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THE Social Institutes' Union for Women and Girls unites existing Clubs and Social Institutes for women and girls of the industrial community by promoting amongst them mutual interest and friendly intercourse. Another of its aims is the utilisation of the County Council Schools and other suitable buildings in London and throughout the Provinces, as centres (when not otherwise occupied) for healthy social life and popular educational influence. It also manages Canteens and Refreshment Clubs for Working Girls and combines these in a Federation for mutual help. Its affairs are directed by a Finance and General Purposes Committee, which meets each month, and by a Council, which is called together at least three times a year. As a Representative (generally a Club Leader) and a Delegate (a Club Member) are summoned from each affiliated Club, these Council Meetings have practically the character of Club Congresses, and the Federation is ruled by the Federated Clubs themselves. It, however, in no way concerns itself with the internal management of the Clubs, but endeavours to help them in their work by organising inter-club competitions, lectures, outings, sports, &c. The Hon. Secretary, moreover, is always glad to give advice to Club Leaders and members, and to find out information for them whenever this is required. London Working Girls' Clubs, not already affiliated, are now invited to join this Federation, as the Council is anxious to extend its sphere of activity and make it as widely useful as possible.



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OBJECTS.

I. To organise competitions in the following subjects :—

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| 1. DRILLING. | 6. SEWING. |
| 2. SINGING. | 7. COOKING. |
| 3. RECITATION. | 8. NATURE. |
| 4. ESSAY. | 9. SWIMMING. |
| 5. HYGIENE AND AMBULANCE. | |

For these, Challenge Cups are presented, which are held for the year by the Clubs to which the successful competitors belong, the competitors receiving certificates to commemorate the event.

- II. To provide Lectures at the Federated Clubs on all kinds of subjects.
 III. To arrange Conferences at which addresses are given on social subjects.
 IV. To organise during the year a series of Outings or Visits to places of interest in London and the District. (These Outings take place once a month on Saturday afternoons).
 V. To maintain a Holiday Camp for Club Members.
 VI. To lend, at discretion, small sums of money at 1½ per cent. to Clubs in need of such assistance for their capital expenses.
 VII. To assist Club Leaders to find workers and teachers for their Clubs.
 VIII. To provide cheap dinners and refreshments in pleasant surroundings.
 IX. To establish a Central Meeting Place for the affiliated Clubs. At the Headquarters, the W. H. Smith Memorial Institute, situated near Kingsway, the Federation has the use of a large Central Hall for its Competitions, Lectures, Council Meetings, etc.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

- I. Admission to Lectures and Debates organised from time to time in connection with the Federation.
 II. Admission to Recreative and Educational Competitions for Trophies and Certificates.
 III. Admission to all General Meetings and Conferences.
 IV. Participation in Concerts, Entertainments, Holiday Camps, visits to Museums and Galleries, and Excursions to places of interest.
 V. Assistance in obtaining the services of lecturers and class teachers, and help in the organisation of Entertainments.
 VI. Participation in the privileges offered by Societies to which the Union is affiliated without payment to them of fee. (The National Organisation of Girls' Clubs : The Workers' Educational Association : The Women's Institute : The Social and Political Education League : The Victoria League : and The National Union of Women Workers are the Societies to which the Union is affiliated).
 VII. Admission to all Federated Clubs on the production of a S.I.U. Badge, subject to the rules of the Club visited.
 VIII. Use of the W. H. Smith Memorial Hall at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

AFFILIATION FEES.

The affiliation fee, paid by each Club, is 1*d.* per annum for each Member. Subscribers of 2*s.* and upwards can become Associate Members of the Federation.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Miss E. MICHOLLS and Miss J. LORING (*Joint Hon. Secs.*), will be glad to answer all questions about the Union and to receive all applications for Membership at the Headquarters.

Report of the Year's Work.

ONCE again the Social Institutes' Union is able to report a year of practical usefulness—for although some of the work of this organization has been hampered and arrested by War conditions, on the other hand these conditions have called for new efforts in fresh directions. Girls now enjoy more liberty than ever before; at a very early and inexperienced age they become independent of parental control owing to their high wages, while shorter working hours give them more leisure. Hence the Leisure problem is intimately connected with the Labour problem, and its solution is almost as complicated. A shorter working day will undoubtedly become more and more general, and this should prove a benefit to the State as a whole, if the leisure hours of workers can be occupied to the best advantage. It is the aim of the S.I.U. to help girls in their free time, and consequently, as this time increases the work of the organization is proportionally augmented. Unfortunately, the recurring epidemics of Influenza during the past twelve months have interfered with many new schemes and developments, but nevertheless, it is possible to point to steady progress, which gives this Society much hope for the future, when Reconstruction Work of all kinds will be so urgent.

Affiliated Evening Clubs—Club Classes—Lectures and Entertainments.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the Evening Clubs affiliated to the Social Institutes' Union have taken much advantage of the privileges offered by this organization. The Central Office has been continually busy giving advice and answering appeals for help in all kinds of Club work. There have been numerous applications for Teachers and Workers, and although there has been great difficulty in meeting this demand, as actual war activities have absorbed a large proportion of voluntary Social Helpers, the services of those secured have been most valuable and very much appreciated. An effort is being made to raise Funds for these Club Classes. In the past professional Teachers have largely given their services, but War conditions have considerably increased the expenses of these workers, and the S.I.U. no longer feels it right to appeal to them for unpaid help in evening Clubs. Accordingly the Association hopes to collect enough money to help affiliated Clubs to pay small fees for their Teachers in cases where this is required.

