wednesday	16th	"
Public Service and Magistrates . . . . .	11.00	Thursday	17th	"
Household Service . . . . .	2.15	Thursday	17th	"
Industrial . . . . .	4.00	Thursday	17th	"
EXECUTIVE . . . . .	11.00	Friday	18th	"
				<b>1937.</b>
				<b>February</b>
Humane Treatment of Animals . . . . .	2.45	Monday	8th	
British Empire and Migration . . . . .	11.00	Tuesday	9th	"
Public Health and Child Welfare . . . . .	2.15	Tuesday	9th	"
Arts and Letters . . . . .	4.00	Tuesday	9th	"
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Regional and Branch Representatives . . . . .	4.00	Thursday	11th	"
EXECUTIVE . . . . .	11.00	Friday	12th	"
				<b>March</b>
I.C.W. . . . .	11.00	Tuesday	9th	
Women Police . . . . .	2.15	Tuesday	9th	"
Finance . . . . .	10.00	Wednesday	10th	"
Parliamentary and Legislation . . . . .	11.00	Wednesday	10th	"
Housing . . . . .	2.30	Wednesday	10th	"
Education . . . . .	4.00	Wednesday	10th	"
Public Service and Magistrates . . . . .	11.00	Thursday	11th	"
Household Service . . . . .	2.15	Thursday	11th	"
Industrial . . . . .	4.00	Thursday	11th	"
EXECUTIVE . . . . .	11.00	Friday	12th	"

				<b>1937.</b>
				<b>April</b>
Humane Treatment of Animals . . . . .	2.45	Monday	5th	
British Empire and Migration . . . . .	11.00	Tuesday	6th	"
Public Health and Child Welfare . . . . .	2.15	Tuesday	6th	"
Arts and Letters . . . . .	4.00	Tuesday	6th	"
Finance . . . . .	10.00	Wednesday	7th	"
Parliamentary and Legislation . . . . .	11.00	Wednesday	7th	"
Moral Welfare . . . . .	2.15	Wednesday	7th	"
International Affairs . . . . .	11.00	Thursday	8th	"
Cinema . . . . .	2.15	Thursday	8th	"
Regional and Branch Representatives . . . . .	4.00	Thursday	8th	"
EXECUTIVE . . . . .	11.00	Friday	9th	"
				<b>May</b>
I.C.W. . . . .	11.00	Tuesday	4th	
Women Police . . . . .	2.15	Tuesday	4th	"
Finance . . . . .	10.00	Wednesday	5th	"
Parliamentary and Legislation . . . . .	11.00	Wednesday	5th	"
Housing . . . . .	2.30	Wednesday	5th	"
Education . . . . .	4.00	Wednesday	5th	"
Public Service and Magistrates . . . . .	11.00	Thursday	6th	"
Household Service . . . . .	2.15	Thursday	6th	"
Industrial . . . . .	4.00	Thursday	6th	"
EXECUTIVE . . . . .	11.00	Friday	7th	"
				<b>June</b>
Humane Treatment of Animals . . . . .	2.45	Monday	7th	
British Empire and Migration . . . . .	11.00	Tuesday	8th	"
Public Health and Child Welfare . . . . .	2.15	Tuesday	8th	"
Arts and Letters . . . . .	4.00	Tuesday	8th	"
Finance . . . . .	10.00	Wednesday	9th	"
Parliamentary and Legislation . . . . .	11.00	Wednesday	9th	"
Moral Welfare . . . . .	2.15	Wednesday	9th	"
Temperance . . . . .	4.00	Wednesday	9th	"
International Affairs . . . . .	11.00	Thursday	10th	"
Cinema . . . . .	2.15	Thursday	10th	"
Regional and Branch Representatives . . . . .	4.00	Thursday	10th	"
EXECUTIVE . . . . .	11.00	Friday	11th	"
				<b>July</b>
I.C.W. . . . .	11.00	Tuesday	13th	
Women Police . . . . .	2.15	Tuesday	13th	"
Finance . . . . .	10.00	Wednesday	14th	"
Parliamentary and Legislation . . . . .	11.00	Wednesday	14th	"
Housing . . . . .	2.30	Wednesday	14th	"
Education . . . . .	4.00	Wednesday	14th	"
Public Service and Magistrates . . . . .	11.00	Thursday	15th	"
Household Service . . . . .	2.15	Thursday	15th	"
Industrial . . . . .	4.00	Thursday	15th	"
EXECUTIVE . . . . .	11.00	Friday	16th	"
				<b>September</b>
Finance . . . . .	10.00	Wednesday	15th	
EXECUTIVE . . . . .	11.00	Friday	17th	"

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*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Willis Pearson, Nesleton, Wellington Rd. Bilston, Staffs.  
*Secretary.*—Miss M. A. John, B.A., 13, Selwyn Road, Bilston, Staffs.

### BIRMINGHAM (1887).

*President.*—Mrs. W. A. Potts, 231, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.  
*Acting Vice-President.*—Councillor Miss Wilson, 76, Farquhar Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Owen Thompson, B.Sc., 18, Hermitage Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.  
*Secretary.*—Miss M. Rossington, N.C.W. Office, 60A Dudley Street, Birmingham.

### BOURNEMOUTH (1909).

*President.*—Mrs. Lefroy, M.A., 1, Meyrick Park Crescent, Bournemouth.  
*Chairman of Executive Committee.*—Miss Elsie Hoare, Sea Gate, Cassel Avenue, Bournemouth W.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss G. L. Medwin, M.B.E., 17, Ophir Road, Bournemouth.  
*Secretary.*—Miss N. I. Rickard, Tresillian, 5, Westminster Road, Bournemouth W.

### BRADFORD (1911).

*President.*—The Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Jonas Pearson, 95, Grange Road, Bradford.  
*Chairman.*—Miss Frances Dale, 13, Apsley Crescent, Bradford.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Stuart Hall, 3, Queen's Road, Mannington, Bradford.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Symons, 37, Cranbourne Road, Bradford.

BRIDLINGTON (1913).

*President.*—Mrs. W. J. Stuart, 92 Cardigan Road, Bridlington.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss E. Lucy Radford, 143, St. John's Avenue, Bridlington.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Granville Saunders, 40, St. James's Road, Bridlington.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE (1886).

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Blackett Jeffries, M.D., 10, Adelaide Crescent, Hove, Sussex.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Chadwick, Uplands, Bishops Road, Hove, Sussex.  
*Secretary.*—Miss Bunting, 3, Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex.

BRISTOL (1895).

*President.*—Miss Mabel Cowlin, Rodborough House, Sneyd Park, Bristol 9.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Alice Sturge, 28, Beaconsfield Road, Clifton, Bristol, 8.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Gwilliam, Governor's House, H. M. Prison, Horfield, Bristol, 7.

BROMLEY AND DISTRICT 1(908).

*President.*—Lady Campbell, 52, Westmoreland Road, Bromley, Kent.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Goodyear, 14, Shawfield Park, Bromley, Kent.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Borthwick, Cairnsmore, Elmstead Lane, Chislehurst, Kent.  
*Secretaries.*—Mrs. Burghes, Silver Birches, Elmstead Woods, Chislehurst, Kent.  
Miss J. Weyman, 4, Oaklands Road, Bromley, Kent.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (1918).

*President.*—Miss Holland, J.P., The Grove, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Burn, 37, St. Paul's Street, Burton-on-Trent.  
*Secretary.*—Miss Helen Iliff, 15, Borough Road, Burton-on-Trent.

CAMBRIDGE (1912).

*President.*—The Mayoress, Lynton, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Lloyd, 73, Grange Road, Cambridge.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Bowes, 21, Newton Road, Cambridge.  
*Secretaries.*—Mrs. Yelf, Benet House, Cambridge ;  
Mrs. E. W. Johnson, 86, Hills Road, Cambridge.

NEWMARKET SUB-BRANCH.

*Secretary.*—Miss M. A. Hilton, Rous Road, Newmarket.

CARLISLE AND DISTRICT (1902).

*President & Chairman.*—Mrs. Wakefield, Gale, Keswick, Cumberland.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Lucy Cartmell, Woodside, Head's Nook, Carlisle.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. D. A. Knight, 12, Portland Square, Carlisle.

CHELTENHAM (1893).

*President.*—Miss Percival Smith, Tabitha's, Painswick, Glos.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss M. Mather, York Lodge, St. George's Road, Cheltenham.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Stoney Smith, Burnbrae, 133, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham ;  
*Assistant Secretary.*—Miss Glen Walker, 7, Queen's Parade, Cheltenham.

CHESTERFIELD (1933).

*President.*—Miss Millicent Jackson, J.P., Hill House, Ashover, Nr. Chesterfield.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Frances Jackson, 6, Fairfield Road, Chesterfield.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Philipps, 129, Brockwell Lane, Chesterfield.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Walter Timmins, Halton, Lea Road, Dronfield, Derbyshire.

CHORLEY WOOD AND RICKMANSWORTH (1933).

*President.*—Mrs. Lyon Bowley, The Holt, Chorley Wood, Herts.  
*Treasurer.*—Lady Lewis, Clearbourn, Loudwater, Chorley Wood, Herts.  
*Secretaries.*—Mrs. Croydon, Kingswear, South Road, Chorley Wood, Herts.  
Mrs. Dewsnap, Thorpedale, Station Approach, Chorley Wood, Herts.

COVENTRY (1918).

*President.*—Mrs. Fraser Annand, Clive House, Warwick Road, Coventry.  
*Vice-Chairman.*—Mrs. Charley, 153, Lythall's Lane, Coventry.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Batsford, 100, Evenlode Crescent, Coventry.  
*Secretary.*—Miss A. W. Baker, 9, Middlemarch Road, Coventry.

CROYDON (1897).

*President.*—The Mayoress of Croydon, Town Hall, Croydon.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Russell, Pendower, Little Woodcote Lane, Purley.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Helen C. Thompson, Elrick, Manor Way, South Croydon.  
*Secretary.*—Miss Rhoda Brodie, M.B.E., 20, St. Peter's Road, Croydon.

DERBYSHIRE (1896).

*President.*—Mrs. G. A. Lewis, Highfield House, Derby.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. J. W. Irving, 17, North Street, Derby.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. W. J. Cox, 45, Kedleston Road, Derby.

EALING (1932).

*President.*—The Mayoress, Mrs. J. J. Lynch, 3, Whitehall Road, Hanwell, W.7.  
*Chairman.*—Miss M. S. Hoare, 6, Castlebar Road, Ealing, W.5.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Job, 24, Gunnersbury Crescent, W.3.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. J. H. Skinner, 28, Park Hill, W.5.

EASTBOURNE (1915).

*President.*—Miss F. M. West, M.A., Ravenscroft, Mount Road, Eastbourne.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Chudleigh, Tudor Croft, Baslow Road, Eastbourne.  
*Secretary.*—Miss Milman, Roseland, Hampden Park, Eastbourne.

EAST DORSET (1913).

*President.*—Miss C. H. Paterson, J.P., Corfe Lodge, Parkstone, Dorset.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Eldridge, L'Incontro, Penn Hill Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Pearman, Timberham, Hatherdon Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.

FARNHAM (1918).

*President.*—Mrs. Crundwell, Birchwood, Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Windle, Chevin, Lower Bourne, Farnham.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Colman, Crackanthorp, Middle Avenue, Farnham.

FOLKESTONE AND DISTRICT (1933).

*President.*—The Countess of Radnor, Longford Castle, Salisbury.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Maude, Overhill House, Shorncliffe, Kent.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Shephard, 4, St. Anne's, Cheriton Gardens, Folkestone.  
*Secretary.*—Dr. Esmé Pole-Stuart, 35, Cheriton Gardens, Folkestone.  
*Assistant Secretary.*—Mrs. E. A. Rose, 20, Calgary Crescent, Folkestone.

GERRARD'S CROSS AND CHALFONT ST. PETER (1918).

*President.*—Mrs. Western, Dinthill, Vicarage Way, Gerrard's Cross.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Baker, Carey House, Gerrard's Cross.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Dalgleish, Orchehill Avenue, Gerrards Cross.  
*Secretary.*—Miss H. M. Slessor, Wall Cottage, Gerrard's Cross.

GLOUCESTER (1898).

*President.*—Mrs. Meath Baker, Hasfield Court, Gloucester.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Hensman, St. Catherine's Vicarage, Gloucester.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Holtham, 65, Denmark Road, Gloucester.  
*Assistant Secretary.*—Miss Shelbourn, St. Catherine's Vicarage, Gloucester.

GUILDFORD (1917).

*President.*—Miss D. Lester, Semaphore House, Guildford, Surrey.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. George Chitty, The Rectory, Worplesdon, Surrey.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. John Bethell, Shalford Park Hotel, Guildford.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. A. H. Rabagliate, Castle Gate, Guildford.

HALIFAX (May, 1935).

*President.*—Mrs. Miriam Lightowler, J.P., Martindale, Swires Road, Halifax  
*Hon. Treasurer.*—Mrs. Roger Tolson, Coley House, Lightcliffe, Yorks.  
*Hon. Secretary.*—Mrs. C. A. Ramsden, Ph.D., Haigh House, Warley, Halifax.

HARPENDEN (1920).

*President.*—Mrs. Greathead, M.B.E., Amenbury Orchard, Harpenden, Herts.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss A. Wainwright, Woodhill, Top Street Way, Harpenden, Herts.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. D. W. Cutler, 11, Moreton Avenue, Harpenden, Herts.

HARROGATE (1918).

*President.*—Lady Lawson Tancred, J.P., Aldborough Manor, Boroughbridge, Yorks.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Edgecombe, Victoria Avenue, Harrogate.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Kaye, 12, Rayleigh Road, Harrogate.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Arthur E. Turner, Nordene, Leadhall Lane, Harrogate.

HARROW (October 1935).

*President.*—Dr. B. Tchaykovsky, 5, St. John's Road, Harrow.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Woodall, Eywood School, Althorpe Road, Harrow.  
*Hon. Treasurer.*—Mrs. A. M. Ball, 34, Holmdene Avenue, N. Harrow.  
*Hon. Secretary.*—Mrs. Jewell, Norrington, Pinner Road, Pinner.

HASLEMERE (1915).

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Thornton, The Heath, Hindhead, Surrey.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Anscombe, Weysprings Cottage, Farnham Lane, Haslemere  
*Secretary.*—Miss Shaw, High Inval, Haslemere.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S (1930).

*President.*—The Countess Brassey, J.P., Park Gate, Battle, Sussex.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Hunter, St. John's Rectory, Brittany Road, St. Leonards,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*—Mrs. Friston, Maryland, Upper Church Road, Hollington,  
St. Leonard's-on-Sea.  
*Secretaries.*—Mrs. Chas. Pope, 7, Sedlescombe Road South, St. Leonard's-  
on-Sea.  
Miss Nora Gardiner, The Albany Hotel, Hastings.

HORNSEY AND DISTRICT (1918).

*President & Chairman.*—Mrs. H. Holman, J.P., 8, Hornsey Lane, Highgate,  
N.6.  
*Treasurer.*—Lady Simpson, 72, Hornsey Lane, Highgate, N.6.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Mackie, 91, The Avenue, Wood Green, N.10.

HUDDERSFIELD (1917).

*President.*—Mrs. J. T. C. Broadbent, Quarryhurst, Longwood, Huddersfield.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Pye-Smith, Vernon House, New North Road, Huddersfield.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Randolph, 21, Wentworth Street, Huddersfield.

ULL (1905).

*President.*—Mrs. Maxwell Jackson, Ferriby Hill, N. Ferriby, E. Yorks.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Pretty, 67, Marlborough Avenue, Hull.  
*Secretary.*—Miss Edith B. Brekke, 193, Coltman Street, Hull.

KING'S LYNN (1919).

*President.*—Mrs. Catleugh, The Grange, South Wootton, King's Lynn.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Blunt, 9, King Street, King's Lynn.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Drennan, 33, Gaywood Road, King's Lynn.

LEEDS (1895).

*President.*—Viscountess Halifax, Garrowby, York.  
*Chairman.*—Miss A. I. S. Smith, West Leeds High School, Whingate,  
Leeds 12.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Spilmont, Merivale, Shire Oak Road, Headingley, Leeds 6.  
*Secretary.*—Miss K. E. Barford, 11, Laurel Bank Court, Headingley, Leeds 6.

LEICESTER (1896).

*President & Chairman.*—Mrs. Astley Clarke, 10, University Road, Leicester.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. W. Tyler, 17, Ashleigh Road, Leicester.  
*Secretary.*—Miss L. E. Moore, 41, Kimberley Road, Leicester.

LINCOLN (1898).

*President.*—Mrs. H. E. Newsum, 25, Eastgate, Lincoln.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Abbott, 15, The Avenue, Lincoln.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Lane, M.A., J.P., 10, Lindum Terrace, Lincoln.

LIVERPOOL AND BIRKENHEAD (1887).

*President.*—Mrs. Stewart-Brown, J.P., 16, Ullet Road, Liverpool, 8.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Lilian Birt, 50, Brodie Avenue, Liverpool 18.  
*Secretary.*—Miss M. Twemlow, 9, Ashfield Road, Aigburth, Liverpool 17.

LONDON (1916).

*President & Chairman.*—Mrs. Patrick Ness, 34, Eaton Square, S.W.1.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss K. B. Locock, M.B.E., 44, Rusholme Road, Putney Heath  
Lane, S.W.15.  
*Hon. Hospitality Secretary.*—Mrs. Gillham Bolus, 28, Sutton Court, Brighton  
Road, Sutton, Surrey.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. K. Clark, B.A., LL.B., 6, Essex Street, W.C.2.

MAIDSTONE.

*President.*—The Mayoress, Maidstone.  
*Chairman.*—Dr. Grace Garratt, Upwey, Loose Road, Maidstone.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Ivens, 30, Cornwallis Road, Maidstone.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. A. J. Woolgar, J.P., Grammar School, Maidstone.

MALVERN (1918).

*President.*—Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, M.A., J.P., Manor House, Northfield,  
Birmingham.  
*Chairman.*—Miss Judson, The Abbey School, Malvern Wells.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss E. C. Davis, 3, The Hollies, Malvern.  
*Secretary.*—Miss Wolseley Lewis, Glendale, Hornyold Road, Malvern.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD (1897).

*President.*—Hon. Mrs. Cawley, Brooklands, Prestwich, Manchester.  
*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Watson Ingram, 68, Barton Arcade, Manchester.  
*Secretary.*—Mrs. Raymond Southern, N.C.W. Office, 65, Barton Arcade,  
Manchester.

MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT (FEBRUARY, 1935).

*President.*—The Mayoress of Mansfield, The Town Hall, Mansfield.  
*Chairman.*—Mrs. Wainwright, J.P., 1, Granby Avenue, Mansfield.  
*Hon. Treasurer.*—Mrs. C. F. Watson, Oakdene, St. John's Place, Mansfield.  
*Secretary.*—

MIDDLESBROUGH AND CLEVELAND (1915).

*President.*—Mrs. Levick, M.D., Willerby, Cambridge Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

*Chairman.*—Miss Prinn, Settlement House, Middlesbrough.

*Treasurer.*—Miss M. Taylor, Daleston Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

*Secretaries.*—Miss K. M. Gimson, 24, Harrow Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

Mrs. J. Brownlee, 24, The Avenue, Middlesbrough.

MORTLAKE WITH EAST SHEEN (1926).

*President.*—Mrs. Parsons, Longfield, Christchurch Road, East Sheen, S.W.14.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Meek, 3, Park Avenue, East Sheen, S.W.14.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Chumley, 13, Holmesdale Avenue, East Sheen, S.W.14.

*Secretary.*—Miss A. L. Parry, 69, Richmond Park Road, East Sheen, S.W.14.

NEWARK, SOUTHWELL & DISTRICT (April, 1936).

*President.*—Mrs. Vere Lawrie, Carlton Hall, Notts.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Becher, Minster Lodge, Southwell, Notts.

*Hon. Treasurer.*—Mrs. Beevor, Farndon, Notts.

*Hon. Secretary.*—Mrs. Ernest Quibell, Magnus Lodge, Newark.

NORFOLK AND NORWICH (1918).

*President.*—The Lady Mayoress, The Guildhall, Norwich.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. H. Harper-Smith, 435, Unthank Road, Norwich.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Basil Cozens-Hardy, 16, Albemarle Road, Norwich.

*Secretary.*—Miss Margaret Hill, 15, West Parade, Norwich.

NORTH STAFFS. (1918).

*President.*—Mrs. Wheelton Hind, O.B.E., J.P., Roxeth House, Stoke-on-Trent.

*Chairman.*—Miss Coghill, Redlands, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent.

*Treasurer.*—Miss Bishop, Oulton House, Stone, Staffs.

*Secretary.*—Miss E. M. Ashwell, The Grove, Penkull, Stoke-on-Trent.

NORTHUMBERLAND, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, AND TYNESIDE, (1929).

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Alderson, M.A., Coquetdale House, Blyth, Northumberland.

*Treasurer.*—Miss E. Atkinson, 38, St. George's Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 2.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. S. Phillips, 7, Kingsland, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS. (1895).

*President.*—Mrs. W. E. Ransom, Thoroton Hall, Notts

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Chaloner Mosey, Mapperley Road, Nottingham.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. Coulby, 8, North Road, The Park, Nottingham.

OLDHAM (1897).

*President.*—Miss Lees, Westholme, Newport Street, Oldham.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Brooks, 85, Green Lane, Garden Suburb, Oldham.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. Claydon, 51, Frederick Street, Oldham.

PETERBOROUGH (1896).

*President.*—Mrs. Barford, Dean's Court, The Precincts, Peterborough.

*Treasurer.*—Miss Shrive, 6, The Pantiles, All Saint's Road, Peterborough.

*Secretary.*—Miss Hartley, Fletton Tower, Peterborough.

*Assistant Secretary.*—Miss Shipley Ellis, Abbeyfields, The Park, Peterborough.

PORTSMOUTH. (1900).

*President.*—Mrs. Raikes, Ravelin House, Portsmouth.

*Chairman.*—Miss E. H. Kelly, C.B.E., J.P., 18, St. Andrew's Road, Southsea.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. J. R. C. Miller, 41, St. Ronan's Road, Southsea.

*Secretaries.*—Miss Rundle, 13, Clarence Parade, Southsea.

Mrs. R. Williams, 13, Clarence Parade, Southsea.

RICHMOND (OCTOBER, 1935).

*President.*—Miss S. E. Burke, 17, Lion Gate Gardens, Richmond, Surrey.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Gladwell, 35, Montague Road, Richmond, Surrey.

*Treasurer.*—Miss H. Loney, 172, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. H. L. Constable, 9, Cumberland Road, Kew, Surrey.

RUISLIP (1930).

*President.*—Mrs. Fogarty, Dene Cottage, Manor Way, Ruislip, Middlesex.

*Treasurer.*—Miss Gundry, 72, High Street, Ruislip.

*Secretary.*—Miss Blanch, Uplands, Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, Middlesex.

ST. ALBANS (1918).

