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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Chairman: Mrs. HARLEY, Condover House, near Shrewsbury.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. DYMOND, Hampton Grange, Hereford.
Hon. Secretary: Miss NOEL WRIGHT, Sutton Lodge, Solihull,
Warwickshire.
Secretary: Miss H. F. KNIGHT, South Side, Warwick Road,
Solihull.
Press Secretary and "Common Cause" Correspondent:
Mrs. HARLEY, Condover House, near Shrewsbury.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Birmingham—Mrs. OSLER, Fallowfield, Norfolk Road, Edgbaston.
Mrs. RING, 20, Easy Row.
Miss KIRBY, 43, Frederick Road, Edgbaston.
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Church Stretton—Mrs. STEVENS, The Yeld, Church Stretton.
Colwall—Miss HOLLAND, Brand Lodge, Upper Colwall (joined since
Annual Meeting).
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Hereford—Mrs. BETTINGTON, Westwood, Hereford.
Kidderminster—Mrs. ANTON, The Gables, Kidderminster.
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Lichfield—Miss HODSON, 26, Dam Street, Lichfield.
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Olton—
Oswestry—Mrs. CARTWRIGHT, Brook Street House, Oswestry.
Redditch—Mrs. SHRIMPTON, The Cedars, Redditch.
Ross—Mrs. THORPE, Wyton, Ross-on-Wye.
Rugby—Miss WALDING, The Limes, Rugby.
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Stour.
Shrewsbury—Mrs. WHITWELL, 27, Castle Street, Shrewsbury.
Miss HILLS, 15, Butcher Row, Shrewsbury.
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Stafford—Mrs. PATTERSON, Acton Hill, near Stafford.
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on-Trent.
Stourbridge and District—Miss DOWNING, Elm Lodge, Hagley,
Worcestershire.
Sutton Coldfield—Mrs. GOUGH, Weatheroak, Upper Holland Road,
Sutton Coldfield.
Upton-on-Severn—Miss DAWSON, Broad Meadow, Malvern.
Walsall—Miss LOWRY, 74, Lysways Street, Walsall.
Warwick and Leamington—Miss E. D. SHARPE, 12, The Parade,
Leamington.
Wednesbury—Mrs. SHOTLIFFE, 10, Lower High Street, Wednes-
bury.
Wellington—Mrs. AUBREY, 16, Park Street, Wellington.
West Bromwich—Mrs. LANGLEY BROWNE, Moor House, West
Bromwich.
Whitchurch—
Wolverhampton—Mrs. LANFEAR, St. Paul's Vicarage, Wolver-
hampton.
Worcester—Miss M. M. WILLIAMS, 19, Droitwich Rd., Worcester.

RULES.

1. That the name of the Federation shall be the WEST MIDLAND FEDERATION.
2. AREA.—That the area of the Federation shall include the counties of Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, Staffordshire (with the exception of the Burton-on-Trent division), and Herefordshire.
3. OBJECTS.—That the objects of the Federation shall be:—
 - (a) To promote the formation of new Societies in its area.
 - (b) To perfect existing organisation in its area.
 - (c) To arrange joint meetings, and generally to secure co-operation amongst the Societies in its area.
4. COMMITTEE.
 - (a) That the Committee shall consist of a member or members of the Executive Committee of the N.U.W.S.S., and of representatives of all Women's Suffrage Societies contained within the Federation area and affiliated to the N.U.W.S.S.
 - (b) That Societies shall be entitled to send representatives in the following proportions:—

One representative from each Society having less than 200 members.
Two representatives from each Society having from 200—500 members.
Three representatives from each Society having over 500 members.
 - (c) That the Federation representatives be elected for the year by their Society, proxies being allowed, the name of the proxy being sent, when possible, to the Hon. Sec. of the Federation beforehand.
 - (d) That the honorary officers of the Federation be a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary or Secretaries, to be elected annually at the Federation Council, all officers to be *ex-officio* members of the Committee.
 - (e) That every member of the Executive Committee of the N.U.W.S.S. who belongs to any Society within the Federation, shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Federation Committee.
 - (f) That Committee Meetings be held every two months.

5. FINANCE.

- (a) That each Society in the Federation pay an affiliation fee of 1s. in the £ (reckoned on its Annual Income in subscriptions in its last Annual Report), with a minimum of 12s. 6d. and a maximum of £5.
- (b) That subscriptions be payable upon joining the Federation, or within six months of doing so.
- (c) That the accounts of the Federation shall be audited annually by an auditor approved by the Committee.
- (d) That the expenses of an Organiser be paid by the Society, for which she is working, but that her fares be paid out of the funds of the Federation.

6. MEMBERS.—Any person wishing to join the N.U.W.S.S., and not being within reach of a Branch, may be enrolled as a Federation member, with a minimum annual subscription of 1s.

7. GENERAL.—That all correspondence be sent to Secretaries of Societies.

8. That in any town where a Branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies exists, no scheme of work shall be undertaken by the Federation officers without the previous approval of the Local Committee, unless by special mandate of the N.U. Executive.

9. That no Society within the Federation area shall undertake work in unbroken ground within the Federation without immediately notifying the Secretary of the Federation.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The Financial Year shall end on May 31st each year, and the Annual Meeting of the Federation Council shall be held in different towns by invitation.

- (a) To receive and adopt, if approved, the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year.
- (b) To elect the officers of the Federation.
- (c) To appoint three delegates, of whom the Secretary of the Federation shall *ex-officio* be one, to attend the Provincial Council.
- (d) To transact other business, of which 21 days' notice has been given to the Secretary of the Federation, and 14 days' notice by her to the Secretaries of Societies. Business for which urgency has been voted may also be considered.

2. Six weeks' notice of the date of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to Secretaries of Societies.

3. The Annual Meeting shall be attended by:—

Voters:—

- (a) The Officers and Executive Committee for the time being.
- (b) One representative for 20—50 members, two representatives for 50—100 members, and one representative for each additional completed 100. No Society to have more than 6 delegates, proxies being allowed.

Non-Voters:—

Members of any Society in the Federation, provided that these do not vote nor speak, and that they sit in the places allotted to them.

4. Special Meetings of the Council may be called by the Executive Committee, and shall be called at any time, at the request of five Societies in the Federation.

5. Such request shall reach the Secretary of the Federation 14 days before the meeting, and 7 days' notice of the meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to each Society within the Federation, and such request and notice shall indicate the business for which the Special Meeting is desired and called respectively. No other business shall be taken at a Special Meeting unless urgency is voted.

6. No resolution shall be put on the final Agenda of the Annual Meeting which has not been proposed and seconded by the representatives of two separate Societies, or by the officers of the Executive.

7. No alteration shall be made in the Rules, except at an Annual Meeting, or at a special Council Meeting, of which due notice has been given.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the West Midland Federation was held on Monday, June 30th, in the Vaulted Hall of the Deanery, Worcester, by kind permission of the Dean and Mrs. Moore Ede, who also most hospitably entertained the delegates at tea in the Deanery. Representatives from twenty-seven Societies were present and a number of visitors. Apologies were received from Bridgnorth, Lichfield and Olton. Stafford and Warwick and Leamington were represented by proxies.

At twelve Miss Watson gave a brief account of the arrangements made in connection with the Women's Suffrage Pilgrimage.

At 2.30 a short Press Meeting was held; and at 3 p.m. the General Annual Meeting, Mrs. Harley in the chair.

After the opening address from the Chairman, the Annual Report and Financial Statement were read and adopted, and Miss Watson spoke briefly on suggested ways of raising money for the Federation. The Officers for the year were elected, Mrs. Dymond being elected Hon. Treasurer in the place of Mrs. Talbot, who was obliged to resign. The other Officers remain the same.

Miss Earl was elected Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Dixon and Miss Williams, Provincial Council delegates.

Resolutions were passed approving of a division of the Federation to take place in 1914; recommending that strong Societies help the weak ones in their area in the organisation of meetings and in any other way in their power; that work be done in the early autumn with a view to obtaining resolutions in favour of Women's Suffrage from Trades Unions, Trades Councils, and political organisations; that educational work be undertaken among local branches of the National Union of Teachers in order to secure a majority for the Women's Suffrage resolution at their Easter Meeting; that Secretaries of Societies keep the Secretaries' books up-to-date, and forward them, or suitable forms, to the Federation Secretary for her use in compiling the Annual Report.

The Officers and Executive of the Federation desire to express their hearty thanks to their generous hosts for the kindness and hospitality shown them, and to the Worcester Society for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

PAST.

During the year 13 new Societies have been formed, bringing the number of societies in the Federation up to 34.

DATE.	SOCIETY.	ORGANISER.
June 1912 ..	Leek	Miss E. Coyle, and Mrs. Irene Meyer.
July ,, ...	Upton-on-Severn	Miss Harding.
July ,, ...	Church Stretton	Mrs. Stevens and Church Stretton Suffragists.
September ,, ...	Stourbridge & District	Miss Farnell.
October ,, ...	Wednesbury	Mrs. Aldersley and Mrs. Langley Browne.
November ,, ...	Ross	Mrs. Irene Meyer and Miss Walford (two visits).
December ,, ...	Stoke-on-Trent	Mrs. Irene Meyer and Miss Chambers.
February, 1913 ...	Whitchurch	Miss Rogers.
March ,, ...	Leominster	Miss Harding and Miss Watson (two visits).
April ,, ...	Evesham	Mrs. Greenwood and Miss Knight.
April ,, ...	Shipston-on-Stour	Miss Dickins.
May ,, ...	Dudley	Miss Knight.
June ,, ...	Colwall	Miss Watson (since Annual Meeting).

SUMMER SCHOOL.

The chief event of the past year has been the Summer School held during the first fortnight of August at the Ladies' College, Malvern. Miss Morrison, the promoter of the scheme, was the organiser in charge, assisted by Mrs. Meyer and Miss Harding. Thirty-six students attended during the two weeks, and a profit of £6 7s. 5d. was made. The School was opened by Miss A. M. Royden on July 31st and amongst other speakers

who gave lectures and instruction, were Miss Crystal Macmillan, Miss Helen Fraser and Miss Nellie Horne. The course included lectures on Suffrage facts, organisation and public speaking, three lectures being given each morning and the rest of the day devoted to meetings in the neighbouring villages, canvassing, etc. The result of the school was shown in the increased enthusiasm and efficiency of those who attended, and Miss Morrison is much to be congratulated on her scheme. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery she will be glad to find the plan being taken up by the National Union, who are holding Summer Schools at Oxford and St. Andrew's this year.

NATIONAL UNION VAN TOUR.

Though the Federation did not repeat the costly experiment of a Federation Van Tour this year the National Union Van, during its three months' wandering on the face of the earth, paid us a flying visit in September (perhaps "flying" is hardly the term to apply to the motion of a one-horse van). Miss Gill, the organiser in charge, held meetings at Wellington, Bridgnorth, Wolverley and Bewdley, and was well received, the success of the meetings being greatly due to the preparatory work done in these places by Mrs. Clemson, Mrs. Harley, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, and others. Pershore was also visited, where a good meeting had been worked up by the Worcester Secretary.

A FEDERATION DEMONSTRATION.

This was held at Shrewsbury on October 11th, when Miss Sterling and Mr. Lawrence Housman were the speakers and Mrs. Harley took the chair.

FEDERATION TOUR.

In the latter part of September Mrs. Harley and Miss Wright made a tour in the Federation and met the committees of the following Societies:—Wellington (where a Member's Meeting was also held), Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Lichfield (also a drawing-room meeting), Walsall (delegates sent from West Bromwich), Solihull, Hereford (delegates from Ross), Malvern (delegates from Upton and Worcester), Bromsgrove (delegates from Redditch), Kidderminster and Nuneaton. Political work and the "Friends of Women's Suffrage" Scheme were the topics specially discussed.

SPEAKERS' TOURS.

Miss Matters.—July 2—6, Hereford, Hanley Castle (Upton-on-Severn), Worcester, W. Malvern, Pershore, Knowle (Solihull and District), Church Stretton (public open-air, and garden).

Miss Sterling.—Oct. 22—25, Wednesbury, Newcastle (Stoke Society), Leek, Bridgnorth, Knowle and Henley-in-Arden (Solihull and District).

Miss Ciceley Corbett.—Nov. 4—8, Hampton-in-Arden (Solihull and District), Upton-on-Severn, Whitchurch, Ross, Sutton Coldfield, Stourbridge, Stafford.

Mr. Bailie-Weaver.—Nov. 4—8, Upton, Sutton Coldfield, Stourbridge and Stafford (with Miss Corbett).

Miss Matters.—Dec. 9—13, Birmingham, Stoke, Hanley, Kidderminster and Ross.

Miss Abadam.—April 21—23, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth.

Miss A. M. Royden.—March 3—5, Olton, West Bromwich, Knowle (Solihull and District), Walsall, Kidderminster and Malvern.

Mrs. Corbett Ashby.—March 11—12, Solihull and Church Stretton.

Mrs. Swanwick.—Oct 23—25, Sutton, Birmingham and West Bromwich.

Other speakers who visited the Federation area included Lady Frances Balfour, Mr. Stanton Coit, Miss Helen Fraser, Lord Lytton, Miss Crystal Macmillan, Mrs. Merivale Mayer, Mrs. Rackham, Dr. Saleeby, Lady Selborne, and Mrs. Stanbury.

ORGANISERS WHO HAVE WORKED IN THE FEDERATION DURING THE YEAR.

Miss E. Coyle left the Federation the middle of June to take up work as a National Union Organiser in the West of England Federation.

Miss Harding succeeded her as Organising Secretary, and on her resignation in January the National Union sent Miss Knight as temporary Organising Secretary in her place.

Miss Morrison left to take up work under the Insurance Act, the last of her valuable time in the Federation being given to the Hanley by-election and the Summer School.

Mrs. Irene Meyer worked at the Hanley by-election, at Newport (Salop) and at Lichfield. She also helped at the Summer School and worked at Ross, Stoke and the Five Towns till Oct. 28, when she left to take up other National Union work, and was succeeded by

Miss Chambers, who continued the work in the Five Towns, getting into touch with political associations and co-operative societies. As a result of her work here the N.W. Staffs. Trades Council passed a Women's Suffrage resolution, and the Stoke Society was formed.

Mrs. Aldersley worked at Wednesbury, addressed the Co-operative Guild and worked up a public meeting, where she and Miss Sterling were the speakers. The Society was formed by her the following day.

Mrs. Cooper, sent by the National Union in December, did most important political work during her two months in N.W. Staffs., the Five Towns, Leek, and Dudley.

Miss Sugden did excellent political work in Stourbridge (Droitwich constituency) and in the Kingswinford division in the short space of a fortnight.

Miss Thompson, lent by the West Lancashire, West Cheshire and North Wales Federation, followed her at Kingswinford. She had previously organised Memorials in the Ross and Rugby Constituencies, with great success.