A beginning was made in March, when a **Combined Entertainment** was arranged by the girls themselves in the W. H. Smith Memorial Institute, and tickets sold to members and their friends. Thanks are due to the President, Lady Cecilie Goff, for defraying all expenses, to Mrs. Worthington and her friends who assisted, and to the members of St. Clement's Club, St. Silas Club, Shoreditch Club, St. Margaret's Club, Portugal Street Club, West City Club, St. Barnabas' Club, St. Mary's Club, United Girls' School Settlement Club, Hollington Club, St. Alphege's Club and St. Mark's Club, who took part in the performance. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to over £10. It is hoped that this small sum will, in the course of a few years, be largely increased by the efforts of those interested in Club work, so that a really substantial amount may be collected for this purpose.

Some extremely interesting **Lectures** have also been arranged in the Federated Clubs, with the help of the various Educational Organizations, to which the Social Institutes' Union is affiliated. Special mention should be made of an Inter-Club Lantern Lecture and Tea given in the Central Institute of the S.I.U., on the "War in the Holy Land." The Rev. H. G. Lancaster gave an account of this aspect of the War and his own experiences in the East, and illustrated his talk with many of his own slides. The Lecture lasted for nearly two hours, but was so full of interest that the time seemed all too short to the 300 members who attended. We owe Mr. Lancaster grateful thanks for his Lecture, and also for repeating it at the St. Michael's Club at a later date. We have decided to arrange a course of Inter-Club Lectures at the Headquarters next winter, which will take place on the second Saturday in each month.

On the whole, Club records show that in spite of prevailing illness the Club Classes that have been held have been well attended. Before the Armistice the fear of air raids interfered with the attendance, but this improved immediately afterwards.

The effect of the new Education Bill is yet to be seen. By its enactments continued education will become compulsory up to the age of eighteen, and thus club classes for girls under this age in the evening, will not be needed. On the other hand, the older girls will need them even more than before. If the education scheme of this Bill is accepted in the true spirit of education, those who benefit by it will be stimulated in their desire for future learning, and will look to such organizations as the Social Institutes' Union to provide them with opportunities for more advanced study. It is also to be expected that older members will realise that they must educate themselves voluntarily, if they are not to be left behind those girls whose age has brought them within the scope of this act. This points to the probability of future club work occupying itself mainly in providing club classes for older girls, and healthy relaxation for its younger members, as counter-attraction to doubtful amusements.

Monthly News Sheet.

The circulation of the S.I.U. Monthly Magazine known as the "News Sheet" has increased. It is valuable in making known the activities of the Union and those of its affiliated Societies. Many articles of interest had been contributed by literary friends and by members of the Clubs.

The Editor is Miss Elsie Micholls, Hon. Sec. of the S.I.U., and the price of this publication is 1/6 per ann., post free. Additional subscribers will be welcome.

National War Savings Association.

The War Savings Association, which was started the previous year, is still continuing, and quite a large amount has now been contributed. Experience has shown that girls will often entrust their money to this Association although unwilling to do so elsewhere.

Inter-Club Competitions.

The Social Institutes Union Inter-Club Competitions have been as useful as ever in stimulating club classes. Club Leaders report that these Competitions have encouraged the members to attend their classes regularly and given them the ambition to excel, which has added keenness and interest to their studies in the clubs.

Results of Competitions.

	WINNERS.	JUDGES.
Needlework	Browning Club	Miss Jerome.
Crochet	Shoreditch Tabernacle	Miss Freeman.
Recitation—		
Monologue	Browning Club	} Miss Marshall. Miss Townsend.
Shakespeare	United Girls' School Settlement Club	
Singing—		
Soprano Solo	St. Clement's Club	} Mr. Granville Humphreys.
Mezzo	United Girls' School Settlement	
Contralto	St. Alphege Club	} Dr. Watts.
Duett	St. Alphege Club	
1st Glee	Browning Club	
2nd Glee	United Girls' School Settlement	
Drill	Hollington Club... ..	} Miss Marshall. Miss Appleton.

It was hoped to have had a Swimming Competition last Summer, but owing to War conditions no suitable baths could be hired, so once again the Competition had to be postponed.

Prize Distribution.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place on the evening of Saturday, June 11th, at the City of London School. Her Royal Highness Princess Patricia honoured the S.I.U. by presenting the awards, and the President, Lady Cecilie Goff, presided. There was a crowded attendance of Vice-Presidents, Members of the Committee, Club Leaders and Members and their friends, who filled the great Hall. After the presentation of the Cups and Certificates, H.R.H. Princess Patricia made a charming little speech, in which she said how much pleasure it had given her to come to the Club Gathering, and how sincerely she hoped that the members who had failed to win awards would not be discouraged. An excellent Ladies' Orchestra played throughout the evening and members who had won cups and certificates sang, recited and drilled. The Competition Needlework was on view. The evening was a great success.

London Outings.

S.I.U. Outings to places of interest have again proved very popular, and amongst others, the Guildhall, Madame Tussaud's, the Tower, Lambeth Palace, and several War Exhibitions have been visited. Owing to the majority of Museums and Galleries having been closed, these expeditions have been more difficult to arrange than in peace days, but nevertheless they have been better attended than in any previous year.

Summer Garden Parties and Holiday Camp.

The ever increasing difficulties in connection with transport and food again made it impossible to have the Annual S.I.U. Summer Camp, but the following kind friends, many of whom generously paid either the whole or part of the railway fares, gave garden parties to S.I.U. members:—

The Earl of Dysart, Ham House, Twickenham.

The Rev. A. A. Harland, Harefield Vicarage, Uxbridge.

J. A. Champness, Esq., Orchardleigh, Wallington.

Mrs. Tillard, Maltmas Green, Denham, Bucks.