*President.*—Mrs. Sidney Clarke, Wood End Lane Farm, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

*Treasurer.*—Miss J. Howard, Twyford House, Fishpool Street, St. Albans.

*Secretary.*—Miss Phyllis Gibbs, Houndspath, St. Albans.

SALISBURY (1915).

*President.*—Lady Eyre Coote, The Close, Salisbury.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Ridehalgh, 26, Downton Road, Salisbury.

*Treasurer.*—Miss D. Oakley Hill, King's House, The Close, Salisbury.

*Secretaries.*—Mrs. H. Jacob, De Vaux House, Salisbury.

Mrs. T. Fletcher, 273, Castle Road, Salisbury.

SHEFFIELD (1909).

*President.*—Mrs. Leonard Wragg, M.B.E., J.P., Manor House, Loxley, Nr. Sheffield.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. A. Gurney Yates, Moorbank Road, Sandygate, Sheffield 10.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Meggitt, 108, Ivy Park Road, Sheffield 10.

*Secretaries.*—Mrs. R. B. Graham, 1, Melbourne Avenue, Sheffield.

Mrs. E. F. Watling, 30, Elmore Road, Sheffield 10.

SOUTH DORSET (1917).

*President.*—Mrs. Bone, M.A., 24, Kempston Road, Weymouth.

*Vice-President.*—Mrs. Heenan, Old Lime Kiln, Shipton Gorge, Bridport.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Thompson, 3, Johnston Row, Esplanade, Weymouth.

*Secretary.*—Miss F. H. Ramsden, Meerhay Manor, Beaminster, Dorset.

SOUTHPORT AND BIRKDALE (1893).

*President.*—Mrs. J. Coop, 36 Melling Road, Southport.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. W. Travis, Biskdale Lodge, Lulworth Road, Southport.

*Treasurer.*—Miss H. R. Herbert, 13, Marlborough Road, Southport.

*Secretary.*—Miss M. Vickers, 18, Cambridge Avenue, Southport.

SPENBOROUGH (1932).

*President.*—

*Vice-President.*—Mrs. Atkinson, C.C., Spen House, Cleckheaton, Yorks.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Patchett, Quinton Hill, Cleckheaton, Yorks.

*Secretary.*—Miss Jean A. Anderson, Scite House Cottage, Hightown, Liversedge, Yorks.

STOCKTON AND THORNABY (1904).

*President.*—Miss Whitwell, J.P., Clockwood House, Yarm-on-Tees, Yorks.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Zealley, 6, The Green, Norton-on-Tees.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Thompson, 1, Spring Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. Hall, 4, West End Terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.

*Assistant Secretaries.*—Mrs. Woolner, Meadow Croft, Durham Road, Stockton-on-Tees.

Mrs. Jameson, Crookes Barn Lane, Norton-on-Tees.

**TORQUAY (1915).**

*President & Chairman.*—Miss Tweedy, M.B.E., J.P., Moorcot, Wellwood, Torquay.

*Treasurer.*—Miss Mallock, 3, Kent's Road, Torquay.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. Walton, Trees, Bronshill Road, Torquay.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS (1895).**

*President.*—Miss A. Scott, 9, Lansdowne Road, Tunbridge Wells.

*Treasurer.*—Miss Bretherton, M.A., 15, Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. C. J. Lewis Keeble, 33, Byng Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**WATFORD AND DISTRICT (1918).**

*President.*—The Countess of Clarendon, Pitt House, Hampstead, N.W.3, and Government House, Cape Town, S. Africa.

*Chairman.*—Miss Hewitt, M.A., Gartlet School, Watford.

*Treasurer.*—Miss Dodwell, The Spinney, Church Road, Watford.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. Massey, 99, Cassiobury Park Avenue, Watford.

**WOLVERHAMPTON (1918).**

*President.*—Mrs. Brock Allon, 5, Merridale Grove, Wolverhampton.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Morrell, Tor Lodge, Compton, Wolverhampton.

*Secretary.*—Miss E. Whittle, Rock Cottage, Tettenhall, nr. Wolverhampton.

**WORTHING (1914).**

*President & Chairman.*—Mrs. Martin, Penrose, Charmandean Road, Broadwater.

*Treasurer.*—Miss Sturgess, 13, Belsize Road, Worthing.

*Secretary.*—Miss E. M. Edwards, 6, Southey Road, Worthing.

**YORK (1900).**

*President.*—Mrs. Riley, Copmanthorp, York.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Cadell, Tranent, Heworth, York.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. Angelo Raine, Dringhouses Vicarage, York, (until December 31st, 1936).

Miss Pearson, 39, Lawrence Street, York, (from 1st January, 1937)

**SCOTLAND.****ABERDEEN (1883).**

*President.*—Ishbel, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, G.B.E., LL.D., J.P., Gordon House, Rubislaw Den North, Aberdeen.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Henry Alexander, M.A. (Cantab.), J.P., 31, Queen's Road, Aberdeen.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Veitch, 52, Queen's Road, Aberdeen.

*Secretary.*—Miss Trail, 81, High Street, Old Aberdeen.

**DUNDEE (1904).**

*President & Chairman.*—Miss M. A. Macdonald, Windmill House, Arbroath, Angus.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Bell, Pinemount, Dundee.

*Secretary.*—Miss Duncan, 2, Beechwood Terrace, Dundee.

**EDINBURGH AND DISTRICT (1896).**

*President.*—The Lady Ruth Balfour, M.B., B.S., Balbirnie, Markinch, Fife.

*Chairman.*—Mrs. A. Munro MacRobert, 53, Dick Place, Edinburgh.

*Treasurer.*—Miss Jeana Cadigan, B.Com., C.A., Commercial Laboratory, High School Yards, Edinburgh.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. T. J. Mackie, N.C.W. Office, 22, Stafford Street, Edinburgh.

**GLASGOW (1884).**

*President.*—Mrs. Shaw Dunn, M.D., D.Sc., 25, Bute Gardens, Glasgow, W.2.

*Treasurer.*—Miss E. Tancred, 6, Crown Road North, Glasgow, W.2.

*Secretary.*—Miss Lilius S. Macartney, N.C.W. Office, 114, West Campbell Street, Glasgow, C.2.

**GREENOCK (1904).**

*President & Chairman.*—Ex-Bailie Isabelle Kerr, J.P., Heywood, Greenock.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Alexander, Garrachrhune, Kilmun, Argyllshire.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. Williamson, Carlogie, Greenock.

**NORTH AYRSHIRE (1928).**

*Chairman.*—Mrs. Forest, Chrystie Gardens, Saltcoats.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Seggie, 36, Chrystie Gardens, Saltcoats.

*Secretary.*—Miss M. K. Bain, Glencairn, Ardrossan Road, Saltcoats.

**PERTH (1917).**

*President.*—Miss Ada M. Crabbie, Butterstone, Dunkeld, Perthshire.

*Treasurer.*—Mrs. Cyril Walmsley, 4, Albert Place, Perth.

*Secretary.*—Miss Margaret Martin, 5, Rosemount Place, Perth.

**ST. ANDREWS (1903).**

*President.*—Miss F. J. Warrack, 3, Playfair Terrace, St. Andrews.

*Treasurer.*—Dr. K. L. McCutcheon, St. Leonard's School, St. Andrews.

*Secretary.*—Mrs. A. G. Scott, Grancey, St. Andrews, Fife.

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## BRANCH MEMBERS AND AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

England, Scotland, and Wales.		Member-ship.	Local Societies.
Andover		84	10
Aylesbury		130	5
Bath		160	8
Bedford		138	12
Berkhamsted		324	10
Bilston		90	—
Birmingham		554	65
Bournemouth		162	14
Bradford		210	20
Bridlington		125	4
Brighton and Hove		220	23
Bristol		284	23
Bromley, Kent		165	23
Burton-on-Trent		128	2
Cambridge		274	31
Newmarket Sub-Branch		32	—
Carlisle		208	12
Cheltenham		105	17
Chesterfield		104	5
Chorley Wood		120	1
Coventry		100	23
Croydon		650	3
Derbyshire		180	15
Ealing		400	7
Eastbourne		206	9
East Dorset		102	6
Farnham		86	3
Folkestone		105	4
Gerrard's Cross		80	—
Gloucester		92	16
Guildford		120	9
Halifax		97	5
Harpenden		110	4
Harrogate		180	21
Harrow		72	—
Haslemere		101	6
Hastings and St. Leonard's		273	14
Hornsey and District		198	17
Huddersfield		80	11
Hull		318	25
King's Lynn		100	5
Leeds		135	26
Leicester		340	11
Lincoln		200	14
Liverpool and Birkenhead		156	—
London		240	24
Maidstone		300	3
Malvern		180	6
Manchester and Salford		244	63
Mansfield		125	3
Middlesbrough and Cleveland		100	—
Mortlake with East Sheen		205	—
Newark, Southwell and District		100	—
Carried forward		9,592	638

	Member-ship.	Local Societies.
Brought forward	9,592	638
Norfolk and Norwich	503	13
North Staffordshire	113	1
Northumberland, Newcastle, etc	180	43
Nottingham and Notts.	450	36
Oldham	200	2
Peterborough	130	20
Portsmouth	227	45
Richmond	172	14
Ruislip	100	1
St. Albans	355	17
Salisbury	108	20
Sheffield	204	33
South Dorset	96	—
Southport and Birkdale	153	20
Spensborough	180	17
Stockton and Thornaby	150	9
Torquay	201	33
Tunbridge Wells	174	29
Watford	250	15
Wolverhampton	350	13
Worthing	300	8
York	197	23

### Scotland.

Aberdeen	172	27
Dundee	100	12
Edinburgh	280	55
Glasgow	270	62
Greenock	291	25
North Ayrshire	50	3
Perth	111	14
St. Andrews	32	4
Stirling and District	236	9

### Wales.

Bangor	128	2
Colwyn Bay	89	—
Llangollen	100	5

86 Branches having total membership of . . . . . 16,244 1,268

## LIST OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Alexandra College, Dublin . . . . .	1
Alexandra College Guild, Dublin . . . . .	2
Alliance of Honour, 112, City Road, E.C.1 . . . . .	2
Assistant Mistresses in Public Secondary Schools, Incorporated Association of, 29, Gordon Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	2
Association for Moral and Social Hygiene, Livingstone House, Broadway, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Beckenham Women Citizens' Association, Homewood, Copse Avenue, West Wickham, Kent . . . . .	1
Bedford College for Women, Regent's Park, N.W.1 . . . . .	1
British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1 . . . . .	1
British Social Hygiene Council, Carteret House, Carteret Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
British Women's Hospitality Committee, 68, Welbeck Street, W.1 . . . . .	1
Brotherhood Movement Inc., (Sisterhood Section), 37, Norfolk Street, W.C.2 . . . . .	2
Canning Town Women's Settlement, Settlement House, Cumberland Road, Plaistow, E.13 . . . . .	1
Charity Organisation Society, Denison House, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Chiropractors, Incorporated Society of, 21, Cavendish Square, W.1 . . . . .	1
Church Army (Women's Social Work Dept.), 55, Bryanston Street, W.1 . . . . .	4
Church of England Advisory Board for Moral Welfare Work, Morton's Tower, Lambeth Palace, S.E. . . . .	2
Church of England Temperance Society (Women's Union), 40, Marsham Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Church of Scotland Women's Guild, 121, George Street, Edinburgh . . . . .	2
College Hall (University of London), Malet Street, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
College of Nursing, Inc., Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.1 . . . . .	4
Colonial and Continental Church Society (Ladies' Association), 9, Sargeant's Inn, Fleet Street, E.C.4 . . . . .	1
Conservative and Unionist Associations, National Union of, Central Women's Advisory Committee, Palace Chambers, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Conservative Women's Reform Association, 43a, High Street, St. John's Wood, N.W.8 . . . . .	1
Coulsdon and Purley Women Citizens' Association, 2, Purley Rise, Purley, Surrey . . . . .	1
County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association, Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, E.11 . . . . .	1
Day Nurseries, National Society of, 117, Piccadilly, W.1 . . . . .	1
Devon Council of Women, 33, Raleigh Road, Exeter . . . . .	1
Divine Compassion, Order of, St. Agnes House, Windsor Terrace, Hampstead . . . . .	1
Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 18, Stepney Causeway, E.1 . . . . .	2
Electrical Association for Women, 20, Lower Regent Street, W.1 . . . . .	2
Employment of Women, Central Bureau for the, 54, Russell Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
Epileptics, National Society for, Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1 . . . . .	1
Equal Citizenship, National Council for, Room 116, Thames House, Millbank, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Eugenics Society, 69, Eccleston Square, S.W.1 . . . . .	1
Exeter Diocesan Deaconesses, The Chantry, Exeter . . . . .	1
Factory Girls' Country Holiday Fund, 75, Lambs Conduit Street, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
Food Education Society, 29, Gordon Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
Girls' Clubs, Federation of, 73, Bolsover Street, Great Portland Street, W.1 . . . . .	4
Girls' Clubs, National Council of, Hamilton House, Bidborough Street, W.C.1 . . . . .	4

Girls' Friendly Society (Central Council) Townsend House, Grey Coat Place, S.W.1 . . . . .	4
Girls' Friendly Society (Scotland), 19, Rutland Square, Edinburgh . . . . .	1
Girl Guides, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1 . . . . .	4
Girls' Guildry, 4, Burnbank Terrace, Glasgow, N. W. . . . .	2
Girls' Life Brigade, Inc., 56, Old Bailey, E.C.4 . . . . .	1
Girton College, Cambridge . . . . .	1
Greyladies' College for Women Church Workers, Dartmouth Road, Greenwich, S.E.10 . . . . .	1
Head Mistresses, Association of, 29, Gordon Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	2
Home and School Council of Great Britain, 29, Tavistock Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
Hospital Almoners' Institute of, Tavistock House (North), Tavistock Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
House of Education Teachers' and Old Students' Association, 56a, Longridge Road, S.W.5 . . . . .	1
Howard League for Penal Reform, Parliament Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Independent Schools Association, Incorporated, St. Hilda's School, Moseley, Birmingham . . . . .	1
Industrial Christian Fellowship, 4, The Sanctuary, Westminster, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Industrial Psychology, National Institute of, (Women's Committee) Aldwych House, W.C.2 . . . . .	1
Invalid Children's Aid Association, 117, Piccadilly, W.1 . . . . .	2
Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls, Women and Children, 45, Great Prescott Street, Aldgate, E.1 . . . . .	2
Jewish Women, Union of, Woburn House, 4th Floor, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
Ling Association of Teachers of Gymnastics, Hamilton House, Bidborough Street, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
London Diocesan Council for Preventive, Rescue and Penitentiary Work, 8, Little Grosvenor Street, Berkeley Square, W.1 . . . . .	1
Mabys Association for the Care of Young Girls, Denison House, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1 . . . . .	1
Massage and Medical Gymnastics, Chartered Society of, Tavistock House (North), Tavistock Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	2
Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, General Hospital, Croydon . . . . .	1
Mayfair Union, 164, Ashley Gardens, S.W.1 . . . . .	1
Mental After-Care Association of the Recovered Insane, Room 354, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2 . . . . .	1
Mental Hygiene, National Council for, 76-77, Chandos House, Palmer Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	1
Mental Welfare, Central Association for, 24, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Midwives' Institute and Trained Nurses Club, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	1
Ministry of Women, Society for the, St. Multose, Newcombe Park, Mill Hill, N.W. . . . .	1
Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner House, Tufton Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	4
Mothers' Union (Scotland), 3, Manor Place, Edinburgh . . . . .	1
National Adult School Union, (Women's Dept.), 30, Bloomsbury Street, W.C.1 . . . . .	2
National British Women's Total Abstinence Union, Rosalind Carlisle House, 104, Gower Street, W.C.1 . . . . .	4
National Free Church Women's Council, 27, Tavistock Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	2
National Smoke Abatement Society, 36, King Street, Manchester, 2 . . . . .	1
National Sunday School Union, Sherstone, Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent . . . . .	2
National Vigilance Association, 3-4, Old Pye Street, Westminster, S.W.1 . . . . .	1
National Spinsters Pensions Association, 21, Scholemoor Lane, Lidget Green, Bradford . . . . .	1

National Women Citizens' Association, 155, Denmark Hill, S.E.5 . . . . .	3
Newport Women Citizens' Association, 39, Westgate Chambers, Newport, Mon. . . . .	1
Nursery Schools Association of Great Britain, 29, Tavistock Square, W.C.1. . . . .	1
Nurses, National Council of, 39, Portland Place, W.1 . . . . .	4
Open Door Council, Iddesleigh House, Caxton Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Parents' National Educational Union, 26, Victoria Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Pedestrians' Association, Graham House, 3, Tudor Street, E.C.4 . . . . .	2
People's League of Health, 12, Stratford Place, W.1. . . . .	1
Performing and Captive Animals' Defence League, 17, Buckingham Street, Adelphi, W.C.2 . . . . .	1
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Royal Society for, 105, Jermyn Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Prevention of Cruelty to Children, National Society for the, Victory House, Leicester Square, W.C.2 . . . . .	2
Public Morality Council, 37, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2 . . . . .	2
Ranyard Mission, Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
Reigate and Redhill Women Citizens' Association, Green Loaning, The Chase, Reigate, Surrey . . . . .	1
Representative School Managers of London Elementary Schools, 19, Onslow Gardens, N.10 . . . . .	1
St. Andrew's Deaconess House, St. Andrew's House, Portsmouth . . . . .	1
Salisbury Diocesan Association for Moral and Spiritual Welfare, The Old Rectory, Wilton, Salisbury . . . . .	1
Salvation Army, (Women's International Department) International Headquarters, 101, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.4 . . . . .	4
Save the Children Fund, 40, Gordon Street, Gordon Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
Scottish Council of Women Citizens' Associations, 4, Janefield Avenue, Dumfries . . . . .	1
Scottish Matrons' Association, City Hospital, Comiston Road, Edinburgh . . . . .	1
Social Guild (Nottingham) 7, Castle Street, Nottingham . . . . .	1
Southwark Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare, 125, Kennington Road, S.E.11 . . . . .	1
Streatham Women's Local Government and Citizens' Association, 20, Christchurch Road, S.W.2 . . . . .	1
Student Christian Movement, Annandale, North End Road, Golders Green, N.W.11 . . . . .	2
Sutton Coldfield Women Citizens' Association, Kirby Gate, Boswell Road, Sutton Coldfield . . . . .	1
Teachers, National Union of, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, W.C.1 . . . . .	3
Teachers of Domestic Subjects, Association of, 29-30, Gordon Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	2
Teachers' Training and Registration Society, Maria Grey Training College, Salusbury Road, Brondesbury . . . . .	1
Teddington and the Hamptons Women Citizens' Association, 40, Gloucester Road, Teddington . . . . .	1
Temperance Legislation League (Women's Section), Parliament Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	1
Training of Women, Society for Promoting the, 251, Brompton Road, S.W.3 . . . . .	1
University Women, British Federation of, Crosby Hall, Cheyne Walk, S.W.3 . . . . .	3
University Women's Camps for School Girls, Federation of, 35, Wellington Street, Strand, W.C.2 . . . . .	1
University of London Animal Welfare Society, 68 Torrington Square, W.C.1 . . . . .	1
Unmarried Mother and Her Child, National Council for the, Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, W.1 . . . . .	2
Wage Earning Children, Committee on, 9, Gloucester Terrace, Old Brompton, S.W.7 . . . . .	1
Westfield College, Finchley Road, N.W.3 . . . . .	1
West London Mission, Kingsway Hall, W.C.2 . . . . .	1
Winchester Women Citizens' Association, 7, Christchurch Road, Winchester . . . . .	1
Wives' Fellowship, Falconhurst, Basingstoke . . . . .	1
Women Housing Estate Managers, Society of, 13, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, S.W.1 . . . . .	1

Women Pharmacists, National Association of, 58 Queensborough Terrace, Hyde Park, W.2 . . . . .	1
Women Public Health Officers' Association, 7, Victoria Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	1
Women's Employment Federation, 31, Marsham Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Women's Engineering Society, 20, Lower Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus, W.1 . . . . .	1
Women's Freedom League, 144, High Holborn, W.C.1 . . . . .	2
Women's Gas Council, 19-20, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Women's National Liberal Federation, 42, Parliament Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Women's Service, London and National Society for, 29, Marsham Street, S.W.1 . . . . .	2
Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education, 18, Blenheim Terrace, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds . . . . .	1
Young Women's Christian Association (British National Council), Y.W.C.A. Central Building, 4th Floor, Great Russell Street, W.C.1 . . . . .	4
Young Women's Christian Association of Scotland, 14, Melville Street, Edinburgh . . . . .	1

Total : 130 Affiliated Societies.

## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I.

#### NAME AND PREAMBLE.

1. This Council shall be called "THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN."

2. This Council is established in the interests of no one particular social, political or religious organisation. It has no power over the organisations which enter into affiliation with it.

### ARTICLE II.

#### OBJECTS.

1. To promote sympathy of thought and purpose among the women of Great Britain.

2. To promote the social, civil, moral and religious welfare of the community.

3. To co-ordinate, both nationally and locally, organisations in harmony with these purposes.

4. To promote such conditions of life as will assure to every child an opportunity for full and free development.

5. To work for the removal of all disabilities of women, whether legal, economic or social.

6. To collect and re-distribute information of service to the community.

7. To form a link with the National Councils of Women in other countries through the International Council of Women.

### ARTICLE III.

#### METHODS OF WORK.

The methods of work shall include :

1. Forming of Branches. (cf. Article IV (1).)

2. Affiliating all organisations whose work is in harmony with the objects of the National Council. (cf. Article IV (3).)

3. Forming standing Sectional Committees and Special Committees as may be required. (cf. Articles IX, X, and XVII).

4. Convening conferences and meetings and conducting enquiries.

5. Submitting to the Government and to Parliament recommendations for the amendment of the law and its administration.

6. Representing the need for national and local reforms to the proper authorities.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The members shall be women who are :

(1) Members of the Branches who shall be deemed Subscribing Members.

(2) Headquarters Subscribers who shall be deemed Subscribing Members.

(3) Members of the Affiliated Societies.

All members are eligible to hold office as Honorary Officers of the Council, and as members of the Executive Committee, provided that they shall have subscribed to the funds of the National Council of Women for at least one year.

All members are eligible to hold office as Honorary Officers of Sectional Committees and as representatives of those Committees to the Representative Council meeting, provided that they are subscribers to the funds of the Council, or will become so on their appointment.

#### (1) BRANCHES.

(a) The Branches consist of affiliated local societies and organisations and of individual members. They promote the work and objects of the National Council as local circumstances enable them to do.

(b) Branches shall pay an annual subscription to Headquarters of £5, and 25 per cent. of their ordinary membership subscriptions. The £5 shall not be compulsory until the third year after the formation of the Branch and the Central Executive Committee shall have power to remit the payment of £5 should the circumstances of a Branch require special consideration at any time.

Those Branches of the National Council of Women which have not paid their annual fee of £5 for two years shall have their representation on the Representative Council reduced, and notice of this shall be given at the close of the first year.