Mrs. Streeter (assistant organiser, N.U.) worked with Miss Rogers at Nuneaton in a special campaign on Jan. 7, and with Mrs. Cooper and Miss Rogers at Leek.

Miss Watson was sent by the National Union as Head Organiser in January and we are thankful to say the original term for which she was promised has been lengthened so that she does not leave us till September. Up to the present Miss Watson has visited the following places:—Lichfield, Upton, Pershore, Colwall, Hereford, Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton, Leominster, Shrewsbury, Ross, Solihull, Knowle, Henley-in-Arden and Lapworth. In some of these places new branches have been formed, in others interest has been revived and work developed, thanks to Miss Watson's power of arousing enthusiasm and producing as if by magic, officers, committee and volunteers for active work generally.

Miss Rogers during her three months as organiser in training in the Federation did good work in Redditch, Church Stretton and Whitechurch, as a result of her work in the last place a Society was formed there in March.

Mrs. Greenwood, who succeeded Miss Rogers as organiser in training, worked under Miss Watson in Upton, Leominster, Evesham, and Solihull and District, also at the Shrewsbury by-election.

Miss Knight in addition to the secretarial work at the Federation Office, has worked in Stourbridge and Bridgnorth, and has formed a Society in Dudley.

It was felt that the work in the Federation had grown sufficiently to warrant the engagement of a permanent paid Secretary, and at the Committee Meeting on April 24th the post was offered to and accepted by Miss Knight.

NEW GROUND.

Leek.—In June Miss E. Coyle and Mrs. Meyer formed a Society with 23 members. Subsequently the Secretary was obliged to resign her post owing to pressure of home duties, and Leek has become a branch of the Stoke-on-Trent Society.

Upton-on-Severn.—In July Miss Harding worked in Upton for a week, a public meeting was held on the 2nd in Hanley Castle Grounds, Miss Matters and Miss Wright being the speakers, and a Society was formed at a business meeting directly afterwards.

Church Stretton.—After a public meeting on July 6th with Miss Matters as speaker, a Society was formed by the Church Stretton Suffragists.

Wednesbury.—After Mrs. Aldersley had worked here, a public meeting was held on Oct. 22nd, Mrs. Aldersley and Miss Sterling speaking. On the 23rd a members' meeting was held and a Society formed. Mrs. Bradsworth, of the West Bromwich Society, is chairman of the committee, and it is owing to the work of the members of that Society in the past, and their continued help in the present, that Wednesbury has made a successful start.

Bridgnorth.—The first suffrage meeting held here has already been mentioned in the account of the National Union Van Tour. The first drawing-room meeting and the one which started the Society, was organised by Mrs. Harley and held by kind permission of Mrs. Bacon at Oldbury Grange, on Oct. 24th. Mrs. Bacon, who was ill herself at the time, would not let this interfere with the meeting and a most successful one was held with Mrs. Harley in the chair, and Miss Sterling as speaker.

Whitchurch.—Miss Rogers worked up a public meeting which was held on Nov. 5th in the Oddfellows' Hall; Mrs. Clay Finch in the chair, Miss Cicely Corbett as speaker. Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Matthews of Shrewsbury, kindly came over to help, and twelve members and seven friends joined. Miss Rogers returned to work here Feb. 10 to 12, and started the Society after a members' meeting addressed by Mrs. Harley.

Ross.—After the pioneer work of Mrs. Meyer and Miss Thompson earlier in the autumn an invitation meeting was held on Nov. 6th, Mrs. Constable Curtis and Mrs. Harvey being the hostesses, Miss Walford in the chair, and Miss Cicely Corbett and Mr. Cameron Grant the speakers. On Nov. 15th the Society was started at a meeting addressed by Mrs. Harley and Miss Wright.

Leominster.—A public meeting was held in December, 1912 after Miss Harding had worked here for nine days; speakers Miss Corbett and the Earl of Lytton. Eighteen members were gained. Later, in March, 1913, a public debate was held; speakers, Miss Mildred Ransom and Mr. Hastings (Birmingham Secretary of the N.L.O.W.S.). On April 10th Miss Watson spoke at an afternoon meeting in the Mission Hall, and on the 11th formed the Leominster Society.

Stoke-on-Trent.—On December 17th a Society was formed by Miss Chambers, the result of her work and that of Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Meyer.

Evesham.—Mrs. Greenwood organised here for 10 days and enrolled 23 members and a meeting to form the Society was taken on April 18th by Miss Knight during Mrs. Greenwood's absence at the Shrewsbury by-election.

Dudley.—Miss Knight worked in Dudley for a few days getting up a meeting which was held on April 23rd, Mrs. Harley in the chair; the Rane of Sarawak and Miss Wright were the speakers. After the meeting 21 joined as members and four as "Friends," and on May 20th, by kind permission of Mrs. Powell, a meeting to form the Society was held at St. John's Vicarage, when Mrs. Langley Browne and Miss Knight spoke. The Society starts with a membership of 26.

The Federation Committee has met eight times during the year, with an average attendance of 19. We shall be particularly glad to welcome delegates from the newly-formed Societies, for the Committee, which meets once in two months, gives the much-needed opportunity in a large Federation like ours, for exchanging views, and increasing friendliness between Secretaries of Societies and the Federation Officers.

The Federation Officers wish to express their thanks to the West Lancashire, West Cheshire and North Wales Federation for so kindly lending Miss Thompson for political work. In the short space of a fortnight Miss Thompson worked up excellent memorials in Rugby, Ross and Kingswinford. Also to the National Union for sending Mrs. Cooper for two months' parliamentary work, with a grant of £8 for expenses Miss Sugden for a fortnight with a grant of £3, and Mrs. Streeter to work with Mrs. Cooper. All these organisers have done most valuable work, and we are very grateful to them and to the National Union for sending them.

We cannot conclude this review of past work without a word of thanks to the speakers who have visited the Federation area, and who have given fresh inspiration to the work and added new members to the different Societies.

PRESENT.

BIRMINGHAM AND FEDERATION FETE.

By the time this report is printed the Fête in the Botanical Gardens will be a thing of the past, and we hope it will have done much both to widen the local interest in Suffrage and to replenish the Birmingham and Federation coffers.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE PILGRIMAGE.

The great event to which all our thoughts must be turning from now till the end of July is the Women's Suffrage Pilgrimage, ending in a united demonstration in London. The honour of originating the scheme rests with our Chairman, Mrs. Harley. The project has been enthusiastically taken up at Headquarters and details are now being considered by special committees. It is hoped that all the societies in the Federation will do what they can to lighten the labours of those responsible for the organisation of the Pilgrimage. We may not like marching, we may have planned to do other things in July, the Pilgrimage may knock some of our pet schemes (even suffrage schemes) on the head, but here is a chance to show that we are ready to sink our personal feelings, give up personal engagements, and take a wider view of suffrage work generally, by coming forward as volunteers to march, by contributing money, by providing hospitality, conveyances, etc., to the marchers if they pass our way. Let us take part, in fact, in one way or another, in this demonstration which is to show the country that we are in earnest and that increasingly large bodies of women *do* demand the vote.

FUTURE.

A new year lies before us, one free probably from great political crises, and therefore affording opportunity for quiet educational work. We often hear new members say, "Yes, I will become a member but you must not expect me to do anything." It is an impossible position, to be a member of a body and to remain inactive; the result is atrophy, first for the member and then for the body. Here are a few suggestions of ways to help: —

1. Secure one new member a month, in two months, any time you like to fix.
2. Sell the *Common Cause* (of course you take it yourself).
3. Take a collecting box for the Federation and your own Society.
4. If there is no Press Secretary in your Society watch the papers for mis-statements about suffrage (you will not have to look long) and contradict them.
5. Canvass for "Friends of Women's Suffrage."
6. Invite your friends to hear, and a speaker to speak, at your house or in your garden.
7. Find out openings for speakers in your local political organisations, Mothers' Meetings, Temperance Societies, any organisation that will endure a talk on Suffrage, and let the Federation officers know.

RESOLUTIONS BY PUBLIC AND OTHER BODIES.

Some Societies have taken up this useful piece of work and all should do so. Trades Unions, Town and District Councils, Co-operative Societies, educational and political organisations should be approached through their Secretary, shown a suitable Women's Suffrage resolution and asked if they will urge their Society to pass it when they next meet.

FRIENDS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

This work is still in its infancy. It is exceedingly important from an educational point of view, also as preventive treatment against an attack of anti-suffragism. If we neglect canvassing for "Friends," the Anti's will be before us and we shall find enemies instead of friends, the average English cottager not always having the discernment of Mrs. Chicky. It is difficult and discouraging work, the "It isn't for the likes of me" attitude has to be overcome and they have to be shown that the vote is needed for them and they are needed to help to get the vote.

PARLIAMENTARY.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

In last year's report we had to chronicle the defeat of the Conciliation Bill, in this the loss of the Snowden amendment to the Home Rule Bill on Nov. 5, 1912, and of the Dickinson Bill on May 5, 1913. Suffragists could, however, comfort themselves that the defeat of the Snowden Amendment was not a defeat for the principle of Woman Suffrage. When Irish members were persuaded that the question should be reserved for the consideration of the Irish Parliament; when Liberals were enticed by the bait of a future Government Franchise Bill, it was small wonder that the amendment fared as it did. Its passage through the House though it ended disastrously, showed us clearly who are our friends. The Labour Party proved itself staunch in the face of opposition; the favourable vote of the 30 Liberal Members must have shown Mr. Redmond that there are Liberals keen enough on the question of Woman Suffrage to vote against the Government, and finally, the anti-suffrage attitude of the present Liberal Government was fully exposed.

Mr. Asquith's pledge to consider any Women's Suffrage amendment passed by the House as an integral part of the Reform Bill, and to allow the Bill so amended, the full benefit of Government backing and the Parliament Act, was an incentive to fresh effort on the part of our Union.

On January 27th the Speaker ruled that the Bill so amended would be substantially a new Bill. This meant that it would have to be withdrawn and a fresh Bill put before the House. This decision "not in the least degree anticipated by His Majesty's Government" rendered the Prime Minister's promise null and void, of course through no fault of his own. How could even the Premier of England know the inner workings of the Speaker's mind? How could he foresee that his promise, dating back five years, repeated up till four days ago, would be as chaff before the wind? But he could make amends, he could make us another promise, not of a Government measure, that were too much to ask, though the National Union did, and do, ask it, but of the old, discredited Private Member's Bill. Without Government protection such a Bill had little chance of weathering the storms of political life. The National Union foresaw this and refused, as a Union, to work for Mr. Dickinson's Bill. On May 5th it was defeated by the surprisingly small majority of 47.

What lies before us now is renewed effort to secure a Government measure for the enfranchisement of women. If

the Government will not discharge its debt to us, it must go. The policy of the National Union has always been non-party, and at the last Council Meeting in February of this year that policy was developed, not altered. We are still non-party, but we are anti-Government. Our opposition is directed, not against Liberalism, but against the Liberalism of the present Government. We are, in short, working to change the personnel of the present Cabinet, not to turn the Liberal out and put the Conservative in; party is nothing to us, Suffrage is everything.

PARLIAMENTARY WORK IN THE FEDERATION.

Signed memorials were sent to the following Members of Parliament:—Capt. Clive (Member for Ross), Mr. Staveley Hill (Kingswinford), Sir Courtney Warner (Lichfield), Major Knight (Kidderminster), Mr. Baird (Rugby).

Deputations to or interviews with, the following:—Capt. Clive (Ross), Miss Walford; Sir Clement Hill (Shrewsbury), Mr. Beville Stanier (Newport), Mr. W. C. Bridgman (Oswestry), Sir Charles Henry (Wellington), interview by Mrs. Harley; also deputation at Wellington. Mr. Outhwaite (Hanley), and Mr. J. Ward (Stoke-on-Trent), Mrs. Cooper and Miss Chambers; Mr. W. Johnson (Nuneaton), Mr. Albert Stanley (N.W. Staffs.), Mrs. Cooper; Mr. E. Parkes (Birmingham Cent.); Mr. E. M. Pollock (Warwick and Leamington) Joint Societies; Sir A. Griffiths Boscawen (Dudley), Mrs. Cooper. The following were also interviewed about the Snowden Amendment:—Mr. R. Hunt (Ludlow); Professor Hewins (Hereford).

All the Members of Parliament in the Federation area were approached one way or another. For instance in Oswestry every member of the Committee undertook to get two letters each with 20 signatures, sent to their member. Where a member is "unreliable" or "shaky," too much cannot be done to bring the question to his notice. Let him have a letter or postcard by every post till he comes to look for it as regularly as his *Times*.

During the year there have been two by-elections in the Federation area, the first at Hanley, where we supported the Labour candidate, Mr. Finney, who answered all the National Union questions satisfactorily. Miss Morrison was in charge with Mrs. Meyer, our assistant organiser, under her. The National Union also sent Mrs. Cooper and other organisers who held many outdoor meetings, and the National Union speakers addressed all the Labour meetings. Help was also given by Mrs. Harley, Miss M. Matters, and the Societies of Birmingham, Rugby and Stafford. Mr. Snowden and other

members of the Labour Party spoke on Woman Suffrage from their party platforms.

The second by-election was at Shrewsbury in April of this year, when propaganda work only was undertaken, the Unionist candidate, Mr. Butler Lloyd, having answered all the National Union questions in the negative. Outdoor meetings were held when Miss Watson, Mrs. Harley, Miss Cooke and others addressed large audiences and over 200 people joined as Friends.

Voting on the Snowden amendment to the Home Rule Bill and on Mr. Dickinson's Bill.

HEREFORDSHIRE.

Constituency.	Member.	Party.	Snowden Amendment, Nov. 5, 1912	Dickinson Bill, May 6, 1913
Hereford	W. A. S. Hewins	U.	Voted against	Abstained
Leominster	H. Fitzherbert Wright	U.	Abstained	Voted against
Ross	Capt. P. A. Clive	U.	Abstained	Abstained

SHROPSHIRE.