Mrs. Ashton, Whitmores, Beckenham, Kent.

Mrs. McAndrews, Wickham House, West Wickham, Kent.

C. J. Trevarthen, Esq., The Bungalow, Downscourt Road, Purley.

Mrs. Croysdale, Hawke House, Sunbury-on-Thames.

Mrs. Hart, Jedburgh, Hill Side, Wimbledon.

Mrs. Hallam, Ortygia, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

H. J. Ogden, Esq., Bagshot Sands, Hampstead.

H. J. Ogden, Esq., very kindly entertained S.I.U. Members on two occasions. Warm thanks are due to all these Hosts and Hostesses who gave their Social Institute guests such a warm welcome and enabled the members to have at least one long afternoon in refreshing and beautiful country.

Annual Winter Tea Party.

The Annual Winter Tea Party took place at the Institute, 4, Portugal Street, on Saturday, 22nd February. The Entertainment was on the same lines as that of the previous year. Each Affiliated Club was asked to contribute an item in the programme, and a most enjoyable evening was the result. About fifty wounded soldiers from Endell Street Hospital were invited, and the proceedings wound up with a dance. Her Royal Highness Princess Victoria had most graciously intimated her intention of being present, but was unfortunately prevented by illness. Her Royal Highness made a most generous contribution of cakes and crackers and also sent a very gracious message through Lady Gosford expressing her regret at not being present. Donations towards the expenses of the tea were generously contributed by members of the Committee and friends of the S.I.U., as stated at the end of the Report.

Annual Summer Picnic.

Warm thanks are due to the Earl of Dysart for opening his grounds to the S.I.U. on the occasion of their Annual Summer Party. Representatives from all the affiliated Clubs which had not received invitations from other Hostesses were invited. Over 100 members joined the party and they thoroughly enjoyed the picnic tea on the terrace, and the games and songs in the beautiful old-world garden afterwards.

These Winter and Summer Parties have now become annual institutions.

Portugal Street Club.

Special mention should be made of the Portugal Street Club as this club is held in the Central Institute of the Union. Its progress was hindered, when first inaugurated, by air raids as it is mostly attended by members whose work is in the neighbourhood, but who lived in other parts of London: they therefore feared to be far away from home in the evenings. Many of the members have also been victims of Influenza. Notwithstanding these difficulties the Club has progressed. A singing class has been held on Mondays, under the guidance of Mrs. King, and a drill class instructed by Miss Low, of the Battersea Polytechnic, has taken place on Thursdays. Great credit is due to both Mrs. King and Miss Low for the progress made by the members who are expected to do well at the Competitions to be held in the Spring of 1919. There have also been successful Fancy Dress Social Evenings when the girls have invited their men friends, and the Club has formed a Pierrot Troupe, which is very popular. In the Summer the girls went to Highbury Fields for tennis and other games, and it is hoped that it will be possible to resume these activities when the long evenings make such relaxations more desirable and popular than ordinary indoor club amusements. This club is deserving of support as it is urgently needed at the present time, owing to its proximity to the Strand, with its many temptations, for the hundreds of girls who work in this neighbourhood.

Canteen War Work.

The management of the Canteen for the Postal Censorship of the War Office has continued to be one of the chief branches of S.I.U. War Work throughout the past year. The average daily attendance at the mid-day Dinner has been between 800 to 900, while over 300 have been served with Tea daily. The Armistice has in no way lessened the work of this Canteen as not only do the Censorship still use it but members of other Government Departments have been granted admission, so that the Club is always full. The Government built and equipped the Canteen premises and the Censorship Club has undertaken all financial responsibility, but as a mark of appreciation of the immense amount of work its management entails upon the Officers of the S.I.U., a donation out of the profits of this Club is voted each quarter to this organization. The Censorship Luncheon Club thus fulfils a double purpose: it provides good meals for its members and at the same time helps to support S.I.U. activities among its working girls.

Kingsway Dinner Club.

The Kingsway Dinner Club, held in the Institute, 4, Portugal Street, Kingsway, one of the first restaurants of its kind, continues to provide cheap nourishing meals for working girls in cheerful pleasant surroundings. In many cases the war has claimed more arduous physical and mental exertions from women and girls than ever before, while on the other hand the difficulties of obtaining a good mid-day meal has become very serious owing to the high cost of provisions. Hence this restaurant has become even more valuable to the number of girls, who are employed as clerks and messengers, etc., in the offices and shops near Kingsway. In order to enable the Club to retain its self-supporting character and to pay its annual rent of £150, it has been found necessary to raise the prices slightly. For 9d. a meat or fish dish, vegetable and sweet are provided; while 6d. pays for a vegetarian dish and sweet, and 5d. for soup, sweet and potatoes. In the Men's Club Room on the ground floor, where about 50 have lunch each day, the prices are at a somewhat higher rate.

The problem of providing meatless dinners in the days of strict rationing was scientifically dealt with both in this Club and in the other Canteens of the Society, by the provision of dishes which contained sustaining meat substitutes, and were palatable and attractive. The signing of the Armistice has made catering easier and the Management have been able once again to supply food almost as in pre-war days. The Club subscription is only 3d. per month: this gives the members the privilege of using a comfortable Rest room with a piano, and of borrowing books from the Library. In this respect, grateful thanks are due to the Countess of Ancaster, Lady Cecilie Goff, Miss Rogers and to Miss E. Micholls for generous contributions of books and to Mrs. King, our present Librarian, for undertaking this somewhat arduous post. It is hoped soon to welcome back a number of the old S.I.U. members who were obliged to migrate to the City or elsewhere when their offices were commandeered by various Government

departments. They were very loth to leave the Club, and are anxious to return to it, as they state that nowhere else can they obtain such good food and quick attention at these moderate prices. Although since the beginning of 1919 food-stuffs have become more plentiful, the cost of provisions, repairs, kitchen plant renewals, and labour throughout the past twelve months has given much anxiety to those responsible. It has required most careful economy for the management to tide over this difficult time, as the Club is allocated a rent of £150 for the use of the premises, and has to pay all working expenses out of the takings. This has, nevertheless, been achieved and the Club year ends without any burden of debt.

