



NATIONAL UNION OF  
WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

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**East Midland  
Federation.**

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... First ...

Report & Balance Sheet,

1911-12.

# N. U. W. S. S.

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## EAST MIDLANDS FEDERATION.

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## Constitution and Rules.

I.—The East Midland area shall include the following Counties and districts: Notts., Leicestershire, Rutland, Northants, Derbyshire (exclusive of the High Peak Division), Lincolnshire (exclusive of the Great Grimsby, Brigg, Spalding and Boston Divisions), and the Burton-on-Trent Division of Staffordshire, and any further district which shall be agreed upon by the East Midland Federation; and that all Branches within the Federation area that may be affiliated to the National Union of W.S.S. shall be represented upon the Committee.

II.—That the Honorary Officers of the Federation shall be Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and Secretaries, to be elected annually by the Federation Council. The Committee shall have power to fill up vacancies which may occur during the year.

III.—That the Committee consist of (1) The Officers of the Federation (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer); (2) Representatives of the Branches to the number of one representative for 100 members or under, and one for each succeeding 100 or part of 100.

IV.—That the East Midland Federation Council meetings shall be held annually in different towns, by invitation.

V.—That Special Meetings of the Federation Council may be called by the Committee, and shall be called at any time, at the request of not less than one-third of the Societies within the Federation.

VI.—That Societies be entitled to send members to the Annual or Special Meetings of the Federation Council as follows:

One Representative for 20 to 50 members

Two „ „ 50 „ 100 „

and One Representative for each additional 50 members.

VII.—That each Society within the Federation pay an affiliation fee of 1s. in the £1 reckoned on annual subscriptions of not less than 1s. as shown in the last Annual Report, with a minimum of 5s.

VIII.—That the expenses of an organiser be paid by the Society for whom she is working, but that her fares be paid out of the funds of the Federation.

IX.—That the Committee Meetings be held usually at Nottingham, or at some other place within the Federation which is easily accessible to all the Societies, but that the Officers have power to call a Committee Meeting elsewhere, if it seems desirable.

X.—That the individual Societies within the Federation shall retain their local authority, and that no work be undertaken by the Federation, in any locality, without the approval of the local Branch of the N.U.W.S.S.

List of Constituencies, Members of Parliament, with their action on March 28th, 1912, and the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in the area of the East Midlands Federation.

CONSTITUENCY.	SOCIETY.	MEMBER.	PARTY	Voted on March 28.		
Nottingham .....	Notts.	Sir J. H. Yoxall	L.	for		elected since the Division
" .....	"	Sir J. D. Rees	U.	—	—	
" .....	"	Lord Henry Bentinck	U.	for		
Notts. Bassetlaw .....	Southwell Hucknall Mansfield	W. Hume-Williams, K.C.	U.	for	against	
Newark .....		J. R. Starkey	U.			
Rushcliffe .....		Lief Jones	L.	for		
Mansfield .....		Sir A. Markham	L.	for		
Derby .....	Derby	Sir T. Roe	L.	for		
" .....	"	J. H. Thomas	Lab.	for		
Derbyshire .....		J. G. Hancock	Lab.	—	—	absent, unpaired
" Chesterfield ..		J. Haslam	Lab.	—	—	"
" N. East .....		W. E. Harvey	Lab.	—	—	"
" Ilkeston .....	Ilkeston	Rt. Hon. J. Seely	L.		against	
" South .....		Sir H. Raphael	L.		against	
" West .....		The Earl of Kerry	U.		against	
Burton-on-Trent .....	Burton	Col. Ratcliffe	U.	for		
Rutland .....		Col. Gretton	U.		against	
Leicester .....	Leicester	Cpt. Crawshay Williams	L.		against	
" .....	"	J. R. Macdonald	Lab.	for		
Leicestershire, West .....		Hon. H. W. Maclaren	L.	for		absent, unpaired
" South .....		J. W. Logan	L.	—	—	
" Mid. ....		Sir M. Levy	L.		against	
" East .....	Melton Mowbray	Col. Yate	U.		against	
Northampton .....	Northampton	C. A. M'Curdy	L.	for		
" .....	"	H. B. Lees-Smith	L.	for		
Northants, East .....	Kettering	L. Chiozza Money	L.			absent, unpaired
" Mid. ....	Crick	H. Manfield	L.		against	
" North .....	Oundle	H. L. Brassey	U.		against	
" South .....		Hon. Ed. Fitzroy	U.		against	
" Peterboro' ..	Peterboro'	G. Greenwood	L.			absent, unpaired
Lincoln .....	Lincoln	C. H. Roberts	L.	for		
Lincs., Gainsboro' .....		Major Bentham	L.	for		
" Horncastle .....		Capt. Weigall	U.		against	
" Sleaford .....		E. Royds	U.		against	
" Stamford .....	Grantham	Hon. Willoughby	U.		against	
" Grantham .....	"	Sir A. Priestley	L.		against	