Constituency.	Member.	Party.	Snowden Amendment, Nov. 5, 1912	Dickinson Bill, May 6, 1913
Ludlow	Roland Hunt	U.	Abstained	Voted against
Newport	Beville Stanier	U.	Voted for	Voted for
Oswestry	W. C. Bridgeman	U.	Abstained	Voted against
Wellington	Sir Chas. S. Henry	L.	Voted against	Voted against
Shrewsbury	Sir Clement Hill	U.	Voted against	Voted against
"	Butler Lloyd	U.		Voted against

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Constituency.	Member.	Party.	Snowden Amendment, Nov. 5, 1912	Dickinson Bill, May 6, 1913
Hanley	R. L. Outhwaite	L.	Voted against	Voted for
Newcastle-under-Lyne	J. C. Wedgwood	L.	Abstained	Voted for
Stafford	Sir R. W. Essex	L.	Voted against	Voted against
Stoke-on-Trent ..	J. Ward	L.	Voted against	Voted for
Walsall	R. A. Cooper	U.	Voted for	Voted against
Wednesbury	J. Norton	U.	Abstained	Abstained
West Bromwich...	Viscount Lewisham	U.	Voted for	Voted for
W'hampton, East	G. R. Thorne	L.	Voted against	Voted for
" West	A. F. Bird	U.	Voted for	Voted against
" South	Col. Hickman	U.	Abstained	Voted against
Handsworth	Major E. C. Meysey Thompson	U.	Abstained	Abstained
Kingswinford ...	Staveley Hill	U.	Voted against	Abstained
Leek	R. Pearce	U.	Voted against	Voted for
Lichfield	Col. Sir T. C. Warner	L.	Voted against	Abstained
N.W. Staffs. ...	Albert Stanley	Lab.	Abstained	Voted for
W. Staffs.	G. A. Lloyd	U.	Voted against	Voted against

WARWICKSHIRE.

Constituency.	Member.	Party.	Snowden Amendment, Nov. 5, 1912	Dickinson Bill, May 6, 1913
B'ham, Central ...	E. Parkes ...	U.	Abstained	Voted against
„ East ...	A. D. Steel ...	U.	Abstained	Abstained
„ North ...	J. T. Middlemore ...	U.	Abstained	Abstained
„ West ...	Rt. Hon. J. Chamberlain ...	U.	Abstained	Abstained
„ South ...	L. S. Amery ...	U.	Voted for	Voted for
„ Bordesley ...	Rt. Hon. J. Collings ...	U.	Abstained	Wished to pair against, but pair could not be found
„ Edgbaston ...	Sir F. W. Lowe ...	U.	Abstained	Voted against
Aston Manor ...	Evelyn Cecil ...	U.	Voted against	Voted against
Coventry ...	D. H. Mason ...	U.	Voted for	Voted for
Nuneaton ...	W. Johnson ...	Lab.	Voted for	Voted for
Rugby ...	J. E. Baird ...	U.	Abstained	Voted against
Stratford-on-Avon ...	P. S. Foster ...	U.	Abstained	Voted against
Tamworth ...	F. A. N. Newdegate ...	U.	Voted for	Voted against
Warwick and Leamington	E. M. Pollock ...	U.	Abstained	Voted against

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Constituency.	Member.	Party.	Snowden Amendment, Nov 5, 1912	Dickinson Bill May 6, 1913
Dudley ...	Sir Griffiths ...	U.	Voted for	Voted for
Kidderminster ...	Boycawen ...	U.	Abstained	Abstained
Worcester ...	Major E. Knight ...	U.	Voted for	Voted for
Evesham ...	E. Goulding ...	U.	Abstained	Voted against
North Worcester	B. M. Eyres ...	U.	Voted against	Abstained
Bewdley ...	Monsell ...	L.	Voted against	Abstained
Droitwich ...	J. W. Wilson ...	U.	Voted against	Abstained
Kings Norton ...	Stanley Baldwin ...	U.	Voted against	Voted against
	Hon. J. C. Lyttelton ...	U.	Voted against	Abstained
	Rt. Hon. A. Chamberlain ...	U.	Voted against	Abstained

PRESS WORK.

Federation Press Secretary.—Mrs. HARLEY, Condoover House, Near Shrewsbury.

COUNTY PRESS SECRETARIES.

Mrs. Dymond ... Herefordshire.
Miss Hillman ... Warwickshire.

LOCAL PRESS SECRETARIES.

Bromsgrove.—Mrs. J. S. Weaver, High St., Bromsgrove.
Coventry.—Miss Wilks, 76, Holyhead Road, Coventry.
Kidderminster.—Mrs. Stronge, The Manse, Kidderminster.
Leamington.—Miss Dormer Harris, 16, Gaveston Road, Leamington.
Nuneaton.—Miss Haines, 84, Wheat Street, Nuneaton.
Olton.—Miss Smythe, Hulver, Olton.
Rugby.—Mrs. Roberts, Crick Rectory.
Solihull.—Mrs. Mills, Danesbury, Solihull.
Stafford.—Mrs. Patterson, Acton Hill, near Stafford.
Sutton Coldfield.—Mrs. Brooks, 1, Royal Road, Sutton Coldfield.
Walsall.—Miss Eva M. Lowry, 74, Lysways Street.
Wolverhampton.—Miss Pearson, Woden, Tettenhall Road.
Worcester.—Miss Williams, 19, Droitwich Rd., Worcester.

Total number of papers in area—141.

The Press work in this Federation, as in all other parts of England, has made enormous strides during the past year, insomuch that out of the 141 papers circulated in our area, I have only to report three that are definitely anti, the remainder being either neutral or distinctly favourable in their attitude towards Women's Suffrage. By neutral, I mean that they are ready to give good reports of Meetings on either side and will generally publish any *local* suffrage statements, but will not give space for weekly notes or articles. By favourable, I mean

that they will publish almost anything that is sent to them of general interest in the Suffrage movement and their editorial remarks have a friendly tone. In this last catalogue I should especially mention *The Shrewsbury Chronicle*, *The Staffordshire Sentinel*, *The Midland Daily Telegraph* and *The Midland Express and Star*. In a letter received by me from the Editor of *The Staffordshire Sentinel* a little while ago, he stated that he "put in as much suffrage news as he could get"—this was most encouraging and that paper is now regularly supplied from headquarters with up-to-date copy.

In order to get into closer touch with the Midland Press, I am arranging for a personal interview with every Editor in the area of our Federation and laying before them the need of keeping the public informed of the great activities of the National Union, and the ever-increasing strength of the Constitutionalists. This is the only means whereby the false impression can be removed that the Militant agitation is the predominant feature of the Movement. The Editor of *The Evesham Journal*, at the time when a Branch of the National Union was in process of formation at Evesham, did us great service by his excellent article on this subject. Our great Pilgrimage in July will be a fine opportunity for the Press to give the National Union a good deal of notice, and those Editors whom I have already visited are prepared to do this, and I hope to complete my tour before the Pilgrimage comes into our Federation.

I want to thank all the Press Secretaries for their steady good work which has, I know, at times been rather arduous. I should specially like to mention Mrs. Patterson of the Stafford Society, who has been indefatigable in looking after the local press and has brought about a marked improvement in the Stafford papers. There are still some Societies which have not appointed a Press Secretary, and, though, in these cases, the Hon. Secretary has filled the gap most nobly, yet it is too much to ask, and it is well nigh impossible for the local press work to be thoroughly done when put upon the shoulders of an already over-worked General Secretary. I therefore urge upon those Societies, who have not already done so, to find a suitable person as soon as possible. The work is very interesting and not really difficult. I also plead for volunteers, who would undertake to watch over the Press in parts of our area where there is no Society. Will those who are willing to do this, communicate with me so that I may apportion to them the papers in their localities that are still unwatched?

In conclusion, I should like to say what a debt of gratitude we owe to our able Hon. Press Secretary, Miss Leaf, and to the splendid management of the Press Department at Headquarters. Without them, our provincial press work could never have advanced as it has, and we must more and more realise the extreme importance to our Movement of having the Press in sympathy with us. Let us then give generously of what time we have, to help to make our Federation press work worthy of the example set us by Miss Leaf and her workers. We are short-handed and want volunteers and I know I shall not appeal in vain.

KATHERINE M. HARLEY, *Federation Press Secretary*.

PUBLIC BODIES WHICH HAVE PASSED RESOLUTIONS IN FAVOUR OF
WOMAN SUFFRAGE SINCE GENERAL ELECTION OF 1910:—

Birmingham City Council.
Coventry Town Council.
Solihull Rural District Council.
West Bromwich Town Council.
Wolverhampton Town Council.

OTHER BODIES WHICH HAVE PASSED WOMAN SUFFRAGE RESOLUTIONS
SINCE GENERAL ELECTION OF 1910:—

Birmingham Liberal Association (repeatedly).
Birmingham Women's Liberal Association.
Edgbaston Women's Liberal Association.
Warley Woods Women's Liberal Association.
Birmingham Adult School.
Birmingham Women's Co-op. Guild.
Birmingham Women's Labour League.
Birmingham B.W.T.A.
Birmingham N.U.W.S.S.
Birmingham National Union of Teachers.
Birmingham Socialist Church.
Birmingham Railway Women's Guild.
Bromsgrove N.U.W.S.S.
Coventry N.U.W.S.S. and W.S.P.U.
Church Stretton N.U.W.S.S.
Hanley Spiritualist Church.
Hanley I.L.P.
Hanley Women's Labour League.
Hanley British Socialist Society.
Hereford N.U.W.S.S. and W.S.P.U.

Hereford City Parliament (Debating Society).
 Kidderminster N.U.W.S.S.
 Leek I.L.P.
 Leek Labour Church.
 Leek Women's Co-op. Guild.
 Leek Trades and Labour Council.
 Lichfield Women's Co-op. Guild (twice).
 Lichfield N.U.W.S.S.
 Lichfield N.U.W.W.
 Malvern N.U.W.S.S.
 Nuneaton N.U.W.S.S.
 Oswestry N.U.W.S.S.
 Redditch Adult School.
 Redditch Socialist Society.
 Redditch Women's Co-op. Guild.
 Redditch N.U.W.S.S.
 Shrewsbury N.U.W.S.S.
 Solihull N.U.W.S.S.
 Stafford N.U.W.S.S.
 Stoke-on-Trent Ethical Society.
 Stoke-on-Trent N.U.W.S.S.
 Trent Vale Debating Society.
 N. Staffs. Trades and Labour Council (affecting five
 constituencies).
 Stourbridge N.U.W.S.S. and W.S.P.U.
 Sutton Coldfield Liberal Association Meeting.
 Sutton Coldfield N.U.W.S.S.
 Tunstall Spiritualist Church.
 Walsall N.U.W.S.S. and W.S.P.U.
 Walsall Church League Meeting.
 Walsall Young Liberals.
 Warwick and Leamington N.U.W.S.S.
 Warwick and Leamington C. & U.W.F.A.
 Warwick and Leamington Church League.
 Warwick and Leamington Men's League for Women's
 Suffrage.
 Wednesbury N.U.W.S.S.
 Wednesbury Women's Liberal.
 Wellington N.U.W.S.S.
 West Bromwich N.U.W.S.S.
 Wolstanton Labour Church.
 Wolverhampton Trades Council.
 Wolverhampton Men's Liberal Association.
 Wolverhampton B.W.T.A.
 Wolverhampton I.L.P.
 Wolverhampton N.U.W.S.S.
 Worcester Liberal Association.
 Worcester Trades Council.

MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE JANUARY, 1910, IN THE
 FOLLOWING PLACES:—

Abbotts Bromley (Staffs.).	Malvern.
Alcester (Warwickshire).	Malvern Link.
Ashperton (Herefordshire).	Malvern Wells.
Atherstone (Warwickshire).	West Malvern.
Attleborough (Warwickshire).	Market Drayton (Salop).
Bednall (Staffs.).	Newcastle-under-Lyme (Staffs.).
Bedworth (Warwickshire).	Newport (Salop).
Bewdley (Worcestershire).	Nuneaton (Warwickshire).
Bidford (Warwickshire).	Oakengates (Salop).
Birmingham (32).	Olton (Warwickshire).
Bredon (Worcestershire).	Oswestry (Salop).
Bridgnorth (Salop).	Penkridge (Staffs.).
Bromsgrove (Worcestershire).	Pershore (Worcestershire).
Burslem.	Pirton (Worcestershire).
Castle Moneton (Worcestershire).	Redditch (Worcestershire).
Church Stretton (Salop).	Ross (Herefordshire).
Claverdon (Warwickshire).	Rugby (Warwickshire).
Claverley (Salop).	Shifnal (Salop).
Colwall (Herefordshire).	Shrewley (Warwickshire).
Colwich (Staffs.).	Shrewsbury.
Coventry.	Shirley (Warwickshire)
Cradley (Worcestershire).	Solihull (11).
Dawley (Salop).	Stafford (11).
Donnington (Salop).	Stockingford (Warwickshire).
Dorridge.	Stoke-on-Trent.
Dudley.	Stourbridge (Worcestershire).
Fernhill Heath (Worcestershire).	Stourport (Worcestershire).
Hanley (Staffs.).	Stratford-on-Avon.
Hanley Castle (Worcestershire).	Studley (Worcestershire).
Hampton-in-Arden (Warwick- shire).	Sutton Coldfield (Warwick- shire) (28).
Henley-in-Arden (Warwickshire).	Tunstall (Staffs.).
Hereford.	Ullenhall (Warwickshire).
Hockley Heath (Warwickshire).	Upton-on-Severn.
Kidderminster.	Walsall (Staffs.).
Kingswinford (Staffs.).	Warwick.
Kingswood (Warwickshire).	Wednesbury (Staffs.).
Knowle (Warwickshire).	Wellesbourne (Warwickshire).
Lapworth (Warwickshire).	Wellington (Salop).
Leamington (Warwickshire).	West Bromwich (Staffs.) (25).
Ledbury (Herefordshire).	Whitechurch (Salop).
Leek (Staffs.).	Wilmcote (Warwickshire).
Leominster (Herefordshire).	Wolverhampton (40).
Lichfield (Staffs.).	Worcester.
Longton (Staffs.).	
Ludlow (Salop).	

BIRMINGHAM.

President: Mrs. A. C. OSLER, Fallowfield, Norfolk Rd., Edgbaston.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. J. K. REID, Chad Road, Edgbaston.

Secretary: Mrs. RING. *Office*: 20, Easy Row.

Assist. Secretary: Miss K. WALFORD.

Hon. Assist. Secretary: Miss PHYLLIS REID.

Hon. Secretary "Friends of Women's Suffrage": Miss KIRBY, 43, Frederick Road, Edgbaston

Federation Representatives: Mrs. OSLER, Mrs. RING, Miss KIRBY.

Membership, 710. Money received, £578 7s. 4½d.

During the year 137 new members were enrolled, and 1,111 "Friends." One hundred and twenty-four meetings have been held. Of these perhaps the most interesting was the Suffrage Demonstration in the Town Hall on February 4th, 1913, in conjunction with the Birmingham Branch of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association. The speakers were Dr. Stanton Coit, Miss Maud Royden and Mr. Baillie Weaver, the Countess of Selbourne in the chair.

The Friends of Suffrage scheme has made a splendid beginning under the able management of Miss Kirby. Numerous meetings, sometimes as many as two or three in a week, have been held, and systematic visiting has been carried out. The above numbers show how rapidly the work has grown and is growing.

The *Franchise Club*, under the presidentship of Miss Kirby, has done much useful work during the past year. The Captains of the Friends of Women's Suffrage, Circle Secretaries, and other workers, belong to the Club, and by its means the help they can give is organised and put to the best use. For instance, Circle Secretaries undertake to deliver notices to members by hand, thus saving a great deal of postage.