#### (2) HEADQUARTERS SUBSCRIBERS.

(i) The Headquarters subscribers of the National Council of Women are women who subscribe not less than 5/- annually to the Central Funds.

(ii) Subscribers of one guinea or more shall receive the official magazine free.

(iii) A copy of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall be sent to all Headquarters subscribers.

(iv) Headquarters subscribers residing outside the area covered by ordinary membership of a Branch shall have the right to Honorary membership of their nearest branch.

#### (3) AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

(a) Affiliated Societies shall be such as are nationally organised and are accepted by the Executive Committee of the Council by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the meeting at which the application is considered, the constitution of such societies to be in conformity with that of the National Council of Women.

(b) Each Affiliated Society is entitled to appoint one representative on the Representative Council but this representation may be increased, upon application being made by the affiliating society to a number not exceeding six at the discretion of the Executive Committee, which shall revise the list annually.

(c) Affiliated Societies shall pay an annual subscription to the Central Funds of not less than £1 1s. 0d. (as from 1912). Should they be entitled to appoint more than four members of Council an additional sum of 5/- is due on account of each additional member so appointed to the Representative Council. Any Society which has not paid its subscription before the Annual Council Meeting shall after due notice cease to be affiliated.

(d) Affiliated Societies shall each receive through their secretaries notice of all meetings of the Representative Council, a free copy of the HANDBOOK and of WOMEN IN COUNCIL.

### ARTICLE V.

#### THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

1. The Governing Body of the National Council of Women shall be called the Representative Council.

2. The Representative Council shall consist of :

(a) The Executive Committee. (Article XIII, 3).

(b) The Honorary Vice-Presidents.

(c) Representatives of the Branches. (Article XIII, 1).

(d) Representatives of the Affiliated Societies. (Article XIII, 2.)

(e) Representatives of the Sectional Committees. (Article XIII, 4.)

## ARTICLE VI.

### HONORARY OFFICERS.

1. The Officers of the National Council shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Parliamentary Secretary; they shall be elected by postal ballot by the Representative Council, and shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election.

The term of office of President or Vice-President shall not in any case exceed three years without an interval of one or more years.

2. The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Parliamentary Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members of all Sectional and other Committees.

3. The President shall preside over the meetings of the Representative Council and the Executive Committee. Should she be unable to attend, one of the Vice-Presidents shall take her place, and act on behalf of the President whenever necessary.

4. The Treasurer shall preside over the meetings of the Finance Committee and in co-operation with it shall organise the collection and supervise the expenditure of the funds of the Council.

5. The Parliamentary Secretary, in co-operation with the Parliamentary and Legislation Committee, shall conduct the parliamentary business. She shall not act in a similar capacity for any other organisation.

6. The Advisory Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Council and Chairmen of Sectional Committees and the Convener of the Scottish Standing Committee.

## ARTICLE VII.

### HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Past Presidents shall be Honorary Vice-Presidents, and shall serve as *ex-officio* Members of the Executive Committee provided they attend at least two meetings during the Council's year.

The founders of the National Union of Women Workers, the President and ex-Presidents of the International Council of Women, and any other women elected by the Representative Council shall be also honorary Vice-Presidents. These Vice-Presidents must be members of the National Council of Women at the time of their appointment.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall carry out the policy and transact the business of the Council.

2. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

(a) The President, Honorary Vice-Presidents (cf. Article VII), and the Officers.

(b) Twenty-four members nominated by Branches of the Council and Members of the Executive Committee, and elected by them by a postal ballot the result to be announced at the annual meeting; of these twenty-four at least four shall be resident in Scotland and one in Wales. Members shall remain in office for two years: twelve shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election provided that they shall have attended at least four meetings in each year.

The Executive Committee may at its discretion grant special leave of absence.

(c) (i) There shall be in operation a pool for travelling fares to facilitate the attendance of one delegate from each branch so entitled at one meeting of the Executive in each council year.

(ii) Such branches as are not yet entitled to appoint a representative on the Executive shall be invited by the President to send a visitor, and their fare shall be paid out of the Travelling Pool.

(iii) Each branch shall pay into the Pool for one representative—30s.

(d) One member elected by each Branch having a direct membership of 100 and over.

(e) One member elected by each Regional Committee of the Branches.

(f) One member elected by the Scottish Standing Committee.

A proxy may be elected by any Branch, Regional Committee and the Scottish Standing Committee to hold office for the same period as the elected representative with power to attend and vote on receiving notification from the representative of her unavoidable absence.

(f) Sixteen members nominated by the Affiliated Societies, and elected by a postal ballot by the Affiliated Societies, the result to be announced at the Annual Meeting. Members remain in office for one year and are eligible for re-election, provided they have attended at least four meetings in the year.

The Executive may, at its discretion, grant special leave of absence.

(g) The Chairmen, and the Honorary Secretaries of the Sectional and Special Committees *ex-officio* provided that they have held office for not less than one year.

Ex-Officio members shall not stand for election to the Executive Committee.

(h) The Honorary Secretary for Regional Committees.

(i) Two members co-opted to represent the local Committee of the place where the Annual Representative Council Meeting is to be held.

(j) Women Members of Parliament who, during their tenure of office, may be elected as Honorary Members of Executive.

3. The newly elected Executive Committee shall hold office for one year from the October following its election.

## ARTICLE IX.

### FINANCE.

1. The Honorary Treasurer in co-operation with the Finance Committee shall transact the financial business and administer the finances of the Council, subject to the approval of the Executive.

2. The Finance Committee shall consist of:

(a) The Officers.

(b) Six representatives elected by the Executive.

(c) Four representatives elected by the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.

(d) One representative of the Scottish Standing Committee.

3. The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two members.

4. Cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer, or in her absence by the President.

5. Members of the Finance Committee shall hold office for one year until their re-election by the new Executive Committee.

6. The financial year of the National Council of Women shall date from September 1st to August 31st.

7. The Finance Committee shall have power to appoint an Honorary Financial Adviser subject to the approval of the Executive.

## ARTICLE X.

### CONSTITUTION OF SECTIONAL COMMITTEES

Sectional Committees to further special branches of work, shall be set up either at the decision of the Executive Committee or when requested by six Affiliated Societies and agreed by the Executive Committee. They shall hold office for one year until their reappointment by the new Executive Committee.

In the formation of a new Sectional Committee the Executive Committee shall appoint a provisional chairman.

1. **Constitution.** Each Sectional Committee shall consist of :

(a) One representative from each nationally organised Society affiliated to the N.C.W. which by reason of it objects is concerned with the subject with which the Sectional Committee deals.

(b) One representative from each Branch and Regional Committee of the National Council of Women.

(c) One representative from each of such Sectional Committees as desire representation.

(d) The honorary officers of the National Council of Women.

(e) Not more than eight members co-opted by the Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

(f) Each Sectional Committee shall elect yearly from among its own members a Chairman and an Honorary Secretary who shall hold office for one year from the October following their election.

(g) The elected members of the Executive Committee and the chairmen and Honorary Secretaries of Sectional Committees who are members of the Executive shall have the right to attend meetings of Sectional Committees without power to vote.

(h) The International Council of Women Sectional Committee shall have as its *ex-officio* Chairman the President for the time being of the National Council of Women.

The International Council of Women Sectional Committee shall have as *ex-officio* members the representatives of the National Council of Women of Great Britain upon the Standing Committees of the International Council of Women and any officer of the International Council of Women resident in Great Britain and the delegates and proxies elected to the International Council of Women Triennial Meeting.

(i) The Public Service Committee shall in addition to its appointed members consist of women engaged in public work.

2. **Public Action.** A Sectional Committee may take public action in its own name if it has obtained the consent of the Executive Committee. In cases of urgency, where the Sectional Committee has the support of two-thirds of the members present and voting upon a motion of which notice has been given, it may take public action if it has obtained the consent of the President.

## ARTICLE XI.

### REGIONAL COMMITTEES

1. Regional Committees shall exist to promote solidarity by keeping Branches within a prescribed area in close touch with each other and with the work at Headquarters.

To survey areas, and endeavour to form and strengthen the Branches, and thus to further the work of the National Council of Women.

2. Each Regional Committee shall have the right to elect a member to serve on the Executive Committee. Such representative shall hold office for one year but be eligible for re-election.

3. The Chairman and Honorary Secretary of each Regional Committee and their duly appointed proxies, shall serve on the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.

4. The Honorary Secretary for Regional Committees shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Executive, the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional and the Regional Committees with power to vote.

5. The Hon. Secretary for Regional Committees shall be nominated and elected by members of the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.

## ARTICLE XII.

### SCOTTISH STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Scottish Standing Committee exists

to co-ordinate the work of the Scottish Branches, and of the Scottish nationally organised Associated Societies ;

to bring to the notice of the National Council matters which affect Scotland, to make representation on matters of Scottish import to the Government offices and other national bodies in Scotland,

to consider how business originated in the National Council meets Scottish needs, and how it can be applied to Scottish conditions and Scots Law, and to transact all business appertaining to a Regional Committee (cf. Article XI).

## ARTICLE XIII.

### BASIS OF REPRESENTATION UPON THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

1. Branches shall be represented in the proportion of one representative for every five of their local affiliated Societies, and of one representative for the first twenty-five and one representative for every succeeding fifty of their subscribing members.

2. Affiliated Societies shall be represented in proportion to their national importance and membership. Each Affiliated Society is entitled to one representative on the Representative Council, but this number may be increased upon application at the discretion of the Executive Committee, which shall revise the list annually. No Society shall have more than six representatives.

3. The members of the Executive Committee shall be *ex-officio* members of the Representative Council.

4. Sectional and Special Committees shall each be represented by two of their members, who shall be subscribing members of the National Council.

The period for which representatives are appointed shall be from one Annual Council Meeting to the next. In the event of any of the representatives resigning during the year, the societies may appoint others in their place, but no representatives can be accepted unless their appointment is notified to the Secretary of the Council not less than a fortnight before the meeting of the Representative Council.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### NOMINATIONS.

1. Branches of the Council and members of the Executive Committee have the right to nominate candidates for election as Officers and/or as members of the Executive Committee (24 seats). No nationally elected member shall serve on the Executive Committee in more than one capacity. Upon any elected member of the Executive becoming an Honorary Officer or otherwise an *ex officio* member of the Committee the next candidate in order of ballot shall be declared elected.

No one shall be eligible for election who has not been a Subscribing Member of the National Council for at least one year. The written consent of the member nominated shall first be obtained by the nominator and submitted with the nomination form.

New nominees must have the support of three nominators.

Nomination papers giving the attendance of Executive Committee members during their two years of office shall be sent to the Secretaries of Branches, and to members of the Executive at least two months before the Annual Representative Council Meeting, and shall be returned within five weeks of their receipt to the General Secretary.

2. The election of officers shall be by a postal ballot among the Branches of the Council, the Affiliated Societies and the members of the Executive Committee.

The election of the 24 members of the Executive Committee shall be by a postal ballot among the Branches of the Council and the members of the Executive Committee, the Branches in each respect to have such number of votes as the number of members of the Representative Council to which they are entitled.

3. The Affiliated Societies have the right to nominate candidates for election as Honorary Officers of the Council and also candidates for election to the 16 seats on the Executive Committee allocated to representatives of Affiliated Societies.

4. The election of the 16 representatives of the Affiliated Societies shall be by a postal ballot among the Affiliated Societies, the result to be announced at the Annual Meeting. Each Affiliated Society shall have the right to the number of votes to correspond with the number of members of the Representative Council to which it is entitled.

5. The General Secretary shall forward to each Secretary of a Branch and to each member of the Executive Committee with the ballot paper one month prior to the Annual Meeting a complete list of the names and addresses of all nominees for election to the Executive Committee with the names of three nominators in the case of new nominees. This list shall also be sent for information only to each Secretary of an Affiliated Society.

6. The Branch shall exercise its right to nominate and ballot either through its Executive or through a General Meeting.

In the case of the ballot each Branch shall have such number of votes as the number of members of the Representative Council to which it is entitled.

## ARTICLE XV. MEETINGS

### (1) THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

(a) The Representative Council shall hold an Annual Meeting at a time and place to be arranged by the Executive Committee to receive reports, transact business and to receive the result of the postal ballot for the Executive Committee.

(b) A Special Meeting of the Representative Council may be summoned by the Executive Committee, and shall be summoned by the President on the requisition of eight Branches and eight Affiliated Societies.

(c) One-third of the Registered Members of the Council shall form a quorum, such members are those whose names have been listed at a fixed date at the Headquarters Office.

### (2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(a) The Executive Committee shall meet at least 10 (ten) times each year not more than two months to elapse without a meeting.

(b) Twenty-one shall form a quorum.

(c) No resolution from the Executive shall be forwarded to a Government Department unless there are at least forty (40) members present when the vote is taken.

### (3) FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(a) The Finance Committee shall meet at least 10 (ten) times each year, not more than two months to elapse without a meeting.

(b) Five members shall form a quorum.

### (4) SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

(a) The Sectional Committees shall meet at least 3 (three) times a year before the meetings of the Executive Committee.

(b) Each Committee shall fix its own quorum, which shall not be less than seven.

## ARTICLE XVI.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolutions passed by the Representative Council shall decide the policy of the Council until reversed or modified at a further meeting of the Council. Any members of Council shall have the right to require that the voting strength for and against be appended to the resolutions for all purposes of publication and use, e.g., in the public press and in communications to public departments and authorities.

2. Resolutions for the Representative Council shall be sent to the Secretary at a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee and circulated on the Preliminary List to each Branch, Affiliated Society, the Scottish Standing Committee and the Executive, which shall select from the list the ten resolutions they prefer. They shall notify the General Secretary of the N.C.W. of the ten resolutions thus chosen.

The ten resolutions receiving the highest total number of votes from Branches, Societies, the Scottish Standing Committee and the Executive shall be printed on the Preliminary Agenda Paper.

3. The following shall have the power to forward resolutions for inclusion in the Preliminary List.

(i) The Executive Committee.

(ii) The Branches.

(iii) The Affiliated Societies.

(iv) The Scottish Standing Committee.

Only one resolution may be sent in by any one Branch, Society, or by the Scottish Standing Committee.

4. The Executive Committee shall have power to place resolutions upon the agenda in addition to the ten selected.

5. Each Member of the Representative Council, each Secretary of a Branch, Affiliated Society, the Scottish Standing Committee, and of each Sectional Committee, shall receive not less than five weeks before a meeting of the Representative Council, a copy of the Preliminary Agenda, provided that in the case of Special Meetings the Executive Committee, if there be urgency, may reduce the notice to not less than ten days.

6. A Branch, Affiliated Society or the Scottish Standing Committee desiring to place in its name on the Council's Final Agenda any amendment to the resolutions, shall send a copy of such amendment to the Secretary in time to be received by her not less than four weeks before the Council Meeting. All such amendments shall be placed on the Council's Agenda. The Executive Committee shall have power to place amendments on the Final Agenda.

7. The **Final Agenda** shall be circulated to each member of the Representative Council, Secretary of a Branch, Affiliated Society and the Scottish Standing Committee, not less than fourteen days before the meeting of the Representative Council.

8. Urgency business must be sanctioned by the Executive Committee and must have the support of two-thirds of the members present at the Committee Meeting and voting. "Urgency" is interpreted as implying some important matter which has arisen since the date by which resolutions for the Council's agenda had to be received at the office, and which could not therefore have been dealt with in the ordinary way.

9. No matter shall be discussed at any meeting of the Representative Council which has not been included upon the agenda, unless specially sanctioned as urgency business.

10. A resolution to be carried by the Representative Council, must be passed by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

11. Branches and Affiliated Societies shall not be considered responsible for the opinions of the Representative Council as expressed by resolution, unless and until they have themselves affirmed at a meeting the resolution passed by the Council. When resolutions passed by the Representative Council are published, a statement of the non-participation of any Branch or Society must be inserted.

#### ARTICLE XVII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Special Committees shall be set up by the Executive Committee as required.

#### ARTICLE XVIII.

The Executive Committee is empowered to give indemnity to any member or members in respect of any act done or liability assumed on behalf of the National Council of Women of Great Britain.

#### ARTICLE XIX. ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

This constitution shall only be altered at the Annual Meeting of the Representative Council by an amendment to be carried by two-thirds of the members present and voting. Notice of any proposed alteration shall be sent in writing to the Executive Committee at such date previous to the Council Meeting as may be determined by the Executive Committee, and shall be printed and circulated to the members of the Representative Council.

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### STANDING ORDERS SECTION.

#### I. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

1. The Representative Council shall not transact business unless one-third of the Registered members of the Representative Council are present.

2. Members of the Representative Council and Secretaries of Branches, Affiliated Societies and Sectional Committees shall receive notices, agenda and all papers relating to the business of the Representative Council.

3. Meetings of the Representative Council shall be open to the press unless the Council shall otherwise resolve.

4. Members desiring to speak shall send up their names, speak from the platform, and address the Chair. Short questions may be asked or points of order raised from the body of the meeting.

5. The ruling of the Chair, on a point of order, on the advisability of a personal explanation, or on the time limit, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

6. Amendments to resolutions may be moved at the meeting, provided that they do not determine questions outside the subject matter of the resolutions and that they arise out of the discussions at the Council and could not therefore have been previously circulated to the Branches, as specified in Sections 4, 5 and 7 of Article XIII.

7. An amendment may be moved :

(1) To leave out words.

(2) To leave out words and substitute or add others.

(3) To insert or add words.

8. Every amendment shall be in writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Chair.

9. No member shall, without permission from the Chair, address the Council more than once on any resolution or amendment ; the mover of an original motion may, however, reply, but she shall confine herself to answering the previous speakers and shall not introduce any new matter into the debate. After the reply, the question shall be put forthwith. The right of reply shall not extend to the mover of an amendment, which having been carried, has become the substantive resolution.

10. Any member desiring that discussion of a subject shall cease shall move : 'That the question be now put.' This shall be seconded without discussion and put to the meeting by the Chairman. If carried, the resolution under discussion will then immediately be put to the meeting, the Chairman may ask leave of the Council for the mover to be allowed the right to reply.

11. Any member of the Representative Council desiring that the discussion be adjourned shall have power to move that the Council proceed to the next business. This proposal to be effective must be carried by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

12. Any member, whether she has spoken on the matter or not, may rise to a point of order, to ask a question, or in explanation ; such explanation shall be confined to some material part of her former speech, which may have been misunderstood. A member so rising shall be entitled to be heard forthwith.

13. Any member of the Representative Council shall have power to move at the Council Meeting that the order of the resolutions be altered.

14. A resolution or amendment may be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the seconder and of the meeting, which shall be signified without debate ; and it shall not be competent for any member to speak upon it after the mover has asked permission for its withdrawal unless such permission shall have been refused.

15. A member who has formally seconded an amendment can speak to it at a later stage.

16. Whenever an amendment upon an original motion has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment shall have been disposed of, but any speaker to the amendment may give notice of a further amendment which she will move when the other shall have been disposed of. If an amendment be carried, the motion as amended shall become the substantive resolution, upon which any further amendment shall be moved.

17. A resolution to be carried by the Representative Council must be passed by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. The vote shall in the first place be taken by a show of voting cards or by members standing. A minority may demand a count and tellers shall be appointed at the meeting for the purpose.



## II. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall open with the Lord's Prayer.
2. The Chairman shall not vote as a member of the Executive Committee but shall have a casting vote.
3. Minutes of the proceedings of every meeting shall be taken by the Secretary.
4. Members when speaking shall address the Chair.
5. The ruling of the Chair on a point of order, or on the advisability of a personal explanation, shall be final.
6. A resolution or amendment moved at the meeting shall be in writing signed by the mover, and handed to the Chair.
7. A resolution or amendment may be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the seconder and of the meeting, which shall be signified without debate; and it shall not be competent for any member to speak upon it after the mover has asked permission for its withdrawal, unless such permission shall have been refused.
8. Whenever an amendment upon an original motion has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment shall have been disposed of, but any speaker to the amendment may give notice of a further amendment which she will move when the other has been disposed of. If an amendment be carried, the motion as amended shall become the substantive resolution, upon which any further amendment shall be moved.
9. A member wishing to have a subject placed upon the agenda must give at least 18 days' notice to the Secretary.
10. The Executive Committee shall arrange for meetings of the Representative Council. The Committee may arrange for submitting to the Council any urgency business or resolution, provided that two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting support the motion that such business or resolution is urgent.
11. Notices of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the Hon. Secretaries of the Sectional and other Committees. Those Hon. Secretaries who have held office for one year rank as full Members of Executive, while those who have held office for less than one year have the right to attend the meetings and to speak, but not to vote.
12. A resolution agreed to by the Executive Committee shall not be rescinded or altered by them, unless some member of the Executive Committee shall have given notice to the Secretary 18 days before the meeting of the Executive Committee of a motion to rescind or alter such resolution, which notice shall be forthwith entered on the agenda by the Secretary.
13. In taking public action with regard to subjects upon which the Representative Council has not defined its policy and upon which opinion is strongly divided, the Executive Committee shall only take action if notice of the proposal has been placed upon the agenda, which shall be circulated a fortnight before the meeting, and if such action has been approved by two-thirds of the members present and voting.
14. Copies in type of resolutions which Sectional Committees desire to bring before the Executive shall also be given to each member of the Executive Committee at the meeting.
15. A resolution for the suspension of the Standing Orders shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

16. These Standing Orders can only be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Executive Committee, if notice of such amendment has appeared on the circulated agenda.

17. The Executive may make bye-laws for its own guidance.

## III. STANDING ORDERS FOR SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

**Reappointment of Sectional Committees.**—The members of each Sectional Committee shall be eligible for reappointment by the new Executive Committee.

The Hon. Secretary of the Committee shall forward to the Secretary of the N.C.W. a complete list of the names and addresses of the members standing for re-election and of the new nominees for submission to the new Executive Committee at its first Meeting.

**Election of Officers.**—Each Sectional Committee shall elect its Chairman from among its own members; she shall represent the Committee on the Executive.

A Chairman who has not attended at least two meetings during the year shall be disqualified for nomination for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the Chairman, whose consent to stand must first have been obtained by the nominator, shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Committee not less than fourteen days before the Meeting of the Committee which immediately precedes the 21st May, or the posting of the nomination papers for the election of the Executive Committee. The Hon. Secretary shall place the names of the nominees upon the agenda paper, which shall be sent out to the members of the Committee. In the event of there being more than one nominee, the election shall be by ballot.

Each Sectional Committee shall at the same meeting appoint its own Hon. Secretary and other officers, who shall be Subscribing Members of the N.C.W.

The 40 elected members of the Executive shall have the right to attend meetings of the Sectional Committees without power to vote.

Each Sectional Committee may, at the discretion of the Chairman, invite the attendance of experts on any given subject, and of visitors.

**Meeting.**—Each Sectional Committee shall meet at least three times a year. The Honorary Secretary shall give at least seven 'days' notice of the Meetings, specifying the business to be transacted thereat. A copy of the Agenda to be sent to the Secretary of the N.C.W.

The Chairman and Hon. Secretary of each Sectional Committee shall have power, when necessary, to summon an Urgency Meeting. They shall state the business for which such a meeting is called, and no other business shall be considered at that meeting.