S.I.U. Hoxton Dinner Club.

The Hoxton Dinner Club continues to prosper, although owing to war conditions it has not yet been possible to repay from working profits any part of the loan borrowed to start the club. The girls having dinner here are factory hands, employed chiefly at Messrs. Cowen's shirt factory, which, apart from the ordinary work, has executed orders for hospital and military clothing. The members are very poor, and consequently the prices charged for their meals cannot be raised in proportion to the cost of provisions, without defeating the objects of the club. They pay 4d. for a plate of meat, 3d. for fish or vegetarian dish, 2d. for soup, and 1d. for vegetables and 1½d. for sweet. It can therefore be understood that it is not easy to make this club self-supporting, but as Messrs. Cowen give £100 per year to cover rates and taxes, and also gave an additional donation to meet liabilities this year, the S.I.U. has succeeded in carrying on. A subscription of 1d. per week is charged to the members, who have the use of a comfortable Rest Room, and may also have their dishes "hotted up" if they desire it. Only those who help at this club can realise how much it means to the girls who use it.

S.I.U. Federation of Dinner Clubs.

The activity of this Federation has been largely arrested by war conditions, and the execution of its programme of work has had to be postponed until more settled times. The intention is to lease a central building for co-operative storage, and to engage the services of a buyer for co-operative marketing, but this is not possible while the cost of food, labour, rent, etc., is so inflated. It is hoped that the next Report will record the realization of this important scheme.

W. H. Smith Memorial Institute.

Much of the work of the S.I.U. is carried on at the W. H. Smith Memorial Institute, the Headquarters of the Organization. It is the central meeting place of the affiliated clubs, and is used as a working people's restaurant during the day, and for a working girls' club during the evening. At times, when the building is not required, it is let to various tenants. This helps to pay the rent of the building, which is heavily mortgaged. The annual mortgage repayment—rates, taxes, etc., amount to £300, for which the S.I.U. is responsible to the

Trustees of the building in lieu of actual rent. Help is therefore urgently required in the form of donations or subscriptions to maintain this very important centre of activity which is yearly of more use and value to the working girls of London.

Drawing Room Meeting.

A Drawing Room Meeting to make the work of the S.I.U. more widely known and appreciated was held, by kind permission of Viscount and Viscountess Hambleden, on Thursday, 20th March. Viscountess Hambleden had promised to take the Chair, but unfortunately, owing to influenza, was unable to do so. Her place was taken by Lady Cecilie Goff, the President of the S.I.U. Lady Cecilie Goff, Lady Albinia Donaldson, Doctor Flora Murray, O.B.E., Miss Elsie Micholls and Mr. Cecil Chapman, spoke on the work of the Union, its development and needs. The attendance at the gathering was good, considering the weather, and those present expressed their interest and sympathy in the work. The takings of the Meeting amounted to over £20 and several of those present testified to their appreciation of the work by volunteering to give some of their spare time to the activities of the S.I.U. Thanks are due to Viscount and Viscountess Hambleden for lending their house, and to the speakers for their help.

Theatrical Performance in Aid of Camp Funds.

At the very kind suggestion of Mrs. Anthony White, a French Play was arranged by her daughters and their friends on behalf of the Union. This resulted in the handing over of a welcome donation of £8 to the Camp funds. It will be most useful in helping towards the purchase of a new Mess Marquee, which is an absolute necessity.

Thanks.

The Committee of the S.I.U. is glad to have this opportunity of expressing appreciation of the valued help of so many kind friends of the Union both in their Canteens and Evening Clubs. Grateful thanks are offered to:—Miss Abney, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Blount, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Heath Caldwell, Miss Cock, Mrs. Creagh, Mrs. Crofton, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Dekkers, Miss Eden, Miss Fowler, The Countess of Gosford, Miss Innes, The Hon. Mrs. Gilbert Johnston, Miss Kensington, Mrs. King, Mrs. Long, Miss Martyn, Mrs. McClean, Miss Micholls, Mrs. Napier, Miss Petrie, Miss Playne, Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Rand, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Scott, Miss Solly, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Weldon, Mrs. Anthony White, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Woulfe.

Special mention should be made of the constant work of the President, Lady Cecilie Goff, who is almost daily in the office and is the greatest support and encouragement to the Hon. Officers.

The Joint Hon. Secretaries, Miss Elsie Micholls and Miss Joan Loring, and the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Rogers, have continued to devote their whole time to the S.I.U. Their untiring efforts on behalf of the members have been unabated during the whole year.

Appeal.

In conclusion it should be explained that the above report is a mere skeleton of the work of the S.I.U. during the past twelve months. It is not possible to recall all "the little unremembered acts of friendship" which form the best part of a good Society's, as of a good man's, life. The Office is open throughout the day and the Honorary Officers are ever ready to meet Club Leaders and Social Workers and to give them any advice and help that is within their power. Many thousands of letters on all kinds of subjects have been sent out and no pains have been spared to respond to appeals.