Political.—Birmingham sent help both in workers and money to the Hanley Bye-election; and various efforts to obtain support from our local M.P.s for the Women's Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill were made, with the usual unsatisfactory results.

A memorial to Mr. Steel-Maitland was signed by representative constituents in Saltley, and was presented to him by Mrs. Osler; but no promise for future support could be obtained.

Mr. Amery remains our friend, but declines to pledge himself to any definite course of action.

BRIDGNORTH.

President: Mrs. BACON, Oldbury Grange, Bridgnorth.

Chairman: Mrs. CROOK, Woodlands Hall.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss BACON, Oldbury Grange.

Hon. Secretaries: Mrs. PEARCE, Tower House; Mrs. WOOD, Thornhill, Oldbury.

Federation Representative: Mrs. PEARCE.

Membership, 26. Friends, 26. Money received, £6 11s. 3½d.

The first meeting at Bridgnorth was held in September, 1912, before the formation of the Society, when the National Union van visited the town and Miss Helga Gill held an open-air meeting which was well attended. The second was a drawing-room meeting at Oldbury Grange, by kind permission of Mrs. Bacon, on Oct. 24th, when Miss Sterling was the speaker and Mrs. Harley took the chair. After the meeting the Society was formed and affiliated to the Federation and the National Union.

On January 30th, 1913, a public meeting was held at the Agricultural Hall, when Mrs. Harley and Miss Knight both gave most interesting and inspiring addresses and a most amusing duologue, bearing on Women's Suffrage, was acted by Miss Hills and Miss Harley. The chair was taken by Mrs. Crook and the meeting was extremely well attended. All expenses were covered.

On April 23rd a drawing-room meeting was held, by kind permission of Mrs. Houghton, at Oldbury Grove, when the chair was taken by the Rev. W. G. Clarke-Maxwell, and an impressive address was given by Miss Abadam on the White Slave Traffic. A collection was taken which nearly paid expenses.

Miss Knight worked in Bridgnorth from May 5th to 8th, and by visiting from house to house enrolled 26 Friends of Women's Suffrage, and it is hoped in the early autumn to get up an entertainment to which the Friends may be invited, and more members and Friends enrolled.

BROMSGROVE.

President: Mrs. HUGH W. DIXON, The Elbows, Tardebigge, Bromsgrove.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss GREEN, Whitford, Bromsgrove.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. T. HORTON, Coombe Cottage, near Bromsgrove.

Literature Secretary: Mr. WEAVER, High Street, Bromsgrove.

Federation Representative: Mrs. HUGH W. DIXON.

Membership, 43. Money received, £13 7s. 5d.

The Bromsgrove and District Society has to report a steady growth of membership, the number of members during the year having increased to 43. In November Mrs. Marston, who so kindly undertook the duties of Secretary during the formation of the Society, was obliged to resign, and Mrs. T. Horton was elected in her place.

The following meetings have been held during the year:—

July 26th, 1912.—A Garden Meeting at Battlefield, Bromsgrove, by kind permission of Mrs. Reeson. Sir Thomas Barclay presided, and Mrs. Julian Osler gave a most interesting address. A collection was made for the funds of the Society.

August, 1912.—Mrs. Harley and Miss Wright kindly came to Bromsgrove to meet and advise the Bromsgrove and Redditch Committees. It was unfortunate that many members were away on their holidays and unable to avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing the President and Hon. Secretary of the Federation.

December 12th.—An afternoon meeting was held in the *Messenger* Office Rooms to hear an address on the White Slave Traffic by the Rev. G. Herbert Davis. The Rev. H. D. Noel Paterson (Vicar of Bromsgrove) presided over a large audience. There was also a Sale of Work and Tea, which together realised nearly £5.

February 13th.—A Public Debate was held in the Assembly Rooms. Mrs. Corbett Ashby moved "That the parliamentary vote should be extended to women," and Mr. Murray Phelps (Hon. Treasurer, N.L.O.W.S.), opposed the motion. On the motion being put to the meeting it was easily carried. Dr. Beilbey presided, and there were about 400 present. A collection was made for the funds of the Society.

CHURCH STRETTON.

President and Chairman: Mrs. STEVENS, The Yeld, Church Stretton.

Hon. Secretary: Miss JASPER-JONES, Ashbrook Villa.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss D. EVANS, Sandford Avenue.

Federation Representative: Mrs. STEVENS, The Yeld.

Membership, 30. Friends, 16. Money received, £4 14s. 9d.

Formation of Society.—In the summer of 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Stevens invited all interested in Woman Suffrage to a Garden Party at the Yeld, when interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Harley and Miss Margaret Robertson. Several of the guests gave in their names as members, and a Society was formed. This was followed by a public meeting in the Town Hall, addressed by Miss Royden. The Society, though formed, was very weak, and interest seemed to lapse till, in the early summer of 1912, Mrs. Stevens had another meeting at her house, when Mrs. Harley took the chair and Miss M. Matters was the speaker. This meeting was the means of reforming the Church Stretton Society. Miss Matters spoke again in the evening at an outdoor meeting and was well received. In March of 1913 Mrs. Corbett Ashby gave a stirring address at the Barn to a crowded meeting, when she dealt convincingly with some of the anti-suffrage arguments.

In February Miss Rogers, assistant organiser in the West Midland Federation, worked in Church Stretton for a week with excellent results, about 16 Friends being enrolled, besides several new members.

Our Member, Mr. Roland Hunt, is a consistent anti-suffragist, having voted against every measure for the enfranchisement of women. The Secretary approached the probable Liberal candidate at next election and found him to be in favour of Woman Suffrage.

COVENTRY.

President: Mrs. BRIGHT.

Chairman: Mrs. COLLINGTON.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. A. WHITE, Kenilworth Road.

Hon. Secretary, Hon. Press Secretary, and Federation Rep.:
Miss WILKS, 76, Holyhead Road.

Secretary: Miss ROGERS, 4, Trinity Churchyard.

Membership, 120. Friends, 37. Money received, £37 4s. 9d.

At the end of June, 1912, when Miss Orton resigned her post as Secretary, £30 was guaranteed by members of the Society to engage a secretary to fill her place, and in June of this year Miss Rogers was appointed. It is hoped that good work will now be done, Miss Wilks, the Hon. Secretary, having been too busy to do much organising work.

In June, 1912, a Garden Meeting was held at Mrs. White's, Park Road, when the chair was taken by Miss Noel Wright and Mr. Cameron Grant gave an interesting address.

On November 23rd a Sale of China, Lace and Toys was held, when about £8 was realised.

A successful public meeting was held on March 13th in the Corn Exchange, when Mrs. Harley took the chair and Mr. Cameron Grant was the speaker. Tickets sold for the meeting realised £9.

DUDLEY.

Secretary and Federation Representative:

Miss WARMINGTON, Castle Hill.

Membership, 27. Money received, £1 15s.

A meeting was held in the Dudley Café on April 23rd, 1913, when Mrs. Harley took the chair and the Rane of Sarawak and Miss Noel Wright were the speakers. Five or six local people had greatly helped the success of the meeting by sending out invitation cards or allowing them to be sent out in their names, and a crowded and interesting meeting was the result. Twenty-one people gave in their names as members, seven as Friends, after the meeting, and six members have joined since.

On May 22nd, by kind permission of Mrs. Powell, a meeting was held at St. John's Vicarage, when Mrs. Langley Browne, of West Bromwich, gave an interesting address, and a Committee and Secretary were elected.

EVESHAM.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. MOSS BLUNDELL, Longdon Hill, Evesham.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. PRESTON, Offenham Vicarage, nr. Evesham.

Federation Representative: Ditto.

Membership, 42. Friends, 17. Money received, £4 12s. 1d.

In the beginning of April, 1913, Mrs. Greenwood, Assistant Organiser in the West Midland Federation, worked in Evesham for ten days and enrolled 23 members and 17 Friends. The Society was formed at a meeting in the Town Hall on April 18th, addressed by Miss Knight, Mrs. Greenwood having been called away to the Shrewsbury Bye-election. Committee and officers were elected and resolutions were passed to affiliate to the Federation and the National Union.

On May 30th an invitation meeting was held in the Town Hall, when Miss Noel Wright took the chair and Miss Abadam spoke. Great interest was taken in the speeches, and nine new members were enrolled.

HEREFORD.

President: The Lady FRANCES BALFOUR.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss N. CHACE, *The Moor House*.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. B. BETTINGTON, West Wood.

Press Secretary: Mrs. A. R. DYMOND, Hampton Grange.

Federation Representative: Mrs. BETTINGTON, Westwood,
Hereford.

Membership, 80. Friends, 62. Money received, £12 0s. 10d.

The Hereford Society was formed in 1909, but lapsed again during 1910 and 1911, to be re-started after the Bye-election in the spring of 1912, when Miss Morrison, the West Midland Organiser, was in charge. When the Society affiliated to the West Midland Federation, Miss Walford and Mrs. Irene Meyer were sent to help them to form the new Committee, and active work was started in May. The Society affiliated to the Federation in June, 1912, when it was decided to include the whole county in the Federation area. Since that date most active work has been done by the Society, 35 new members and 51 Friends have been enrolled, and nine meetings have been held. The speakers were Miss Muriel Matters, Miss Smith, Mrs. Harley, Lord Lytton, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Miss Watson, Miss Baretti, and Miss Abadam.

KIDDERMINSTER.

President: Lady WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. ANTON, The Gables, Kidderminster.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. ELLIS TALBOT, Summerbank, Kidderminster.

Hon. Recording and Literature Secretary: Miss M. E. SMITH,
Dumbleton, Wolverley.

Hon. Press Secretary: Mrs. STRONGE, The Manse, Kidderminster.

Federation Representative: Mrs. ANTON.

Membership, 123. Friends, 95. Money received, £39 11s. 8d.

Twelve meetings, other than Committee meetings, have been held during the year.

June 13th, 1912.—West Midland Federation Annual Meeting, Kingsley Hall. Chair, Mrs. Langley Browne. Speakers, the Lady Frances Balfour and others. Evening, public meeting, Town Hall. Chair, Mr. R. C. Brinton. Speakers, Lady Frances Balfour, Dean of Worcester and others.

June 22nd.—Garden Fête at Greenhill, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watson, opened by the Rev. A. Newman Hall.

September 5th and 6th.—The Suffrage Caravan visited Bewdley and Wolverley. Meetings held. Speaker, Miss Helga Gill.

October 4th.—Meeting, Kingsley Hall. Chair, Rev. J. E. Stronge. Speaker, Miss Noel Wright.

October 22nd.—The Kidderminster Society took part in an Exhibition of Sweated Industries held at Worcester.

December 12th.—Afternoon: Mrs. Ellis Talbot "At Home," Summerbank. Speaker, Miss Matters. Evening: A large public meeting, Town Hall, Stourport. Chair, Canon Buckle. Speaker, Miss Matters.

February 6th, 1913.—Drawing-room meeting and work party, Mrs. Anton, The Gables. Address by Miss Watson.

February 13th.—Suffrage debate at Summerbank. Mrs. Corbett Ashby and Mrs. Krause. Chair, Canon Buckle.

March 5th.—First Annual Meeting of the Society. At the business meeting Mrs. Anton took the chair. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read. A crowded public meeting was afterwards held. Mrs. Roland Goodwin took the chair, and Miss Maud Royden gave an eloquent address. A good collection was taken and ten new members joined.

April 23rd.—Mrs. Ellis Talbot had a drawing-room meeting for Teachers, at which Mrs. Harley spoke.

Throughout the year working parties have been held at the houses of the following:—The Misses Badland, Mrs. Roland Goodwin, Mrs. Cowell, Mrs. G. Law, Miss Stooke, Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Mrs. Joseland.

The Society organised a Memorial to Major Knight, M.P., which was signed by many of his supporters; and also took part in a Memorial to the Hon. J. Lyttleton, M.P. for Mid-Worcestershire.

LEOMINSTER.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss BURDEN, The Vicarage.

Hon. Secretary: Miss D. RUSSELL, Southfield.

Federation Representative: Miss BURDEN.

Membership, 22. Friends, 40. Money received, £2 5s. 0d.

Work was begun in Leominster in March, 1912, by Mrs. Renton, who spoke at a drawing-room meeting at Grange Court, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Neild, when the names of several sympathisers were obtained. In October, after Herefordshire had joined the West Midland Federation, Miss Walford, Federation Organiser, worked in the town for a few days, and in November Miss Harding visited Leominster to work up a public meeting. This took place at the Town Hall on December 5th, when Mr. Neild took the chair and the speakers were Mrs. Corbett Ashby and the Earl of Lytton. Seventeen members had been secured in Leominster before Miss Harding left.

In March, Miss Watson and Miss Rogers came to work up a debate, which took place in the Town Hall on the 14th. Miss Ransome (London) was opposed by Mr. Hastings, Hon. Secretary of the Birmingham Branch of the N.L.O.W.S. The Suffrage resolution was carried.

On April 10th Miss Watson spoke at an afternoon meeting in the Mission Hall, and a committee was formed on the 11th.

LICHFIELD.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. KINGSCOTE, Burntwood, near Lichfield.

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative (pro tem.):

Miss HODSON, 26, Dam Street, Lichfield.

Hon. Secretary for "Friends": Mrs. BARKER.

Membership, 27. Friends, . Money received, £10 4s. 1d.

A public meeting was held in Lichfield on June 13th, 1912, the principal speakers being the Lady Frances Balfour and Mrs. Cooper.

On September 19th a Garden Meeting was held at the Master's House, St. John's Hospital, by kind permission of Mrs. Norman. The speakers were the Hon. Mrs. Basil Hanbury, Mrs. Harley, and Miss Wright. At the close of the meeting several new members were enrolled.

Miss Watson's visit this Spring was a great help to the Society, which it badly needed.

A very successful Give and Take Tea was held on February 26th, to raise money for a proposed public meeting which it is hoped to get up later.

MALVERN.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss CLARE, Haddon Cottage, Malvern Link.

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative: Miss DAWSON, Broadmeadow.

Membership, 77. Friends, 85. Money received, £19 8s. 6½d.

The Malvern Society was started at a meeting held at Vacye by kind permission of Mrs. Radford, and organised by Miss Wright, on March 28th, 1912.

One public and four drawing-room meetings have been held during the year.

July 4th.—West Malvern. Drawing-room meeting got up by Miss Bannister and Miss Bennett. Chair, Rev. A. F. Robson. Speaker, Miss Matters.

November 5th.—Malvern Link. Drawing-room meeting by kind permission of Miss Lakin. Speakers, the Rev. A. Newman Hall and Miss Dawson.

October 10th.—Members' meeting held at Vacye. Mrs. House gave an address on Sweated Industries.

March 3rd, 1913.—At Stobury, by Mrs. Spear. Speaker, Miss Watson.