**Procedure.**—Each Sectional Committee shall determine its method of procedure and fix its own quorum, which shall not be less than seven.

The Hon. Secretary of each Sectional Committee shall keep the minutes of the meetings, and forward a copy to the N.C.W. for filing purposes.

A Sectional Committee desiring to form a special sub-committee shall obtain the consent of the Executive Committee.

**Reports.**—Each Sectional Committee shall present a Report of its proceedings to the Executive Committee. A copy of this Report shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the N.C.W. and filed at the office.

Each Sectional Committee shall present an Annual Report to the National Council of Women before the Annual Meeting. A copy of this report shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the N.C.W. for publication. The reception of such report shall not pledge the National Council to support any policy which may be advocated therein.

**Connection with Branches.**—A Sectional Committee shall not ask any Branch to take action in regard to any legislative measure without the consent of the Executive Committee.

In communicating with Branches, the Committee shall clearly state that such communication is sent by the Sectional Committee, and not by the Executive Committee.

**Representation of Sectional Committees.**—Each Sectional Committee shall appoint two representatives, who are Subscribing members, to serve upon the Representative Council.

The Chairman of each Sectional Committee and the Hon. Secretary, after having served for one year, are *ex-officio* Members of the Executive Committee.

*Ex-officio* Members shall not stand for election to the Executive Committee.

**Finance.**—The ordinary expenses of each Sectional Committee, i.e., postage, stationery, and any necessary printing, shall be defrayed out of the funds of the National Council of Women—£5 being the maximum sum per annum which can be expended. The Hon. Secretary of the Committee shall forward her statement of accounts to the Office half-yearly.

## BRANCHES, THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES.

1. Branches are composed of individual subscribing members and of representatives of local Societies and organisations, the work of which is in harmony with the objects of the Council. They carry out the work of the Council in their own locality. Each Branch elects its own President, Secretary, and other officers.

2. Branches formulate their own rules, but must be prepared to assist the work and objects of the N.C.W. as local circumstances enable them to do.

3. Branches shall pay an annual subscription to the Central Fund of £5 and 25 per cent. of their ordinary membership subscriptions collected from individuals and societies.

4. Branches of 100 members and upwards, among whom shall be representatives of the various activities and organisations in the locality, shall have the right to elect their President, Secretary, or other member of their Committee, to serve on the Executive Committee of the N.C.W.

A Proxy may be elected by the Branch, to hold office for the same period as the elected representative, with power to attend the Executive Committee and vote on receiving notification from the representative of her unavoidable absence.

5. Branches shall have the right to appoint a representative to serve on each Sectional Committee, such appointment to be made not later than the month of July. In the event of the representative being unable to attend, a proxy may be appointed to attend in her place.

6. Branches shall be represented upon the Representative Council in the proportion of one for every five of their local Societies, and one for the first twenty-five and one for every succeeding fifty of their subscribing members. Should a member elected to serve on the Council resign during the year another may be elected in her place, but no representative shall be accepted unless her appointment has been notified to the Secretary of the National Council at least a fortnight before the Council Meeting.

7. A Branch may send in to the Executive Committee one resolution for the Representative Council. Such resolution shall be circulated to the Branches and Societies, the Scottish Standing Committee and the Executive, and the ten resolutions receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on the agenda.

8. Branches shall not be considered responsible for the opinion of the Council as expressed by resolutions, unless and until they have themselves affirmed the resolution passed by the Council at a meeting of the Branch.

9. A Branch shall not approach a Government Department without first obtaining the consent of the Executive Committee.

10. Branches shall be notified through their Secretaries of all Meetings of the Representative Council.

11. Branches shall send short reports of their work for insertion in "Women in Council" from time to time, and their annual report when issued to the General Secretary of the N.C.W.

## REGIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE BRANCHES.

**Objects.**—To promote solidarity by keeping Branches in close touch with each other and with the work at Headquarters.

To survey areas, and endeavour to form and strengthen the Branches, and thus to further the work of the National Council of Women.

**Constitution of Regional Committees.**—Each Regional Committee shall consist of three voting members to represent each Branch in its area, one of whom shall be an Hon. Officer of the Branch.

Proxies, with power to vote, shall be appointed, who shall attend in the event of the unavoidable absence of any of the representatives.

The representatives shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election by their respective Branches.

Members of the Headquarters Executive, elected at the Annual Meeting of the Council, who live in the area of a Regional Committee, shall be *ex-officio* members of that Committee.

Each Regional Committee shall at its Annual Meeting elect a *Chairman* and an Hon. Secretary. These officers shall be appointed in addition to the Branch Representatives.

Each Regional Committee shall have the right to elect a member to represent it on the Headquarters Executive Committee. Such representative shall hold office for one year, but be eligible for re-election.

The Hon. Secretary for Regional Committees shall be *ex-officio* a member of all Regional Committees.

No Branch shall be closed down before it has communicated with its Regional Committee, which shall notify Headquarters.

**Meetings of Regional Committees.**—Each Regional Committee shall hold at least two meetings during the year.

Special Meetings of the Regional Committee may be called by the Chairman or at the request of two of the Branches forming the Committee.

The Minutes of each Regional Committee shall be circulated to its Branches, copies being sent to the Hon. Secretary for Regional Committees, and to the Secretary of the N.C.W.

**Finance.**—Each Branch shall pay to the Regional Committee a sum to be decided upon by that Committee, to defray the expenses of printing, postage, etc.

**Connection with Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.**—The President acts as Chairman of this Committee, with the help of the Vice-Presidents.

The Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee shall act as liaison committee for the Regional Committees.

The Chairman and Hon. Secretary of each Regional Committee, or their duly appointed proxies, shall serve on the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.

The Hon. Secretary for Regional Committees shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee, with power to vote.

## AFFILIATED SOCIETIES, THEIR RELATION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

1. Each Affiliated Society is entitled to appoint one representative on the Representative Council, but this representation may be increased upon application being made by the Affiliating Society to a number not exceeding six at the discretion of the Executive Committee, which shall revise the list annually.

Should a member elected to serve on the Council resign during the year another may be elected in her place, but no representative shall be accepted unless her appointment has been notified to the Secretary of the National Council at least a fortnight before the Council Meeting.

An Affiliated Society has the right to appoint a representative to serve on the Sectional Committee dealing with its special work.

In the event of the representative being unable to attend a proxy may be appointed to attend in her place.

2. Affiliated Societies shall pay an annual subscription to the Central Funds of not less than £1. 1s. (as from 1912). Should they be entitled to appoint more than four Members of Council, an additional sum of 5s. is due on behalf of each additional member so appointed to the Representative Council. Any Society which has not paid its subscription before the Annual Meeting of the National Council shall, after due notice, cease to be affiliated.

3. An Affiliated Society may send to the Executive Committee one resolution for the Representative Council. Such resolution shall be circulated to the Branches, Societies, the Executive and the Scottish Standing Committee, and the ten resolutions receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on the agenda.

4. Affiliated Societies incur no responsibility on account of any action taken either by the National Council of Women or by any other Affiliated Society, unless they have affirmed a resolution passed by the Council at a Meeting of the Society.

5. Affiliated Societies shall each receive through their Secretaries notice of all Meetings of the Representative Council and a free copy of the Handbook and of "Women in Council."

6. Affiliated Societies shall be entitled to display and sell their literature on one of the bookstalls at the Annual Meeting.

## INTERIM REPORT, 1936.

Since the last report was issued the country has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of His late Majesty King George V. At the meeting of the Executive in February, 1936, the following resolutions were passed and sent in the name of the Council to His Majesty King Edward VIII and Her Majesty Queen Mary:—

- (i) The death on 20th January, 1936, of our beloved monarch His late Majesty King George V. brings a sense of deep personal sorrow to the members of the National Council of Women of Great Britain. The Committee desires to take this opportunity of associating itself with the national tribute to one who bore the welfare of his people so close to his heart and whose life was spent for them. The Committee desire furthermore to express their allegiance to and affection for His Majesty King Edward VIII on his accession to the throne.
- (ii) The sympathy of the entire Council goes out to Her Majesty Queen Mary in her great bereavement, and they hope that in her strength she will continue her beneficent guidance and care for the welfare of the people.

A wreath was sent to Windsor in the name of the Council, its Branches and affiliated Societies.

The issue of an Interim Report which covers a period of nine months is due to the Representative Council being held in the summer instead of in the autumn as has been customary. This period, however, covers that of the greatest activity at Headquarters and among the Branches.

**Branches.** From the reports received there has been increasing activity and once again the Midland Regional Committee has the formation of a new Branch to its credit. *Newark, Southwell and District* was founded in April when an inaugural meeting was addressed by the Dowager Lady Nunburnholme.

In the South the *Harrow Branch* was formed in October, 1935 and a preliminary meeting has been held in *Oxford* where it is hoped a Branch will be established in the autumn.

The number of Branches, however, remains the same since *Whitley Bay* has amalgamated with *Northumberland, Newcastle and District*, whilst the Branch at *Barrow-in-Furness* has unfortunately had to close down.

**Membership.** The Council has suffered heavy losses during the year from the death of its first President—Mrs. Creighton—who devised the present organisation of the N.C.W. with its Sectional Committees, and also of loyal and generous supporters—Miss Agnes Garratt and Miss M. J. Lloyd, Mrs. Welchman—President of the Bristol Branch, and Miss Massey—Ruislip Branch.

The Executive has had opportunity to congratulate Miss Picton-Turbervill upon her appointment as a member of the Commission of Three to enquire into *Mui-tsai*, and the Hon. Eleanor Plumer upon her appointment as a member of the Departmental Committee to consider the position of British Films.

**Headquarters Subscribers.** Efforts have been made to increase the number of Headquarters subscribers without in any way depleting the individual membership or the funds of Branches.

**Affiliated Societies.** The *Home and School Council of Great Britain*, *The Women's Employment Federation* and the *National Spinners Pensions Association* have become affiliated whilst the *Queen's Institute of District Nursing* has withdrawn.

The *British Camp Fire Girls* have withdrawn temporarily from affiliation, and hope to rejoin at a later period. The Y.W.C.A. (Scottish Division) has withdrawn from affiliation but continues to work with the Council through its representation on the Scottish Standing Committee.

The number of affiliated societies now totals 130. The representation of these Societies at the Council Meetings has been altered under the revised constitution and limited to a maximum of six. In allocating the number of representatives consideration has been given to the diverse nature of the societies which are in part specialist bodies and in part representative of their individual members. Closer co-operation between Headquarters and Societies is reflected in the closer relationship between Branches of the affiliated societies and the Branches of the Council.

**Relations with Other Bodies.** Through the appointment of delegates, observers or representatives the National Council has co-operated with the following organisations:—

British Broadcasting Corporation—Conference.  
British Commonwealth League—12th Annual Conference.  
British Film Institute—Representative.  
British National Committee for the Suppression of Traffic in Women and Children—representative.  
Cinema Christian Council—Meeting.  
League of Nations Union—Women's Advisory Council.  
London Port Welfare Committee—representative.

London and National Society for Women's Service.  
National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis.  
National Children's Adoption Association—Deputation to the Home Secretary.  
National Council for Equal Citizenship—Deputation re Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee.  
National Declaration Committee.  
National Peace Council Congress—observer.  
National Safety First Association—representatives.  
Open Door Council.  
Over-Thirty Association—Conference.  
Public Morality Council—Three year appointment.  
Royal Sanitary Institute—Conference.  
Sixth International Congress of Scientific Management, British Management Council (if set up).  
Society for Ministry of Women—Meeting.  
Society for Overseas Settlement of British Women.  
Wayfarers Sunday Association—Conference.  
Women's Housing Conference—Deputation to Minister of Health.  
Women's Freedom League—Meeting.

**Executive Committee.** The Executive has met seven times (to date 30th May, 1936) and the average attendance has been 69.

**Honorary Membership.** Following upon the General Election in November, 1935 the Women Members of Parliament were invited to accept Honorary membership of the Executive Committee and the following consented:—

The Viscountess Astor.  
Miss Thelma Cazalet.  
Miss Horsbrugh.  
Miss Megan Lloyd George.  
Miss Eleanor Rathbone.  
Mrs. Tate and  
Miss Irene Ward.

Visitors welcomed to the Committee included, from

Australia—N.C.W.—Miss Tildesley.  
Burma—Mrs. Stanley Leach.  
France—Madame Barbizet, Convener of the Equal Moral Standard Committee, N.C.W. of France.  
South Africa—Miss Hitham (Johannesburg), Mrs. Chapman Handley (Natal).

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The 44th Annual Conference was held in Leicester from 14th to 18th October, 1935 and was attended by 600 representatives and visitors.

### Constitution.

The representatives devoted part of the time to a revision of the Constitution and authorised the changes creating two Vice-Presidents instead of one Acting Vice-President. The Past Presidents and others who had formerly been Vice-Presidents are in future to be called Honorary Vice-Presidents. The Finance Committee was re-organised and certain alterations were made in the method of nomination and ballot for officers and members of Committee. The proposal to create a *Travelling Pool* to enable one delegate from each Branch to attend at least one meeting of the Executive in every Council year was referred to the Executive for further consideration and elaboration, the final decision being left to the next Representative Council Meeting.

### Resolutions.

The first resolution considered by the Council arose on the International situation and was passed by an overwhelming majority.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain in Conference assembled, welcomes the recent declaration of British policy made by the Foreign Secretary at Geneva. Believing "that only by maintaining and strengthening the collective system based on the Covenant of the League of Nations" can peace be secured and civilisation saved, the Council assures H.M. Government of its unswerving support in the efforts which it is now making to secure these ends through its adherence to and respect for the Covenant of the League of Nations. Later in the year through its Executive (December, 1935) the Council reaffirmed its support of the League of Nations in urging "H.M. Government in their efforts to conclude hostilities in the Italo-Abyssinian dispute to continue their adherence to the League and to support no settlement of the dispute which does not make it clear that material advantage shall not result from aggression."

The majority of the resolutions discussed by the Council were passed and have given rise to considerable subsequent activity and publicity. In furtherance of the resolution on *Maternal Mortality and Abortion* a deputation introduced by the Viscountess Astor on 11th February, 1936, waited upon the Minister of Health who promised to give the matter his careful attention after having received the reports of Commissioners specially appointed to various localities to enquire into the subject of maternal mortality.

The resolution on *Maternal Health* has been transmitted to Hospitals and Medical Schools in addition to Local Authorities and the replies collated by the Lady Ruth Balfour.

The resolution on *Equal Pay* was sent to the appropriate departments and following upon the debate in the House of Commons on Equal Pay in the Civil Service in April it was forwarded once again to the Prime Minister in order to show the support in the country for this principle.

The adoption of the resolution advocating the *Raising of the School Leaving Age* placed the Executive in a position to support in general the principle underlying the Education Bill which has been introduced during the present parliamentary session and which was given a third reading on 27th May, 1936. The Council has urged that the power to grant exemptions for beneficial employment be restricted to the first two years of the working of the Act.

The greatest publicity attached, however, to the resolution on *Accommodation for the Aged Poor* which has been transmitted to Local Authorities throughout the country. In many instances interesting replies have been received, further correspondence ensued and the replies of 64 Authorities have been tabulated.

The Executive has asked members of Branches and Affiliated Societies to send whatever evidence they possess as to the excessive employment of Young Persons in Clubs and Service Flats to the Council which might then be in a position to submit a statement to the *Home Office Departmental Committee on Hours of Employment of Young Persons in Unregulated Trades*. (cf. Resolution *Juveniles in Unregulated Trades*).

As a result of discussion as to the best method of approach by Headquarters to Local Authorities to ensure most effective co-operation it has been agreed that the Minutes of the Executive meetings held during the Council Meeting, in which action on the resolutions is decided, shall be circulated as are the minutes of ordinary Executive meetings.

## PUBLICATIONS.

*The Handbook for 1935-36* was published in October and copies containing the names of the newly elected officers and Committees and dates of Committee meetings for the current year were available for distribution during the Annual Council Meeting.

*Women in Council* is now published nine times during the year. The new arrangement made for its printing is working satisfactorily and has relieved the Council of a considerable financial liability, but greater efforts have yet to be made to increase its sale so as to enable the Council to be in a proper position to make another satisfactory contract when the time comes for the reconsideration of the existing agreement.

*Conference Report*. The sale of the Leicester Conference Report did not compare with that of the previous year and very careful consideration has been given as to whether or not a corresponding number should be issued in 1936. Finally it was agreed that

a report should be published at the reduced price of 2/- per copy (2/3 post free).

It is hoped that the resulting support will be such as to ensure the regular issue of Conference Reports after each Annual Council meeting.

### STAFF AND OFFICE.

In December, 1935 the office was removed to 92, Gower Street where the staff is benefitting from the larger, more airy and lighter rooms. Thanks are due to the Hon. Mrs. Cawley for her generous gift to the new offices.

Satisfactory arrangements were finally made with regard to dilapidations at Murray House and also for the decorations in the new offices (owing to the courtesy of the National Pig Breeders Association, the previous tenants).

The change of locality has brought no diminution of the work within the office. The correspondence coming in and going out during the first 5 months is much greater than during the same period in 1935 and shows an increase on the outgoing figures for 1934 and is beginning to show an increase on the incoming letters as will be seen from the following figures :—

	<u>1936</u>	Letters in			
January	483	as against	262	in 1935	and 595 in 1934.
February	390	"	290	"	" 573 "
March	512	"	312	"	" 519 "
April	566	"	457	"	" 511 "
May	777	"	440	"	" 673 "
<b>Letters Out.</b>					
January	686	"	499	"	" 579 "
February	491	"	454	"	" 354 "
March	745	"	532	"	" 450 "
April	635	"	435	"	" 397 "
May	926	"	620	"	" 591 "

The above figures do not take into account the amount of duplicating of Minutes, Agenda, Reports, Circular letters, etc., which has also increased.

The work has necessitated a considerable amount of overtime on the part of the staff and this has always been willingly given. In order to cope with the extra pressure during the summer months the Committee has authorised the appointment of the Assistant Treasurer as a full-time worker until September, 1936.

The Committees have been held in the large and commodious hall in the University of London Club to which members have been elected as Honorary temporary members so that they may have the use of the dining room and lounge.

### International Council of Women.

The Triennial Conference of the International Council of Women will this year be held in Dubrovnik from 28th September to 9th October and will be attended by a fully representative British delegation under the leadership of the President, Mrs. Hartree.

The resolution passed by the Council agreeing to contribute 30 shares of not more than £8 10s. each to the I.C.W. has been warmly supported by Branches and members; special meetings have been convened and lectures given by Dame Maria Ogilvie Gordon, Miss Christitch, Mrs. Forbes-Robertson Hale and Mrs. L. G. Killby. Added to this 28 Branches are now Triennial Contributors and some 175 members, of which 45 are new to the I.C.W.

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury was among the leaders of the I.C.W. delegates to the Calcutta Conference of the Indian N.C.W., and took with her greetings from the Council.

### N.C.W. Dominions Conference—Johannesburg.

An invitation has been received from the N.C.W. of S. Africa for the Council to be represented at the Conference in Johannesburg from 9th to 13th November, 1936.

### WORK OF COMMITTEES.

*Status of Women.* A special committee consisting of representatives of certain of the affiliated societies and other interested authorities has been appointed during the year to consider the drawing up of a memorandum on the Status of Women as a consequence of the resolution which was passed by the Assembly of the League in September. The co-operating societies have agreed to submit memoranda on various points which will be co-ordinated and submitted to the Government during the course of the year.

### Sectional Committees.

The Council has lost during the year the services of three chairmen of long-standing—The Countess of Selborne, who relinquishes the *British Colonies Committee*, Miss Brodie-Hall who has inspired the whole work of the *Humane Treatment of Animals Committee* and Miss Rose Squire who has done so much for the *Household Service Committee*, to each of whom sincere thanks are due.

In virtue of the renewed interest which is being taken in Migration, the *British Colonies Committee* has enlarged its terms of reference and will in future be known as the *British Empire and Migration Committee* of which the Chairman is Lady Bowring, C.B.E.

### Arts and Letters Committee.

Chairman : MRS. ST. LOE STRACHEY, O.B.E., J.P.

Hon. Secretary : MISS SHAW.

A Business Meeting was held in November when it was reported that at the request of the I.C.W. Letters Committee a list of recently published books by women authors on economic, social, political and educational subjects had been compiled and sent to Paris through the help of the London and National Society for Women's Service.

The B.B.C. has been asked if in future Shakespearean broadcasts more indication of the scene could be given.

Book and Theatre lists were given as usual.

A lecture meeting was held in February, when Mrs. Amabel Williams-Ellis gave an interesting talk on *History—is it an Art or a Science?*

### British Colonies and Dependencies.

#### (British Empire and Migration Committee).

Chairman : LADY BOWRING, C.B.E.

Hon. Secretary : MISS ZIMMERN.

A careful study has been made of relevant resolutions passed at the I.C.W. Council Meetings, and action taken when necessary. Subjects considered by the Committee have included—*Education in Falkland Islands, Slavery, Lobolo System in Africa, Draft Children's Ordinance for Ceylon, Copper Belt Disturbances in Northern Rhodesia, Mui-tsai, Leprosy, and Migration.*

Addresses have been given by

Mrs. Tawse-Jollie, O.B.E. on *Women's Work in Southern Rhodesia.*

Dr. Read on *Disturbances in the Copper Belt.*

Upon request the Committee considered its terms of reference with a view to including Migration within the Empire and ultimately recommended that they be amended so as to read :—

1. To bring representatives of the British Empire into touch with the work of the National Council of Women and through this Council with the I.C.W.
2. To disseminate information through the British Empire on measures and social activities at home and overseas.
3. To consider Migration within the Empire.

### Report of the Cinema Committee.

Chairman : DAME MARIA OGILVIE GORDON, D.B.E., LL.D., J.P.

Hon. Secretary : HON. ELEANOR PLUMER.

The Committee has been waiting for over a year for the promised reply from the Government to the request of the Deputation led by the Archbishop of Canterbury in January, 1935 for an Enquiry into the whole position. Mrs. Fyfe reported in February

that the survey undertaken by the Scottish Office was in progress until May, 1935, and the results were then to be tabulated. The whole problem was subsequently to have been put before a special meeting of the Cabinet. Owing to the dissolution of Parliament this had not been done. The Committee resolved that the Chairman be authorised to consult with the President in drafting a resolution that the decision of the late Cabinet to hold an investigation be carried out by the new Cabinet, and that the whole question be brought before the new House of Commons.

The Committee has had before it the problem of *eye-strain* in the front seats of cinemas, and is collecting information on this subject.

The question of *advice to parents* about suitable family films was also considered. Information was supplied to the effect that in America—where cinema-going is definitely a family affair—particulars about current films and their suitability or otherwise for family audiences were published in magazines which are widely read. The possibility of doing something of the kind in this country is being explored.

*Complaints* were received during the year about certain films, and these were communicated to the British Board of Film Censors.