Much has been done, but a great deal more awaits the doing. The S.I.U. has the will and the energy to accomplish additional Reconstruction Work—but "bricks cannot be made without straw," neither can new work be built up without funds! It is accordingly necessary to put forward a very urgent plea for subscriptions and donations. Money is required to maintain the W. H. Smith Memorial Institute, the Central Building of the Organization. It is also needed to subsidise the clubs affiliated to the S.I.U., to start a much needed Holiday Camp, and to open more dinner clubs where they are not yet existant. Apart from these claims money must be found for new developments.

The Need of Hostels for Working Girls.

The dearth of suitable housing for working girls is now so serious that the Social Institutes' Union feel the moment has arrived when it should extend its activities to meet this need. It therefore hopes to start a Hostel on modern lines for girls working in London, where they can live not only when they are searching for work, but which they can look upon as their home in this City. It is intended that this Hostel shall be largely governed by the girls themselves who will be represented on the Committee of Management. The Hostel will be self-supporting, but money to meet the initial expenses will be required, and the S.I.U. appeals for funds for this very necessary work.

Address for Correspondence.

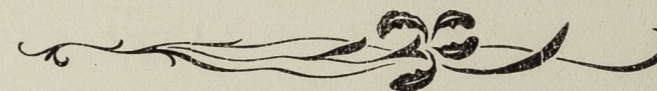
The Joint Honorary Secretaries, Miss Elsie Micholls and Miss Joan Loring, will be glad to send further particulars of the Social Institutes Union to all who are interested, and will gratefully welcome recruits to their corps of voluntary workers. Application should be made to them at 4, Portugal Street, Kingsway, W.C.2. Subscriptions and donations should be forwarded to Miss Rogers (Hon. Treas.), at the same address.



LIST OF CLUBS.

- Browning Hall Girls' Club, Walworth, S.E. Representative—Miss Jackson, 29, Grosvenor Park, S.E. 5.
- Clare College Mission Girls' Club, Rotherhithe. Representative—Miss Peacock, 41, Dilston Grove, Rotherhithe.
- Crossway Institute, New Kent Road, Camberwell, S.E. 1. Representative—Sister Pattie, above address.
- Daisy Club, Lambeth, S.E. Representative—Miss Wright, 69, High Street, Lambeth, S.E. 1.
- Hampshire House Club, Hammersmith. Representative—Miss Stockfeld, 8, Cranley Place, S.W. 7.
- Hollington Club, Camberwell. Representative—Miss Solly, 18, Harrington Gardens, S.W. 1.
- Holy Trinity Club, Hoxton. Representative—Miss Stevens, 2, Edmond's Place, City Road, N. 1.
- Kingsway Girls' Club, West London Mission, Kingsway Hall, W.C. 2. Representative—Sister Madeline, same address.
- Lewis Hall Girls' Institute, Camberwell. Representative—Deaconess Pearmain, 35, Addington Square, S.E. 5.
- Mary Holford Club, Camberwell. Representative—Deaconess Kate Trotter, 35, Addington Square, S.E. 5.
- Passmore Edwards' Settlement, Tavistock Place, W.C. 1. Representative—Miss Plumer, same address.
- Percy House Club, 796, High Road Tottenham. Representative—The Secretary, same address.
- Portugal Street Social Institute, Kingsway, W.C. 2. Representative—Miss E. Micholls, 4, Portugal Street, W.C. 2.
- St. Alphege's Girls' Club, Blackfriars Road, S.E. Representative—Sister Ruth, The Convent, Rushworth Street, S.E. 11.
- St. Anne's Club, Hoxton. Representative—Miss Gipps, 131, Highbury New Park, N. 5.
- St. Barnabas Factory Girls' Club, Homerton, N.E. Representative—Miss A. M. Simmers, 35, High Street, Homerton, E. 9.
- St. Clement's Club, City Road, E.C. 1.
- St. Clement's Club (Junior). Representative of both Clubs—Mrs. Howell, St. Clement's Vicarage, City Road, E.C. 1.
- St. John's Girls' Club, Stockwell. Representative—Miss Stockdale, 84, Vassall Road, Stockwell, S.W. 9.
- St. Johns' Club, Great Marlborough Street, W. Representative—Miss Maisey, Flat V., 40, Foley Street, Langham Street, W. 1.
- St. Luke's Girls' Club, Old Street, E.C. Representative—Mrs. Perry, The Rectory, Old Street, E.C. 1.
- St. Margaret's Girls' Club (Senior Club), Bethnal Green, E.
- St. Margaret's Girls' Club (Junior Club), Bethnal Green, E. Representative of both Clubs—Miss B. C. Harington, St. Margaret's House, Bethnal Green, E.
- St. Mark's G.F.S. Club, Regent's Park, N.W. Representative—Miss Ayrton, 52, Regent's Park Road, N.W. 1.
- St. Mary's Club, Rotherhithe. Representative—Miss Jones, 92, Park Buildings, Rotherhithe, S.E. 16.
- St. Mary's Club, Hoxton, N. Representative—Miss A. Wright, 26, Arlington Square, N. 1.
- St. Matthew's Girls' Social Union, Denmark Hill, S.E. Representative—Miss E. Thomas, 47, St. Mary's Road, Peckham, S.E. 15.
- St. Matthias' Girls' Club, Earl's Court. Representative—Miss Wakefield, 16, Nevern Place, S.W. 5.
- St. Michael's Club, 140, Camberwell Road, S.E. 5. Representative—Miss Langdon, (same address).