March 4th.—Public meeting. Chair, F. Paget Norbury, Esq. Speakers, Rev. Canon Wilson, Miss Maude Royden. A hundred new members and Friends joined at this meeting.

Political.—A letter signed by 37 voters was sent to Mr. Baldwin, Member for Bewdley, asking him to refrain from voting against the Woman Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill.

The Friends of Women's Suffrage scheme has been started and we have 85 Friends.

The membership of the Society has risen from 30 to 77.

NUNEATON.

President: Mrs. ALICE WILLIAMS, Bondgate, Nuneaton.

Treasurer: Miss DILGER, 194, Coton Road, Nuneaton.

Hon. Secretary: Miss HAINES, 84, Wheat Street, Nuneaton.

Federation Representative: Mrs. RILEY, 6, Lansdowne Terrace, Nuneaton.

Membership, 23. Money received, £11 11s. 5d.

In January of 1913, Mrs. Streeter, National Union Organiser, and Miss Rogers assisting her, worked indefatigably in the Nuneaton Division for three weeks, and work was inaugurated at Atherstone. A public meeting was held in Nuneaton on Jan. 27th, when Mr. Tom Richardson, Mrs. Ring and Mrs. Streeter were the speakers. Besides this, four members' meetings have been held during the year.

OLTON.

President: Mrs. BENNETT, Trimpley, Olton. (*Pro tem.*)

Treasurer: Mrs. SIDNEY SMITH, Hulver, Kineton Rd., Olton.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BENNETT.

Hon. Press Secretary: Miss SMYTH.

Membership, 58. Money received, £25 6s. 7d.

On July 3rd, 1912, by kind permission of Miss Holden, a drawing-room meeting was held, when the speakers were members of the Committee and the subject "Unjust Laws of England as they affect Women."

On June 5th there was a public meeting in Kineton Road Schoolroom, when Miss James gave an address on the work of the White Ribbon Band.

Miss Maude Royden gave an interesting lecture on "The Vote and the Home," in the Kineton Road Schoolroom on March 3rd, 1913.

OSWESTRY.

President: Mrs. MAHLER, Penissaglyn, Bronygarth

Vice-President: Miss L. MICKLEBURGH, Bellan House, Oswestry.

Treasurer: Mrs. LODGE, 5, Lower Brook Street.

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative:

Mrs. CARTWRIGHT, Brook St. House, Oswestry.

Membership, 20. Friends, 16. Money received, £6 0s. 3d.

One public meeting has been held during the year, when Miss Helen Fraser and Mrs. Flora Annie Steel were the speakers.

In the latter part of September Mrs. Harley and Miss Wright made a tour of part of the Federation and visited Oswestry, when they met the Committee and gave some valuable suggestions for work.

REDDITCH.

President: Mrs. MILWARD, The Holloway, Redditch.

Chairman: Mrs. SHRIMPTON, The Cedars.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss L. BAKER, 28, Mt. Pleasant.

Hon. Secretary (pro tem.): Mrs. RUSSELL, Savan, Hewell Road.

Federation Representative: Mrs. SHRIMPTON.

Membership, 68. Friends, 15. Money received, £7 3s. 0d.

The Society was started in December, 1911, with a membership of 22. During the past year three public and two private meetings have been held, and the Committee has met eight times. In March, 1913, Miss Rogers, Assistant Organiser in the West Midland Federation, came for a week and stirred up fresh interest, which had flagged for a time owing to various causes. The Committee was re-formed, and arrangements were made for the Annual Meeting.

ROSS.

President: Mrs. CONSTABLE CURTIS, Merivale, Ross.

Vice-Presidents:

The Hon. Mrs. ALINGTON, Shrewsbury School;

Mrs. HOPE EDWARDS, Wharton Lodge, Weston;

Miss HARVEY, Purland Chase, Ross.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. CARRINGTON, Coughton Cottage, Ross.

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative: Mrs. THORPE, Wyton, Ross.

Membership, 55. Friends, 37. Money received, £17 4s. 0d.

Work was started in Ross in March, 1912, by Mrs. Renton. Miss Walford followed her in May of the same year and enrolled several members. In June Herefordshire affiliated to the West Midland Federation, and in September Mrs. Meyer worked for three weeks and Miss Harding for four days, leaving a group of seventeen members. In the end of September Miss D. Thompson, of the West Lancashire, West Cheshire and North Wales Federation worked up an influential memorial which was presented to Captain Clive, Member for Ross, on November 5th. On November 6th an invitation meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Harvey the hostesses, Miss Walford in the chair, and Miss Cicely Corbett, M.A., and Mr. Cameron Grant the speakers. On November 15th, 1912, a meeting addressed by Mrs. Harley and Miss Wright, was held and a scheme of work was discussed. The Society then numbered 35 members: it has now increased to 55 and 37 others have become "Friends." A public meeting was held in the Corn Exchange on December 13th, Lady

Selborne in the chair, Miss Matters and Mr. Baillie Weaver the speakers, when several new members and 25 "Friends" were added to our number.

In the beginning of February Miss Watson spent three very busy days in Ross; a members' meeting was held with an attendance of thirty, and a scheme of work was suggested. In March two lectures on social questions were given with great success, one by Miss M. M. Mason, late Senior Inspector, Local Government Board, upon "Women's Work in Boarding-out": the second on "Sweated Labour," by Mrs. Ring, of the Birmingham Society. These lectures open the way for definite suffrage teaching, and we hope as a result more members will join us in the coming year.

RUGBY.

President: Mrs. STEEL, 3, Barby Road, Rugby.

Vice-Presidents: Miss BROWN, Mrs. DEWAR, Mrs. MERTHENS.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss LEESON, 14, Pennington Street, Rugby.

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative: Miss WALDING, The Limes, Rugby.

Hon. Press Secretary: Mrs. ROBERTS, Crick Rectory, Rugby.

Membership, 110. Money received, £45 14s. 7d.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Coffee Tavern on February 9th, when Mrs. Steel was in the chair and the Rev. G. D. Rosenthal spoke on "The Religious Basis for Women's Suffrage."

On May 28th a public meeting was held in the Church House, when Miss Abadam spoke on "Some aspects of the White Slave Traffic"; there was a good attendance and much interest was shown by people who had not hitherto attended suffrage meetings.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR.

President: The Lady WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE, Compton Verney, Warwick.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss HARCOURT, Water Lane, Shipston-on-Stour.

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative: Miss DICKINS, Cherington.

Membership, 22. Money received, £2 9s. 5d.

The Society was formed independently of the Federation, by Shipston Suffragists, on October 9th, 1912, and affiliated to the National Union, March 19th, 1913, and to the West Midland Federation April 24th, 1913.

The Year's Work.—Thirty voters in Shipston and District were asked to send postcards to Mr. P. S. Foster and Mr. Eyres Monsell, asking them to vote for the Women's Suffrage Amendments to the Reform Bill.

In January a lecture on "Women at Work," illustrated by lantern slides, was given by Miss Dickins. About 75 were present.

During the winter we have had three house-to-house distributions of leaflets.

SHREWSBURY.

President: Mrs. HARLEY, Condover House, near Shrewsbury.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. WHITWELL, Castle Street, Shrewsbury.

Hon. Secretary: Miss E. HILLS, 12, Butcher Row, Shrewsbury.

Common Cause Secretary: Miss E. HARLEY, Condover House, near Shrewsbury.

Federation Representatives: Mrs. WHITWELL, Miss HILLS.

Membership, 207. Friends, 427. Money received, £58 7s. 7d.

During the year twenty-four new members and one hundred and fifty-one "Friends" have been enrolled.

In June, 1912, Miss Morrison spent some days in Shrewsbury and held open-air meetings in the poorer parts of the town, as well as one in the Labour Hall. These meetings prepared the way for the "Friends of Women's Suffrage" canvassers, who started their work in August. By the time of the Annual Meeting in February two hundred and seventy-six had been enrolled, forty of these having been enlisted by Mrs. Harley in Condover.

In June, 1912, a most successful meeting was held in the Music Hall, when Miss Maude Royden gave a splendid address, ably seconded by the Rev. W. Rosenthal.

In the same month a Café Chantant was held in the grounds of Kingsland House, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cock, and among other attractions "A Chat with Mrs. Chicky" was performed.

In October the Federation held a demonstration in Shrewsbury. Many Societies sent delegates, who marched with their banners from the Suffrage shop to the Music Hall. The speakers were Miss Sterling and Mr. Lawrence Housman.

Last year Shrewsbury sent £26 to the Election Fighting Fund, and reaped the benefit of this in a grant from the National Union this year at the time of the Shrewsbury bye-election. As both candidates were opposed to Woman Suffrage only propaganda work could be done. Miss Watson, helped by Mrs. Greenwood and Miss Rogers worked hard during the election and many out-door meetings were held. Mrs. Annot Robinson, Miss Geraldine Cooke and Mr. Tenshaw also spoke, the latter being a member of the Shrewsbury Society.

At the annual meeting the Hon. Treasurer reported that £81 had passed through the hands of the Society during the year. Two Rummage Sales were responsible for part of this sum.

SOLIHULL AND DISTRICT.

Chairman: The Rev. W. A. NEWMAN HALL, St. Philip's Lodge, Dorridge.

Vice-Chairmen:

Mrs. EDWARD PEARCE, Sydnal, Solihull; Miss NOEL WRIGHT, Sutton Lodge, Solihull.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. MAURICE DAVIS, Berry Hall, Solihull.

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative:

Mrs. ALLPORT, One Oak, Solihull.

Hon. Press and Literature Secretary:

Mrs. MILLS, Danesbury, Solihull.

KNOWLE AND DORRIDGE BRANCH.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. BERNARD TAYLOR, Bentley Heath, Knowle.

Hon. Secretary: Miss E. WHITEHOUSE, Bentley Heath, Knowle.

LAPWORTH AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

Chairman: Mrs. WALE, The Uplands, Hockley Heath.

Hon. Treasurer and Secretary: Miss N. G. PARR, Lapworth Court, Hockley Heath.

Membership, 190. Friends, 100. Money received, £165 13s. 9½d.

The year has been one of sustained effort, many new members have been gained but our numbers have not greatly increased owing to numerous resignations. The "Friends of Woman Suffrage" scheme has brought us 100 new sympa-

thisers, 58 of whom were enrolled at two meetings and the remainder by canvassing. The month of August was spent by the Organising Secretary, Miss Sharpe, in canvassing outlying districts, with gratifying results among working women.

Mr. Newdegate, the M.P. for N. Warwickshire, has continued his support in the House to the limited franchise of which he has always been in favour. He did not, however, extend this to Mr. Dickinson's Bill. Mr. Philip Foster, M.P. for S. Warwickshire, who failed us in March, 1912, is retiring at the next General Election, and Mr. Ludford Docker, the prospective Conservative candidate, has already been approached. He does not wish to take any definite line on the subject, but further efforts will be made to secure his support.

Twenty-two meetings other than Committee Meetings, have been held during the year.

Various means have been tried to raise money for the Society. Lectures on such subjects as Old Furniture, Needlework, Domestic Architecture, Gold and Silver Work, Rock Gardens, and an excellent lecture on Joan of Arc, by Miss Royden, were held at the Forest Hotel, Dorridge, from January to April, resulting in a clear profit of £7 2s. 2d., and our grateful thanks are due to those who thus helped us. A Dickens' recital by the Rev. Runnells Moss, realised £2 18s. 2d. The sale at meetings and elsewhere of South Indian Mission lace contributed a profit of £16 14s. 9d.

Our second Annual Meeting was held at Sutton Lodge, under the presidency of Professor Hughes, of the Birmingham University. It was announced that the Committee has been able, with Miss Watson's help, to establish two offshoot branches of the Solihull and District Society, viz., the Lapworth branch with 34 members and many "Friends," and the Knowle Branch with 40 members. Each sub-committee will be represented on the committee of the parent society. The whole of our large and straggling district will thus be efficiently worked.

During the week's organisation work of Miss Watson and Mrs. Greenwood (Federation organisers) 22 new members were enrolled and £4 12s. 6d. was subscribed towards the initial expenses of the new sections. Twenty-three money boxes were taken and fifteen new subscribers to the "Common Cause"—together with many promises of help, were obtained. It was announced that Miss Wright had herself paid off the deficit on the accounts, thus enabling the year to be started free of debt. It was further decided to close the financial year in future on April 30th, instead of June 31st.

STAFFORD.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. MOTT, The Poplars, Brocton.

Hon. Press Secretary and Federation Representative:

Mrs. PATERSON, Acton Hill, Near Stafford.

Membership, 61. Friends, 13. Money received, £19 15s. 6d.

This Society began its second year with a membership of 35, which has been nearly doubled since and several "Friends" have been enrolled.

Our principle meeting was held on November 8th in the Oddfellows' Hall, when a large audience listened to a brilliant address from Miss Cicely Corbett. Mr. Baillie Weaver was the second speaker, and Mr. W. J. Bostock occupied the chair. A resolution was passed with one dissentient and forwarded to Mr. Essex, the Member for Stafford, calling upon him to support the inclusion of women in the Government Reform Bill.

On February 4th, 1913, a most interesting public debate took place at the Simons' Institute, between Miss Muriel Matters and Mr. Jabon. A crowded audience of whom a large majority were men, were most enthusiastic in their applause of Miss Matters, and many joined in the debate. When the resolution was put to the meeting, 132 voted in favour, and 30 against.

During the year Mrs. Mott and Miss Fraser addressed meetings of the Women's Adult School, Stafford, and also meetings at Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay in connection with the Women's Suffrage Campaign Committee. They were listened to with much attention by large audiences and wishes expressed that they would come and speak to them again.

The Press has given good accounts of meetings and constantly inserted articles, extracts and letters connected with the question of Woman Suffrage, our local weekly giving Suffrage news in nearly every issue during the year.

STOKE-ON-TRENT WITH LEEK.

President: Mrs. CECIL WEDGWOOD.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss HENSLEY, 9, Princes Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

Hon. Secretaries: Miss M. BARKE, Stoke Lodge, Stoke-on-Trent;
Miss K. BAKEWELL, Mount Pleasant, Newcastle.

Hon. Literature Secretary: Mrs. BINEHAM.

Federation Representative: Miss M. BARKE.

Membership (Stoke), 65. Friends (Stoke), 18.

Money received, £11 8s. 6d.

Interest in Woman Suffrage was first aroused in the neighbourhood of Stoke, Newcastle and Leek by the Hanley bye-

election in July, 1912. Excellent work was done by Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Rogers (Organiser for Joint Campaign Committee), in Five Towns in October, when daily open-air meetings were held. They also organised a deputation to Mr. Ward, M.P. for Stoke, on October 26th, when Mr. Ward promised to vote for the Grey, Adult and Dickinson Amendments. In December Mrs. Cooper organised a deputation to Mr. Outhwaite, Member for Hanley, who said he was prepared to vote for Amendments 1, 2 and 6 to the Reform Bill. As a result of Mrs. Meyer's and Miss Chambers' work in Five Towns in the autumn, the N.W. Staffordshire Trades Council passed a Woman Suffrage resolution by a large majority. Resolutions were also passed by twelve associations. (See list of Bodies which passed Women Suffrage resolutions).