A report of the *County Councils Association* was considered in which the view was expressed that the licensing authorities should be invested with statutory control over cinematograph exhibitions for the purpose of which non-inflammable films are used, and the need for an amendment of the law in this respect was urged. It was suggested that in view of the way in which Mission Halls and Social Centres would be affected Branches should consider how their interests could be safeguarded.

The question of the *Classification of Films* was raised in a communication from the Public Morality Council. The problem of children and "A" Films, the existing position in this and other countries and possible remedies for present defects were considered in this connection.

The Committee had before them a proposal regarding the desirability of separating the *Cinema and Broadcasting Committee* of the International Council of Women into two Committees, and of forming a Broadcasting Committee in the N.C.W. The following resolution was passed unanimously for consideration by the I.C.W.

"Having regard to the different nature of many of the problems associated with the uses of the Cinema and of Broadcasting, and the fact that few individuals are able to acquire and maintain an intimate acquaintance with both these subjects, the I.C.W. resolves to subdivide the existing Standing Committee into two separate Committees, each with its own officers and members, the work of both Committees to be linked up as

heretofore through the I.C.W. Liaison officer with the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation (League of Nations) and other correlated international bodies."

It was also agreed to recommend that a Broadcasting Committee be formed in the N.C.W.

The problem of *redundancy of cinema halls* is an urgent one in many localities. Branches were therefore urged to give attention to applications to their local authorities for the erection of new cinemas.

It was reported to the Committee at its last meeting that the Board of Trade had set up a *Departmental Committee* "to consider the position of British films, having in mind the approaching expiry of the Cinematograph Films Act, 1927, and to advise whether any, and if so what, measures are still required in the public interest to promote the production, renting and exhibition of such films." The Committee noted with gratification that Miss Plumer has been appointed to serve on this Committee.

During the year the Committee has had addresses from

- (1) Miss Marris (Mothers' Union) on "The Present Position as regards Entertainment Films."
- (2) Mr. Stanley Hawes (Gaumont British Instructional) on "The Meaning of Documentary" and
- (3) An abstract from Mrs. Keynes of a paper by Mr. Rowson, entitled "A Statistical Survey of the Cinema Industry in 1934." It was moved from the Chair that the abstract be published in "Women in Council."

The complete text of Mr. Rowson's paper has now been printed, price 1s. 6d.

#### Household Service Committee.

*Chairman* : MISS SQUIRE, O.B.E.

*Hon. Secretary* : MISS RANDLE.

The Household Service Committee met three times.

The Meeting in December was held jointly with the Education Committee under the Chairmanship of Miss Squire and Miss Wolseley-Lewis, when a debate on the resolution that training in housecraft should be included in the curriculum of all girls' schools was introduced by Miss N. C. Craig, Headmistress of Christ's Hospital for Girls, and was supported by Miss Voigt, teacher of Domestic Science. Miss Laidler, Head of Domestic Science School, Lee Green, spoke in opposition, after which free discussion took place, with the result that the resolution was passed with 4 dissentients.

At the Committee meeting on March 19th, Miss Randle gave an address *Science Simplifies Spring-Cleaning* which by special request has been published as a 1d. leaflet.

Branch meetings at Folkestone and Leicester have been addressed by Miss Squire, at Norwich by Miss Ety Potter and at Richmond by Mrs. Miles. A deputation to the Minister of Health on Housing in relation to the requirements of the Housewife and Mother was received on February 4th, arising from which a small provisional Committee was formed to meet the Minister's Central Housing Committee following the submission of a memorandum. Miss Squire represented the N.C.W. on the deputation and on this small provisional Committee. The Sixth International Congress on Scientific Management suggested the formation of a British Management Council and invited the N.C.W. to send a representative to a meeting to discuss the matter ; in the absence of Miss Squire, Miss Randle attended on behalf of the N.C.W.

The Research Sub-Committee has received from the Rowntree Trust a further grant of £50 a year for 1936 and 1937. An invitation from the Building Centre in Bond Street to co-operate in the autumn in an Exhibition of Model Kitchens and of Household Equipment has been accepted by the Sub-Committee.

A summary of the report issued by the World's Y.W.C.A. on conditions of Domestic Service in Europe, U.S.A. and Great Britain appears under Household Service Notes in the April number of "Women in Council" and should be studied. The National Y.W.C.A. has been given permission to use the leaflet "Law and Custom Regulating Domestic Service" in their proposed Industrial Law Handbook.

The Household Service Committee has agreed to the proposal of a Swiss representative to the International Congress Domestic Section that a clearing house of information on domestic questions should be set up in an International Centre as a first step in the formation of a permanent Committee on Domestic Management.

At its meeting in May, an address was given by Frau Scharrer on *Household Apprenticeship in Germany Today*.

The Committee learned with deep regret of the resignation of its Chairman, Miss Squire, but was glad to elect on her nomination Miss Randle as her successor.

#### Housing Sectional Committee.

*Chairman* : MRS. LEONARD WRAGG, M.B.E., J.P.

*Hon. Secretary* : MISS UPCOTT.

The officers for the session 1935-36, elected in May, 1935, were : Mrs. Wragg, M.B.E., J.P., *Chairman*, Mrs. Stevenson, *Vice-Chairman*, and Miss J. M. Upcott, *Hon. Secretary*. These have been re-elected for 1936-37.

The Membership has been greatly increased by the representation of a large number of Branches, 65 in all, while affiliated Societies represented number 27, making with the official representatives and co-opted a Committee of 106 members. The average attendance at the meetings is 35.



The Committee was addressed by two of its own members on *Housing in Sweden* and on *European Housing for the Poorest Classes*, and had a report of the work of the *London Branch Housing Society, Ltd.* and at a joint meeting with the N.C.W. Public Health Committee heard Mr. Silkin, L.C.C., Chairman of the Housing Committee, L.C.C., and Major Carter, National Council of Social Service, on *The City Worker's Residence: the Problem of Health and Fatigue*. This subject will be further considered at another joint meeting. An address on the *Ribbon Development Act* was given in May by Mr. R. H. Turton, M.P.

The Resolution passed at Leicester on Accommodation for the Aged Poor was sent to Local Authorities and 64 interesting replies have been received at Headquarters and passed on for the Housing Sectional Committee to consider, so that Branch members may know what is the attitude of their own Authority.

#### **Humane Treatment of Animals.**

*Chairman* : MISS BRODIE HALL, F.R.MET.SOC.

*Hon. Secretary* : HON. MRS. HAUGHTON.

This Committee at its three meetings has dealt with a large number of questions on the request of various societies and of individual members ; these have been fully discussed and the attention of members of the Committee and of the Executive drawn to them. Chief amongst them were : the Fitting out of a Veterinary Unit by the R.S.P.C.A. for the Abyssinian War ; the Keeping of British Wild Birds for Sale ; the University of London Animal Welfare Society's "Gin-Trap" Campaign, which culminated in a Bill which will be re-introduced in the House of Lords at the first opportunity ; an appeal for the use of "Ratinol" in the extermination of Rats, this being a poison innocuous to all animals but rodents ; the admission of foreign trained animals for performing at circuses in this country ; Seal Fisheries, their cruelty and destructive effect on young seals ; the traffic in Quails and wholesale slaughter of migrant birds on their way north, and the Exportation of Horses for Butchery.

An address was given at the April meeting by Mr. Bridges Webb, of the People's Dispensaries for Sick Animals of the Poor, on the work of that Society in England and abroad.

#### **Industrial Committee.**

*Chairman* : MRS. HARTREE.

*Hon. Secretary* : MISS O'MAHONEY.

The Committee has met three times since the last report was published ; in December, once in a combined meeting of the Industrial and Educational Committees in March, and in May, when Dr. Miles, the Director of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology gave an address. The speaker at the first meeting was

Mrs. Elizabeth Abbott who described the working of the Two-Shift System in industry and its importance to the woman earner. At the second meeting Mr. J. J. Mallon discussed the terms of the new Education Bill and the case for extending the school-leaving age without exemptions.

The Committee has had active discussions of the report of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee and of the proposal to obtain equal rates of pay for men and women in the Civil Service. Members of the Committee have also been active in examining the attitude of local Education Authorities respecting the marriage bar for women teachers which has recently been removed by the L.C.C.

#### **International Affairs and for the Promotion of Peace Committee.**

*Chairman* : DAME ELIZABETH CADBURY, M.A., J.P.

*Hon. Secretary* : MISS SHARPLES.

Since last October the Committee has met three times with an average attendance of 63, which testifies to the sustained interest in its work, as it is the highest on record.

Addresses have been received from Sir Francis Younghusband, K.C.S.I., who spoke of the Congress on *World Fellowship through Religion* which was being organised to take place in London on July 3rd to 17th ; and from Sir John Harris who gave a most informative address on *The Position today in Abyssinia*.

In April, Dame Elizabeth Cadbury arranged a special Meeting at University College, at which she gave an account of her recent visit to India in connection with the Women's International Meetings, illustrated with Cine-kodak Films and pictures shown through an Epiodiascope.

At the April Meeting the Committee recommended that support should be given to a forthcoming Meeting on May 8th in the Albert Hall, convened by the League of Nations' Union, under the title of "Stop the War in Abyssinia and Prevent War in Western Europe" but the Executive Committee decided not to appoint delegates and voted against participation.

#### **International Council of Women Committee.**

*Chairmen* : MRS. HARTREE, DAME MARIA OGILVIE GORDON, D.B.E., LL.D., J.P.

*Hon. Secretary* : MISS ZIMMERN.

The Committee has met three times, and on each occasion has been much occupied with business concerning the forthcoming I.C.W. meeting in Dubrovnik, the nominations for I.C.W. Officers, the Revised Constitution, Resolutions, the Election of British representatives on to I.C.W. Standing Committees, and also of ten delegates and ten proxies to attend the meeting.

The National Council had forwarded for inclusion on the I.C.W. Agenda Resolutions dealing with:

The I.C.W. Cinematograph and Broadcasting Committee.  
Equal Rights.  
School Leaving Age.  
Status of Women.  
Nationality of Married Women.  
Nutrition.  
Study of Modern Languages.  
Position of Women in Industry.

#### Moral Welfare Committee.

*Chairman* : THE DOWAGER LADY NUNBURNHOLME, J.P.

*Hon. Secretary* : MISS RETCHFORD.

During the period November, 1935 to April, 1936, the Moral Welfare Committee has held three meetings, at which the average attendance has been 38.

Many interesting subjects have been discussed, the most important perhaps being:—

*Joint Committee on Sexual Offences* : Lady Nunburnholme, as Chairman of this Joint Committee, drew attention to its final report, and to the two valuable Memoranda which it had issued. One of these was for the use of Magistrates, dealing with the Recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Sexual Offences against young children; the other dealt with the need for a medical-mental examination of persistent sexual offenders. The Joint Committee felt that no practical result would ensue from the calling of another Conference, and proposed to dissolve. At the February meeting, the Moral Welfare Committee decided to ask the Executive Committee to place a resolution based on the recommendations of the Joint Committee's report, on the Agenda for the Annual Conference at Southport.

*Russian Women in the Far East*. A public meeting had been held on November 19th to receive reports and information on the position of these Russian women with special reference to prostitution. Lady Nunburnholme had presided and 24 Societies, including the N.C.W. had co-operated.

*Contraceptives Bill*. Considerable discussion had taken place on the Public Morality Council Draft Bill on Contraceptives, and it was generally agreed that this Bill was a step in the right direction. At the April meeting, following upon the appearance of two resolutions on the preliminary list for the Annual Conference at Southport on the subject of contraceptives, the Bill was again discussed. The difficulties attached to the restriction of the sale of contraceptives to registered chemists and recognised birth control clinic

only, were pointed out, and it was felt that the Public Morality Council Draft Bill would receive more general support in the country.

*Reports of Deputations and Meetings*. Lady Ruth Balfour had reported on the Deputation on Maternal Mortality and Abortion which had waited upon the Minister of Health on the 11th February, and had pressed for an enquiry.

Sister Thorpe had given an account of a Conference held by the Alliance of Honour in March.

Miss Retchford, as representative of the N.C.W. on the London Port Welfare Committee, had reported on the two meetings of this newly formed Committee which had been held in November and March.

*International Council of Women*. At the November meeting it was reported that a Questionnaire on "Rehabilitation of Prostitutes" had been received from Mme. Avril de Ste. Croix since the Committee had last met, and that as an early reply had been requested, this had been submitted direct to the Executive at their September meeting, and approved. The reply to the questionnaire had been agreed also by the following societies:—St. Joan's Social & Political Alliance, National Council for Equal Citizenship, Women's Freedom League, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom and the Young Women's Christian Association.

Consideration was given at the February meeting to the resolution placed on the preliminary agenda for the I.C.W. Conference to be held at Dubrovnik by the I.C.W. Equal Moral Standard Committee. The first two sections of the resolution—dealing with the draft Convention proposed by the International Bureau for the Unification of Penal Law at the 14th Session of the Traffic in Women and Children Committee of the League, and with the steps to be taken to secure the adherence of young people to a high and equal moral standard—had originated from the Moral Welfare Committee: the remaining sections had been put forward by Mme. Avril de Ste. Croix, the Convener of the I.C.W. Equal Moral Standard Committee. The resolution was approved in its entirety.

*Addresses*. The Committee has had some very interesting addresses at the three meetings. In November, the subject was *Biological Teaching as a Factor in promoting good citizenship with special reference to sex morals*—and the speakers were Miss V. D. Swaisland and Dr. Genevieve Rewcastle. The speeches roused much interest and were reported in "Women in Council," as also was an inspiring address given in April by Miss Alison Neilans on *The Jubilee of the Repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts*. At the February meeting, short addresses were given by Brigadier Winifred Case, Miss Retallack and Mrs. Frank Samuel, on *Habitual Prostitution*, following on discussion of the I.C.W. questionnaire on this subject.

The Hon. Officers of the Committee—Lady Nunburnholme, Miss Alison Neilans and Miss D. M. Retchford—have been re-elected for the year 1936-37.

#### **Parliamentary and Legislation Sectional Committee.**

*Chairman* : THE LADY EMMOTT, J.P.

*Hon. Secretary* : MISS J. K. DONALD.

The Parliamentary and Legislation Committee has held five meetings with an average attendance of 37 members, out of 124.

The Committee unanimously expressed great regret at the resignation of Mrs. Arthur Johnson as Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and passed a hearty vote of appreciation of her valuable services.

Action was taken by the Committee with regard to a number of questions, among which were :—

1. "Children in Unregulated Trades." That the terms of reference be extended to include *all* children in unregulated trades.
2. "Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885." That (a) the age limit, and (b) the words "not being a common prostitute" be deleted.
3. "Nationality of Married Women." That women be placed in the same position as men in regard to changing or retaining their nationality.
4. "Midwives Bill." The Committee accepted recommendations made by the Standing Committee to Clauses I., Section 1, II, Section 1, and V, Sections 1, 4 and 5.

At the February meeting Sir Robert Hamilton gave an illuminating address on : *Economics and Politics in the U.S.A.* a summary of which appeared in "Women in Council."

In April, Miss Pye, President of the Midwives Institute, spoke on the Midwives Bill, giving the grounds for the various amendments the Institute was putting forward.

Subsequently the Parliamentary Standing Committee met and discussed this subject in detail.

#### **Public Health and Child Welfare Committee.**

*Chairman* : MISS S. MUSSON.

*Hon. Secretary* : MRS. HOWITT.

The Committee has met three times ; on December 11th and March 18th, 32 members being present at the first meeting and 42 at the second which was held jointly with the Housing Committee, and in May.

On December 11th a report was given on the five resolutions concerning Maternal and Child Welfare which had been discussed

at the Conference, and it was stated that a deputation was being arranged to the Ministry of Health on the question of *Maternal Mortality and Abortion*. Lady Ruth Balfour spoke on the position of the teaching hospitals in Scotland in connection with the resolution on *Maternal Health*.

Miss Sayle, Chairman of the Women's Public Health Officers' Association, gave an address on the inadequacy of present Maternity and Child Welfare schemes. Miss Sayle gave particulars of the variation in the Infant Mortality rate in England and Wales and of the experiments in the Rochdale and Rhondda districts to reduce the high maternal mortality there.

*Young People in Public Assistance Institutions.* A letter had been received from Miss Mary Shaw, in which it was stated that young people suffering from incurable diseases or crippled, whose home conditions were unsatisfactory, when discharged from Children's Hospitals at the age of 16 were sent to Public Assistance Institutions, and that it was undesirable that they should be kept there in close proximity to old people, many of whom were suffering from advanced stages of disease. As a result of this communication, enquiries were made by members of the Committee, but all the evidence obtained from the Branches in response to a request in "Women in Council" had been to the effect that such cases were rarely found, except as a temporary measure whilst other arrangements were being made.

At the March meeting, addresses were given on *The City Worker's Residence—Problems of Health and Fatigue*, by Mr. Lewis Silkin, Chairman of the Housing and Public Health Committee of the London County Council, and Major E. Sandford Carter, of the National Council of Social Service.

After the joint meeting of the Public Health & Child Welfare Committee with the Housing Committee, the former committee held a separate meeting, when Dr. Stella Churchill reported on the deputation to the Minister of Health on Maternal Mortality and Abortion on February 11th, which had pressed for an enquiry into the incidence of abortion.

The Committee discussed at length the replies received from Local Authorities in response to a letter from Headquarters drawing attention to the resolution passed at Leicester on *Maternal Health*. It was felt that more information from the Branches was most desirable on this subject and also with regard to the *Supervision of Syphilitic Children* upon which subject a resolution had been passed at the Edinburgh Conference in 1934.

Consideration was also given to the question of *Noise Nuisance* and it was agreed to pursue the subject further at the May meeting.

#### **Publications and Press Committee.**

The Committee has during the year examined its terms of reference and reviewed the existing publications of the Council

(cf. Supra p. 5). It recommended that greater attention be paid to form in the issuing of future pamphlets, especially those dealing with the work of the Committees. It has also recommended that greater use be made of the press for publicity and upon its advice the Executive has authorised the issue of occasional communiqués.

### **Public Service and Magistrates Committee.**

*Chairman* : MISS E. H. KELLY, C.B.E., J.P.

The Committee has met three times with an average attendance of 60 members. Eight newly appointed J.P.'s from different parts of the country have been elected to the Committee.

#### *Honorary Officers.*

At the March meeting Miss E. H. Kelly, C.B.E., J.P., was re-elected Chairman, Mrs. J. M. Phillips, Vice-Chairman and Miss Bright Ashford, Legal Adviser.

#### *Home Office Committee on Adoption Societies and Agencies.*

The Home Office approached the Council in April, inviting it to submit information as to methods adopted by Adoption Societies and Agencies and enquiring if it would be prepared to give evidence and information particularly as to the reception and placing of children with instances of cases and full details.

The Executive had recommended that members of the Public Service and Magistrates Committee be invited to give information of cases of which they had had personal experience so that any information could be collated and sent forward to the Home Office. The response did not disclose any information which could usefully be sent forward.

Addresses have been given at meetings on the following subjects :

"Home Office Schools" by Dr. Norris, C.B.E., Chief Inspector of the Children's Branch of the Home Office.

"The Money Payments (Justices Procedure) Act, 1935" by Mr. Cordes, M.B.E., Secretary of the Departmental Committee on Imprisonment in Default of Payments.

Report of Summary Court Social Services Committee by Mr. S. W. Harris, C.B., C.V.O., Chairman.

### **Regional and Branch Representatives Committee.**

During the year the Committee will have met twice in London and three times outside, the first occasion being during the Representative Council Meeting at Leicester when members met over tea to discuss many interesting subjects. The second occasion was in Manchester in February and the third will be over Lunch during the Representative Council Meeting at Southport. The hope that more members would be able to attend meetings arranged nearer

their own locality and also be enabled to meet more members of the Headquarters Executive is not certain of fulfilment and the experiment will shortly come up for reconsideration. The object may in part be met by occasional area conferences such as that planned by the North Eastern Regional Committee for October in Leeds.

*Council Resolutions.* Branches have been exercised over the transmission by Headquarters of Council resolutions to Local Authorities without any special intimation. As a result it has now been agreed that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held immediately after the Council Meeting shall be circulated so that the Branches may see therein where such action has been recommended.

*General Election.* Many Branches approached their Parliamentary candidates to enquire their attitude on :

Equal Pay  
Raising of the School Leaving Age  
Juveniles in Unregulated Trades  
Women Police.

*New Branches.* The Midland Regional Committee has yet another Branch to its credit—*Newark and Southwell*—which held its inaugural meeting in April when the Dowager Lady Nunburnholme gave an address.

*Harrow* greeted the world in October, since when it has led an exceedingly active life, having practically furnished a Nursery School, and having provided a soup kitchen regularly for from 100 to 150 unemployed.

*Oxford* has been the scene of a preliminary meeting and it is hoped to inaugurate a Branch in the autumn.

Notwithstanding the two new Branches the total number remains the same owing to the amalgamation of Whitley Bay with the Northumberland Branch and the closing down of Barrow-in-Furness, after a valiant effort to maintain itself.

The Committee will next year meet at 4.15 p.m., the Cinema Committee having its meeting at 2.15 p.m.

### **Temperance Sectional Committee.**

*Chairman* : MRS. GOODYEAR.

*Hon. Secretary* : MISS NOEL NYE.

The Committee met in December and in February. In view of the forthcoming *Brewster Sessions* the Rev. Harry Pearson spoke in December on the best methods of opposing demands for later hours of sale and licensing of new premises.

The effort of the Brewers' association to increase the sale of beer, especially amongst young persons of both sexes, was meeting with success as shown in increased convictions. Members were

urged to attend the sessions in person. The President, Mrs. Hartree, said this was always done in Cambridge, and in every place where there is a branch of N.C.W. it should send representatives to licensing courts.

At the February meeting reports were given on action taken. In many cases extension of hours had been refused, notably in Hampstead, Bath, Highgate, Hornsey, Watford, Stoke-on-Trent, Cambridge, and others.

Dr. Alfred Salter, M.P. for Bermondsey, addressed the Committee in February on Temperance in the new House of Commons. A group of members sympathetic to Temperance legislation had been formed, coming from both Houses and all parties. The Federation had an agreed policy, it keeps watch on legislation that may be introduced. The Drink Trade is making desperate efforts to get back to pre-war status. The Bill sponsored by Mr. Gledhill was shown to be a proposal for prolonged hours of sale as well as proposed legislation dealing with Bogus Clubs. It was reported to the Executive Committee that the Bill had been withdrawn, the Home Secretary having declared his intention of making the question a government matter.

#### **Women Police Committee.**

*Chairman* : MISS TANCRED.

*Hon. Secretary* : MISS M. H. COWLIN.

The Women Police Committee has been chiefly concerned this session in following up the Resolution passed at the Annual Conference at Leicester.

All the 181 Police Authorities in England and Wales and those in Scotland having a strength of over 30, have received copies of the Resolution. Many have replied, but no Police Authorities without policewomen have taken action as the direct outcome of the resolution. Some progress has been made, however, by the action of the Branches in their renewed efforts.