## REPORT, 1911-12.

At the Annual Meeting of the Midland Federation, held in Nottingham, in June, 1911, it was decided to divide the area into three separate Federations, and the Eastern portion then became the East Midland Federation.

A preliminary meeting was held in June, and some work was done during July and August in the way of a Caravan Tour in outlying districts. But it was not until October, 1911, that the actual formation of the Federation took place, its Officers elected, and its Constitution drawn up.

Since that time there has been a year of very strenuous work, and considerable achievement. The number of Societies in the area in October, 1911, was eight, and there are now sixteen. The Federation has started eight entirely new ones, and several of these are already in a most flourishing condition. Southwell and Hucknall (Nottingham's Branch Societies) have also this year affiliated direct to the National Union and the Federation.

The Committee view with no small satisfaction this substantial increase of Societies within the area, as, owing to the wide extent of country covered by the Federation, and the fact that many constituencies are County and Conservative ones, the work has been peculiarly difficult—no previous education on the Suffrage question having hitherto been attempted in many of the districts.

There have been two Bye-elections in the last six months, and these have made calls upon the local workers which were eagerly responded to, and gave increased opportunity for the spreading of knowledge to those districts which was invaluable.

One of the chief features of the work of the year has been the organising of deputations to Members of Parliament. These all took place early in the year, before the debate on the Conciliation Bill. They were held in London and in the Constituencies, and wherever possible a Memorial from the Constituency, and letters from private individuals were sent as well.

Out of the 36 M.P.'s representing the area, deputations were arranged to 12. Ten others were written to asking that one might be received, but these declined, either on the ground that it was useless, or quite unnecessary. Seven M.P.'s who are hopeless "Anti's" were not approached at all, as it was felt that other work was likely to be more effective at the moment.

The Burton Society arranged two deputations; the Derby Society three; Notts. three; and Crick one. Five others were arranged for the Hon. Secretary.

A statement of the voting in the House of Commons in March will be found elsewhere, and it will be seen that only one member recorded his vote in opposition to a pledge given.

Due notice was taken in the local press and elsewhere, of this betrayal of trust, and Mr. Crawshay-Williams, M.P. has since stated that his action was taken as a protest against militant agitation, and that having made that protest, he was now prepared to support us again as he had done in the past.

The Memorial work done during the year has been most valuable, and it is hoped that many Branches will take advantage of the offer of help from the National Union in carrying out this work, and will organise during the autumn really influential Memorials to their members. A very strong Memorial was prepared in Grantham and presented to Sir A. Priestley, M.P. Melton and Peterborough have each done something too with regard to this work; and Kettering is at

the moment preparing an electors' Memorial which will in due course be presented to Mr. Chiozza Money, M.P.

Many meetings have been held throughout the Federation during the year, and much organising carried out in connection with them.

Mrs. Fawcett has very kindly visited us twice, and spoken at three public meetings on each occasion. We are deeply grateful for her help. Lady Frances Balfour has also spoken for us on two occasions, and there are many others whom we would like to thank if room allowed, i.e., Miss I. O. Ford, Miss Stirling, Mrs. Stanbury, Mrs. Manners, and Mrs. W. E. Dowson, etc. Also the organisers who have worked so strenuously on our behalf, Mrs. Renton and Mrs. Cowmeadow, Miss Beaver and Miss Ballentine, and Mr. Wyllie, for kindly auditing the accounts.

The Committee also wish to thank Mr. Poyntz-Wright in the name of the Federation, for the designing, and to a great extent, the carrying out of the very beautiful new Federation Banner, which may be borrowed by the Societies for decoration at meetings, and which is extremely ornamental. The Burton Society also kindly assisted in the work of its completion.