On December 10th and 11th Miss Matters addressed public meetings at Stoke and Hanley, and in the same month the Stoke Society was formed and affiliated to the National Union. In January Mrs. Cooper addressed the workers in Messrs. Wedgwood's works and much interest was aroused. On Feb. 11th Mrs. Beardsmore gave an address in the P.S.A. rooms at Trent Vale, and 15 Friends were enrolled.

At a Members' Meeting on April 18th, which took the form of a social gathering, Miss Ethel Barke, M.A., of Cardiff, gave an address and five new members were enrolled.

In February the Leek Society being unable to find officers of its own became a branch of Stoke.

LEEK.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. HOATSON, Southbrook St., Leek.
Membership, 27. Friends, 25.

Work was begun here in June, 1912, by Miss Elizabeth Coyle and Mrs. Irene Meyer, when over 20 members were enrolled. In July, Mrs. Meyer secured a secretary and treasurer and the Society was formed, but the secretary was obliged to resign her post in a few weeks' time owing to great pressure of duties and the Society lapsed for a time. On October 23rd Miss Sterling spoke to the Co-operative Women of Leek and Mrs. Cooper addressed them in January. At both meetings "Friends" were secured. In January also, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Streeter and Miss Rogers worked for 10 days in the division, holding out-of-door meetings, securing new members and arousing fresh interest. As reported under "Stoke" Leek is now a branch of that Society until it can find officers of its own.

STOURBRIDGE AND DISTRICT.

Chairman: Mrs. McDONNELL, Clent, near Stourbridge.

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative:

Miss DOWNING, The Elms, Hagley, Worcestershire.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. PERKS, Oakhurst, Norton, Stourbridge.
Membership, 44. Friends, 16. Money received, £2 10s. 4d.

The Society was formed the end of September, 1912, with a membership of 24, and affiliated to the Federation and to the National Union in October 3rd of the same year, when Miss Wright came down and explained the nature and work of the Society. The membership was increased to 40 at a meeting held in Stourbridge, November 8th, when the speakers were the Ranee of Sarawak and Miss Cicely Corbett, M.A. Mr. Baillie Weaver in the chair.

Miss Sugden, organising secretary for the Letchworth Society, visited the Society during December to work up a deputation to the Member, Mr. Lyttelton, which, however, he refused to receive. Miss Sugden spent the remainder of her visit getting a letter signed by influential voters, which was sent to Mr. Lyttelton, asking him not to vote against the "Grey" Amendment to the Reform Bill. Mr. Lyttelton, in reply, said he could not pledge himself as to what action he should take.

A public meeting was held in the Music Rooms, Stourbridge, on March 4th, when Lady Frances Balfour spoke, and Dr. McCombie, of Birmingham, took the chair. The meeting was well attended and four new members and 14 "Friends" were enrolled.

By kind permission of Mrs. McDonnell, Miss Abadam spoke at a garden meeting at Clent on May 29th, and her address aroused much interest.

SUTTON COLDFIELD AND DISTRICT.

President: Miss L. A. EARL, Allerton, Sutton Coldfield.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss WINIFRED KIRKPATRICK, Closeburn,
Hartopp Road, Four Oaks

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative:

Mrs. G. R. GOUGH, Weatheroak, Upper Holland Road.

Hon. Press Secretary: Mrs. BROOKS, 1, Royal Road, Sutton
Coldfield.

Membership, 125. Money received, £22 19s. 11½d.

Nine meetings other than Committee meetings have been held during the year.

In June a most successful garden meeting was given by Mrs. Dale, of Little Aston Park, Streetly. Miss Earl presided and Miss Margaret Robertson and Mrs. Ring were the speakers.

Fortnightly sewing meetings have been held during the summer and the articles made were sold at the drawing-room meeting given by kind permission of Miss Kirkpatrick, at Closeburn. Miss Mary Fielden came at short notice to supply the place of Mrs. Swanwick and gave an interesting address on the position of women under the law.

On July 7th a well-attended meeting was held in the Town Hall, Mr. Joseph Ansell, J.P., in the chair, and Mr. Baillie Weaver and Miss Cicely Corbett the speakers. The suffrage resolution at the close of the meeting was carried with an overwhelming majority.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Treasurer (pro tem.): Mrs. RADFORD, Vacye, Malvern.

Hon. Secretary (pro tem.) and Federation Representative:

Miss DAWSON, Broadmeadow, Malvern.

Membership, 40. Friends, 45. Money received, £23 6s. 8d.

The Society was first formed in July, 1912, and affiliated to the National Union in August of the same year.

On July 2nd, 1912, a well-attended meeting was held in the Dining Hall of the Hanley Castle Grammar School, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. James. The speakers were Miss Matters and Miss Wright, and the Rev. A. C. Esau took the chair.

A White Elephant Sale was held in the Workmen's Club on Oct. 30th.

On November 4th a public meeting was held in the Upton-on-Severn Town Hall, the Dean of Worcester in the chair; Miss Cicely Corbett and Mr. Baillie Weaver the speakers.

In April, 1913, Miss Watson and Mrs. Greenwood spent a week in Upton re-starting the Society, which had done no work since the public meeting in November, and Mrs. Radford and Miss Dawson, of Malvern, have kindly temporarily undertaken the duties of Treasurer and Secretary respectively until they can be replaced by local members.

WALSALL.

President and Federation Representative:

Miss LOWRY, 74, Lysways Street.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss DAWSON, Glenhurst, Birmingham Road.

Hon. Secretary (pro tem.): Miss LOWRY.

Hon. Press Secretary: Miss EVA LOWRY, 74, Lysways Street.

Membership, 40. Money received, £6 9s. 1d.

This Society was formed in May, 1912, and affiliated to the National Union and the Federation in July of the same year.

Owing to there being no Secretary at present much work has not been done. Six new members have joined, but as some have left Walsall the number still remains at 40.

One public meeting has been held when Miss Maude Royden was the speaker, and the Member's reply to the resolution sent up showed a more favourable attitude.

Monthly Members' Meetings have been held.

The Press Secretary sends matters occasionally to the local papers, which is always inserted.

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. DYKES, 12, Milverton Crescent, Leamington.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. A. HILL, 20, Northumberland Road, Leamington.

Hon. Press Secretary: Miss DORMER HARRIS, 16, Gaveston Road, Leamington.

Secretary and Federation Representative:

Miss E. D. SHARPE, 12, The Parade, Leamington.

Membership, 106. Money received, £34 13s. 1½d.

The following meetings, the last two in conjunction with other non-militant bodies, have been held during the year:—

July 12th.—At St. Bees, Leamington, by kind permission of Mrs. Hill. Speaker, Miss Earl, of Sutton Coldfield. Chair, Mr. A. Thornton, B.Sc.

December 13th.—Town Hall, Leamington. Speakers, Miss C. Macmillan, Mr. Baillie Weaver. Chair, Lady Willoughby de Broke.

February 13th, 1913.—At the Shire Hall, Warwick. Speakers, Lord Willoughby de Broke, Rev. Paul Hinscliff. Chair (in the absence of Mrs. Osler), the Archdeacon of Coventry.

The Franchise Club meets every first Thursday in the month at Birch's Music Rooms, with an average attendance of 18 members. Papers have been read on Women's Work, and resolutions forwarded to Cabinet Ministers, M.P.s, and Party Whips.

Twenty-six new members have joined during the year.

WEDNESBURY.

Chairman: Mrs. BRADSWORTH, West Bromwich.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. NASH, Kingsley, Hollies Drive, Wednesbury.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. THOMAS, 1, Loxdale Street, Wednesbury.

Federation Representative:

Mrs. SHOTLIFFE, 10, Lower High Street, Wednesbury.

Membership, 35. Money received, £3 9s.

Affiliated to the National Union and West Midland Federation, November, 1912.

After a month's work by Mrs. Adersley, National Union Organiser, a public meeting was held on October 22nd, 1912, when Mr. Micklewright took the chair and the speakers were Miss Sterling and Mrs. Aldersley.

Mrs. Aldersley had also spoken to the Women's Co-operative Guild and other organisations and had obtained members at each meeting. The Society was formed October 23rd, 1912.

Meetings have been held monthly to which members and friends have been invited, and a good deal of house-to-house canvassing has been done.

WELLINGTON (SHROPSHIRE).

President: Mrs. EYTON, Eyton Hall.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss BARBER, Chapel House, Wellington.

Hon. Secretaries: Mrs. CLEMSON, Leahurst, Wellington.

Miss CLIFT, Hillside, Wellington.

Federation Representative: Mrs. AUBREY, 16, Park St., Welling'n.

Members enrolled during year, 39; total, 80.

Friends of Suffrage, 37. Money received, £18 16s. 10½d.

On September 3, 1912, an open-air meeting was arranged at which the speakers were Miss Helga Gill, M.A., and Miss Bury, who were passing through Wellington in the N.U. Caravan. This was a most satisfactory meeting, especially with

regard to the number of men attending it, and the interest shown by the audience. Miss Eva Ward was in the chair.

A large public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Nov. 28th, the speakers being Lady Frances Balfour and Mrs. Harley. Dr. Hollies, J.P., kindly acted as chairman. The addresses were enthusiastically received by a large and interested audience, and several names were given in at the close of the meeting as members, and as Friends of Suffrage (the latter scheme having been started here in November). The Society feels that very much is due to Lady Frances Balfour, who kindly came down from London at considerable inconvenience.

The Annual Meeting took place in the Ercall Assembly Rooms on Jan. 20th, 1913, when Mrs. Ring was the speaker. The duologue, "A Chat with Mrs. Chicky," was given by Miss Crosskey and Miss Doris Barber, and other members of the Society contributed songs and recitations. The Rev. F. Pickles kindly acted as chairman, and officers and committee were elected at the business meeting held at the close.

On the suggestion of Mrs. Passey and Miss O'Keeffe, Mrs. Ring was invited to speak at Dawley on Feb. 24th, when "A Chat with Mrs. Chicky" was again given. Owing to the keenness of the Dawley members the Society is gaining ground in that neighbourhood, and hopes to arrange another meeting there early in June, when Councillor Ashton will be the speaker.

On April 30th Councillor Margaret Ashton, M.A., delivered a most inspiring address before a large public meeting in the Town Hall. Dr. Hollies, J.P., again acted as chairman, and the Society feel that their thanks are due to him for the consistent and courageous way in which he has supported their cause.

At all these meetings resolutions were passed and sent to Sir Charles Henry and prominent members of the Government.

WEST BROMWICH.

President: Miss A. MAUDE ROYDEN.

Vice-Presidents: The VISCOUNTESS LEWISHAM, Mrs. J. E. COX.

Mrs. HARRY BROCKHOUSE.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. BYE.

Hon. Secretary and Federation Representative:

Mrs. LANGLEY BROWNE, Moor House.

Hon. Literature Secretary: Mrs. BRADSWORTH.

Membership, 208. Friends, 70. Money received, £56 9s. 6d.

Seven public meetings have been held during the year, when the speakers were Miss Abadam, Mrs. Despard, Miss E. Morrison (twice), Miss Margaret Robertson, B.A., Mrs. Merivale Mayer, and Mrs. Swanwick, M.A. At five of these seven meetings the chair was taken by members of the Town Council. Besides these regular public meetings eight other meetings have been addressed by National Union speakers in association with the branch, on various aspects of the Woman's Movement. Some of these were held at Men's Adult Schools, the Labour Church, P.S.A. Gatherings and Working Men's Clubs. Everywhere the reception was friendly and in most cases an invitation to repeat the visit was given.

The member for the constituency, Viscount Lewisham, has, by consistently voting for, or pairing in favour of any measure relative to women's suffrage, most loyally fulfilled his promise to the National Union, and was prepared to go even further than the terms of the Conciliation Bill (beyond which he was not pledged) and to vote for the Dickinson Amendment to the ill-fated Franchise Bill.

The Society is to be sincerely congratulated on its good fortune in having as President, Miss Maude Royden. On March 3rd a most inspiring Presidential address was given by her to a crowded audience in the Public Library Lecture Hall. The Chairman on this occasion was Alderman J. H. Blades, former Liberal M.P. for the constituency, who at that very trying crisis in the history of the National Union, made a most sympathetic and encouraging speech.

WHITCHURCH.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. CLAY FINCH, Barke Hill House, Whitchurch.
Membership, Money received, £2 4s. 5d.

The end of October and early November, 1912, Miss Rogers, an Oswestry member, worked up a public meeting which took place Nov. 5th at the Oddfellows' Hall, Whitchurch. Mrs. Clay Finch was in the chair and Miss Cicely Corbett, M.A., the speaker. Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Shields came over from Shrewsbury to help. Twelve members and seven "Friends" joined.

In February Mrs. Harley addressed a members' meeting, and from February 10th to 12th Miss Rogers worked in Whitchurch and a Society was started.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

President: Mrs. MAJOR, The Bhylls, Wolverhampton.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. MAYE
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. TAYLOR, 107, Waterloo Rd., Wolverhampton.
Membership, 150. Money received, £14.

During the year we have held six drawing-room and two public meetings. In September a drawing-room meeting was held by kind permission of Mrs. Major, at the Bhylls, when the speaker was Miss Helen Fraser.

On Oct. 17th, Mrs. Ring, of the Birmingham Society, gave a very interesting address to the Wolverhampton Trades' Council. A number of "Friends" were enrolled at this meeting.

October 29th, an invitation meeting was held in St. Peter's Institute, the hostesses being Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Bankier, Mrs. Townsend and Miss Wright. The Hon. Mrs. Basil Hanbury and Mr. Ernest Jones were the speakers.

In April two very successful drawing-room meetings were held, the first at Mrs. Langfear's, St. Paul's Vicarage, and the second at 107, Waterloo Road. Six members joined on each occasion.

In December, 1912, Miss Morrison, National Union Organiser, got up a very successful memorial to Mr. Staveley Hill.

WORCESTER.

President: Mrs. MOORE EDE, The Deanery.
Chairman: Mrs. WILSON, The College.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. SAMPSON, 36, Victoria Street.
Hon. Secretary, Press Secretary, and Federation Representative:
Miss M. M. WILLIAMS, 19, Droitwich Road.
Hon. Asst. Secretary: Miss J. H. HOUSE, 94, Barbourne Road.
Hon. "Common Cause" Secretary: Mrs. CARLTON REA, 34, Foregate Street.
Hon. Friends' Secretary: Miss L. HOLYOAKE, Cam House.
Membership, 160. Friends, 165. Money received, £92 13s. 9d.