In Hastings the appointment of a policewoman has been authorised following a deputation arranged by the Branch to the Watch Committee. In Dorset the appointment of one policewoman has been sanctioned by the Standing Joint Committee after thirteen years unremitting effort by Miss Paterson, J.P., of the East Dorset Branch, herself a member of the Standing Joint Committee. The Leicester Watch Committee has appointed two more policewomen to work with Miss de Vitré, an experienced woman who has proved the value of police work when undertaken by a trained worker.

The outstanding justification of our contention that when a number of policewomen are appointed they should work under a woman officer is evidenced by the fact that the Metropolitan Commissioners of Police authorised in December last an increase in the number of policewomen from 67 to 142.

In December Madame Barbizet, chairman of the Equal Moral Standard Committee of the N.C.W., France, gave an interesting account of the successful work done by the two experienced social workers who had been appointed in September, 1934, as full members of the police service in Paris. It is hoped that an increase in their numbers will be authorised shortly as the outcome of this.

Several Branches are now working in their own localities to secure the appointment of Women Police by their Police Authorities. The interest aroused by the Women Police petition and the following up of this by the circularising of the Resolution to Police Authorities has paved the way for really successful work in the provinces. The Committee notes with appreciation that meetings are being held in many parts of the country in support of the movement for the appointment of women police in all County and Borough Police Forces.

MONICA C. GROBEL,  
*General Secretary.*

*June, 1936.*

# RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THE  
REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING,  
LEICESTER,  
October, 1935.

## URGENCY RESOLUTION.

### League of Nations.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain in Conference assembled welcomes the recent declaration of British policy made by the Foreign Secretary at Geneva. Believing "that only by maintaining and strengthening the collective system based on the Covenant of the League of Nations" can peace be secured and civilisation saved, the Council assures H.M. Government of its unswerving support in the efforts which it is now making to secure these ends through its adherence to and respect for the Covenant of the League of Nations.

Carried, 6 dissentients.

### Maternal Mortality and Abortion.

The National Council of Women having considered recent figures as to Maternal Mortality in England and Wales and as to the number of deaths included in those returns as attributable to abortion, urges H.M. Government to appoint a representative Committee to enquire into the incidence of abortion and as to the law and its administration dealing with criminal abortion and attempted abortion, and to consider what measures, if any, medical, legal, social or administrative, are advisable to improve the existing position.

Further, the Council asks that arrangements should be made forthwith to ensure that the figures as to Maternal deaths attributable to abortion should be set out separately from the general returns as to Maternal Mortality in all future official returns.

Carried nem. con.

### Equal Pay.

That the National Council of Women (a) regards with anxiety the increasing employment of girls and women at rates of wages insufficient to maintain an adequate livelihood and affirms its belief that the unequal rates of pay between boys and girls and men and women constitutes an evil to both sexes and a real danger to the standard of living of the community.

(b) Further, the Council draws attention to the difference in pay between men and women in the same grades in the Civil Service, and seeing that men and women enter by competition in the same examinations and that payment is related to ranks and not to individuals, the Council makes urgent request that in the common grades in which the responsibilities of the men and women are the same, they should also receive the same scales of pay.

Carried : 1 dissentient.

### 1. Women Police and their Duties.

The National Council of Women calls upon local Police Authorities to appoint an adequate number of trained and attested Policewomen who shall include among their duties the taking of statements from women and children when allegations of sexual offences are under investigation, and such detective duties as can most appropriately be performed by women, whereby the pressure of emergency duties increasingly placed upon policemen would be relieved.

Carried : 1 dissentient.

### 2. Training in Motherhood.

The National Council of Women considers :

1. That all girls should receive as part of their general education some training in "Motherhood"—this term being understood as embracing :

(a) The health of the mother.

(b) The care and nurture of the baby with such practical experience as it may be possible to secure.

(c) An understanding of the normal development of the young child in mind and body.

2. That such training to attain its maximum effect should be given between the ages of 14 and 18 years.

3. That accordingly it should form part of the curriculum in day schools covering these years, and in all Juvenile Instruction Centres.

4. That it should further be offered as a subject in Evening Continuation Classes.

5. And that representation to the above effect should be made to the Board of Education, the Scottish Education Department, and the Ministry of Labour.

Carried.

### 3. Nursery Schools.

That this Council calls upon Local Education Authorities to make a survey of the pre-school population in their respective areas and to take such steps as may be necessary to secure adequate provision for the healthy physical, mental and moral development of children between the ages of two and five years by the provision of nursery schools or nursery classes conducted under Nursery School Regulations.

This Council further urges that, wherever children under five years of age are accommodated in public elementary schools, nursery school conditions as regards staffing, accommodation, equipment, rest and nourishment should be provided.

Carried : 2 dissentients.

### 4. Juveniles in Unregulated Trades.

The National Council of Women regrets that the hours and conditions of all Young Persons in "unregulated trades" have not already been regulated by law, and urges H.M. Government to introduce such legislation, as soon as possible, and to regulate equally as between both sexes the hours and conditions of work of such juveniles.

Carried : 1 dissentient.

### 5. Licensing and Registered Clubs.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain calls the attention of the Government to the fact that the Club problem is causing increasing concern throughout the country and urges the Government to give effect to the Recommendations of the Royal Commission on Licensing regarding Registered Clubs.

Carried nem. con.

### 6. Accommodation for the Aged Poor.

(a) That the National Council of Women urges the Housing Authorities for the greater contentment of old people to consider the provision of improved accommodation for the aged in their own districts.

(b) This Meeting asks H.M. Government to investigate the question including the advisability of converting selected quarters in Public Assistance Institutions into free unfurnished dwelling places for old people where married people may remain together.

Carried.

### 7. Slavery.

The National Council of Women records its satisfaction that the League of Nations has set up a committee to investigate the question of Slavery.

It notes with approval that the League Committee has included within the scope of its recommendations all customs which involve the enslavement of children disguised as adoption, the pledging of third persons and the pledging of the debtor himself who loses thereby his freedom.

It notes with regret the opinions expressed in the committee's report concerning the "Lobolo" system and further it expresses the hope that the Committee will consider in the future all customs which involve the treatment of women as chattels, in other words, virtually as slaves.

Carried : 5 dissentients.

### 8. School Leaving Age.

The National Council of Women in the educational, social and economic interests of the Nation urges the Government to extend the statutory school leaving age by one year, with a view to affording the children in Public Elementary Schools the benefit of continued school discipline and education including the training in Homecraft during their fifteenth year, so that they may be better prepared to discharge their duties as citizens, to earn their own living and to make a right use of leisure.

Carried : 2 dissentients.

### 9. Maternal Health.

In view of the continued high figures of Maternal Mortality and the prevalence of Maternal Mortality this Conference urges every Branch of the National Council of Women to press its local authority for :

1. Provision of easily accessible ante-natal and post-natal clinics, staffed by competent obstetricians, and the provision of gynaecological clinics staffed by competent gynaecologists.

2. Provision of sufficient beds to deal with all cases where it is thought hospital treatment advisable.

3. Increased facilities for the training and maintenance of a highly skilled midwifery service.

4. Careful consideration to be given to the results obtained from recent research on the value of diet to the expectant nursing mother, and the advisability of providing meals at convenient centres for those mothers who do not appear to be satisfactorily nourished at home.

And further

Urges all Teaching Hospitals to provide for their medical students a longer course in midwifery, with personal delivery of a larger number of cases and in addition to encourage those students wishing to become general practitioners to undergo post-graduate training in midwifery and gynaecology.

Carried : 6 dissentients.

# RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN, SOUTHPORT,

29th June – 3rd July, 1936.

### 1. Magistrates.

The National Council of Women in Council assembled being of the opinion that the present methods of selecting lay magistrates result in the appointment of many unsuitable people, and fail to secure the appointment of many suitable people, urges that :

1. (a) Advisory Committees shall have definite and established constitutions ; and  
(b) the names of their members shall be made public and shall include men and women, and ask that recommendations on this matter as put forward in the findings of the Royal Commission of 1911 be put into operation.
2. As from an agreed date no newly appointed Magistrate should serve on the Bench until he or she has received a course of instruction in the duties of the magistracy, approved by the Lord Chancellor.

Carried.

### 2. Women Police—Training Scheme.

That this Council believing that the lack of trained women to fill the posts is an important factor causing delay in the appointment of a greater number of police women, urges the Home Secretary to bring a scheme for training suitable women wishing to enter the Provincial Police Forces before the Police Council. For this purpose, the Council requests that one of the large Provincial Police Forces, in addition to the Metropolitan Police Force, may be recognised as a training centre for Women Police under a woman Instructor ; to which centres Chief Constables may apply for or send selected recruits for training.

Carried unanimously.

### 3. Child Guidance Clinics.

The National Council of Women in Council assembled calls upon H.M. Government through the Board of Education, to urge the Local Education Authorities to provide Child Guidance Clinics as a necessary supplement to their existing Health and Education Services ; and, further, to establish Observation Centres in connection with Juvenile Courts and/or Remand Homes where the co-operation of trained psychologists could be called upon in the diagnosis and treatment of Juvenile Delinquency.

Carried.

### 4. Factories and Workshops Act, 1901, Amendment of. Employment of Young People.

That in view of the circumstances that the Factories and Workshops Act, 1901, permits the employment of boys and girls between 14 and 18 years of age for 60 hours a week, exclusive of meal times, that according to the last report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops (p. 77) there has been a return to the working day of the full legal limit in the Midlands, the Eastern and three London Divisions, and that the rates of accidents per 100,000 workers is much higher for juveniles than for adults and that the total number of accidents to young persons has risen from 17,100 in 1933, to 21,767 in 1934.

This Council urges upon the Government the urgent need of introducing an amending Factories and Workshops Bill to limit the hours of work of young persons to 44 per week at the earliest possible moment, so that it may become law during the coming session of Parliament.

Carried nem. con.

### 5. Offices Regulation.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain urges that legislation be introduced for the regulation of Offices, particularly in relation to sanitary accommodation, cleanliness, light and ventilation and that such regulations should be administered under the Home Office, as it does not consider that the proposed consolidation of the Public Health Acts would be sufficient to deal with the admittedly unsatisfactory position.

Carried, 8 dissentients.

### 6. Cruelty to Children, Inadequate Sentences.

In view of the deplorable cases of cruelty to children which still come before the Courts, the National Council of Women urges its Branches to give close attention to this matter, to call public attention to the frequent inadequacy of sentences and to emphasise the need in certain cases for the medical examination of the offenders by an approved psychiatrist in order to ensure that they shall be suitably dealt with.

Carried.

### 7. Pensions for Spinsters.

The National Council of Women calls the attention of the Government to the serious discrepancies between the pension benefits granted to spinsters under National Health and Pensions Act, compared with those granted to men and their dependants, reminds them that a considerable part of women's payments to Pension Fund goes to supplement men's contribution in order to cover their greater pension rights and begs them to go fully into the matter and take steps to remedy this injustice.

Carried.



## 8. Nursery Schools.

The National Council of Women notes with appreciation that the Board of Education places Nursery Schools in the forefront of its programme of educational development and encourages Local Education Authorities to make provision for children under five.

While recognising that the type of accommodation provided for such children must necessarily vary with local circumstances, this Council draws attention to the vital importance of care in early childhood and calls for the adoption of an adequate standard of nurture and education for all young children, whether accommodated in separate nursery schools or in nursery classes attached to infants' schools.

Carried : 2 dissentients.

## 9. Abortion Returns.

The National Council of Women urges the Minister of Health to instruct all Medical Officers of Health to issue their returns of deaths connected with child-bearing in the same form as that adopted by the Registrar-General, showing deaths due to abortion, and deaths due to criminal abortion, separately from returns regarding other Maternal deaths.

Carried.

## Sexual Offences against Young Persons.

That the National Council of Women being deeply concerned with the number of sexual offences against children, calls upon the Government :—

- (a) To put into immediate operation the recommendation of the 1925 Departmental Committee on Sexual Offences against Young Persons (supported by recommendations 21 and 22 of the Scottish Departmental Committee on Sexual Offences 1926) namely ;

“That after conviction, but before sentence, the Bench shall remand for a mental examination and report, all cases of indecent exposure, all sexual offenders previously found guilty of an indecent offence, and all cases in which the Court suspects mental disease, disorder or defect.”

- (b) To introduce legislation so that the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Persistent Offenders 1932 in so far as they apply to persistent sexual offenders shall be put into operation. Carried Unanimously.

## National Appeal to Strengthen the League of Nations.

The National Council of Women expresses its deep disappointment that the efforts of statesmen through the medium of the League of Nations have proved unavailing in the present time of stress and dissension, to maintain the main object for which the League was founded, *i.e.*, the preservation of Peace.

The National Council of Women makes an earnest appeal to the people of Great Britain to maintain their unflinching allegiance to the principles of the League and to bring their influence to bear on the Government to support such strengthening of the League as will enable it to deal effectively with the problems of the future.

Carried.

## 10. Contraceptives, Sale of.

That the National Council of Women urge the Government to support the Contraceptives Bill prepared by the Public Morality Council.

Carried nem. con.

## 11. Mental Treatment Centres at Municipal Hospitals.

That the National Council of Women request H.M. Government to investigate the great need for the provision of small establishments in connection with Municipal Hospitals, under proper psychiatric direction, with special facilities for the in-patient treatment of early and/or mild cases of nervous and mental disorder, and urges that these establishments should be staffed by specially trained nurses including some with a knowledge of occupational therapy.

Carried nem. con.

## 12. Elementary School Classes, Size of.

That in view of the fact that young children especially need individual attention and space for free activity if their school life is to be a beginning of cultural education, the National Council of Women is strongly of opinion that the classes in Public Elementary Infant and Junior Schools are too large ; and calls upon the Government to take advantage of the falling birth rate to reduce their size to an outside limit of forty.

Carried nem. con.

## 13. Play Space for Children.

The National Council of Women urges on Housing Authorities, Public Utility Societies and private owners the necessity of providing, in connection with re-housing, an adequate minimum of square yards per family of play space for young children adjoining the buildings and of play space for older children near to those buildings.

Carried unanimously.

## 14. Road Accidents, Prevention of.

The National Council of Women deplors the continued high toll of life and limb on the roads involving as it does the killing or maiming of many thousands of children every year at a time when in other directions great efforts are being made for the protection and nurture of child life. It calls upon the Government to see that the duty of the State is discharged of providing adequate protection to citizens, particularly the young and the infirm, in their lawful use of the roads. In particular it would urge that those convicted more than once of driving under the influence of drink should be permanently deprived of their licence.

Carried, 4 dissentients.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN. ORIGIN.

The National Council has sprung from small beginnings, as have many organisations which fulfil a need. In 1876 Miss Ellice Hopkins, during her strenuous efforts to educate public opinion on questions of morals, began, for the purposes of preventive and rescue work, to found Ladies' Associations for the Care of Friendless Girls. In 1889 a Conference of the Yorkshire Associations was held at Barnsley—the idea having been possibly taken from a very successful Conference, presided over by Lady Aberdeen the year before at Aberdeen. This Conference was arranged by Miss Gray and Miss Janes, until 1914 the organising secretary of the N.C.W., to whose untiring work and self-devotion the Council owes in great part its existence. Birmingham ladies, among whom were Mrs. Phillp, Mrs. Hallows and Miss E. H. Cadbury, who were present at Barnsley, warmly took up the idea of such a meeting, and in 1890 the Birmingham Union of Women Workers, with Miss Stacey as its Secretary, held a well attended and most interesting Conference, when papers on various subjects connected with work amongst women and girls were read.

Meetings of the same sort followed in Liverpool, under Mrs. Alfred Booth, and in Bristol, Glasgow, and Leeds, under the presidency of Adeline, Duchess of Bedford. These were arranged by the local Unions of Women Workers. At some of these Conferences schemes for a more organised and formal body were suggested, notably by Miss Hubbard, whose staunch support did much for the Conferences. At the Nottingham Conference, held in October, 1895, the National Union of Women Workers (now known as the National Council of Women) was formally constituted, with Mrs. Creighton as its first President.

Miss Norah Green was appointed Secretary in January, 1904, and continued to hold office until her retirement as General Secretary in January, 1934.

### CONFERENCE & REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

<i>Place.</i>	<i>Date.</i>	<i>President.</i>	<i>Secretaries.</i>
Barnsley . . .	1889		{ Miss Gray. Miss Janes. Miss Stacey.
Birmingham . . .	1890	Miss Mathews.	
Liverpool . . .	1891	Mrs. Alfred Booth.	{ Mrs. A. H. Bright. Miss M. M. Graham.
Bristol . . .	1892	Mrs. Thomas Pease.	Mrs. Goodeve.
Leeds . . .	1893	Hon. Mrs. E. Talbot.	Mrs. Talbot Baines.
Glasgow . . .	1894	Mrs. Mirrlees.	Miss MacGregor.
Nottingham . . .	1895	Mrs. Creighton.	Mrs. Arnold Gem.
Manchester . . .	1896	Mrs. Creighton.	Miss Olga Hertz.
Croydon . . .	1897	Mrs. Creighton.	{ Miss Malleson. Miss K. Townend.
Norwich . . .	1898	Mrs. Alfred Booth.	Mrs. Nance.
Brighton . . .	1900	Hon. Mrs. H. T. Lyttelton.	Miss Allum.
Edinburgh . . .	1902	The Lady Battersea.	{ Miss Gordon. Mrs. James Ivory.
Chetenham and Gloucester . . .	1903	The Lady Battersea.	{ Miss S. Roberts. Miss A. Lemon. Miss Aileen Boyd Mackay
York . . .	1904	Miss Clifford.	{ Miss E. Sanderson. Miss Jalland.
Birmingham . . .	1905	Miss Clifford.	{ Miss Blakemore. Miss E. M. Finey.
Tunbridge Wells . . .	1906	Mrs. George Cadbury.	{ Miss A. Scott. Miss Hodgkinson.
Manchester . . .	1907	Mrs. George Cadbury.	{ Miss Sidebottom. Miss Moorhouse.

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<b>Audit Fees</b> . . . . .	4 4 0				4 4 0		
		<hr/> 12 10 4					
		<hr/> 239 16 0					
<b>Travelling Expenses</b> . . . . .					41 18 10	35 17 5	
<b>Publicity</b> . . . . .						40 6 6	
<b>Committee Grants</b> . . . . .					53 10 0	47 10 0	
<b>Printing : General</b> . . . . .					144 3 6	101 6 0	
Conference Reports . . . . .	127 3 0					94 2 6	
Conference Agenda . . . . .	9 10 0						
Handbook . . . . .	42 0 0					42 0 0	
Pamphlets . . . . .	17 13 7						
		<hr/> 196 6 7					
<b>Public Service Minutes</b> . . . . .	15 8 0				23 3 0		
<b>Women in Council :</b>							
Printing . . . . .	122 18 0				217 11 9		
Salary . . . . .	100 0 0				100 0 0		
		<hr/> 222 18 0					
<b>I.C.W. Bulletin</b> . . . . .					18 9 0	18 9 0	
<b>Loyal Address</b> on occasion of the Silver Jubilee . . . . .	5 0 0						
Wreath for the funeral of H.M. King George V. . . . .	2 2 0						
		<hr/> 7 2 0					
<b>Subscriptions to other Societies</b>					6 3 0	4 4 0	
<b>I.C.W. Subscriptions—Adjust- ment of Subscriptions 1934/6</b>	13 2 0					149 13 0	
Affiliation Fee . . . . .	6 10 0					13 0 0	
		<hr/> 19 12 0					
		<hr/> £2,292 14 3					
		<hr/> <hr/> £2,319 13 0					

**HOUSEHOLD SERVICE LEAGUE. Year ended 31st August, 1936**

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
<b>Balance :</b>		<b>General Fund :</b>	
1st Sept., 1935		Share of subscriptions	2 8 0
<b>Research Funds</b>		<b>Research Sub-Committee :</b>	
Subscriptions :		Salary	8 19 11
Members	14 18 6	Expenses	5 17 8
Groups	2 0 0		14 17 7
Societies	2 5 0	<b>Postage and Travelling :</b>	
	<hr/>	Miss Squire	3 16 8
Donation		Miss Randle	3 12 3
Interest on Deposit			<hr/>
Sale of Literature			7 8 11
	19 3 6	Stationery	7 9 6
	10 6	Speaker's Expenses	6 7
	14 11	Cheque Book	4 2
	5 12 6		<hr/>
			32 14 9
		Balance	98 1 8
			<hr/>
			£130 16 5
			<hr/>
			£130 16 5

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**I.C.W. ACCOUNT, for the period 11th February, 1936, to 31st August, 1936.**

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Subscriptions	155 18 0	<b>By I.C.W. :</b>	
„ Donations	44 17 0	1933-6 quota (balance)	99 8 0
	<hr/>	1936-7 quota (1st instalment)	83 0 0
„ Miss Christitch's Meetings	26 15 9		182 8 0
		„ Miss Christitch's Meetings	26 15 9
		„ Cheque Book	4 2
			<hr/>
		<b>Balance :</b>	209 7 11
		Subs. in advance	17 8 0
		Balance in hand toward 1936-7 quota	14 10
			<hr/>
			18 2 10
			<hr/>
			£227 10 9
			<hr/>
			£227 10 9

**NEW OFFICES FUND.**

Year Ended 31st August, 1936.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>To Interest :</b>			<b>By Rates :</b>		
Conversion Loan 3½%	5 8 6		Westminster City Council	21 16 2	
War Loan 3½%	85 13 4		Metropolitan Water Board	6 17 10	
	<hr/>	91 1 10			28 14 0
„ Hire of Rest Room		30 0 0	„ Income Tax		20 5 0
		<hr/>	„ Office Equipment		7 0 0
„ Balance carried down		121 1 10	„ Cheque Book		8 4
		156 3 8	„ <b>Contribution to General Fund :</b>		
			Salaries	67 13 2	
			Rent	53 5 0	
			Removal Expenses	100 0 0	
				<hr/>	
					220 18 2
					<hr/>
					£277 5 6
					<hr/>
					£277 5 6

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**Balance Carried to Balance Sheet :**

	£ s. d.
Balance at 31-8-35	2,785 14 5
Add Profit on sale of £300 3½% War Loan	14 14 1
	<hr/>
	2,800 8 6
Less Balance for 1935/36	156 3 8
	<hr/>
	£2,644 4 10
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**BALANCE SHEET as at AUGUST 31st, 1936.**

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>New Offices Fund :</b>						
Balance as per separate Account	2,644	4	10			
Loan from Lady Steel-Maitland	84	0	0	2,728	4	10
<b>International Council of Women :</b>						
As per separate Account				18	2	10
<b>Special Organisation Fund :</b>						
As per last Balance Sheet				41	18	8
<b>Staff Emergency Fund :</b>						
As per last Balance Sheet				88	10	9
<b>Household Service League :</b>						
As per separate Account				98	1	8
<b>Staff Pension Fund :</b>						
As per last Balance Sheet	304	8	4			
Less amount paid to Miss Green	4	8	4			
				300	0	0
<b>General Fund :</b>						
As per last Balance Sheet				40	0	0
<b>Bank Balance Overdrawn</b>				254	19	3

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We have examined the foregoing Accounts for the year ended the 31st August, 1936, with the books and vouchers produced to us. We have verified the Investments and Bank Balance as stated in the Balance Sheet. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out correctly the state of the Council's affairs, according to the information given to us and as shewn by the books.