- St. Michael's Club, Camden Town. Representative—Mrs. Copeman, 76, Regent's Park Road, N.W. 1.
- St. Patrick's Club, Harefield House, Harefield, Road, Tottenham. Representative—Miss Rayner, 59, Dunsmure Road, Stamford Hill, N. 16.
- St. Paul's Girls' Club, Bethnal Green, E. Representative—Mrs. Lake, St. Paul's Vicarage, Bethnal Green, E. 2.
- St. Silas' Club, 74, Penton Street, N. 1. Representative—Miss Baker, 80a, Lexham Gardens, S.W.
- St. Stephen's Clubs, Bow. Representative—Miss Bostock, 24, Addington Road, Bow, E.
- St. Wilfrid's Social Club, Chelsea. Representative—Sister Mildred, F.C., St. Wilfrid's Convent, Gale Street, Chelsea, S.W. 3.
- Shoreditch Tabernacle Society, Bethnal Green, E. Representative—Miss K. Allman, 66, Gosset Street, Bethnal Green, E. 2.
- Southampton Street Club, Camberwell. Representative—Miss Douglas, 232, Turney Road, Dulwich, S.E. 21.
- Star Club, Lambeth. Representative—Miss Butts, 69, High Street, Lambeth, S.E. 1.
- United Girls' School Settlement, Peckham, S.E. Representative—Miss Nicholls, 19, Peckham Road, Camberwell, S.E. 5.
- Wandsworth Working Girls' Club, Garratt Lane, Wandsworth, S.W. Representative—Miss Ghey, 84, Garratt Lane, Wandsworth, S.W. 18.
- Westminster Social Institute, Millbank, S.W. Representative—Mrs. Ritchie, 28, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.
- West City Girls' Club, 8, St. Bartholomew's Close, E.C. Representative—Mrs. Hine Haycock, Christ Church Vicarage, 7, King Edward's Street, E.C.
- Woolwich Girls' Club, S.E. Representative—Miss Webber, 51, Wellington Street, Woolwich, S.E. 18.



SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

General Fund.

Ancaster, Countess of	... £2	2	0
Barlow, Sir Thomas	... 0	10	6
Bruce, Mrs. Wallace	... 1	1	0
Carver, Mrs. ...	... 1	1	0
Cowen, Messrs. ...	... 50	0	0
Charnwood, The Lady	... 1	1	0
Dalhousie, Countess of	... 1	1	0
Hallam, Mrs....	... 0	10	0
Hamilton, Miss M. L.	... 1	1	0
Howard, Mrs. ...	... 1	1	0
Loring, Mrs. ...	... 2	2	0
McClellan, Mrs. ...	... 1	1	0
Micholls, Mrs. ...	... 1	1	0
Ritchie, Mrs. ...	... 1	1	0
Rogers, Mrs. Lacy ...	... 2	2	0
Rooke, Mrs. ...	... 1	1	0
S.I.U. Joint Committee	... 18	14	0
Solly, Miss ...	... 1	1	0
Whitelegge, Lady ...	... 0	10	0
	<u>£88</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

S.I.U. Tea-Party.

Arnold, Mrs. ...	... £0	5	0
Gosford, Countess of	... 1	0	0
Hallam, Mrs....	... 1	0	0
Higgins, Mrs....	... 2	0	0
Howard, Mrs. ...	... 1	1	0
Kensington, Miss ...	... 0	5	0
White, Mrs. Anthony	... 1	0	0
	<u>£6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>

Holiday Outing and Camp Fund.

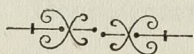
Barry, H., Esq. ...	... £1	0	0
Barry, Mrs. ...	... 1	0	0
Beit, Mrs. ...	... 4	4	0
Croysdale, Mrs. ...	... 1	0	0
Carver, Mrs. ...	... 2	2	0

Brought Forward

Hart, Mrs. ...	... £9	6	0
Hue Williams, Miss...	... 0	10	0
Poste, Miss ...	... 2	2	0
Tillard, Mrs. ...	... 0	10	0
Sundries ...	... 1	10	0
	... 0	2	10
	<u>£14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>

Central Institute Fund—Donations.

Arnold, Mrs....	... £0	5	0
Barratt, J. A., Esq...	... 1	1	0
Censorship Luncheon Club	50	0	0
Cunard, Lady ...	... 1	0	0
Ewart, Lady Evelyn	... 1	1	0
Glasgow, Countess of	... 1	1	0
Goff, Lady Cecilie ...	... 1	1	0
Gosford, Countess of	... 3	0	0
Hambleden, Viscount	... 100	0	0
"	... 5	5	0
Herbert, Hon. Lady	... 1	1	0
Higgins, Mrs. ...	... 1	1	0
James, Mrs. Arthur	... 1	1	0
Leconfield, Lady ...	... 1	1	0
Llangattock, Lady ...	... 1	0	0
Micholls, Mrs. ...	... 2	2	0
Phipps, Mrs. William	... 1	1	0
Playne, Miss... ...	... 2	0	0
De Rothschild, Mrs. Leopold	1	1	0
Roxburgh, Duchess of	... 1	1	0
Sandhurst, Viscountess	... 1	1	0
Salisbury, Marchioness of...	1	1	0
Spender-Clay, Mrs.	... 1	1	0
Walters, W. M., Esq.	... 2	2	0
Ward, Hon. Lady ...	... 1	1	0
Willoughby, Lady Florence	1	1	0
	<u>£183</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>



Hoxton Dinner Club.

Dr.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending February 28th, 1919.

Cr.