During the year one mass meeting has been held, addressed by Miss Fraser and Dr. C. W. Saleeby, M.D., F.R.S., Edin.,

Dr. Mabyr Read presiding. Eight meetings have been held for members and several meetings for business girls, factory hands, etc., addressed by members of the local Society. National Union speakers have also addressed the Women's Liberal Federation, the Co-operative Women's Guild, the nurses at the General Infirmary, and a Mothers' Meeting.

A Sweated Industries Exhibition was held in October, the Societies of Malvern, Kidderminster, and Upton joined with us in organising it. It was opened by Lady Isabel Margesson, and Mrs. Dykes, of Leamington, gave three very interesting lectures at intervals during the day. Much interest was aroused, and the profit made was divided between the four Societies.

An Indian Lace and Embroidery Sale was held December 14th and 15th to raise money for the Federation, but it was a little too near Christmas to be a great success.

A Rummage Sale held in the School Canteen resulted in a profit of £8 4s.

The local press are very good in giving excellent reports of all our undertakings, and also insert a good deal of other matter sent to them.

The *Common Cause* has sold well this year, the number of regular subscribers has risen considerably. On March 1st 12 dozen copies were sold in the streets.

The "Friends of Women Suffrage" work is going on quietly and we hope this year to increase our efforts in this direction.

Our Member, Mr. Goulding, stands as strongly as ever for Suffrage; his speech for Mr. Dickinson's Bill lately showed that we may rely absolutely on his support in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In the financial year from June 15th, 1911, to May 31st, 1912, the amount collected for the Federation was £310 15s. 10d. This amount included £102 3s. 2d. from the Leamington Fête, owing to which Mrs. Harley was able to hand over to her successor a balance of £117 18s. 4d. in June, 1912.

The receipts during the present year are £460 11s. 5d., and the payments £448 10s. 1d., leaving, after taking into account a loan of £15 due to Mrs. Harley, a deficit of £2 18s. 8d.

The total takings of the Summer School were £69 14s. 7d., as shown on List 3. The cost, as shown on List 8, was £62, leaving a profit of £7 14s. 7d., but this is somewhat reduced by several small payments in connection with printing and advertising which appear under these headings in the accounts and not under that of Summer School. Therefore, the nett profits of the Summer School were not in reality more than £3 10s.

It will be noticed on List 1 that Malvern Society, Stourbridge Society, and Worcester Society, have paid Affiliation Fees for two years, therefore these three Societies will not be called upon to pay Affiliation Fees next year.

The payments made for Secretaries', Organisers, and Speakers' expenses during the past year have been £296 5s. 2d., which amount would have been considerably increased if the Honorary Officers of the local Societies had not been exceedingly generous in the voluntary assistance they have given towards the various expenses of local meetings. This increase of expenditure has been thoroughly justified by results.

From headquarters we have received a total grant of £75.

In resigning my office, while thanking the Societies for their past help, I beg for ever-increasing support, as it would be a dire misfortune if our work should suffer for lack of means.

HELEN TALBOT.

FINANCIAL LISTS.

List 1.

FEDERATED SOCIETIES' FEES.

	£	s.	d.
Birmingham	5	0	0
Bromsgrove	1	4	9
Bridgnorth	0	12	6
Church Stretton	0	6	3
Coventry	0	12	6
Evesham	0	6	3
Hereford	0	12	6
Kidderminster	0	12	6
Lichfield	0	12	6
Malvern (Fee for two years)	1	5	0
Nuneaton	0	12	6
Olton	0	12	6
Ross	0	12	6
Rugby	0	14	6
Shipston	0	6	3
Shrewsbury	1	0	0
Solihull and District	0	15	0
Stafford	0	12	6
Stoke and Newcastle	0	12	6
Stourbridge (Fee for two years)	1	5	0
Sutton Coldfield	0	12	6
Upton	0	12	6
Walsall	0	12	6
Warwick and Leamington	0	12	6
Wednesbury	0	12	6
Wellington	0	12	6
West Bromwich	0	15	9
Whitchurch	0	6	3
Wolverhampton	0	12	6
Worcester (Fee for two years)	1	12	6
	<u>£25</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

List 2.
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	Subscriptions.		Donations.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Badland, Misses	0	1	0			
Brough, Mrs.	0	2	6			
Coventry Society			1	0	0	
Harley, Mrs. (towards Shrewsbury Demonstration)			2	7	0	
Harley, Mrs.	2	0	0			
Harley, Mrs.			8	0	0	
Harley, Mrs. (Loan)			15	0	0	
Harley, Mrs.	1	0	0			
Harley, Miss E.	0	10	0			
Harley, Miss F.	0	10	0			
Hereford Society			2	0	0	
Hodge, Miss	0	1	0			
Huxley, Mrs.	0	10	0			
Jackson, Misses			1	0	0	
Kidderminster Society			2	10	0	
Kirby, Miss	0	10	0	1	0	0
Langley Brown, Mrs.	1	0	0	5	0	0
Lowndes, Miss	0	2	6			
Malvern Society			5	0	0	
National Union (Memorial Work)			5	0	0	
„ „ (Mrs. Cooper's expenses)			8	0	0	
„ „ (Miss Sugden's expenses)			3	0	0	
„ „ (Increased Grant)			9	0	0	
„ „ (Grant)			50	0	0	
Osler, Mrs.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Paterson, Mrs.	1	1	0			
Pearce, Mrs.	0	5	0			
Radford, Mrs.	5	0	0			
Severne, Mrs.	0	10	0			
Shaw, Miss			1	0	0	
Shropshire Society			5	0	0	
Smallwood, H. M., Esq.			1	1	0	
Solihull Society			4	0	0	
Sutton Coldfield Society			1	0	0	
Talbot, Mrs.			5	11	5	
West Bromwich Society			0	14	3	
Windsor, Miss			0	5	0	
Worcester Society			5	0	0	
Wright, Miss N. H.	1	0	0			
			<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	
Amount of Subscriptions			15	3	0	
Carried forward			157	11	8	

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	157	11	8			
SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM N.U. MEMBERS						
PREVIOUS TO FORMATION OF SOCIETY—						
Leek Members ...	0	6	6			
Leominster Members ...	1	9	0			
Ross Members ...	1	5	0			
				3	0	6
REPAYMENTS OF SPEAKERS—						
MISS ABADAM—						
Bridgnorth ...	1	13	9			
Shrewsbury Church League ...	0	12	9			
Hereford ...	1	13	9			
				4	0	3
MRS. CORBETT ASHBY—						
Church Stretton ...	0	18	8			
Hereford ...	0	15	3			
Kidderminster ...	0	12	0			
Solihull ...	0	18	8			
				3	4	7
LADY FRANCES BALFOUR—						
Kidderminster ...	0	9	0			
Lichfield ...	0	9	0			
Stourbridge ...	0	13	9			
Sutton Coldfield ...	0	13	9			
Wolverhampton ...	0	9	0			
				2	14	6
MISS CICELEY CORBETT—						
Ross ...	1	0	10			
Solihull Society ...	1	0	10			
Upton Society ...	1	0	10			
				3	2	6
MISS C. CORBETT and MR. BAILLIE WEAVER—						
Sutton Coldfield ...	1	14	2			
Stafford ...	1	14	1			
Stourbridge ...	1	14	1			
				5	2	4
MISS MURIEL MATTERS—						
Hereford ...	0	17	2			
Kidderminster ...	1	1	2			
Malvern ...	0	17	1			
Ross ...	1	1	2			
Solihull ...	0	17	2			
Worcester ...	0	17	1			
				5	10	10
Carried forward ...	184	7	2			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Brought forward ...	184	7	2						
MISS ROYDEN—									
Kidderminster ...	0	7	6						
Malvern ...	0	7	6						
Olton ...	0	7	6						
Solihull ...	0	7	6						
Walsall ...	0	7	6						
West Bromwich ...	0	7	6						
					2	5	0		
MISS STERLING—									
Solihull ...	0	11	5						
Leek ...	0	11	5						
					1	2	10		
							187	15	0

List 3.

OFFICE RENT, DONATIONS FROM SALES, &c., AND MISCELLANEOUS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
OFFICE RENT—									
Birmingham ...	0	5	0						
Hereford ...	0	5	0						
Solihull ...	2	10	0						
Solihull (Share of Office Shelves) ...	0	15	0						
Warwick and Leamington ...	1	10	0						
West Bromwich ...	1	0	0						
					6	5	0		
Summer School, Malvern ...				69	12	7			
Unused Balance of £5 Organiser's Expenses				1	4	11			
Upton Members' Guarantee towards Hanley									
Castle Meeting ...				2	12	0			
Allowance from Lloyd's Bank on Cheques re									
Summer School ...				0	2	0			
Shrewsbury Demonstration (per Mrs. Harley)				9	14	11			
Wellington—Sale of Christmas Cards ...				1	0	0			
Sale of Seals (per Mrs. Aubrey Dowson) ...				0	4	6			
Worcester Sweated Industries Exhibition (per									
Mrs. Sampson) ...				1	12	2			
Mrs. Corbett Ashby (returned) ...				0	10	0			
Miss Edwards (returned) ...				0	4	0			
Mrs. Talbot (returned) ...				0	1	3			
Miss Watson (returned) ...				0	12	4			
							£93	15	8

List 4.

COLLECTIONS AT MEETINGS AND SALE OF LITERATURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
BIRMINGHAM—							
Annual Reports	0	1	6	
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
					0	2	6
BROMSGROVE—							
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
BRIDGNORTH—							
Collection	1	0	6	
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
				1	1	6	
CHURCH STRETTON—							
Annual Reports	0	6	2	
Collection	0	9	0	
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
					0	16	2
COYLE, Miss—							
Secretary's Book		0	1	0
DUDLEY—							
Collection	2	18	7	
Literature sold	0	11	3	
					3	9	10
HEREFORD—							
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
KIDDERMINSTER—							
Annual Reports	0	2	7	
Collection for Holmfirth	2	6	0	
Literature sold	1	3	1	
Ditto	0	15	3	
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
					4	7	11
LEOMINSTER—							
Collection	1	2	0	
Literature sold	0	1	1	
Tickets sold	1	12	0	
					2	15	1
LICHFIELD—							
Annual Reports	0	1	4	
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
Collection	1	7	4	
					1	9	8
Carried forward	...			14	5	8	

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward	...			14	5	8	
MALVERN—							
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
MORRISON, Miss—							
Secretary's Book	0	5	1	
NUNEATON—							
Annual Reports	0	0	9	
OLTON—							
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
OSWESTRY—							
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
REDDITCH—							
Literature sold	0	1	10	
ROSS—							
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
RUGBY—							
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
SHREWSBURY—							
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
SOLIHULL AND DISTRICT—							
Annual Reports	0	4	0	
C.C. and Badges	0	2	2	
Labels and Literature	0	1	0	
					0	7	2
STAFFORD—							
Annual Reports	0	2	6	
Literature sold	0	1	9	
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
					0	5	3
STOKE AND NEWCASTLE—							
Secretary's Book	0	1	0	
Hanley Secondary School collection	0	2	8	
Newcastle and Stoke collection	1	6	7	
Hanley and Stoke collection	0	15	3	
Literature sold Leek and Newcastle	0	3	7	
Literature sold Leek	0	3	10	
					2	12	11
STOURBRIDGE—							
Associates' Cards	0	1	6	
Badges sold	0	4	0	
Literature	0	8	2	
Collection	0	2	0	
					0	15	3
Carried forward	...			19	0	4	

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward ...				19	0	4
UPTON—							
Annual Reports	... ..	0	0	8			
Collection	... ..	1	19	3			
Secretary's Book	... ..	0	1	0			
Sale of Literature	... ..	0	18	11			
					2	19	10
WALSALL—							
Annual Reports	... ..	0	1	0			
Secretary's Book	... ..	0	1	0			
					0	2	0
WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON—							
Annual Reports	... ..	0	1	9			
Secretary's Book	... ..	0	1	0			
					0	2	9
WEDNESBURY—							
Collection	... ..	0	10	6			
Literature sold	... ..	0	0	8			
					0	11	2
WELLINGTON—							
Annual Reports	... ..	0	2	2			
Secretary's Book	... ..	0	1	0			
					0	3	2
WEST BROMWICH:—							
Annual Reports	... ..	0	5	0			
Secretary's Book	... ..	0	1	0			
					0	6	0
WOLVERHAMPTON—							
Annual Reports	... ..	0	2	6			
Secretary's Book	... ..	0	1	0			
					0	3	6
WORCESTER—							
Annual Reports	... ..	0	2	0	0	2	0
WRIGHT, Miss—							
Annual Reports	... ..	0	0	8	0	0	8
LIST OF SOCIETIES TAKING C.C. SHARES—							
Birmingham	... ..	5	0	0			
Kidderminster	... ..	1	0	0			
Rugby	... ..	1	0	0			
Solihull	... ..	1	0	0			
Shrewsbury	... ..	1	1	0			
Warwick and Leamington	... ..	1	0	0			
West Bromwich	... ..	1	0	0			
Worcester	... ..	1	0	0			
					12	1	0
					£35	12	5

List 5.**SECRETARIES', ORGANISERS' & SPEAKERS' EXPENSES,
INCLUDING COST OF MEETINGS AND OFFICE RENT.**

	£	s.	d.
SECRETARIES—			
Miss Coyle:			
Salary, Petty Cash, and Office Rent	...	6	15 0
Miss Harding:			
Salary, Expenses, Petty Cash, and Office Rent	...	91	15 4
Office Rent (per Miss Wright)	...	1	0 0
Miss Knight:			
Expenses, Petty Cash, and Office Rent	...	35	0 0
TREASURER'S EXPENSES—			
Cheque Books	...	0	15 0
ORGANISERS (including Expenses of Meetings)—			
Mrs. Aldersley	...	12	8 8
Miss Chambers	...	10	3 0
Mrs. Cooper	...	15	13 9
Miss Farnell	...	3	14 3
Mrs. Meyer	...	2	9 6
Miss Morrison	...	13	8 8
Miss Rogers	...	2	2 5
Mrs. Streeter	...	5	19 10
Miss Sugden	...	3	9 4
Miss Thompson (Memorial Work)	...	16	8 5
Miss Walford	...	5	15 0
Miss Watson	...	16	14 9
Miss Wright (expenses of starting Upton Society)	...	2	1 11
SPEAKERS—			
Miss Abadam	...	4	0 3
Mrs. Corbett Ashby	...	5	1 1
Lady Frances Balfour	...	2	14 6
Miss C. Corbett	...	7	5 9
Mrs. Dowson	...	0	16 8
Miss Fielden	...	2	5 0
Rev. W. A. Newman Hall	...	0	4 6
Mrs. Harley—Press Work	...	2	10 0
Mrs. Harley—Travelling Expenses	...	1	19 4
Miss Macmillan	...	0	12 6
Miss Matters	...	10	4 9
Mr. Tom Richardson	...	0	18 6
Carried forward	...	284	7 8

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	284	7	8
Mrs. Ring	0	10	0
Mr. T. G. Rogers	0	7	0
Miss Royden	2	5	0
Miss Sterling	2	17	0
Mr. Baillie Weaver	2	16	0
Miss Wright	3	2	6
	<u>£296</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>

List 6.