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19th September, 1936.

£3,569 18 0

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>New Offices Fund :</b>						
<b>INVESTMENTS :</b>						
WAR LOAN 3½% as at 1/9/35						
£2,597 16 11 stock						
Less sold 300 0 0						
				£2,297	16	11
stock at cost				2,335	2	7
(Market value at 31/8/36						
£2,464 8 11).						
CONVERSION LOAN 3½% as at						
1/9/35 £200 stock at cost				198	6	0
(Market value at 31/8/36, £214 5 0).						
CASH— Current Account				194	16	3
						2,728 4 10
<b>International Council of Women :</b>						
Cash on Current Account						18 2 10
<b>Special Organisation Fund :</b>						
Cash on Deposit						41 18 8
<b>Staff Emergency Fund :</b>						
Cash on Deposit						88 10 9
<b>Household Service League :</b>						
Cash on Current Account				47	6	9
Cash on Deposit Account				50	14	11
<b>Staff Pension Fund :</b>						
						98 1 8
Cash at P.O. Savings Bank						300 0 0
<b>General Fund :</b>						
<b>INVESTMENTS AT PAR :</b>						
10 Shares of Co-Partnership Tenants, Ltd., £4 each						40 0 0
PETTY CASH IN HAND						2 9 0
<b>Income Account :</b>						
Debit Balance at 1st Sept. 1935	221	3	0			
Add Debit Balance year to 31/8/36	31	7	3			
						252 10 3
						<u>£3,569 18 0</u>

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The International Council of Women is a federation of National Councils or Unions of Women formed in various countries for the promotion of unity and mutual understanding between all associations of women working for the common welfare of the community. It was organised in 1888, and has as its motto the Golden Rule.

The following extracts from its Constitution are printed here as bearing on the inter-relations of the N.C.W. and the I.C.W.

#### ARTICLE II.—General Policy.

1. This International Council of Women is organised in the interests of no one particular propaganda, and excludes from its programme political and religious questions of a controversial nature affecting the inter-relationship of two or more countries.

2. This International Council of Women has no power over its members beyond that of suggestion and sympathy; therefore no National Council of Women voting to become a member of the International Council shall render itself liable to be interfered with in respect to its complete organic unity, independence, or method of work, or shall be committed to any principle or method of any other Council, or to any utterance or act of this International Council, beyond compliance with the terms of this Constitution, and harmonious action

therewith. National Councils are at liberty to make any communications as individual Councils to one another, but propaganda to be officially circulated amongst the affiliated National Councils in the name of the International Council shall not deal with the subjects referred to in Paragraph 1.

#### ARTICLE IV.—Members.

1. Any National Council of Women formed of National Societies, of Local Councils, and Unions of representative Societies and Institutions, provided that their Constitution be in harmony with the basis of the Constitution of the International Council, may become a member of the International Council with the approval of the Executive Committee, and by the payment of 20 dollars (£4) every year. National Councils whose annual fee has not been paid, shall thereby forfeit their right to vote at meetings of the Council and Executive Committee.\*

3. Any person, whose name is accepted by the Executive Committee and approved by the Council of her own nation, where one exists, may become a life patron of this Council, upon the payment of £40 (200 dollars); or may become a triennial contributor on the payment of £3 (15 dollars) within the triennial period.

5. Any person approved by the Council of her own nation, where one exists, may become an Annual Subscriber to this Council on the payment of £1 or upwards.

6. All ordinary members of affiliated National Councils are also members of the International Council of Women, and shall be entitled to be present at the meetings of the International Council, but may not take part in the proceedings without special invitation from the Chair, nor have they a vote.

#### STANDING ORDERS FOR THE COUNCIL.

##### I.—MEETINGS.

9. Secretaries of affiliated National Councils are required to send an extract of the minute of Committee or Council appointing the delegates and their alternates (in the event of the inability of the delegates to attend) to the Headquarters Office a full month before the Triennial Council Meeting, supplying the names and addresses of the ladies appointed; also to provide each delegate or alternate with credentials.

10. The responsibility for the appointments and instruction of delegates rests solely with the bodies appointing, and delegates are required to act in strict accordance with the instructions of the affiliated National Councils which they represent, and on points which may incidentally arise, as far as they can judge, in accordance with the spirit of that organisation, and not as individuals.

Affiliated National Councils shall be free to give liberty to their delegates to vote according to their own convictions on any matter on which the National Councils consider they have not sufficient information, and where they feel that discussion might materially alter the point of view.

#### IV. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES.

1. The ordinary members of the Standing Committees shall be delegates appointed by the National Councils, each Council has the right to appoint a

\*At the Council Meeting at Washington in 1925 it was agreed to accept the Finance Committee's estimate of £2,000 as the necessary sum required for the working of the Headquarters Office. The National Councils therefore agreed to allow themselves to be assessed in accordance with a scheme to be drawn up by the Finance Committee. This scheme was accepted by the Council at Vienna in 1930. Newly-formed National Councils shall, however, be only expected to pay an affiliation fee of £4 or 20 dollars a year for the first triennial period after their affiliation.

member to serve on each Standing Committee. These members shall be appointed at the beginning of each electoral period.

4. The Convener of a Standing Committee shall not be eligible to serve on that particular Committee as the member representing her own National Council.

#### V. STANDING ORDERS FOR INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

1. All information regarding the business programme of the International Council, its Executive, its Committees, its Triennial, or other Meetings, shall first appear in official form (in the "Transactions," the "Annual Report," or in official or printed communications from the President's Office) before it is incorporated in the printed matter of any individual National Council.

2. The Secretary of each affiliated National Council shall furnish the Headquarters Office of the International Council with an account, not previously published elsewhere, of the work carried on by the National Council of Women of her country during the foregoing year, such account not to exceed 1,500 words in length, to be written in any of the three official languages—French, German, or English—and to be in the hands of the Headquarters Office not later than April 30th in each year. All these National Council Reports shall be published together in the Annual Report of the International Council of Women.

#### STANDING ORDERS FOR BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES ON THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

##### ON THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN:

1. The N.C.W. is represented on the International Council of Women by 10 delegates (including its President), of these delegates at least one shall be resident in Scotland, and 10 proxies. These shall be nominated and elected by a postal vote by the Executive, the result to be announced at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain preceding the Triennial Meeting of the I.C.W. If a delegate after appointment be unavoidably prevented from serving, or resign her office, a proxy shall be nominated to replace her. The term of office of the delegates is for 3 years. The term of office of proxies lasts during the time occupied by the Special Meeting which they are appointed to attend. Instructions as to future duties shall be made clear to delegates and proxies on their appointment.

2. The delegates from the National Council shall give a united vote, and the National Council, whenever possible, shall previously instruct its delegates as to the lines on which they shall vote.

3. The resolutions and amendments proposed by the National Council for the meeting of the I.C.W. shall be presented to and separately considered by the Executive Committee, and after approval sent to the Secretary of the I.C.W. to be placed upon its agenda.

4. In the case of unforeseen questions arising at the I.C.W. Council Meetings, the N.C.W. President or her proxy shall call together the delegates of Great Britain in Council, and shall decide with them on the casting of their vote.

##### ON THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

5. The N.C.W. is represented on the Executive Committee of the International Council of Women by its President.

##### ON THE INTERNATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEES:

6. The N.C.W. is represented on each Standing Committee of the I.C.W. by one Representative, appointed by the Executive Committee of the N.C.W. by nomination and ballot.

7. **The Reports** prepared by the Representatives for presentation to their several I.C.W. Standing Committees shall consist of statements of fact, not of expressions of personal opinion : they shall be as brief as is possible consistently with lucidity.

**The Reports** for the meetings of the I.C.W. shall be presented to, and individually considered by, the Executive Committee of the N.C.W. ; if necessary a special session shall be called for the purpose, and after approval the reports shall be sent to the Conveners of the I.C.W. Standing Committees.

8. **The Nominations** of General Officers and Conveners of Standing Committees of the I.C.W. shall be considered by the Executive Committee as a separate item of business and shall be freely open to discussion or, if necessary, to a vote.

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92, Gower Street, London, W.C.1.**

**The Draft Revised Constitution** was adopted by the Representative Council Meeting, at Leicester, 14th to 18th October, 1935, subject to the following alterations :

**ARTICLE IV.**

To read—

The members shall be women who are :

- (1) Members of the Branches who shall be deemed Subscribing Members.
- (2) Headquarters Subscribers who shall be deemed Subscribing Members.
- (3) Members of the Affiliated Societies.

All members are eligible to hold office as Honorary Officers of the Council, and as members of the Executive Committee, provided that they shall have subscribed to the funds of the National Council of Women for at least one year.

All members are eligible to hold office as Honorary Officers of Sectional Committees and as representatives of those Committees to the Representative Council meeting, provided that they are subscribers to the funds of the Council, or will become so on their appointment.

(3) **AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.**

(b) line 3 "ten" to read "six" and consequentially in Article XIII 2 and **Affiliated Societies, their Relation to the National Council, 1.**

**ARTICLE VI.**

3. Last sentence to read—

Should she be unable to attend one of the Vice-Presidents shall take her place, and act on behalf of the President whenever necessary.

and consequentially on Page 14, last line to read—  
of the Vice-Presidents.

**ARTICLE VIII.**

After (f) insert—

The Executive Committee may at its discretion grant special leave of absence.

(g) To read—

The Chairmen, and those Honorary Secretaries . . . . .

**ARTICLE X.**

1. **Constitution.**

(a) to read—

One representative from each nationally organised society affiliated to the National Council of Women, etc.

(f) to read—

Each Sectional Committee shall elect yearly from among its own members a Chairman, and an Honorary Secretary . . . . .

(g) to read—

The elected members of the Executive Committee and the Chairman and Honorary Secretaries of Sectional Committees who are members of the Executive shall have the right to attend . . . . .

and consequentially in **Standing Orders for Sectional Committees, Page 12.**

#### ARTICLE XIV.

1. *To read—*

Branches of the Council and members of the Executive Committee have the right to nominate candidates for election as Officers and/or as members of the Executive Committee (24 seats). No nationally elected member shall serve on the Executive Committee in more than one capacity. Upon any elected member of the Executive becoming an Honorary Officer or otherwise an *ex officio* member of the Committee the next candidate in order of ballot shall be declared elected.

No one shall be eligible for election who has not been a Subscribing Member of the National Council for a least one year. The written consent of the member nominated shall first be obtained by the nominator and submitted with the nomination form.

New nominees must have the support of three nominators.

Nomination papers giving the attendance of Executive Committee members during their two years of office shall be sent to the Secretaries of Branches, and to members of the Executive at least two months before the Annual Representative Council Meeting, and shall be returned within five weeks of their receipt to the General Secretary.

2. *To read—*

The election of officers shall be by a postal ballot among the Branches of the Council, the Affiliated Societies and the members of the Executive Committee.

The election of the 24 members of the Executive Committee shall be by a postal ballot among the Branches of the Council and the members of the Executive Committee, the Branches in each respect to have such number of votes as the number of members of the Representative Council to which they are entitled.

3. *To read—*

The Affiliated Societies have the right to nominate candidates for election as Honorary Officers of the Council and also candidates for election to the 16 seats on the Executive Committee allocated to representatives of Affiliated Societies.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

11. *Last sentence to read—*

When resolutions passed by the Representative Council are published, a statement of the non-participation of any Branch or Society *must* be inserted.

N.B.—Additional copies of the draft revised Constitution may be obtained from the N.C.W. Office, price 3d. per copy. Orders must be received before August 12th.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN.

### DRAFT OF REVISED CONSTITUTION.

NOTES :

1. Proposed alterations to Constitution are printed in italics.
2. Articles dealing with Standing Orders for :
  - (a) Regional Committees
  - (b) Executive Committee
  - (c) Sectional Committeeshave been removed from the Constitution and placed in a separate section.
3. Articles providing for the Regional Committees and the Scottish Standing Committee embody provisions hitherto outside the Constitution.
4. The order of Articles in the Constitution has been slightly amended.

**Additional alterations and any amendments to the Constitution should reach the General Secretary at the N.C.W. Office not later than FRIDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.**

#### REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

It is proposed that the revision of the Constitution be taken at the first meeting of the Council on Tuesday morning, 15th October, and, if necessary, subsequently on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon at 5.30 p.m.

The Council will be asked to make the Standing Orders effective as from 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15th, so that the business of the Representative Council Meeting be transacted according to the revised Orders.

Further, the Council will be asked to sanction the coming into force of the revised Constitution as from 1st November, 1935.

MONICA C. GROBEL,  
General Secretary.

July, 1935.

# CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.

### NAME AND PREAMBLE.

1. This Council shall be called "THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN."
2. This Council is established in the interests of no one particular social, political or religious organisation. It has no power over the organisations which enter into affiliation with it.

## ARTICLE II.

### OBJECTS.

1. To promote sympathy of thought and purpose among the women of Great Britain.
2. To promote the social, civil, moral and religious welfare of the community.
3. To co-ordinate, both nationally and locally, organisations in harmony with these purposes.
4. To promote such conditions of life as will assure to every child an opportunity for full and free development.
5. To work for the removal of all disabilities of women, whether legal, economic or social.
6. To collect and re-distribute information of service to the community.
7. To form a link with the National Councils of Women in other countries through the International Council of Women.

## ARTICLE III.

### METHODS OF WORK.

The methods of work shall include :

1. Forming of Branches. (cf. Article IV (1).)
2. Affiliating all organisations whose work is in harmony with the objects of the National Council. (cf. Article IV (3).)
3. Forming standing Sectional Committees and Special Committees as may be required. (cf. Articles IX, X, and XVII).
4. Convening conferences and meetings and conducting enquiries.
5. Submitting to the Government and to Parliament recommendations for the amendment of the law and its administration.
6. Representing the need for national and local reforms to the proper authorities.

## ARTICLE IV.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The members shall be women who are :

- (1) Members of the Branches who shall be deemed Subscribing Members.
- (2) Headquarters Subscribers who shall be deemed Subscribing Members.
- (3) Members of the Affiliated Societies ~~who shall be deemed Associate Members.~~

All Subscribing members are eligible for election as Honorary Officers of Council, as members of the Executive, as Honorary Officers of Sectional Committees, and as representatives of those Committees to the Representative Council Meeting, provided they are subscribers or will become so on appointment.

### (1) BRANCHES.

- (a) The Branches consist of affiliated local societies and organisations and of individual members. They promote the work and objects of the National Council as local circumstances enable them to do.

(b) Branches shall pay an annual subscription to Headquarters of £5, and 25 per cent. of their ordinary membership subscriptions. The £5 shall not be compulsory until the third year after the formation of the Branch and the Central Executive Committee shall have power to remit the payment of £5 should the circumstances of a Branch require special consideration at any time.

Those Branches of the National Council of Women which have not paid their annual fee of £5 for two years shall have their representation on the Representative Council reduced, and notice of this shall be given at the close of the first year.

### (2) HEADQUARTERS SUBSCRIBERS.

- (i) The Headquarters subscribers of the National Council of Women are women who subscribe not less than 5/- annually to the Central Funds.
- (ii) Subscribers of one guinea or more shall receive the official magazine free.
- (iii) A copy of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall be sent to all Headquarters subscribers.
- (iv) Headquarters subscribers residing outside the area covered by ordinary membership of a Branch shall have the right to Honorary membership of their nearest branch.

### (3) AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

(a) Affiliated Societies shall be such as are nationally organised and are accepted by the Executive Committee of the Council by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the meeting at which the application is considered, the constitution of such societies to be in conformity with that of the National Council of Women.

(b) Each Affiliated Society is entitled to appoint one representative on the Representative Council but this representation may be increased, upon application being made by the affiliating society, to a number not exceeding ten at the discretion of the Executive Committee, which shall revise the list annually. *disc*

(c) Affiliated Societies shall pay an annual subscription to the Central Funds of not less than £1. 1s. 0d. (as from 1912). Should they be entitled to appoint more than four members of Council an additional sum of 5/- is due on account of each additional member so appointed to the Representative Council. Any Society which has not paid its subscription before the Annual Council Meeting shall after due notice cease to be affiliated.

(d) Affiliated Societies shall each receive through their secretaries notice of all meetings of the Representative Council, a free copy of the HANDBOOK and of WOMEN IN COUNCIL.

## ARTICLE V.

### THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (formerly Article VI).

1. The Governing Body of the National Council of Women shall be called the Representative Council.
2. The Representative Council shall consist of :
  - (a) The Executive Committee. (Article XIII, 3).
  - (b) The Honorary Vice-Presidents.
  - (c) Representatives of the Branches. (Article XIII, 1).
  - (d) Representatives of the Affiliated Societies. (Article XIII, 2.)
  - (e) Representatives of the Sectional Committees. (Article XIII, 4.)

## ARTICLE VI.

### HONORARY OFFICERS (formerly Article IX).

1. The Officers of the National Council shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Parliamentary Secretary ; they shall be elected by postal ballot by the Representative Council, and shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election.



The term of office of President or Vice-President shall not in any case exceed three years without an interval of one or more years.

2. The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Parliamentary Secretary, shall be *ex-officio* members of all Sectional and other Committees.

Vice Presidents

3. The President shall preside over the meetings of the Representative Council and the Executive Committee. Should she be unable to attend, one of the Officers shall take her place, and act on behalf of the President whenever necessary.

4. The Treasurer shall preside over the meetings of the Finance Committee and in co-operation with it shall organise the collection and supervise the expenditure of the funds of the Council.

5. The Parliamentary Secretary, in co-operation with the Parliamentary and Legislation Committee, shall conduct the parliamentary business. She shall not act in a similar capacity for any other organisation.

6. The Advisory Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Council and Chairmen of Sectional Committees and the Convener of the Scottish Standing Committee.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS (formerly Article X).

Past Presidents shall be *Honorary Vice-Presidents*, and shall serve as *ex-officio* Members of the Executive Committee provided they attend at least two meetings during the Council's year.

The founders of the National Union of Women Workers, the President and *ex-Presidents* of the International Council of Women, and any other women elected by the Representative Council shall be also *honorary Vice-Presidents*. These *Vice-Presidents* must be members of the National Council of Women at the time of their appointment.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (formerly Article VII).

1. The Executive Committee shall carry out the policy and transact the business of the Council.

2. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

(a) The President, *Honorary Vice-Presidents* (cf. Article VII), and the Officers.

(b) Twenty-four members nominated by *Branches of the Council and Members of the Executive Committee*, and elected by them by a postal ballot the result to be announced at the annual meeting; of these twenty-four at least four shall be resident in Scotland and one in Wales. Members shall remain in office for two years; twelve shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election provided that they shall have attended at least four meetings in each year.

The Executive Committee may at its discretion grant special leave of absence.

(c) One member elected by each Branch having a direct membership of 100 and over.

(d) One member elected by each Regional Committee of the Branches.

(e) One member elected by the Scottish Standing Committee.

A proxy may be elected by any Branch, Regional Committee and the *Scottish Standing Committee* to hold office for the same period as the elected representative, with power to attend and vote on receiving notification from the representative of her unavoidable absence.

(f) Sixteen members nominated by the *Affiliated Societies*, and elected by a postal ballot by the *Affiliated Societies*, the result to be announced at the Annual Meeting. Members remain in office for one year and are eligible for re-election, provided they have attended at least four meetings in the year. The Ex. Com. may

at its discretion grant special leave of absence.

(g) The Chairmen and those *Honorary Secretaries* of the Sectional and Special Committees *ex-officio* provided that they have held office for not less than one year. *Ex-officio* members shall not stand for election to the Executive Committee.

(h) The *Honorary Secretary for Regional Committees*.

(i) Two members co-opted to represent the local Committee of the place where the Annual Representative Council Meeting is to be held.

(j) Women Members of Parliament who, during their tenure of office, may be elected as *Honorary Members of Executive*. . . . .

3. The newly elected Executive Committee shall hold office for one year from the October following its election.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### FINANCE (formerly Article V).

1. The *Honorary Treasurer* in co-operation with the Finance Committee shall transact the financial business and administer the finances of the Council, subject to the approval of the Executive.

2. The Finance Committee shall consist of:

(a) The Officers.

(b) Six representatives elected by the Executive.

(c) Four representatives elected by the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.

(d) One representative of the Scottish Standing Committee.

3. The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two members.

4. Cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer, or in her absence by the President.

5. Members of the Finance Committee shall hold office for one year until their re-election by the new Executive Committee.

6. The financial year of the National Council of Women shall date from September 1st to August 31st.

7. The Finance Committee shall have power to appoint an *Honorary Financial Adviser* subject to the approval of the Executive.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### CONSTITUTION OF SECTIONAL COMMITTEES

(formerly Article XVII).

Sectional Committees to further special branches of work, shall be set up either at the decision of the Executive Committee or when requested by six *Affiliated Societies* and agreed by the Executive Committee. They shall hold office for one year until their reappointment by the new Executive Committee.

In the formation of a new Sectional Committee the Executive Committee shall appoint a provisional chairman.

1. **Constitution.** Each Sectional Committee shall consist of: *nationally organised*

(a) One representative from each . . . Society affiliated to the N.C.W. which by reason of its objects is concerned with the subject with which the Sectional Committee deals. . . . .

(b) One representative from each Branch and Regional Committee of the National Council of Women.

(c) One representative from each of such Sectional Committees as desire representation.

(d) The honorary officers of the National Council of Women . . . . .

(e) Not more than eight members co-opted by the Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. *yearly*

(f) Each Sectional Committee shall elect from among its own members a Chairman and an *Honorary Secretary* who shall hold office for one year from the October following their election.

+ The Chairman + Hon. Secs of Sectional <sup>Clubs</sup> who are members of the Exec. C<sup>l</sup>

(g) The elected members of the Executive Committee shall have the right to attend meetings of Sectional Committees without power to vote.

(h) The International Council of Women Sectional Committee shall have as its ex-officio Chairman the President for the time being of the National Council of Women.

The International Council of Women Sectional Committee shall have as ex-officio members the representatives of the National Council of Women of Great Britain upon the Standing Committees of the International Council of Women and any officer of the International Council of Women resident in Great Britain and the delegates and proxies elected to the International Council of Women Triennial Meeting.

(i) The Public Service Committee shall in addition to its appointed members consist of women engaged in public work.

2. **Public Action.** A Sectional Committee may take public action in its own name if it has obtained the consent of the Executive Committee. In cases of urgency, where the Sectional Committee has the support of two-thirds of the members present and voting upon a motion of which notice has been given, it may take public action if it has obtained the consent of the President.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### REGIONAL COMMITTEES (formerly Standing Orders).

1. Regional Committees shall exist to promote solidarity by keeping Branches within a prescribed area in close touch with each other and with the work at Headquarters.