	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
To Petty Cash in Hand at March 1st, 1918	1	3	0
Canteen Takings	581	5	0
Contribution of Firm	100	0	0
Donation	50	0	0
Girls' Subscriptions	22	14	10
Sundry Receipts	7	13	6
Helpers' Fund (Mrs. Howard)	5	2	0
	<u>£767</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>

	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
By Deficit at March 1st, 1918	24	16	10
Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	98	4	11
Wages and Insurance	133	1	4
Provisions	430	17	8½
Repairs, Fittings and Renewals	10	14	7
Lighting and Fuel	42	7	5
Postage and Stationery	0	6	7
Cheque Books	1	5	0
Sundry Expenses	9	10	11½
Petty Cash in Hand	2	13	0
	<u>£753</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>
Balance, Cash at Bank	14	0	0
	<u>£767</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>

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Credit Balance at Bank at February 28th, 1919	£14	0	0
Add Stock on Hand	26	19	2
	<u>£40</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>
Less Amounts Owing:—			
Provisions	£35	9	10
Fuel	13	18	0
Rates	9	19	11
Stationery, Postage, and Sundries	3	10	8
	<u>62</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>
Total Deficit	£21	19	3

Social Institutes' Union General Account.

Dr.

Statement of Accounts for the Year ending March 31st, 1919.

Cr.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank, General Fund,—				By Secretary's Salary and Expenses ...		104	7 11
April 1st, 1918			23 19 9	Postage		18	11 8½
Donations—Censorship Club	295	0 0		Stationery	23	10 11½	
Subscriptions and Donations	88	1 6		Printing of Reports	16	7 6	
			<u>383 1 6</u>				39 18 5½
Affiliation Fees			8 12 0	Printing of News Sheets			21 17 6
Donations, Outing Fund			14 0 10	Telephone at Institute			11 0 0
Sale of S.I.U. Badges	0	1 4		Sundry Expenses and Advertisement... ..	17	14 8½	
News Sheets Subscriptions	6	16 7		Less Receipts	0	0 8	
			<u>6 17 11</u>				17 14 0½
Censorship Canteen Payments			52 0 0	Fares			2 13 11
Music Fund, Proceeds of Entertainment			9 0 6	Fittings			1 15 6
Proceeds of Entertainment (per Mrs.				Subscriptions and Donations			6 2 0
Anthony White)			8 15 8	Loan (Central Fund)			50 0 0
Holiday Fund—Drawing Room Meeting... ..			21 7 8	Auditor's Fees and Expenses			6 12 7
Sale of Programmes			1 15 2	Cheque Books			0 15 0
Repayment of Petty Cash Balance			0 10 0	Expenses, Prize Distribution			2 12 6
War Loan Dividends			5 5 2	Outing Expenses			4 15 0
				Music Account			2 3 0
				Tea Party	8	15 2	
				Less Receipts	6	11 0	
							<u>2 4 2</u>
				Competition Fund	2	15 6	
				Less Receipts	1	7 7	
							<u>1 7 11</u>
				Ham House Picnic	7	0 7	
				Less Contributions	0	9 0	
							<u>6 11 7</u>
							301 2 9½
				Balance at Bank... ..	234	2 11	
				Petty Cash	0	0 5½	
							<u>234 3 4½</u>
			<u>£535 6 2</u>				<u>£535 6 2</u>

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Social Institutes' Union Dinner Club.

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Profit and Loss Account for the Year ending March 31st, 1919.

Cr.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Provisions Purchased			1171 16 5	By Dining Room Takings		1669	19 8
Wages (Including Bonus to Caterers)			263 11 6	Socials		32	10 6
Rent	150	0 0		Teas		4	13 9
Insurance	6	3 7		Members' Subscriptions		18	10 7
			<u>156 3 7</u>	Sundry Receipts		1	16 0
Fuel and Light			74 16 5	Donation		0	10 0
Newspapers, Printing, Advertisements			19 11 0				<u>1728 0 6</u>
Repairs, Renewals and Fittings			26 10 5	Net Loss		3	9 11
Stationery and Sundries			19 1 1				<u>£1731 10 5</u>
			<u>£1731 10 5</u>				

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Balance Sheet.

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Liabilities.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Assets.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors—				Cash at Bank		118	6 5
Provisions	97	13 8		Petty Cash in Hand... ..		1	5 0
Newspapers and Printing	1	11 8					<u>119 11 5</u>
Rent and Insurance	12	14 0		Stock on Hand at March 31st, 1918			43 15 10
Gas and Fuel	7	18 6					
Stationery and Sundries	2	1 4					
			<u>121 19 2</u>				
Profit and Loss Amount as per last Balance							
Sheet	44	18 0					
Less Loss at March 31st, 1919	3	9 11					
			<u>41 8 1</u>				
			<u>£163 7 3</u>				<u>£163 7 3</u>

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I certify that the above Accounts are correctly drawn up in accordance with the books.

May 28th, 1919.

(Signed) M. F. NORDEN, Auditor.

Social Institutes' Union Joint Committee.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending March 31st, 1919.

Cr.

				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
To Cash at Bank at April 1st, 1918	...	...	...	6 10 2	By S.I.U. Women's Branch	...	...	£18 14 0	20 16 0
Subscriptions and Donations	...	...	...	64 18 6	" " " Subs.	...	...	2 2 0	18 14 0
					Federation W.M.S.C.	...	...
					Printing and Stationery	...	...	1 2 6	
					Postages	...	...	0 12 6	1 15 0
									41 5 0
					Balance—Cash at Bank	...	...		30 3 8
									£71 8 8
				<u>£71 8 8</u>	Credit Balance at Bank at March 31st, 1919	...	...	30 3 8	
					Less Amounts owing—				
					Postages...	...	£0 5 3		
					Envelopes	...	0 0 10		
								0 6 1	
					Total Balance			£29 17 7	

Form for Contributors NOT using Banker's Order Form.

Date 191

To the Hon. Treasurer,

The Social Institutes' Union for Women and Girls.

Addressed Miss ROGERS, 4, PORTUGAL STREET, KINGSWAY, W.C. 2.

I beg to enclose remittance, being—

£	s.	d.