PRINTING, STATIONERY, ETC.

	£	s.	d.
Account Book	0	0	6
Barlock Typewriter Co.	1	3	6
Birmingham Blind Institution for Typing	1	12	11
"Common Cause" Publishing Co.	0	13	4
"Dudley Herald," Ltd.	0	18	9
Electrical Co.—Typewriter Ribbon	0	2	6
Mrs. Greenwood—Stationery	0	3	3
Hudson & Son—Stationery	0	6	0
Midland Educational—Stationery	0	6	0
"Nuneaton Chronicle," Ltd.	1	4	0
"Nuneaton Observer"	1	11	0
Orphan's Printing Press	3	8	4
Templar Printing Works	17	0	0
Mr. Thurman—Typing	0	16	0
	<u>£29</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>

List 7.

LITERATURE.

	£	s.	d.
"Common Cause" Publishing Co. (Vols. II. and III.)	0	18	4
Mrs. Aubrey Dowson (Cookery Books)	1	1	0
Miss Farnell (Dudley Literature)	0	2	11
Messrs. Hudson (Presentation Books—Miss Morrison)	1	1	8
Miss Knight (Secretary's Books)	0	12	0
National Union (Miss O'Malley)	9	9	9
Miss Parr (Literature, Solihull)	0	2	9
	<u>£13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>

List 8.

MISCELLANEOUS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Auerbach—Holmfirth Bye-Election	2	6	0
Miss Barke—Refunded Leek Society	0	6	6
Barlock Typewriter—Purchase of Machine	9	9	0
Miss Chambers—Directory for Potteries	0	10	6
"Common Cause" Publishing Co.—Advertising Summer School	0	1	3
Mrs. Cowell—Returned	1	12	2
Dudley Café Co.—Hire of Room, and Tea	3	5	4
Miss Hughes—Ross Members' Subscriptions returned	1	5	0
Mr. J. Ingham—Co-op. Room, Leek	0	2	0
Mrs. Johnson—Expenses for Hanley Castle Meeting, which includes £2 12s., guaranteed by Upton Members	3	11	3
Mr. F. A. Mantle—Making Office Cupboard	1	2	0
Mrs. Norman—Expenses, Public Meeting at Lichfield	4	0	0
Nuneaton Bill Posting Co.—Advertising Special Cam- paign	0	13	10
Nuneaton—G. Harvey, Hire of Lecture Hall, Special Campaign	1	5	0
Miss Parr—For Albert Hall Ticket	0	1	3
Queen's College—Hire of Room for Committee Meet- ings	2	16	0
Miss Russell—Leominster Member's Subscription re- turned	1	9	0
Shrewsbury Demonstration—Per Mrs. Harley	12	7	4
Mrs. Streeter—Repaid for Stoke (Leek Branch)	0	6	0
Summer School, Malvern	62	0	0
Miss Wright—Mr. Smallwood's Donation to Fete	1	1	0
	<u>£109</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>

WEST MIDLAND FEDERATION STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

31ST MAY, 1912, TO 31ST MAY, 1913.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward	117 18 4	By Secretaries', Organizers', and Speakers' Expenses, including cost of Meetings and Office Rent (List 5)	296 5 2
" Federated Societies' Fees (List 1)	25 10 0	" Printing, Stationery, etc. (List 6)	29 6 1
" Subscriptions and Donations (List 2)	187 15 0	" Literature (List 7)	13 8 5
" Office Rent, Donations from Sales, etc., and Miscellaneous (List 3)	93 15 8	" Miscellaneous (List 8)	109 10 5
" Collections at Meetings and Sale of Literature (List 4)	35 12 5	" Amount of Loan from Mrs. Harley to the Federation (repaid)	15 0 0
" Deficit... ..	2 18 8		
	<hr/> £463 10 1		<hr/> £463 10 1

We have compared this Statement with the Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, and have found same correct.

CHAMBERS & SOUTHAN, Chartered Accountants, Kidderminster,
Auditors.

JUNE 27TH, 1913.

KATHERINE M. HARLEY, Chairman West Midland Federation,
N.U.W.S.S.

FINANCIAL HELP GIVEN TO THE
FEDERATION BY SOCIETIES.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
BIRMINGHAM.			
Total Income	578 7 4½		
Affiliation Fees		5 0 0	
Subscriptions—			
Miss Kirby		1 10 0	
Mrs. Osler		2 0 0	
Miss Lowndes		0 2 6	
Mrs. Riley		0 10 0	
		<hr/>	9 2 6
BRIDGNORTH.			
Total Income	6 11 3½		
Affiliation Fees		0 12 6	
Fete Donation		2 0 0	
		<hr/>	2 12 6
			(Fête Goods worth £1 7s. 3d.)
BROMSGROVE.			
Total Income	13 7 5		
Fete Donation		0 2 6	
Affiliation Fees		0 12 9	
		<hr/>	0 15 3
			(Fête Goods worth £5.)
CHURCH STRETTON.			
Total Income	4 14 9		
Affiliation Fees		0 12 6	
		<hr/>	0 12 6
COVENTRY.			
Total Income	37 4 9		
Affiliation Fees		0 12 6	
Donation		1 0 0	
		<hr/>	1 12 6
DUDLEY.			
Total Income	1 12 0		

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
EVESHAM.			
Total Income	4 12 1		
Affiliation Fees		0 6 3	
		<hr/>	0 6 3

HEREFORD.

Total Income	12 0 10		
Affiliation Fees		0 12 6	
Subscriptions		2 0 0	
Donation to Fete		12 6 6	
		<hr/>	14 19 0

KIDDERMINSTER.

Total Income	39 11 8		
Fees		0 12 6	
Subscriptions		2 10 0	
Sub.—Mrs. Talbot		5 0 0	
Don.—Miss Badland		0 1 0	
Don.—Mrs. Talbot		0 11 4	
Fete		6 16 6	
		<hr/>	15 12 10

(Goods worth £1 1s. 6d.)

LEOMINSTER.

Total Income	2 5 0		
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LICHFIELD.

Total Income	10 4 1		
Affiliation Fees		0 12 6	
Donation		2 0 0	
		<hr/>	2 12 6

MALVERN.

Total Income	19 8 6½		
Affiliation Fees		0 12 6	
Subs.—Miss Shaw		1 0 0	
Sub. to Federation		5 0 0	
Sub. to Federation		5 0 0	
Sub. to Fete		0 2 6	
		<hr/>	11 15 0

(Goods worth £5 1s. 8d.)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
NUNEATON.			
Total Income	11 11 5		
Affiliation Fees		0 12 6	
Sub.—Mrs. Brough		0 2 6	
Donation to Fete		0 5 0	
		<hr/>	1 0 0

OLTON.

Total Income	25 6 7		
Affiliation Fees		0 12 6	
Don.—Mrs. Jackson		1 0 0	
To Fete		1 0 0	
		<hr/>	2 12 6

(Goods worth £1 5s.).

OSWESTRY.

Total Income	6 0 3		
Fees		0 12 6	
		<hr/>	0 12 6

REDDITCH.

Total Income	7 3 0		
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ROSS.

Total Income	17 4 0		
Fees		0 12 6	
		<hr/>	0 12 6

(Goods worth £2 5s.).

RUGBY.

Total Income	45 14 7		
Affiliation Fees		0 14 0	
Don.—Fete		3 6 0	
		<hr/>	4 0 0

(Goods worth £4 7s.).

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR.

Total Income	1 5 3		
Fees		0 6 3	
		<hr/>	0 6 3

SHREWSBURY.

Total Income	81 0 0		
Fees		1 0 0	
Subs.—Mrs. Harley		1 0 0	
Mrs. Harley		2 0 0	
Miss Harley		0 10 0	
Miss E. Harley		0 10 0	
Donation to Federation.—Mrs. Harley		8 0 0	
Donation to Federation.—Mrs. Harley		2 7 0	
Donation to Federation		5 0 0	
Mrs. Severn		0 10 0	
Miss Windsor		0 5 0	
Fete Donation		8 4 0	
		<hr/>	29 6 0

(Goods worth £11 15s.)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SOLIHULL AND DISTRICT.			
Total Income	165 13 9½		
Fees		0 15 0	
Subs.—Miss Wright ...		1 0 0	
Mrs. Pearce ...		0 5 0	
Office Rent and Shelves		0 5 0	
Don. to Federation ...		3 0 0	
Fete		7 12 0	
		<hr/>	15 17 0
	(Goods worth £16).		
STAFFORD.			
Total Income	19 15 6		
Fees		0 12 6	
Subs.—Mrs. Patterson		1 1 0	
Fete		2 0 0	
		<hr/>	3 13 6
STOKE.			
Total Income	11 8 6		
Fees		0 12 6	
		<hr/>	0 12 6
	(Goods worth £2).		
STOURBRIDGE.			
Total Income	2 10 4		
Fees		0 12 6	
		<hr/>	0 12 6
	(Goods worth £2 7s. 6d.).		
SUTTON COLDFIELD.			
Total Income	75 18 11½		
Fees		0 12 6	
Subs.		1 0 0	
		<hr/>	1 12 6
	(Goods worth £1 16s.)		
UPTON-ON-SEVERN.			
Total Income	23 6 8		
Fees		0 12 6	
		<hr/>	0 12 6
WALSALL.			
Total Income	6 9 1		
Fees		0 12 6	
Fete		2 12 0	
		<hr/>	3 4 6
WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON.			
Total Income	34 13 1½		
Fees		0 12 6	
Donation Fete ...		1 10 0	
		<hr/>	2 2 6

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
WEDNESBURY.			
Total Income	3 10 0		
Fees		0 12 6	
		<hr/>	0 12 6
WEST BROMWICH.			
Total Income	56 9 6		
Fees		0 15 9	
Don.—Mrs. L. Browne		6 0 0	
Fete		5 0 0	
Don.—(Mrs. Aldersley's expenses Wednesbury)		0 14 3	
		<hr/>	12 10 0
WELLINGTON.			
Total Income	18 16 10½		
Fees		0 12 6	
Donation		1 0 0	
Fete Donation		1 0 0	
		<hr/>	2 12 6
	(Goods worth £1 10s.)		
WHITCHURCH.			
Total Income	2 4 6		
Fees		0 6 3	
		<hr/>	0 6 3
	(Goods worth 2s. 6d.).		
WOLVERHAMPTON.			
Total Income	11 5 0		
Fees		0 12 6	
Fete Donation		1 0 0	
		<hr/>	1 12 6
WORCESTER.			
Total Income	92 12 9		
Fees		0 12 6	
Donation		3 0 0	
Subscriptions		5 0 0	
		<hr/>	8 12 6
	(Goods worth £3).		

LIST OF SPEAKERS.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PARTICULARS.
Mrs. Bassett	6, York Road, Edgbaston	Chair at drawing-room meetings. Can go rarely and very short distances.
Mrs. Langley Browne Miss Bowler	Moor House, West Bromwich 12, Frederick Road, Edgbaston	Drawing-room meetings Teachers. Evenings or Saturdays only.
Dr. Burt Miss Byett	Snitterfield, Stratford-on-Avon 93, Grantham Rd., Sparkbrook, Birmingham	Teachers. Evenings or Saturdays only.
Mrs. Cashmore Mrs. Dykes	61, High Street, West Bromwich 12, Milverton Crescent, Leamington	Open-air meetings. Very busy. Indoor only. Working-class audience.
Miss Earl Dr. Olive Elgood The Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester	Allarton High School, Sutton Coldfield 6, Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham The Deanery, Worcester	Chair or drawing-room. Very busy. Rarely. Drawing-room. Public meetings.
Miss Franklin Mrs. Godlee Mrs. Harley Rev. W. A. Newman Hall	12, Queens Road, Coventry The Lea, Harborne Condover House, near Shrewsbury St. Philip's Lodge, Dorridge, Warwickshire	Small indoor meetings. Drawing-room. Long notice. Chair or drawing-room. Indoor or out of door. Can rarely be away at night.
Rev. Ingham Brooke Mrs. Highfield Jones	Barford Rectory, Warwick Ash Hill, Compton, near Wolverhampton	Chair. Indoor. Own district preferred. Industrial questions.
Miss Kirby Miss Matheson Mrs. Mills	43, Frederick Road, Edgbaston Women's Settlement, Birmingham Danesbury, Solihull	Indoors. Afternoons only. Elementary audiences preferred. Drawing-room or public meeting. Very busy. Cottage or Mothers' Meetings.

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LIST OF SPEAKERS—continued.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PARTICULARS.
Miss Orange Mrs. Osler	University House, Edgbaston Fallowfield, Norfolk Road, Edgbaston	Drawing-room. Very busy. Indoor. Public or drawing-room meetings. Afternoons preferred.
Mrs. Julian Osler Miss Power Mrs. Reid Mrs. Ring	Highfield Lodge, Harborne Road, Edgbaston Old Trinity House, Worcester Chad Road, Edgbaston 20, Easy Row, Birmingham	Drawing-room. Drawing-room. Drawing-room. Indoor or out of door. Public or drawing-room meetings.
Rev. W. C. Roberts Miss Smythe	Crick Rectory, near Rugby Hulver, Olton	Chair. Indoors or out of doors. Christian Socialist's Union. Drawing-room. Prefers own district.
Miss Gertrude Southall Miss Staples Miss L. R. Taylor	46, Frederick Road, Edgbaston 40, Jesson Street, West Bromwich St. Raphael's, Bishopsgate St., Birmingham	Drawing-room. Short distance. Indoors. Small audiences. Indoors or out of doors. Moral questions.
Mrs. Thorpe Mrs. Carlton Rea	Wyton, Ross-on-Wye 34, Foregate Street, Worcester	Small meetings, drawing-room. Out of doors, or small audiences indoors. Prefers working classes.
Miss A. B. Wetherall Miss M. M. Williams	Severin's Mount, Rainbow Hill, Worcester 19, Droitwich Road, Worcester	In or out of doors. Small audiences. In or out of doors. Small audiences.
Mrs. Williams Rev. Alan Williams Mrs. Wilson	Bondgate, Nuneaton St. Mary's Vicarage, Warwick The College, Worcester	Chair or drawing-room. Chair. Indoor. Public or drawing-room meetings.
Miss Noël Wright	Sutton Lodge, Solihull	Out of doors or drawing-room, or Small public meeting.

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NOTE.—It is understood that out-of-pocket expenses are paid by the Society visited. As long notice as possible should be given in each case.