The Secretary wishes to remind the Branches, in conclusion, that they would greatly assist the Nottingham Society, and incidentally serve the cause they all have at heart, if they would send orders for soap. The Nottingham Branch (which struggles nobly with a permanent deficit) endeavours to make at least its office expenses out of the sale of soap; and as the Federation to some extent benefits through having a central office in Nottingham, it is hoped that Branches may see their way to sending orders from time to time, either privately or through the Branch Secretary, who in some cases arranges to keep a small store of soap for use of Suffragists!

A. MAUD DOWSON, *Hon. Sec.*

### Press Secretary's Report, 1911-12.

The Press work in the Federation has been done almost entirely by the Secretaries and Press Secretaries of the local Societies. All the Societies report that their local newspapers are willing to insert news, and are fair in their comments on the whole, even if they are unfavourable to the cause. Nottingham and Northampton are fortunate in having the local Press favourable on the whole, while Lincoln has to struggle with an unfavourable Press. In the other places, the local newspapers are either neutral or divided. The Burton Society are to be congratulated on having effected an improvement in the attitude of a hostile newspaper. The Mansfield Society have obtained the insertion in a local paper of a series of articles on the Women's Movement, written by some of their own members.

The work of the Federation Press Secretary has chiefly been to collect information from the local Societies, and to transmit to them the suggestions and recommendations of the National Union.

M. E. SLOANE, *Hon. Press Secretary.*

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### Treasurer's Report, 1911-12.

In spite of a balance on the right side at the bank, our Balance Sheet cannot be regarded with entire satisfaction. Out of an income of £158 6s. 3d. only £88 6s. 3d. has been raised within the Federation; the remaining £70 has been made up by grants from the National Union. This Balance Sheet represents the first year of our existence, and we could hardly expect to be entirely self-supporting to begin with, but £70 is a large sum out of a little over £150. We must remember, too, that the N.U. pays the entire salary of our organiser, also the salary and expenses of an assistant organiser, items which do not appear in our accounts at all.

Another point to be noticed is the large deficit in the Caravan Account, the donations towards the fund amounting to only £4 8s. 9d., and the expenses to £21 18s. 11d. Having involved ourselves in this considerable expense it behoves us to do all that we can to make it bear fruit. But unless we are prepared to send an organiser to continue the necessarily shallow spade-work done by the Caravan Tour, the soil which has been treated in so costly a fashion is likely to prove sterile.

The sum of 5s. 6d. on the receipt side needs explanation. The proceeds from the sale of literature have in reality been considerably larger than this, but the account books of new Branches alone can show it. To give grants of free literature to new and struggling Branches is one of the objects of the Federation.

It is to be hoped that all who possibly can will give generous support to the coming Bazaar. It will be easy to spend profitably during the next year every penny, however large a sum may be raised.

URSULA ROBERTS, *Hon. Treasurer.*

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# Subscriptions and Donations, 1911-1912.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Allen, Mrs., Burton Joyce, Nottingham .. .. .	0	10	0
Boden, Mrs., The Friary, Derby .. .. .	1	1	0
Dowson, Miss A. M., Upper Broughton, Melton Mowbray ..	1	1	0
Dowson, A., Esq., Hawthorn Hall, Wilmslow .. .. .	1	0	0
Dowson, B., Esq., Upper Broughton, Melton Mowbray ..	1	0	0
Dowson, Mrs. G., Manor House, Radcliffe .. .. .	0	5	0
Evans, Mrs., 6 St. Martin's, Leicester .. .. .	1	0	0
Gittens, Miss, 6 Salisbury Road, Leicester .. .. .	2	10	0
Hutchinson, Mrs., St. Peter's Hill, Grantham .. .. .	0	10	6
Jopling, Mrs., Orby Grange, Burgh R.S.O., Lincs. ..	0	2	6
Manners, Mrs., Eden Bank, Mansfield .. .. .	2	10	0
Nesbitt, Mrs., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Mansfield .. .. .	0	10	0
Onslow, Lady, Chevin Bank, Duffield in Derby .. .. .	0	10	0
*Onslow, Lady, Chevin Bank, Duffield in Derby .. .. .	0	10	0
Sloane, Miss, 13 Welford Road, Leicester .. .. .	1	1	0
Temple, Rev. W., Repton, Burton-on-Trent .. .. .	1	0	0
Worthington, Mrs., Duffield, Derby .. .. .	1	1	0
<b>£16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	

## DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Burton W.S.S. .. .. .	0	15	0
Burton W.S.S. .. .. .	5	0	0
Clayton, Mrs., Kettering .. .. .	1	0	0
Crick W.S.S. .. .. .	1	10	0
Dowson, A., Esq., Hawthorn Hall, Wilmslow .. .. .	1	0	0
Dowson, B., Esq., Upper Broughton, Melton Mowbray ..	2	0	0
Dowson, Mrs. (Sr.) Upper Broughton, Melton Mowbray ..	5	0	0
Ellis, The Misses, The Hall, Belgrave, Leicester .. .. .	3	0	0
Giles, Mrs., The Quarry, Lincoln .. .. .	5	0	0
Gimson, J., Esq., 106 New Walk, Leicester .. .. .	1	1	0
Greg, Miss, Hawthorn Hall, Wilmslow .. .. .	1	0	0
Kettering W.S.S. .. .. .	0	5	0
Mansfield W.S.S. .. .. .	2	2	7
Mellor, Mrs., Cintra, Drummond Road, Skegness .. .. .	0	2	6
Ronalds, Mrs., Ethelbert Street, Hereford .. .. .	5	0	0
Wickham, Miss, 10 The Boltons, London, S.W. .. .. .	1	0	0
Lincoln W.S.S. .. .. .	1	0	0
<b>£35</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	

\* 1912—1913.

## AFFILIATION FEES.

	£	s.	d.
Burton W.S.S. .. .. .	0	5	0
*Burton W.S.S. .. .. .	0	5	0
Crick W.S.S. .. .. .	0	5	0
Derby W.S.S. .. .. .	0	16	0
Grantham W.S.S. .. .. .	0	6	6
Kettering W.S.S. .. .. .	0	5	0
Leicester W.S.S. .. .. .	1	0	0
Lincoln W.S.S. .. .. .	0	7	0
Mansfield W.S.S. .. .. .	0	7	0
Nottingham W.S.S. .. .. .	2	5	0
<b>£6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	

## CARAVAN FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Derby W.S.S. .. .. .	0	10	0
Dowson, A., Esq., Hawthorn Hall, Wilmslow .. .. .	1	0	0
Dowson, B., Esq., Upper Broughton, Melton Mowbray ..	1	0	0
Dowson, Mrs. G., Manor House, Radcliffe .. .. .	0	10	0
Manners, Mrs., Eden Bank, Mansfield .. .. .	0	8	3
Nottingham W.S.S. .. .. .	0	10	0
Roberts, Mrs., Crick Rectory, Rugby .. .. .	0	10	6
<b>£4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	

## BANNER FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Allen, Mrs., Burton Joyce, Nottingham .. .. .	0	2	0
Derby W.S.S. .. .. .	0	5	0
Dowson, Miss A. M., Upper Broughton, Melton Mowbray ..	0	2	6
Dowson, B., Esq., Upper Broughton, Melton Mowbray ..	1	0	0
Dowson, Mrs. G., Manor House, Radcliffe .. .. .	0	2	6
Grantham W.S.S. .. .. .	0	2	6
Huddleston, Miss, 185 Monk's Road, Lincoln .. .. .	0	5	0
Leicester W.S.S. .. .. .	0	5	0
Lincoln W.S.S. .. .. .	0	3	0
Southwell W.S.S. .. .. .	0	2	6
<b>£2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	

## ALBERT HALL COLLECTION.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. B. Dowson .. .. .	5	0	0
Mrs. Ronalds .. .. .	5	0	0
Mrs. W. E. Dowson .. .. .	2	0	0
Miss A. M. Dowson .. .. .	2	10	0
Mrs. Gerard Dowson .. .. .	1	10	0
<b>£16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

## SUMMARY OF WORK DONE IN THE SOCIETIES.

\* Denotes New Society.