Annual Subscription.

£	s.	d.

Donation.

Signature

Name, Title, &c.
(For Postal purposes)

Address

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to "The Social Institutes' Union for Women and Girls," and Crossed "Barclay's Bank, Ltd." for General Fund, and to "The London Joint Stock Bank, Kingsway Branch," for Central Institute and Dinner Club Fund.

Intending Contributors are invited to fill up and forward one of the following Forms :

BANK ORDER FORM FOR SUBSCRIPTION.

Date 191

To (Name of Bank)
(and Branch)

Please pay on the day of 191 to

Messrs. Barclay & Co.'s Bank, Ltd., 137, Brompton Road, S.W., for General Fund, or
The London Joint Stock Bank, Kingsway Branch, for Club and Institute Fund, for the credit of

The Social Institutes' Union for Women and Girls,

the sum of and continue to pay the same amount
on the in each future year until future notice.

£	s.	d.

Signature

Name, Title, &c.
(For Postal purposes)

Address

This Form when filled up should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer Miss Rogers, 4, Portugal St., Kingsway, W.C. 2.

Central Institute Maintenance Account.

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Receipts and Expenditure Account for the Year ending March 31st, 1919.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest on Mortgage	150	9	1	By Subscriptions and Donations	183	10	0
Rates and Taxes	142	14	2	Rents from Dining Clubs—Mens'	50	0	0
Wages and Cleaning	91	9	3	Girls'	150	0	0
Lighting	28	13	5	Other Rents	44	13	1
Fuel	10	12	0		244	13	1
Insurance	7	12	0	Hire of Rooms	90	2	0
Repairs, Renewals and Fittings	7	2	2	Sundry Receipts—Sale of Waste Paper	0	6	11
Repairs to Light, etc.	9	16	0		£518	12	0
	16	18	2	Deficit	13	9	4
Postages and Stationery	1	18	0				
Cheque Books	1	0	10				
Sundry Expenses	6	7	4				
	9	6	2				
Expenses of overhauling Boiler and Insurance of same	24	7	1				
S.I.U. General Fndd — Balance of Censorship Donation	50	0	0				
	£532	1	4		£532	1	4

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Balance Account.

Cr.

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.	Assets.	£	s.	d.
Amounts Due—Loan... ..	50	0	0	Cash at Bank	33	8	7
Receipts and Expenditure Account, as per last Balance Account	£23	1	11	Amounts Due—			
Less Deficit at March 31st, 1919	13	9	4	Subscriptions	£2	2	0
	9	12	7	Rents... ..	24	2	0
	£59	12	7		26	4	0
					£59	12	7

I certify that the above Accounts are correctly drawn up in accordance with the books.

May 28th, 1919.

(Signed) M. F. NORDEN, Auditor.

Social Institutes' Union Joint Committee,

4, PORTUGAL STREET, KINGSWAY, LONDON, W.C.

(Representing the Social Institutes' Union for Women and Girls and the
Federation of Working Men's Social Clubs).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for period April 1st, 1918 to April 15th, 1919.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Cash in hand	6	10 2	By transfer to S.I.U. for Women and Girls, W.H.S. Hall Maintenance Account	2	2 0
Subscriptions & Donations:—			7th Grant to S.I.U. for Women and Girls	18	14 0
Mrs. E. A. Adams	1	1 0	7th Grant to Federation of Working Men's Social Clubs... ..	18	14 0
E. W. Allfrey, Esq.	3	3 0	Printing and Stationery ...	1	3 4
Sir Cosmo G. Antrobus, Bart.	0	10 0	Postages	0	17 9
Mrs. Aspland	1	1 0	Cash at Bank £30 3 8		
Miss M. Baird	2	0 0	Less Outstanding 0 6 1		
Mrs. E. Burton	1	1 0		29	17 7
W. H. Bonham Carter, Esq.	3	3 0			
Mrs. R. M. Caulfield... ..	2	0 0			
The Lady Charnwood	1	0 0			
C. B. O. Clarke, Esq.	3	3 0			
Mrs. F. S. Du Croz	0	10 0			
Mrs. Duncan Gibb	1	1 0			
Miss A. M. Gilks... ..	0	5 0			
G. P. Gooch, Esq.	3	0 0			
Mrs. G. P. Gooch	1	1 0			
Major W. W. Grantham	0	10 6			
The Hon. Rupert Guinness	3	3 0			
Mrs. T. W. Jeffcock	3	0 0			
Mrs. Lee Hudson	1	1 0			
Mrs. Percy Kidd	0	10 0			
Mrs. F. K. J. Lloyd	3	3 0			
J. H. Lloyd, Esq.	0	10 0			
Lloyd's Bank, Ltd.	2	2 0			
Mrs. P. V. Luke... ..	2	2 0			
A. L. Mumm, Esq.	2	2 0			
Sir Henry J. Vansittart Neale, K.C.B.... ..	1	1 0			
W. F. Pepper, Esq.	1	0 0			
Sir Ernest M. Pollock, Esq. K.C., M.P.	1	1 0			
Joseph Rowntree, Esq. ...	5	0 0			
Samuel Samuel, Esq.	5	0 0			
Miss A. Sedgwick	0	5 0			
Miss E. L. Shipton	1	1 0			
Sir John Tweedy	1	1 0			
W. M. Walters, Esq.... ..	2	2 0			
Lady A. S. Wernher... ..	3	3 0			
Col. Sir Robert Williams M.P.... ..	2	2 0			
	£71	8 8		£71	8 8

Hon. Treasurers { LADY CECILIE GOFF.
W. H. BONHAM CARTER, Esq.

Hon. Secretary,
G. PETHARD.