To survey areas, and endeavour to form and strengthen the Branches, and thus to further the work of the National Council of Women.

2. Each Regional Committee shall have the right to elect a member to serve on the Executive Committee. Such representative shall hold office for one year but be eligible for re-election.

3. The Chairman and Honorary Secretary of each Regional Committee and their duly appointed proxies, shall serve on the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.

4. The Honorary Secretary for Regional Committees shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive, the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional and the Regional Committees with power to vote.

5. The Hon. Secretary for Regional Committees shall be nominated and elected by members of the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### SCOTTISH STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Scottish Standing Committee exists to co-ordinate the work of the Scottish Branches, and of the Scottish nationally organised Associated Societies ;  
to bring to the notice of the National Council matters which affect Scotland,  
to make representation on matters of Scottish import to the Government offices and other national bodies in Scotland,  
to consider how business originated in the National Council meets Scottish needs, and how it can be applied to Scottish conditions and Scots Law, and  
to transact all business appertaining to a Regional Committee (cf. Article XI).

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### BASIS OF REPRESENTATION UPON THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

1. Branches shall be represented in the proportion of one representative for every five of their local affiliated Societies, and of one representative for the first twenty-five and one representative for every succeeding fifty of their subscribing members.

2. Affiliated Societies shall be represented in proportion to their national importance and membership. Each Affiliated Society is entitled to one representative on the Representative Council, but this number may be increased upon application at the discretion of the Executive Committee, which shall revise the list annually. No Society shall have more than ~~ten~~ representatives. six

3. The members of the Executive Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Representative Council.

4. Sectional and Special Committees shall each be represented by two of their members, who shall be subscribing members of the National Council.

The period for which representatives are appointed shall be from one Annual Council Meeting to the next. In the event of any of the representatives resigning during the year, the societies may appoint others in their place, but no representatives can be accepted unless their appointment is notified to the Secretary of the Council not less than a fortnight before the meeting of the Representative Council.

#### ARTICLE XIV. NOMINATIONS.

*No nationally elected member shall serve on the Exec<sup>C</sup> in more than one capacity.*

1. Branches of the Council and members of the Executive Committee have the right to nominate candidates for election as Officers and/or as members of the Executive Committee (24 seats). No one shall be eligible for election who has not been a Subscribing Member of the National Council for at least one year. The written consent of the member nominated shall first be obtained by the nominator and submitted with the nomination form.

New nominees must have the support of three nominators.

Nomination papers giving the attendances of Executive Committee members during their two years of office shall be sent to the Secretaries of Branches, and to members of the Executive at least two months before the Annual Representative Council Meeting, and shall be returned within five weeks of their receipt to the General Secretary.

2. The election of the Officers and the 24 members of the Executive Committee shall be by a postal ballot among the Branches of the Council and the members of the Executive Committee, the Branches to have such number of votes as the number of members of the Representative Council to which they are entitled.

3. The Affiliated Societies have the right to nominate candidates for election to the 16 seats on the Executive Committee allocated to representatives of Affiliated Societies.

4. The election of the 16 representatives of the Affiliated Societies shall be by a postal ballot among the Affiliated Societies, the result to be announced at the Annual Meeting. Each Affiliated Society shall have the right to the number of votes to correspond with the number of members of the Representative Council to which it is entitled.

5. The General Secretary shall forward to each Secretary of a Branch and to each member of the Executive Committee with the ballot paper one month prior to the Annual Meeting a complete list of the names and addresses of all nominees for election to the Executive Committee with the names of three nominators in the case of new nominees. This list shall also be sent for information only to each Secretary of an Affiliated Society.

6. The Branch shall exercise its right to nominate and ballot either through its Executive or through a General Meeting.

In the case of the ballot each Branch shall have such number of votes as the number of members of the Representative Council to which it is entitled.

#### ARTICLE XV.

##### MEETINGS (formerly Article XI).

##### (1) THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

(a) The Representative Council shall hold an Annual Meeting at a time and place to be arranged by the Executive Committee to receive reports, transact

business and to receive the result of the postal ballot for the Executive Committee.

(b) A Special Meeting of the Representative Council may be summoned by the Executive Committee, and shall be summoned by the President on the requisition of eight Branches and eight Affiliated Societies.

(c) One-third of the Registered Members of the Council shall form a quorum, such members are those whose names have been listed at a fixed date at the Headquarters Office.

(2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(a) The Executive Committee shall meet at least 10 (ten) times each year not more than two months to elapse without a meeting.

(b) Twenty-one shall form a quorum.

(3) Finance Committee.

(a) The Finance Committee shall meet at least 10 (ten) times each year not more than two months to elapse without a meeting.

(b) Seven members shall form a quorum.

(4) SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

(a) The Sectional Committees shall meet at least three times a year, before the meetings of the Executive Committee.

(b) Each Committee shall fix its own quorum, which shall not be less than seven.

ARTICLE XVI.

RESOLUTIONS (formerly Article XIII, order altered).

1. Resolutions passed by the Representative Council shall decide the policy of the Council until reversed or modified at a further meeting of the Council. Any members of Council shall have the right to require that the voting strength for and against be appended to the resolutions for all purposes of publication and use, e.g., in the public press and in communications to public departments and authorities.

2. Resolutions for the Representative Council shall be sent to the Secretary at a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee and circulated on the **Preliminary List** to each Branch, Affiliated Society, the Scottish Standing Committee and the Executive, which shall select from the list the ten resolutions they prefer. They shall notify the General Secretary of the N.C.W. of the ten resolutions thus chosen.

The ten resolutions receiving the highest total number of votes from Branches, Societies, the Scottish Standing Committee . . . . . and the Executive shall be printed on the **Preliminary Agenda** Paper.

3. The following shall have the power to forward resolutions for inclusion in the **Preliminary List**.

- (i) The Executive Committee.
- (ii) The Branches.
- (iii) The Affiliated Societies.
- (iv) The Scottish Standing Committee.

Only one resolution may be sent in by any one Branch, Society, or by the Scottish Standing Committee.

4. The Executive Committee shall have power to place resolutions upon the agenda in addition to the ten selected.

5. Each Member of the Representative Council, each Secretary of a Branch, Affiliated Society, the Scottish Standing Committee, and of each Sectional Committee, shall receive not less than five weeks before a meeting of the Representative Council, a copy of the **Preliminary Agenda**, provided that in the case of Special Meetings

the Executive Committee, if there be urgency, may reduce the notice to not less than ten days.

6. A Branch, Affiliated Society or the Scottish Standing Committee desiring to place in its name on the Council's **Final Agenda** any amendment to the resolutions, shall send a copy of such amendment to the Secretary in time to be received by her not less than four weeks before the Council Meeting. All such amendments shall be placed on the Council's Agenda. The Executive Committee shall have power to place amendments on the **Final Agenda**.

7. The **Final Agenda** shall be circulated to each member of the Representative Council, Secretary of a Branch, Affiliated Society and the Scottish Standing Committee, not less than fourteen days before the meeting of the Representative Council.

8. Urgency business must be sanctioned by the Executive Committee and must have the support of two-thirds of the members present at the Committee Meeting and voting. "Urgency" is interpreted as implying some important matter which has arisen since the date by which resolutions for the Council's agenda had to be received at the office, and which could not therefore have been dealt with in the ordinary way.

9. No matter shall be discussed at any meeting of the Representative Council which has not been included upon the agenda, unless specially sanctioned as urgency business.

10. A resolution to be carried by the Representative Council, must be passed by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

11. Branches and Affiliated Societies shall not be considered responsible for the opinions of the Representative Council as expressed by resolution, unless and until they have themselves affirmed at a meeting the resolution passed by the Council. When resolutions passed by the Representative Council are published, a statement of the non-participation of any Branch or Society ~~may~~ be inserted. *must*

ARTICLE XVII.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Special Committees shall be set up by the Executive Committee as required.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The Executive Committee is empowered to give indemnity to any member or members in respect of any act done or liability assumed on behalf of the National Council of Women of Great Britain.

ARTICLE XIX.

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

This constitution shall only be altered at the Annual Meeting of the Representative Council by an amendment to be carried by two-thirds of the members present and voting. Notice of any proposed alteration shall be sent in writing to the Executive Committee at such date previous to the Council Meeting as may be determined by the Executive Committee, and shall be printed and circulated to the members of the Representative Council.

STANDING ORDERS SECTION.

(Taken from Constitution).<sup>4</sup>

I. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL:

1. The Representative Council shall not transact business unless one-third of the Registered members of the Representative Council are present.

2. Members of the Representative Council and Secretaries of Branches, Affiliated Societies and Sectional Committees shall receive notices, agenda and all papers relating to the business of the Representative Council.

3. Meetings of the Representative Council shall be open to the press unless the Council shall otherwise resolve . . . . .

4. Members desiring to speak shall send up their names, speak from the platform, and address the Chair. Short questions may be asked or points of order raised from the body of the meeting.

5. The ruling of the Chair, on a point of order, on the advisability of a personal explanation, or on the time limit, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

6. Amendments to resolutions may be moved at the meeting, provided that they do not determine questions outside the subject matter of the resolutions and that they arise out of the discussions at the Council and could not therefore have been previously circulated to the Branches, as specified in Sections 4, 5 and 7 of Article XIII.

7. An amendment may be moved :

- (1) To leave out words.
- (2) To leave out words and substitute or add others.
- (3) To insert or add words.

8. Every amendment shall be in writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Chair.

9. No member shall, without permission from the Chair, address the Council more than once on any resolution or amendment ; the mover of an original motion may, however, reply, but she shall confine herself to answering the previous speakers and shall not introduce any new matter into the debate. After the reply, the question shall be put forthwith. The right of reply shall not extend to the mover of an amendment, which having been carried, has become the substantive resolution.

10. Any member desiring that discussion of a subject shall cease shall move : 'That the question be now put.' This shall be seconded without discussion and put to the meeting by the Chairman. If carried, the resolution under discussion will then immediately be put to the meeting, the Chairman may ask leave of the Council for the mover to be allowed the right to reply.

11. Any member of the Representative Council desiring that the discussion be adjourned shall have power to move that the Council proceed to the next business. This proposal to be effective must be carried by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

12. Any member, whether she has spoken on the matter or not, may rise to a point of order, to ask a question, or in explanation ; such explanation shall be confined to some material part of her former speech, which may have been misunderstood. A member so rising shall be entitled to be heard forthwith.

13. Any member of the Representative Council shall have power to move at the Council Meeting that the order of the resolutions be altered.

14. A resolution or amendment may be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the seconder and of the meeting, which shall be signified without debate ; and it shall not be competent for any member to speak upon it after the mover has asked permission for its withdrawal unless such permission shall have been refused.

15. A member who has formally seconded an amendment can speak to it at a later stage.

16. Whenever an amendment upon an original motion has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment shall have been disposed of, but any speaker to the amendment may

give notice of a further amendment which she will move when the other shall have been disposed of. If an amendment be carried, the motion as amended shall become the substantive resolution, upon which any further amendment shall be moved.

17. A resolution to be carried by the Representative Council must be passed by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. The vote shall in the first place be taken by a show of voting cards or by members standing. A minority may demand a count and tellers shall be appointed at the meeting for the purpose.

## II. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall open with the *Lord's Prayer*.

2. The Chairman shall not vote as a member of the Executive Committee but shall have a casting vote.

3. Minutes of the proceedings of every meeting shall be taken by the Secretary.

4. Members when speaking shall address the Chair.

5. The ruling of the Chair on a point of order, or on the advisability of a personal explanation, shall be final.

6. A resolution or amendment moved at the meeting shall be in writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Chair.

7. A resolution or amendment may be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the seconder and of the meeting, which shall be signified without debate ; and it shall not be competent for any member to speak upon it after the mover has asked permission for its withdrawal, unless such permission shall have been refused.

8. Whenever an amendment upon an original motion has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment shall have been disposed of, but any speaker to the amendment may give notice of a further amendment which she will move when the other has been disposed of. If an amendment be carried, the motion as amended shall become the substantive resolution, upon which any further amendment shall be moved.

9. A member wishing to have a subject placed upon the agenda must give at least 18 days' notice to the Secretary.

10. The Executive Committee shall arrange for meetings of the Representative Council. The Committee may arrange for submitting to the Council any urgency business or resolution, provided that two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting support the motion that such business or resolution is urgent.

11. Notices of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the Hon. Secretaries of the Sectional and other Committees. Those Hon. Secretaries who have held office for one year rank as full Members of Executive, while those who have held office for less than one year have the right to attend the meetings and to speak, but not to vote.

12. A resolution agreed to by the Executive Committee shall not be rescinded or altered by them, unless some member of the Executive Committee shall have given notice to the Secretary 18 days before the meeting of the Executive Committee of a motion to rescind or alter such resolution, which notice shall be forthwith entered on the agenda by the Secretary.

13. In taking public action with regard to subjects upon which the Representative Council has not defined its policy and upon which opinion is strongly

divided, the Executive Committee shall only take action if notice of the proposal has been placed upon the agenda, which shall be circulated a fortnight before the meeting, and if such action has been approved by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

14. Copies in type of resolutions which Sectional Committees desire to bring before the Executive shall also be given to each member of the Executive Committee at the meeting . . . . .

15. A resolution for the suspension of the Standing Orders shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

16. These Standing Orders can only be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Executive Committee, if notice of such amendment has appeared on the circulated agenda.

17. The Executive may make bye-laws for its own guidance.

### III. STANDING ORDERS FOR SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

**Reappointment of Sectional Committees.**—The members of each Sectional Committee shall be eligible for reappointment by the new Executive Committee . . . . .

The Hon. Secretary of the Committee shall forward to the Secretary of the N.C.W. a complete list of the names and addresses of the members standing for re-election and of the new nominees for submission to the new Executive Committee at its first Meeting.

**Election of Officers.**—Each Sectional Committee shall elect its *Chairman* from among its own members; she shall represent the Committee on the Executive.

A Chairman who has not attended at least two meetings during the year shall be disqualified for nomination for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the Chairman, whose consent to stand must first have been obtained by the nominator, shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Committee not less than fourteen days before the Meeting of the Committee which immediately precedes the 21st May, or the posting of the nomination papers for the election of the Executive Committee. The Hon. Secretary shall place the names of the nominees upon the agenda paper, which shall be sent out to the members of the Committee. In the event of there being more than one nominee, the election shall be by ballot.

Each Sectional Committee shall at the same meeting appoint its own Hon. Secretary and other officers, who shall be *Subscribing Members* of the N.C.W.

*The 40 elected members of the Executive shall have the right to attend meetings of the Sectional Committees without power to vote.*

Each Sectional Committee may, at the discretion of the Chairman, invite the attendance of experts on any given subject, and of visitors.

**Meeting.**—Each Sectional Committee shall meet at least three times a year. The Honorary Secretary shall give at least seven days' notice of the Meetings, specifying the business to be transacted thereat. *A copy of the Agenda to be sent to the Secretary of the N.C.W.*

The Chairman and Hon. Secretary of each Sectional Committee shall have power, when necessary, to summon an Urgency Meeting. They shall state the business for which such a meeting is called, and no other business shall be considered at that meeting.

**Procedure.**—Each Sectional Committee shall determine its method of procedure and fix its own quorum, which shall not be less than seven.

The Hon. Secretary of each Sectional Committee shall keep the minutes of the meetings, and forward a copy to the N.C.W. for filing purposes.

A Sectional Committee desiring to form a special sub-committee shall obtain the consent of the Executive Committee.

**Reports.**—Each Sectional Committee shall present a Report of its proceedings to the Executive Committee. A copy of this Report shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the N.C.W. and filed at the office.

Each Sectional Committee shall present an Annual Report to the National Council of Women before the Annual Meeting. A copy of this report shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the N.C.W. for publication. The reception of such report shall not pledge the National Council to support any policy which may be advocated therein.

**Connection with Branches.**—A Sectional Committee shall not ask any Branch to take action in regard to any legislative measure without the consent of the Executive Committee.

In communicating with Branches, the Committee shall clearly state that such communication is sent by the Sectional Committee, and not by the Executive Committee.

**Representation of Sectional Committees.**—Each Sectional Committee shall appoint two representatives, who are *Subscribing members*, to serve upon the Representative Council.

The Chairman of each Sectional Committee and the Hon. Secretary, after having served for one year, are *ex-officio* Members of the Executive Committee.

*Ex-officio* Members shall not stand for election to the Executive Committee.

**Finance.**—The ordinary expenses of each Sectional Committee, i.e., postage, stationery, and any necessary printing, shall be defrayed out of the funds of the National Council of Women—£5 being the maximum sum per annum which can be expended. The Hon. Secretary of the Committee shall forward her statement of accounts to the Office half-yearly.

### BRANCHES, THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES.

1. Branches are composed of individual subscribing members and of representatives of local Societies and organisations, the work of which is in harmony with the objects of the Council. They carry out the work of the Council in their own locality. Each Branch elects its own President, Secretary, and other officers.

2. Branches formulate their own rules, but must be prepared to assist the work and objects of the N.C.W. as local circumstances enable them to do.

3. Branches shall pay an annual subscription to the Central Fund of £5 and 25 per cent. of their ordinary membership subscriptions collected from individuals and societies.

4. Branches of 100 members and upwards, among whom shall be representatives of the various activities and organisations in the locality, shall have the right to elect their President, Secretary, or other member of their Committee, to serve on the Executive Committee of the N.C.W.

A Proxy may be elected by the Branch, to hold office for the same period as the elected representative, with power to attend the Executive Committee and vote on receiving notification from the representative of her unavoidable absence.

5. Branches shall have the right to appoint a representative to serve on each Sectional Committee, such appointment to be made not later than the month of July. In the event of the representative being unable to attend, a proxy may be appointed to attend in her place.

6. Branches shall be represented upon the Representative Council in the proportion of one for every five of their local Societies, and one for the first twenty-five and one for every succeeding fifty of their subscribing members. Should a member elected to serve on the Council resign during the year another may be elected in her place, but no representative shall be accepted unless her appointment has been notified to the Secretary of the National Council at least a fortnight before the Council Meeting.

7. A Branch may send in to the Executive Committee one resolution for the Representative Council. Such resolution shall be circulated to the Branches and Societies, *the Scottish Standing Committee and the Executive*, and the ten resolutions receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on the agenda.

8. Branches shall not be considered responsible for the opinion of the Council as expressed by resolutions, unless and until they have themselves affirmed the resolution passed by the Council at a meeting of the Branch.

9. A Branch shall not approach a Government Department without first obtaining the consent of the Executive Committee . . . . .

10. Branches shall be notified through their Secretaries of all Meetings of the Representative Council.

11. Branches shall send short reports of their work for insertion in "Women in Council" from time to time, and their annual report when issued to the General Secretary of the N.C.W.

### REGIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE BRANCHES.

**Objects.**—To promote solidarity by keeping Branches in close touch with each other and with the work at Headquarters.

To survey areas, and endeavour to form and strengthen the Branches, and thus to further the work of the National Council of Women.

**Constitution of Regional Committees.**—Each Regional Committee shall consist of three voting members to represent each Branch in its area, one of whom shall be an Hon. Officer of the Branch.

Proxies, with power to vote, shall be appointed, who shall attend in the event of the unavoidable absence of any of the representatives.

The representatives shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election by their respective Branches.

Members of the Headquarters Executive, elected at the Annual Meeting of the Council, who live in the area of a Regional Committee, shall be *ex-officio* members of that Committee.

Each Regional Committee shall at its Annual Meeting elect a *Chairman* and an Hon. Secretary. These officers shall be appointed in addition to the Branch Representatives.

Each Regional Committee shall have the right to elect a member to represent it on the Headquarters Executive Committee. Such representative shall hold office for one year, but be eligible for re-election.

The Hon. Secretary for Regional Committees shall be *ex-officio* a member of all Regional Committees.

No Branch shall be closed down before it has communicated with its Regional Committee, which shall notify Headquarters.

**Meetings of Regional Committees.**—Each Regional Committee shall hold at least two meetings during the year.

Special Meetings of the Regional Committee may be called by the Chairman or at the request of two of the Branches forming the Committee.

The Minutes of each Regional Committee shall be circulated to its Branches, copies being sent to the Hon. Secretary for Regional Committees, and to the Secretary of the N.C.W.

**Finance.**—Each Branch shall pay to the Regional Committee a sum to be decided upon by that Committee, to defray the expenses of printing, postage, etc.

**Connection with Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.**—The President acts as *Chairman* of this Committee, with the help of the *Officers. Vice Presidents.*

The Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee shall act as liaison committee for the Regional Committees.

The *Chairman* and Hon. Secretary of each Regional Committee, or their duly appointed proxies, shall serve on the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.

The Hon. Secretary for Regional Committees shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee, with power to vote.

### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES, THEIR RELATION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

1. Each Affiliated Society is entitled to appoint one representative on the Representative Council, but this representation may be increased upon application being made by the Affiliating Society to a number not exceeding ~~ten~~ at the discretion of the Executive Committee, *which shall revise the list annually.* *Six*

Should a member elected to serve on the Council resign during the year another may be elected in her place, but no representative shall be accepted unless her appointment has been notified to the Secretary of the National Council at least a fortnight before the Council Meeting.

An Affiliated Society has the right to appoint a representative to serve on the Sectional Committee dealing with its special work.

In the event of the representative being unable to attend a proxy may be appointed to attend in her place.

2. Affiliated Societies shall pay an annual subscription to the Central Funds of not less than £1. 1s. (*as from 1912*). Should they be entitled to appoint more than four Members of Council, an additional sum of 5s. is due on behalf of each additional member *so appointed to the Representative Council*. Any Society which has not paid its subscription before the Annual Meeting of the National Council shall, after due notice, cease to be affiliated.

3. An Affiliated Society may send to the Executive Committee one resolution for the Representative Council. Such resolution shall be circulated to the Branches, Societies, *the Executive and the Scottish Standing Committee*, and the ten resolutions receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on the agenda.

4. Affiliated Societies incur no responsibility on account of any action taken either by the National Council of Women or by any other Affiliated Society, unless they have affirmed a resolution passed by the Council at a Meeting of the Society.

5. Affiliated Societies shall each receive through their Secretaries notice of all Meetings of the Representative Council and a free copy of the Handbook and of "Women in Council."

6. Affiliated Societies shall be entitled to display and sell their literature on one of the bookstalls at the Annual Meeting.

### STANDING ORDERS FOR BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES ON THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

1. The N.C.W. is represented on the International Council of Women by *ten delegates (including its President)*, of these delegates at least one shall be resident in Scotland, and ten proxies. These shall be nominated and elected by a postal ballot by the Executive, the result to be announced at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain preceding the Triennial Meeting of the I.C.W. . . . . If a delegate after appointment be unavoidably prevented from serving, or resign office, a proxy . . . . . shall be invited to replace her. The term of office of the delegates is for 3 years. The term of office of proxies lasts during the time occupied by the Special Meeting which they are appointed to attend. Instructions as to future duties shall be made clear to delegates and proxies on their appointment.

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