Name of Society.	Number of Members	Receipts		Expendt.		Meetings		Other Activities.
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Public	Open air.	
Burton-on-Trent .....	70	26	0 7	21	18 0	6	19	Picnic, Deputations to two M.P.'s, Whist Drive, Garden Sale, Caravan Work.
*Crick .....	21	3	13 9	1	1 3	2	3	Friends of Women's Suffrage, Deputation to M.P.
Derby .....	240	32	8 1	41	7 9	1	1	Deputations to three M.P.'s and letters, Dramatic Performances, Friends of Women's Suffrage.
*Grantham .....	125	11	4 10	5	16 5	2	7	Memorial, White Elephant Sale, Friends of Women's Suffrage.
Hucknall .....	42	9	13 2	4	4 5	9	9	Postcard Campaign and Weekly "At Homes."
*Ilkinston .....	21	1	1 0	0	5 0	—	6	Friends of Women's Suffrage Campaign, and Bye-Election.
*Kettering .....	58	15	12 0	7	16 1	2	3	Deputation to Prospective Conservative Candidate.
Leicester .....	280	65	0 0	70	0 0	4	10	Visiting, Interview with Editors, Friends of Women's Suffrage.
Lincoln .....	124	24	11 11	22	1 9	3	4	M.P.'s interviewed, "Common Cause" sold in streets, Friends of Women's Suffrage, Bazaar Working Parties.
Mansfield .....	70	9	9 11	4	5 3	1	11	Letters and Interviews to Liberal Association and M.P., Series of Articles on Women's Suffrage in local paper.
*Melton Mowbray ..	40	2	15 6	1	14 8	2	3	Deputation to M.P. in London, and Memorial.
Nottingham .....	450	199	17 7	234	6 10	4	35	Friends of Women's Suffrage, Free Literature Distribution with 22 Distributors, Three Deputations to M.P., Weekly "At Homes," in autumn and winter, Bye-Election.
Soap a/c .....		99	7 1	78	10 6	Excl. of Bye-elections	4	
*Northampton .....	31	—	—	—	—	1	4	Friends of Women's Suffrage Campaign.
*Oundle & District ..	25	3	18 6	2	13 10	2	2	Bazaar Work, Deputation to M.P. in London.
*Peterborough .....	59	4	0 0	2	6 0	1	2	Deputation to M.P. in London, and Memorial.
Southwell .....	60	7	0 0	3	15 2	1	—	Friends of Women's Suffrage Campaign.
Total .....	1916	511	13 8	515	2 4	38	119	

## Financial Statement from 20th June, 1911, to 30th September, 1912.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
To	£ s. d.	By	£ s. d.
Affiliation Fees—		Cost of Banner	2 10 0
Nottingham	2 5 0	Caravan Expenses	21 18 11
Leicester	1 0 0	Literature	5 19 8
Derby	0 16 2	Expenses in connection with meetings, etc., including Organiser's Expenses	96 8 0
Burton	0 10 0	Petty Cash and Stamps	9 12 7
Lincoln	0 7 0	Printing and Stationery	3 0 9
Mansfield	0 7 0	Cheque Books	0 6 0
Grantham	0 6 6	Sundries	0 2 7
Crick	0 5 0		
Kettering	0 5 0		
Donations—	6 1 8		
Banner Fund	2 10 0	By Cash in Bank, 30th September, 1912	139 18 6
Caravan Fund	4 8 9		18 7 9
General Fund	35 11 1		
Subscriptions	42 9 10		
Grants	16 2 0		
Albert Hall Collection	70 0 0		
Sale of Tickets and Collections at Meetings	16 0 0		
Sale of Literature	7 3 4		
Sundries	0 5 6		
	0 3 11		
	<u>£158 6 3</u>		<u>£158 6 3</u>

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify the same to be in accordance with the Books and Vouchers.

34 & 36 Gresham Street,  
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HUGH W. WYLLIE,  
Chartered Accountant.

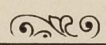
10th October, 1912.



## List of Speakers in the Federation.

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- Mrs. BARRETT, Charlemont, Yarboro' Road, Lincoln.  
Mrs. W. E. DOWSON, Felixstowe, The Park, Nottingham.  
Mrs. BERNARD ELLIS, Avenue Road, Leicester.  
Mrs. W. EVANS, 6 St. Martin's, Leicester.  
Miss GITTENS, 6 Salisbury Road, Leicester.  
Mrs. ED. HARRISON, High Holme, Yarboro' Road, Lincoln.  
Mrs. HARVIE, 67 Colwyn Road, Northampton.  
Mrs. JACKSON, 19 The Drive, Northampton.  
Miss MEYNELL, Meynell Langley, nr. Derby.  
Mrs. ROBERTS, Crick Rectory, nr. Rugby.  
Rev. W. C. ROBERTS, Crick Rectory, nr. Rugby.  
Mrs. MICHAEL SADLER, Walpole House, Burton-on-Trent.  
Mrs. STONES, 25 Hartington Street, Derby.  
Miss A. M. STREET, The Hollies, Branston Lane, Burton.  
Miss WALLIS, Southfields, St. Catherine's, Lincoln.



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